

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Kāneiolouma
2000 Po‘ipū Road
Kōloa, HI. 96756**

**Kaua‘i Site Visit Summary
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
June 22, 2022 – 12:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee B. Kalei‘āina Lee
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Trask

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Casey Brown, COO
Capsun Poe, CE Director
Alice Silbanuz, Community Director

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide
Caludine Calpito, Trustee Aide
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Roslyn Cummings
Rupert Rowe
Billy Kaohelaui‘i
Bidgette Hammerquist
Peleke Flores

I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 12:02 p.m.

II. Introduction

Oli is offered by Peleke Flores

III. Site Visit

Kāneiolouma

Trustee Ahuna Starts the visit by explaining there is no better place to gather and have a reunification. He has invited different community members to share with everyone what is going on here on Kaua‘i.

Uncle Billy Kaohelaui‘i Comes from the Nāwiliwili ahupua‘a. He expresses that the entire area is his home. This place has burials, and he does not want them to destroy this area. He is trying to protect and mālama this area. He is one of the last known fisherman of this area. He explains that Kāneiolouma is not just one spot, but all over; it is the entire area.

Trustee Ahuna Explains that there are so many things going on today and it is a big fight.

Rupert Rowe Shares that this place, Kāneiolouma, was a project and journey. This place was the foundation for the unification and about our identity. He explains that identity also applies to someone that is lied to rest. The soul of that person went home, but their structure is still there. The problem from statehood to this very day is about inadvertant. He explains that the word “inadverdant” in a lawyers world is a filler word so you have the right to pursue your identity to the courts. You can go straight to the Supreme Courts. We are also the place in America that has first language, only in Hawai‘i. What makes us unstable is measuring our identity by blood quantum. If you have a blood quantum, then you will never know who you are. I ask the archaeologist when the last kanaka left Hawai‘i? He could not answer because we never left, so how come we are not who we say we are? He explains the reason is real estate. For those who are in real estate, they do not look towards identity. He states that he has told developers that they develop all these lands and make millions, but kānaka are left with a tarp sleeping on the road. We keep selling the land. Identity is key and you should never be afraid to say who you are. If you say you are Hawaiian, then you are a make believe person. He states that *they who lie in rest, should always lie in rest*. He points out there are iwi everywhere, he points behind him where there are iwi found and explains how the state, city, and county levels have failed. He shares that across the street, dynamite is being used and no one is sharing that there is a rubbish dump or injected wells. Every time you shake the ‘āina, everything else shakes too. He shares that Kumu Lake once asked him if he understood what Kāneiolouma was about; his response was he understood the energy of the kūpuna that once existed here. The kūpuna will comfort you; if they cannot comfort you, then you do not belong over here. He thinks that his organization will pursue the identity issue and there is no such thing as a blood quantum. He has seen this disrupt families.

Trustee Ahuna Asks Rupert, what he thinks is a solution for all of this and what does he thinks will happen.

Rupert Rowe Shares that everything will fall into place. This is our constitutional right to be who we are, it is not the State’s right or the immigrants that occupy Hawai‘i, or the ones that come in and buy the land and then we pay the rent.

Bidgette Hammerquist Was asked to come and give some background on a lawsuit against the developer of the Kiahuna parcel, it is the last 25 acres of undeveloped area. Before the degrading of the parcel without any permit, it was a wonderful place. Before the purchase was completed, the owner, Pingston, ordered bulldozers to come in and knock down rockwalls. She explains that a long time ago when the Kiahuna was redistricted and rezoned from ag. to urban, the Land Use Commission on O‘ahu formulated conditions of development. All too often, the conditions of development are ignored. They are suppose to be enforced by the County but that has been omitted by Kaiana Hall. I urge you to write Kaiana Hall, and tell them as a citizen of Hawai‘i, and tell them that you demand that they adhere to the conditions before development. Those conditions say that before any work on the 25 acre parcel is done, it had to have a qualified archaeologic inventory and survey for features that may be worthy of preservation. It also stated that it was suppose to have a qualified biologist. She points out what condition 14 states; before any work is done on the parcel, there are supposed to be public designated parking stalls on Kiahuna Plantation Drive at KMP4. There was supposed to be public parking so people could continue to access Hapa Trail, shelter for Hapa Trail, and a sidewalk to the beach, and most importantly, a qualified biologic survey and archaeologic survey; neither were started until after extensive degrading and rock bashing. She challenges OHA to write to the Governor and SHPD to correct it. She states she has data and photographs of all of this. She shares that an ancient wall and possibly a heiau was knocked down with a bulldozer. This area was supposed to be hand cleared and properly surveyed. Al admitted that he did not do an archaeological survey because he was not asked to. She shares that Friends of Maha‘ulepu won a lawsuit by the Federal court and every dollar is being used to protect the environment of Kaua‘i. Now, the Friends of Maha‘ulepu are helping the effort Save Kōloa. She also shares about the many caves underground in the area but are being disregarded by the developer or being told there are no caves in the area. She has an archaeologist helping them and trying to get a pictometry done.

Trustee Ahuna Asks if Bridgette is working with Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC)?

Bidgette Hammerquist Responds that they have approached them. There was a lawsuit with Ted Blake against another developer but, because Ted Blake worked with Pingston, NHLC felt they had a potential conflict because they had a client technically on the other side of the community development; however, the client has since died. She is not sure what their current position is but states that they have asked her to share all of their pleadings, complaint and petition for restraining order.

Trustee Ahuna Thank you.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Requests that Bridgette pass the information on to Trustee Ahuna regarding the letters on the suit that is being filed. She also states that OHA can be of help as far as advocating.

Bidgette Hammerquist Replies that the biggest help OHA can offer is to require the State and SHPD to encourage the County to enforce the conditions that they are suppose to follow. Yes, I will pass everything on to Trustee Ahuna.

Roslyn Cummings *Inaudible.*

Mahina Laughlin Shares that this has awaken the truth. She thanks the Trustees for coming down to listen to everyone. She understands everyone’s life is crazy and people feel trapped trying to do the right thing. She explains that she cannot give up on the system because she has to pay the bills. A story she shares is about hundreds of Hawaiians having their tongues cut off because they would not stop speaking ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i.

Trustee Ahuna Thanks everyone who came out to the site visit and to those who spoke. He wants to tackle the issues right now and learn about them. He expresses that OHA and the Trustees need to help and that every island has iwi issues. He explains where the construction is taking place and encourages all the Trustees to take a drive up the road to see what is taking place.

IV. Public Testimony

None

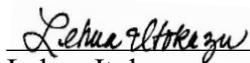
V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

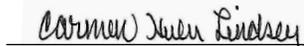
The site visit ended at 1:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on January 26, 2023.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excuse Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
2. Excuse Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM

Mea ho'omana'o a ke Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i

To: Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
From: Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Ph.D. 
Date: June 16, 2022
Re: Excused Absence

Please be advised that I am unable to attend the Site Visit of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 12:00 P.M.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Mahalo!

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Chair
Board of Trustees (BOT)

FROM: Trustee John Waihe'e, IV, Member / At-Large

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Waihe'e, IV", written over a horizontal line.

DATE: June 22, 2022

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022 SITE VISIT TO
KANEIOLOUMA; KOLOA, KAUAI

I am unable to attend the Site Visit to Kaneiolouma in Koloa, Kauai.

Please also extend my apologies to the rest of the Board of Trustees and the Community.

Mahalo.