

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Twenty First Supplementary Proclamation dated June 7, 2021 that suspend parts of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records to, among other things, enable boards to conduct business without any board members or members of the public physically present at the same location.

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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
MINUTES  
June 30, 2021**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee  
Trustee Keola Lindsey  
Trustee John Waihe‘e, IV

BOT STAFF:

Colin Kippen  
Amber Kalua  
Kanani Iaea  
Lehua Itokazu

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO  
Casey Brown, Pou Nui / COO  
Raina Gushiken, CC  
Everett Ohta, CC  
Ramona Hink, CFO  
Kevin Chak, IT Support  
Erin Nakama, IT Support  
Robert Klein, Board Counsel

GUEST:

Germaine Meyers

## Call to Order

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, Thursday 30, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. Chair Hulu Lindsey calls for a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA‘ALA	<b>AHU ISA</b>		<b>Excused</b>
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>		Joins Mtg at 12:31 p.m.
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>		Joins Mtg at 12:31 p.m.
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA	<b>LEE</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEOLA	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE‘E</b>		Joins Mtg at 12:33 p.m.
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **five ( 5 )** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

## **Chair Hulu Lindsey**

## **Chair Hulu Lindsey**

Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Nineteenth Supplementary Proclamation dated April 9, 2021 that suspends parts of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records to, among other things, enable boards to conduct business without any board members or members of the public physically present at the same location.

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Let me go over some quick announcements, please mute your mics when you are not speaking. Trustees and our CEO please enable your cameras if you are able to do so. All other OHA staff, please enable your camera and mic when addressing the board. If you get disconnected, we will pause the meeting for one minute and wait for you to log back on. After one minute, we will proceed with the meeting. If you need to leave the meeting please inform the Chair by announcing that you are leaving the meeting. We are recording today’s meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes which will become the official record of this meeting.

Joining the Trustees today is our CEO-Sylvia Hussey, Colin Kippen-COS, Lehua Itokazu-Board Secretary, and my Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua.

I will now call on Sylvia to announce our administrative staff joining us this afternoon.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Thank you Chair. Good afternoon Trustees we have COO-Casey Brown, CFO-Ramona Hink, Senior Legal Counsel-Raina Gushiken, Legal Counsel-Everett Ohta, and our IT Staff for support. Mahalo Chair.

## **Public Testimony and Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** We are now on public testimony. I will review our public testimony guidelines. Public testimony should be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda and will occur during the public testimony portion of the agenda. Once the public testimony, section on the agenda has concluded, oral testimony online will no longer be accepted. Your name will be called and your microphone will be unmuted when it is your turn to testify. If you are not audible, you will be muted and the next testifier will be called. Your name will be called again before the conclusion of the public testimony section. State your name, organization if applicable, agenda items you are testifying on, and your position on each of the agenda item. If you begin to address other issues not on the meeting agenda, I will call you out of order and direct you to limit your testimony to items listed on the agenda.

Oral testimony online will be limited to five minutes. A timer will be on the screen to countdown the time. Your mic will automatically be muted once you have completed your oral testimony or if your allotted time for testimony expires, you will be asked to disconnect from the meeting unless you are also signed up for oral testimony during community concerns. If you do not sign off on your own, support staff will remove you from the zoom meeting. You can continue to view the remainder of the meeting on livestream. Also, any late testimony will be distributed after the BOT meeting. I will now call on staff to call on the testifier.

**Board Secretary** Our speaker is Germaine Meyers.

**Germaine Meyers** Aloha Chair Hulu, Trustees, Ka Pou Hana, and lāhui. My name is Germaine Meyers. I am a OHA beneficiary for beneficiary advocacy and empowerment, and I'm also a Nanakuli Hawaiian homestead lessee. Mahalo trustees for passing the biennium budget and the reorganization as amended. Mahalo for also supporting the Stabilization Fund which supports housing. It sends a clear message that the lāhui and the community matters. It also sends a message to the CEO that the strategic plan created by the trustees matter. In regard to housing tonight, DHHL will have a zoom meeting hearing for administrative rules for supplemental dwellings, units, SD use. They will discuss provisions for approval and use of SD used on residential lots on Hawaiian homelands. SD user also called Ohana Unit or accessory Dwelling Unit 80 used by the various counties. The virtual public hearing is from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. If any of you are interested in the link for the meeting, send me an email and I can respond with the link or you can reach out to DHHL. I plan to attend the public hearing. Trustees, SD use, 80 use, and ohana units are important to the lāhui because they can provide kupuna dwelling to meet handicapped needs, address overcrowded homes, and be used as a structure to run a home business. Trustees, with the recent ethics and criminal actions of past CNHA officers, specifically CNHA President Parker and Aipoalani concerning mismanagement. Embezzlement violating the laws and rules of the charter schools, nonprofits, and Federal Cares Act funds. Aipoalani just received 46 months incarceration. It's for these reasons that I'm asking OHAs grants department to produce reports of accountability from CNHA for the almost \$800,000 of beneficiary emergency aid funds. Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement concerns me that when grants are available for Native Hawaiians, whether from OHA, the federal government, they bid for it. But then, when larger grants are available for all citizens in the City and County of Honolulu, Native Hawaiians and non-Native Hawaiians, they pursue those larger grants and abandoned their mission. Aloha United Way made a sound decision to bring an outside consultant to review their records during the time ex CNHA Chair Aipoalani was employed by them. Again, for these reasons, I'm asking all to produce reports of accountability from Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement for the emergency aid funds and any funds that they received from 2019-2020 to be dispersed to the lāhui. I believe that you agree that every dollar counts at OHA. Ke akua pu, god bless you. Mahalo Chair Hulu.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Thank you Germaine. Do we have anyone else?

**Board Secretary** There is no one else signed up.

**IV. New Business**

**1. Committee on Resource Management**

**A. Action Item RM #21-08A: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2021-2022 (FY22) and 2022-2023 (FY23)**

Trustee Waihe'e Chair Lindsey, Your Committee on Resource Management, having met on June 30, 2021, and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following TWO actions to the Board of Trustees:

**Action 1**

- A. Approve the OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Period 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23) as outlined in Attachment #1 - Reorganization; and**
- B. Approve the carryover of \$1,000,000 in unspent, uncommitted, unencumbered funds from FY 2021 for the purpose of addressing projected reorganization related costs; this action authorizes Administration to carryover, spend, commit, accrue, and encumber, \$1,000,000 from FY 2021 authorization to fund reorganization related costs (e.g., accrued vacation, health insurance premiums, separation pay, other) post FY 2021 in order to effect the organizational structure budgeted in Attachment #1, the OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Period 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23);**

**Subject to an implementation period to be completed no later than December 31, 2021.**

**Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.**

*No discussion.*

Trustee Waihe'e moves							
<p><b>A. Approve the OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Period 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23) as outlined in Attachment #1 - Reorganization; and</b></p> <p><b>B. Approve the carryover of \$1,000,000 in unspent, uncommitted, unencumbered funds from FY 2021 for the purpose of addressing projected reorganization related costs; this action authorizes Administration to carryover, spend, commit, accrue, and encumber, \$1,000,000 from FY 2021 authorization to fund reorganization related costs (e.g., accrued vacation, health insurance premiums, separation pay, other) post FY 2021 in order to effect the organizational structure budgeted in Attachment #1, the OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Period 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23);</b></p> <p><b>Subject to an implementation period to be completed no later than December 31, 2021.</b></p>							
Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.							
		1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA						Excused
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI	AKAKA		X	X			

TRUSTEE KELI'I	AKINA			X		
TRUSTEE LUANA	ALAPA			X		
TRUSTEE BRENDON	LEE			X		
TRUSTEE KEOLA	LINDSEY			X		
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU	LINDSEY			X		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> [ ] UNANIMOUS [ <b>X</b> ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
<b>Motion passes with eight ( 8 ) YES votes and one ( 1 ) EXCUSED vote.</b>						

Trustee Waihe'e Madame Chair, I'd like to move to

**To authorize the carryover of the projected balance of \$321,000, as of June 30, 2021, of the previously authorized FY2021 Fiscal Stabilization Fund amount of \$500,000 (established by the Fiscal Stabilization Policy), to address continuing operational changes needed, due to the impacts of COVID-19.**

**Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.**

Trustee Waihe'e moves						
To authorize the carryover of the projected balance of \$321,000, as of June 30, 2021, of the previously authorized FY2021 Fiscal Stabilization Fund amount of \$500,000 (established by the Fiscal Stabilization Policy), to address continuing operational changes needed, due to the impacts of COVID-19.						
Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.						
		1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)
TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA					<b>Excused</b>
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA			X		
TRUSTEE KALEI	AKAKA		X	X		
TRUSTEE KELI'I	AKINA			X		
TRUSTEE LUANA	ALAPA			X		
TRUSTEE BRENDON	LEE			X		
TRUSTEE KEOLA	LINDSEY			X		
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU	LINDSEY			X		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> [ ] UNANIMOUS [ <b>X</b> ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
<b>Motion passes with eight ( 8 ) YES votes and one ( 1 ) EXCUSED vote.</b>						

**Announcements**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** We have a Board Meeting tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I would like to entertain a motion for adjournment.

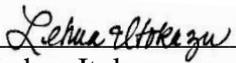
**Trustee Akaka** moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Trustee Waihe'e** Seconds the motion.

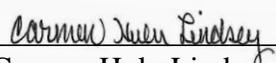
Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						Excused
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	X		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>			<b>1</b>

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on August 12, 2021.

  
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 Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:** No attachments