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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MOLOKA‘I ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
6:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE:

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

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Alice Silbanuz, Interim CE Director
Joshua Koh, DPM
Jason Lees, DPM
Misti Pali-Oriol, CO Asst. Mngr.
Gayla Haliniak-Lloyd, COC
Kevin Chak, IT Support
Erin Nakama, IT Support

BOT STAFF:

Colin Kippen (zoom)
Amber Kalua
Kanani Iaea
Lehua Itokazu
Anuheia Diamond
Claudine Calpito
Kalani Iaea
Nathan Takeuchi
Crayn Akina
Maria Caldera
Pohai Ryan

GUEST:

Kūnani Nihipali
Halona Kaopuiki
Liko Wallace
Zachary Helm
Walter Ritte
Judy Capariela
Keani Rawlins Fernandez

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Moloka‘i Island Community Meeting to order for Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:35 p.m. Chair Hulu Lindsey calls for a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA‘ALA	AHU ISA	X	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA	LEE	X	
TRUSTEE	KEOLA	LINDSEY	X	Attends on Zoom
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **nine (9)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you everyone and aloha to all of you here. This is the very first OHA community meeting This is the first community meeting we are holding in person, streaming live on our OHA website as well as virtually on ZOOM. We have joining us on ZOOM this evening.

1. Trustee Keola Lindsey – Hawaii Island Trustee

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Introductions

Chair Hulu Lindsey I would like to ask each trustee to introduce themselves and their staff at this time.

Trustee Ahu Isa Aloha Kākou. I am so happy to be with you all tonight again after COVID. With me tonight is my Aide, Nathan Takeuchi. *Inaudible* Mahalo for having us.

Trustee Akaka Aloha. Mahalo for inviting us here. We are so thankful to be here in person with you all. We were so sad that we were not able to meet last year. It’s not the same. *Inaudible*.

Trustee Akina Aloha Kākou. Inaudible thank you for being what Hawaii is all about. Every time I come to Moloka‘i I am reminded of my roots and what it is to be kanaka maoli because you carry that standard into the future, both your kupuna and young people. You have many challenges here and it is heartbreaking. We hope in a humble way we can serve and help to provide for you in any assistance we can. We are here tonight to hear your mana‘o. We look forward to hearing what you have to share. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to come. I am very honored for that. Mahalo.

Trustee Ahuna Welina mai ke aloha. My name is Dan Ahuna and I represent the islands of Kauai and Niihau. I also would like to say mahalo to all of you and the two organizations that we visited to day, Kealopiko and Keawe nui. Thank you for hosting us today. With me today is my two aides, Claudine Calpito

and Anuheia Diamond. Thank you so much, I am going to enjoy my visit here, spend my money, and I'm gonna go home.

Trustee Lee Aloha mai kākou, I am a Trustee at-Large. I am happy to be back her on Moloka'i. As many of you know, my family is from here from Ho'olehua. It is very good to be back on the island. My aide that is with me tonight is Leiann Durant. I really looking forward to hearing the presentations his evening and how our grants money is being used to help and benefit our beneficiaries on the island. I am also looking forward to hearing what the community has to say and share with us this evening. Again, aloha and mahalo.

Trustee K. Lindsey Aloha mai kākou. I am Trustee Keola Lindsey form Moku o Keawe. Mahalo to the people of Moloka'i whos hosting OHA tonight. Thank you to our Chair's office and Trustee Alapa, and everyone else for your hard work in putting the meeting together. I look forward to hearing the presentations and from the community. Also, joining me virtually for the meeting tonight is my staff, Kama Hopkins and Kauai Wailehua. Aloha.

Trustee Waihe'e Thank you everybody for coming out to our meeting tonight. Thank you fo sharing your knowledge and your mana'o tonight. I also want to thank our lovely friend and trustee form Molokai, Trustee Alapa for hosting us tonight. Thank you to all of our support staff for putting everything together. Thank you to my Aide, Crayn Akina and for all the support he gives me. I am so happy you have no idea to be back here in Molokai after not being able to last year. It's one of my favorite places to come to. There is so much here we can learn from. Once again, thank you to everybody for coming out. I look forward to everything you have to say. Mahalo.

Trustee Alapa Aloha mai kākou, I am so thrilled to be here. I am so excited to be able to host the Trustees and teh Office of Hawaiians community meeting. I will keep it short. First and foremost I am a Hoolehua homesteader, proud as can be. I was so thrilled to host some of our Trustees that arrived early. We are truly blessed. I am blessed by my father, Stanley Alapa, my step-mother Shirley Alapa who recently passed. Also, My own Mother, Kauana Kalekele Pukahi. She is a Meyers, Adams, Davis that is her lineage. I am the middle of two sisters, Ohelo and Kai. For me I came back a few years ago to help my father with the land my father left for us because my step-mother wasn't feeling well for the past two years. *Inaudible* Thank you so much. We had such an incredible day today with the presentations. Once again, thank you for joining us.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I am Carmen Hulu Lindsey, the Maui Trustee serving as the Board Chair. I want to mahalo the Molokai people for ono mea'ai. Thank you to who ever preparred it, it was so ono. The desserts were out of this world. I would like to introduce my staff that is here with me, Board Secretary is Lehua Itokazu and my Aide is Kanani Iaea.

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Before we start our presentations, I would like to ask our Ka Pouhana to introduce our administrative staff joining us this evening.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Aloha mai kākou. I am Sylvia Hussey and I have the privledge and honor to serve as the Ka Pouhana or the CEO for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Our role is to support the trustees and the decisions they make in enabling our lāhui and our ability to support our 'ohana, our moomehu, and our 'aina. I am please to be support here tonight by our administrative staff. Our on island Gayla with our community

outreach. We have Misti Oriol-pali, our community outreach as well as our Digital Print Media crew who is supporting this. Alice silbanuz, Interim Comm. Engagement Director, Josh and Jason. We are here to listen to help, and do. Our role is to “do” as guided by our trustees. Mahalo

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you. You know, our Bylaws require us to come at least once a year to listen to your concerns and hear what you have to say. At this time I will turn the time over to your island Trustee to conduct that portion of our meeting. Trustee Alapa.

Community Presentations

Trustee Alapa Thank you Chair. At this time I would like to call upon our community presenters. Our first presenter is from Alu Like, the kupuna program. Please welcome Kauai manera, Manager of Alu Like.

Alu Like , Kupuna Program – Kauai Manera, Executive Director

Kauai Manera, Mngr. Alu Like Aloha kākou, thank you for inviting the kupuna program which has been in existence since 1990. I want to remind everyone that we will all get old. Everyone one of us sitting in the room. I am hoping and praying that there is nice people. Debbie Benjamin and DJ Pelikai are my staff. We work very hard to provide services to kupuna. We wanted thank OHA for funding our meals. We serviced almost 200 kupuna with meals during that early stages of COVID. At that time only had the two stores. If you can not stand in that line, our kupuna, poor thing. How can they get food? Getting food to the kupuna was a top priority and I am so grateful that OHA had a hand in it. I also have to give a shout out to sustainable Molokai. Kupuna program has been occupying the DHHL/OHA conference room forever. OHA through Trustee Machado, Gayla mahalo – for taking care of us. We haven’t paid a cent for being in that site. Mahalo again to the OHA. Many programs left Alu Like and we didn’t have that money to sustain ourselves in that building. We could’nt afford that rent so we had to leave Kulana Oiwi.

What do we do for the kupuna program? Even though we have been around since 1990 people do not know what Ke Ola Pono no na kupuna does. We have a congregate meal site and nutrition is paramount. We push low salt and low sugar diet. We don’t allow soda and li hing mui. We provide information and assistance to kupuna that need that help. Legal Aide, Sustainable Moloka‘i, Moloka‘i community health center, Office of Aging – wherever there is services for kupuna we get the first whistle. We refer service to kupuna on Moloka‘i and off island. We go into school and do intergeneration activities. A lot of our young children don’t have kupuna so, we teach values, lauhala and different activities. We do research on alii. We believe honoring the alii keeps the alii alive. We partnered with the Imerssion schools both high school and Intermediate level and kupuna and haumana did research on Kalakaua and the Kamehameha dynastys. That was awesome. Many of us Hawaiians, we don’t even know our own history. You what, we have time, even as kupuna we have time to learn.

What do we need? A new van, God bless our van but we need a new one. When we go up hill all the a/c go off. All the kupuna ask *where da a/c?* We did have some instances where we are going up hill and it’s smoking. We have issues with our ka‘a wila. I am going to be very candid about this, we need one new van. All the other islands have new vans and we inherited Hilo’s used van. We need more specialist on Moloka‘i in the health care arena. We do have specialist that fly over to Moloka‘i but the bulk of our health care especially for kupuna we have to fly to Honolulu or Maui. We also need a big plane. Moloka‘i people, we are maa to our little planes but our kupuna on a wheel chair, no I don’t think so. There is no MRI capability on the island. The Moloka‘i general Hospital is an acute care facility so, they prep you, take care of you, and the next thing you know you’re flying to Honolulu if you get air ambulance insurance. Being old on Moloka‘i

with health issues is a big kuleana. Some kupuna run out of money, they choose to malama their mo'opuna vs. themselves. It breaks my heart to see this. I think who am I to tell this kupuna *eh he can go work*. Long-term care, there isn't any. There is a care home on Moloka'i but with three beds. The only way you get one bed is if one of the tutus hala. That is the stark truth of Molokai's long term care situation. If you do require a skilled nurse aide you would have to go off island. It just breaks my heart when I hear this. A lot of our Hawaiian people still come to Alu Like for funeral cost when their loved ones die. I always feel so poor thing, this is just one last thing, it's dignity for our people. One more thing, this is federal but I'll say it anyway. We need a social security office. Being with Kupuna and dealing with social security is so complicated. Just wanted to say thank you again for this time and for taking care of us. Welcome Luana, welcome to Moloka'i, I hope you do well, I mean that sincerely.

Alu like, Inc., Ho'āla Hou Program – Melia Kalawe

Malia Kalawe Ano ae me kealoha. Aloha to our Office of Hawaiian Affairs members, trustees. Thank you for taking the time to come and listening to our mana'o. We are the Ho'āla Hou program under Alu Like. I come from Hoolehua homestead, Molokai is my one hanau, my home. I went away to college and got my bachelors in Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian studies and pretty much flowed right into this job under Alu Like where I could use my knowledge from school. All I wanted to do was to give back to my community and my people in any way I can. I am grateful to be here tonight.

Anne Steinke Welina mai kākou. I have my ASA in Hawaiian studies from the Molokai education center. I studied under Kelia Purdy Avalino. I love to face paint and decorate cookies, pre-Covid for all the keiki. I love to read. I was originally hired for the Native Hawaiian library and was then bestowed the kuleana of the hanaia ulu americano senior foster grandparent program and Hoala hou youth program. I've been with Alu Like since March 2019.

For those that don't know Hoala Hou, to renew and restore. The department provides prevention services from ages 10-17. Approximately 4th grade to senior year. The department staff uses best practice and evidence based prevention curriculum to educate youth and parents on the dangers of substance abuse in youth. The department works to create a variety of preventative curriculum incorporated Hawaiian values, culture, and practices. We do this through our different branches, and we do community outreach. In the past we've partnered with many other local agencies and have done information dissemination, sign waving, and community service projects; including adopt a highway. We also do classroom education services. We teach everyone that positive thoughts leads to positive actions, and create positive feelings which lead back around to positive thoughts and so on. We also have our ho'i ho'i youth leadership program and after school program. We have workshops and activity for the keiki that are culturally relevant and responsible.

Malia Kalawe We can all agree that this past year has been a roller coaster of having to adapt to different ways of coordinating any programs. We are in a new era with this pandemic, we have to find different ways to continue to service youth and 'ohana. This past year our community outreach worked with Maui foodbank and the food distribution amongst the island. Our classroom education services developed virtual learning classes and curriculum. And our after school program got to kokua with food bank and partnered with our Native Hawaiian library. Our biggest success was the Food bank this past year. Our youth and leadership group was still engaged with the community. We got to give back to the community by helping to pack food, load food, and deliver to 'ohana in need. We are also in partnership with Ola Molokai who is using our space at maha site to do a pop up mahi'ai – a farming class. Our food bank we are able to give them snacks. Since we could not meet physically we put a challenge out to the community for elementary, middle school, and high school. The challenge was submitting some kind of presentation or video that shows how they have

been living pono and talking about substance abuse issues in the community or school. Unfortunately, we only had one submission for this challenge.

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Anne Steinke We are learning how to operate in a virtual world. We are all navigating new waters with online interaction and utilizing pono life skills curriculum with Hawaiian background and values.

Malia Kalawe Being here on Moloka‘i and being lovers of language and culture we wanted to highlight Hawaiian values, hawaiian background and knowledge, and lovers of food. We wanted to express that connection with our own island specifically using moolelo specifically to Molokai. With just the positive action seemed more of a westernize program so we Hawaiianized it.

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Anne Steinke We incorporate the value of the week with all our classes weekly. We give a value that the children is suppose to focus on. An example is kupa‘a, to stand strong and firm. This would be used during our anti-drug and alcohol discussion. We include ‘olelo noeau.

Malia Kalawe Another big success this year was we were able to translate our positive action/cultural curriculum and make it ‘olelo Hawai‘i for our immersion classes. That was fun to use our own personal knowledge of language and culture.

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Anne Steinke part of education services, after each 8-10 sessions with the children we give them a survey to do. One of the questions we ask is *The most important thing I gained from positive action is:*

Some answers – don‘t be the bad guy.

To answer truthfully.

Don‘t take drugs, drink alcohol, or smoke or vape.

Being nice and doing my kuleana.

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Malia Kalawe Another question asked on our survey is *Would you recommend positive actions to other kids? Why or why not?*

Some answers – Yes, because positive actions may help kids to stop bullying

Yes, so they don‘t do drugs.

Yes, because you never know what they are going through.

Yes, this program makes sure that people are not doing bad things.

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Anne Steinke From October of last year till now, we have serviced a total of 89 students. This is due to the pandemic and online. Normally it would be a much higher number. Total of Native Hawaiian students served was 85 and total of immersion students served was 53. Mahalo o all of you for coming tonight and mahalo to OHA for supporting our endeavors.

Kalae Po Maika‘i – Shari Lyn E.D.

Shari Lyn Aloha Trustees, community, and friends. My name is Shari and I am the director of Kalae Po Maikai. It is our Native Hawaiian infused substance abuse treatment center on the island of Molokai. We are the only substance abuse treatment providers on island at this time. We have been doing this work since 1996 located out Mana‘e. One of the things we do besides treatment is farming. We grow about 50-60 different things. Since 1996 we started a “fetch and catch”. Find people on the streets and take them home with us until we found a place to have our facility. We are so grateful for that and the kupuna that helped us to secure that. From 1996-2023 we were doing this as all volunteer. Everyone that works in our facility, on our board, and volunteers with us is usually people who are in recovery themselves. I have been clean and sober since

1987. I have not had a drink or drugs since then, I am okay with people knowing that. I put that out there because the more we are open the more we can help one another in the struggle. We wanted to get a place, we prayed, and relocated several times. On day as we held hands Auntie Luana Hamakua and her family, she was standing there saying the prayer and in the middle of our prayer some zig zag papers flew in the middle, we took this as a sign that this would be our new place and in 2003 it became our place. Senator Inouye came over and sat in this same building. He said he wanted to see what we were doing. So he rode in our funky van while we did our fetch and catch off the street, watched how we took them home and how we helped them get into programs off island because we didn't have anything on island. He saw all of this and told me that we needed money. He said to call his office in the morning, and we'll see what I can do. When I followed up in the morning Uncle Dan left us a \$200K "get going fund" that I didn't have to write a grant for. I couldn't believe it. He sent me to training to learn how to write grants. So, that is how we started off. We asked the State of Hawaii if they could fund us but they said no, they wanted us to use evidence base programs and that was not a direction they wanted to go at the time. But we kept doing what we were doing because we knew that was working with our haumana and what our community needed. We didn't give up. Now, all of a sudden it is the thing. Since 2006 they've been funding us regularly. Since we started documenting the people we have served is 869. Prior to documenting this number is greater. The most common thing we work with people to overcome is methamphetamine use and alcohol on our island. Meth is so prevalent because its easy to make. You can buy everything you need at the store. Stuff comes in so easily here, we have no TSA or dogs at the airport. I know from personal experience, five generations of my family have died from a disease of addiction. Today, god willing that I won't be the next one in line. It is the equal opportunity destroyer. We are happy to be here, we have a van, we pick up our haumana and bring them to the center. They meet in groups, they have individual counseling, we run interference with their probation officers and sometimes their employers and family. We do drug testing routinely. There are many of you here tonight that you or a family member have benefited from our program. I am grateful that as community members we can come together, be here tonight and show the world that it doesn't have to be a death sentence. Between 94%-96% of people we help or worked with of 879 haumana are Native Hawaiian and most of them are males. Part of what we do each week is work on our farm. We feed over 200 people a week out of the farm. Those are families that are in recovery or have a family member in recovery. It is our way to say *Hi here we are with our weekly distribution that we want to share with you and just know we are here for you when your ready*. We don't charge anyone for anything, and we teach a philosophy of "give first rather than give back". Our haumana will get a bag and instead of taking it all home to their family they give it half to a community member that has helped them. We received money from OHA about ten years ago, it was fabulous and wrote this wonderful review after hanging out with us too. We are always so grateful for the work that you folks do. Thank you again.

DHHL Updates and Status of Molokai – Zach Helm, Commissioner

Zach Helm Mahalo to all the previous speakers. Mahalo for coming to Molokai. I've been a commissioner since April of 2018 and its been challenging and very educational time for me to understand what our people are going through. I would like to say to all our kupuna and our beneficiaries Aloha and welcome to tonight's meeting. Starting August we will have our first live meeting on Oahu so, that exciting. We have our commission meeting next Monday and Tuesday – you can go online and join us. All of the agencies that provide for our beneficiaries like OHA, Hawaiian homes, our Congressional people, our Governor, State Legislatures, and all of our State agencies ought to get together, work things out so we can get people on the land. We can not do it by ourselves. We have over 28,000 people on the waiting list and it's growing. The only way it will work is if we all come together. I am serious about that. It is not only OHA and Hawaiian homes it is all of the State agencies. We did provide relief funds through COVID to help our homesteaders in the state. We delayed most mortgage payments. We provided fundings for rentals statewide. Some of the

funds were used for utilities. We are celebrating 100 years on July 9, 2021. We had a celebration on Oahu at Kapolei, DHHL celebrating 100 years of Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Mahalo to our Prince Kuhio Kalanianaʻole if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be standing here. He had a vision, he knew he had to protect our people. He did a great job and we malama him. I will go over some things that are happening or will be happening for the homestead:

1. Nāʻiwa Agricultural lots on Molokai – located near the airport. Currently going through the ea and sub division process to provide infrastructures to 58 lots.
2. Hoʻolehua lots – looking to sub divide vacant larger Ag lots. Start the EA process in later part of 2021.
3. ʻUalapuʻe kulena lots – will begin the community planning process and the environmental assessment process – approximately 175 (1-2 acre lots)
4. Water – the biggest issue on Molokai. Currently the Hoolehua water system is being improved. They are working on a \$30M project, phase I and II.
The department is seeking State commission water resource management approval of DHHL water use permit application. Approval of the DHHL application will allow DHHL to provide more water to new homestead projects in Nāʻiwa and Hoʻolehua as well as providing additional water to existing leasees.
5. Malama Park – at Kaunakakai. DHHL is currently going through a planning process to create a long-term management plan for Malama Park. DHHL is targeting Hawaiian Commission approval by April 2022. Beneficiary consulting meetings will be held between now and planned approval. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Sept.
6. South Molokai shoreline erosion management plan – DHHL is currently going through a planning process to assist homestead leasees better to address the impact of sea level rise and coastal erosion. DHHL hopes to be done with the plan by Fall 2021.
7. DHHL will conduct additional focus group meetings with affected homestead communities in the next couple of months.
8. Molokai Homestead – we have current grantees and their projects include Molokai Farmers alliance-to renovate Lani Kea center. COVID-19 relief distribution of food and clothing-Thank you for all of your contribution. Ahu Puaa of Molokai to renovate Hoʻolehua Hale. Improvements in Na Pua lei o Hina -shared equipment program. *Inaudible*.

These are all the things going on right now. Thank you.

Mokupuni O Molokai Updates and Status – Sybil Lopez, President

Sybil Lopez, President Aloha and Mahalo for this opportunity. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for being on the island of Molokai. We are the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Association. The national advocate and state wide homestead association SCHAA is thirty four years old. We were founded in 1987 by waitlist listees on all islands dedicated to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. We serve to the interest of 42 homestead areas and homestead associations. We got 10,000 leasees and 28,000 on the waitlist. We consider ourselves the expert of the Hawaiian Homesteads Commission Act. We have decades of knowledge. You are on Molokai where Prince Kuhio started the first land tenureship right in Kalamauʻula at the time known as Kalanianaʻole Kalani. You are here breaking ground. We are registered with the Department of Interior as Federally defined under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act beneficiary org and under 43 part quota federal regulation part 47-48. We are recognized thanks to President Obama for including it in the Code of Federal Regulations. Our mission is to exercise sovereignty on the trust lands set aside by the Federal Government in 1920 through the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. We have representation on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Lanai, Molokai, and Hawaii island. We do have enrolled homestead associations and in 2023 we also enrolled individual members. Five member governing council serving four year terms.

2019-2023-Our Chair is from Kaua‘i, Ms. Robin Danner and I am the Vice Chair, from Moloka‘i. Our members are Mr. Ron Kodani from hawai‘i island, Auntie Kekoa Enamoto from Maui, and Uncle Richard Tsu from ‘Oahu. We’ve also created a Homestead policy committee and a Homestead capacity building. We do have a waitlist association which Uncle Mike Kaikina is the Chairmen. A few of our SCHAA Moloka‘i mokupuni priorities, we’ve got five priorities that we list and number one is to increase resources to Moloka‘i Homestead. I want to personally thank OHA for increasing their funds to homestead grants. Our HCDC actually had \$75K from one of the OHA grants. Thank you for doing your biennium budget, we were able to participate and let you know what we really needed. A lot of increases to financial resources, we look at Federal capitol. The state of Hawaii was able to allocate \$1.28M to Moloka‘i from the Native CDFI funding. They have worked on the USDA Farming capitol through farm services and agencies like a food sovereignty program. The idea is bringing a lot of cash to our people so that they can do the work on the land and having farmers eligible for the HUD mortgage funds where farmers on homestead land were not able to qualify or eligible. This year in March HUD opened the HUD180 for a loan program. Also, improve management of Kalaupapa. On the Federal level we want to organize sessions with the Department of Interior because of the Kalaupapa general management plan. Right now, it is under the Department of Health. The idea is to help our wait listers to get off the waiting list and on to the land. She also shares the Congressman Kahele announces the Act 80 lowering the successorship of the blood quantum. Believe it or not, it came from our homesteaders lobbying at leg and right now it is making history. The last thing is the water, we are going through a water use and development plan with the County. We have been working with Ka huli ao. We have monthly meetings, and our next meeting is next week Thursday. I want to personally invite Trustee Alapa. We will be talking about water about looking at water as a public water trust and how 20% of those revenues that would be at OHA and how OHA could position themselves in helping our beneficiaries get their water. It is on the Hawaii Revised Statute. It was embedded as art of Prince Kuhio’s legacy and we want to continue that. Mahalo very much.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I just want to say the blood quantum bill being introduced by Congressman Kahale is only for successorship and not for application. So from 25% blood quantum it will go down to 1/32% and that is for once you have Hawaiian home lands it will stay in your family. We have so many inter marriages and once we have Hawaiian Homes we want to keep it in our ‘ohana.

Partners in Development Foundation (PIDF) – Shawn Kanaiaupuni, Dr.

Dr. Shawn Kanaiaupuni Aloha mai kākou. I just wanted to say a big mahalo to Chair Lindsey, Luana Alapa, and the Board of Trustees for inviting us here today. Many of you I know from other parts of my life like Kamehameha. Thank you OHA for being our partner in developing our capacity to deliver on our mission. I am the new face, I took over in the middle of COVID last April 2020. It has been a joyful ride and journey. I don’t want to take up too much time but I want to share quickly about PIDF. Our mission is to inspire and equip families and communities for success. We do that as a Hawaiian organization with culture, values, and knowledge of our ancestors. Our work is truly in supporting and strengthening families and inspiring them to serve others in their communities. We just made 24 years of existence. We really partner with our families and walking along side them to navigate the challenges. We are here to serve our most vulnerable, low income, or living in rural areas and providing them access to a wider array of opportunities. Our motto is when we care for our ‘ohana we also build healthy thriving communities. Our first area of business is in education such as our tūtū and me programs, kapa‘alana which serves our houseless, and nau pono no na ‘ohana in Waimanalo serving families on the homestead there. The work there is to serve families with young keiki in early learning and to honor and revalue our makua and kupuna our keiki’s first teachers. These are some of our longest standing programs. Our next area of work focuses on family strengthening. We serve Hui Ho‘omalua, we serve foster care families. We recruit and support and look for more Hawaiian families to

be resource caregivers for our foster youth. 50% of our foster youth are Hawaiian. We have a residential shelter for adjudicated youth on 'Oahu. The last area is around island resilience which is thinking and careful work around food security and farming. We have a five acre natural farm which is a research and demonstration site to begin transforming food systems in Hawaii. We do this as a teaching and research laboratory. It is also a place where we mentor justice involved youth where they work on the farm four days a week. It is really a part of our vision for a healthier and resilient communities. I will be passing this section over to Tyler.

Tyler Oaky I will be explaining some challenges we faced here on Moloka'i. One of them was program collaboration. I am the Community Outreach Coordinator. I put an invite out to 36 organizations out of that 36 we have 25 partnered with us. We went from not having any conversations to having hours of conversations. We are happy that OHA was with us for one. We also want to recognize another challenge is consistency. Keeping this collaboration going, we get so excited when we unite but we died down. We need your help to keep us going. Some celebrations we did at tutu and me was expanded our community support. During COVID-19 one of the families went in quarantine. We understand the walls feel like they are closing in on you and you feel like you are alone. With our partners we were able to deliver food and activities. By doing this we helped our program increase enrollment. We also refresh community partnerships. Now we have an early learning Hui with all the pre-schools. We are also restarting Ho'oikaika partnership based on Maui but we are giving them support to start again on Moloka'i. Our concerns that we recognize but have yet to address is for our kupuna. Housing, home improvement hana which is an income base facility has a waitlist of 2-3 years. For some of them that is their last years. We have tele health but it comes down to travel. As Auntie Kauai says we need a bigger plane. These are some of the concerns we recognize and we want to be apart of a solution but we need everyone's help. Thank you for having us.

Maui Area Health Education Center – Rosie Davis, Executive Director

Rosie Davis, Executive Director Aloha everyone. Thank you so much for coming to Molokai and for giving us some time to share our project and program. The Moloka'i Farmers Alliance is a volunteer project that I do. When COVID hit they had their boots on the ground and we partnered with a lot of different people. We were able to give food, medical supplies, gear, equipment, and things of that sort. During that time I received a call from Trustee Luana Alapa asking to partner. We were so excited, we were able to give food out on the East end some of the harder places to get to. We serviced over 700 people that were able to receive food. Then in April we had a toy drive at Lani Keha for about 400-500 children who were given toys. We also had the Easter bunny, thank you Trustee Alapa. We will really feel the partnership with the Moloka'i Homestead farmers alliance and other organizations have been a benefit to the community. We continue to look forward to partnering. We are not receiving any funding from OHA at this time but there might be a possibility to be able to seek funding. On another note I want to call up the students that are with the Maui County Education Center. We have provided health career opportunities with Hawaii Pacific Basten, Dr. Kelly Woody. Here are some of the students: Misty Parker, Maile Sasato, and Daylyn Casino.

Misty is the Project Coordinator for the mini clinic that will begin July 24th and again in August. We do have a big interest of students on our island that are interested in Health careers. We want to share and show all of you this. It is a \$1,100.00 check given to the students. Thank you Trustee.

Trustee Alapa I want to share how they received this check. I saw a posting on Facebook where they were looking for help with sending the students to neighbor islands to attend Health and Care workshops. So I took it upon myself to ask friends if they wouldn't mind donating. The next thing you know they were

offering all this money and the next thing you know we have \$1,100.00 given to the HOSA Program. You folks are doing an amazing job. We are so proud of all of you. Thank you so much.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Kunani Nihipali My wife is passing out lei that we made from our ‘āina today. Ipo Nihipali, she is one of the best artist on the island, wonderful cook, and lei maker. Welcome to all of you. Normally, we are on the opposite side of the OHA. My family is from this ‘āina, Kalaua before the Kalaupapa settlement. They were evicted and eventually ended up on the North Shore of ‘Oahu. My perspective is on the opposite side of the table. I have been active in the community with an adversary view point. I’ve associated myself trying to fill in some of the blanks that the historical in which we retreated as Native Hawaiians. We are beneficiaries on our homestead in Ho‘olehua. We are farmers, artist, activist, and Tūtūs. We have had many leaderships roles with many public and private Hawaiian communities, Nationally and Internationally for the past seven decades. We have also been actively involved in the repatriation of na iwi kupuna, I was the Po‘o for Hui malama I Na Kupuna o Hawaii Nei and we went all over the America bringing home over 6,000 kupuna. After doing this for many years and I still see many short falls, I want to bring historical correction when we talk about our trust. We have created a curriculum to see if we can assert a different kind of perspective of the Native Hawaiian trustee legacy. Your past Trustee Peter Apo suggested that all the Trust should come together and possibly we would have the Nation today that we need. Because right now there is a lot of conflict with OHA being a State Agency, your hands are tied. Your hands are tied and we always find ourselves on the short end of the stick. We created a program called Kuleana Wai Wai – an awareness of economic sovereignty. Don’t confuse my desire to engage with you with my expressions of this “my passion” because we’ve lived too long with the view point “it is what it is” and it’s not an option. It is a defeatist attitude to me used frequently. As beneficiaries we have the right to come up here and be heard. As once said by George Helm “Call me radical for I refuse to remain idle. I will not have a foreigner prostitute the soul of my being and I will not make a whore of my soul.” I am talking about reconciliation. Reconciliation has not happened even though we’ve had the apology bill. I want to touch on when congress express commitment to provide a proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people. The President of the United States to support reconciliation efforts between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people. That kuleana has been flagrantly and paternalistically disregarded by the Trustees of the Federal, State, and County governments and others with our input or due diligence. That needs to change. You folks know that your trust our trust, we don’t have the 20% of that money. I don’t see the fairness of that. That is the awareness I want to leave with this evening. I also leave you Hui Naauao, I was the director of this program. We developed a curriculum on education it was about Nation Building. It has been about thirty years and we have no nation building on your part. I want to enhance you folks and maybe we can get together to start the curriculum going. Our people need information. A long time ago we had a \$1M grant from ANA through Senator Inouye signed to help us get. There was over fifty organizations I tried to help and I was Director of. We held workshops and answered questions about sovereignty. I don’t see OHA have a nation building. What I see today is OHA continuing to support social programs. That’s fine, we need that but we also need Nation building. When we speak of the trust that we have we need not just political sovereignty, but we need economic sovereignty. I’m talking about a revolution I’m talking about Devolution. Devolving our assets from those that are exploiting our resources in the occupier’s bank. I understand the prudent man rules of investment. You as our trustees and representatives, you need to identify and say we have this economic power. I submitted a business plan years ago to OHA on starting a bank. It sits someone’s closet today. If you understand we put \$1 in the bank they leverage it for \$10. If we had that \$10 then we wouldn’t beg them for money for social programs or for nation building. You are the Trustees, our voices, and our watch dogs. You are voted into your position. You have the power of discretion, but we have been the recipients of historic genocidal proportions. Look at the

social economic indocies of our people, the welfare of our people. I can't even get agriculture water for my agriculture lot. As much as DHHL trying to do the best they can but when they cap the trust and restrict the trust then who represents us? If DHHL needs legal service they have the attorney general. If the Hawaiian homes beneficiary wants to sue for a reason they need to go out and find their own attorney. For years I've given testimony and have gotten no results. This is regarding the water and the rate I pay. They could easily write it off and give me the Ag rates, but I pay domestic rates. I refuse to pay domestic rates. I know there are two kinds of trust. One is tangible and the other intangible. When we ask what is a trust, we are informed a Native trust is a statutory trust as compared with any other trustee. What does that mean? What is our trust to us? We were told if we keep rocking the boat, we could lose this trust. What I want to say is if we cannot trust you folks as our trustees of this Native trust then who can we trust? Do we need protection from the protectors? Are we living an illusion of reality? When I studied the Hawaiian homes commission Act, they were supposed to provide infrastructure, part of that is water but they haven't provided that. What I am saying is we need economic sovereignty. We can not just focus on the political sovereignty. Part of that answer is in our trust. We need to get them to start paying what they owe. We need to get all the trust together to get this CDFI. When we put all our money together and put it in their banks, we create 10xs the amount. That is a lot of money. We don't have to beg for money. We should not have conflict. Native trust is Native trust. Public trust is public trust. As Queen Lili'uokalani stated I cannot turn back time to political change but there is till time to save our heritage. You must remember to never seize to act because your fear you may fail. We must begin the process. We must build stone by stone, bone by bone rebuilding our nation in delusion of reality. Thank you.

Halona Kaopuiki Aloha. My name is Halona Kaopuiki was born and raised in the old Shige hospital. I was raised by my great-grandparents, Harry inaudible. He was the lighthouse caretaker. Hai'a, my great - grandfather was the Kalaupapa light house caretaker. When he retired from the coastguard, he and my grandfather took over the lighthouse. In old pictures the light house had a white fence. I was raised traditionally by my great-grandparents and mu grandparents. My biological mother I called her sister, I thought she was my sister. During Cayetano times when they came to a meeting and because I was raised traditionally they locked me up I worked for OHA for twelve years. They hired me because of my cultural background. Preservation *inaudible*. I see young blood in here now. Do the work and know your history. Bing back our nation take us away. Bring back our land with preservation. We need the water. With education we can educate the world. The occupation of United State of America illegally. You know where they found this? *inaudible*. This government, the state of Hawaii, the County of Maui is killing me. *Inaudible*.

Liko Wallace Thank you for giving us your time in person. There was many things said prior to me being up here and I agree with a lot of it but I know we are in different times and we have a lot of situations going on. One of the biggest ones right now is water at our homestead. We have potable water but we don't have the MIS. So to be able to farm is so costly. With drought that we've been having it has been horrible. This past year with all the deer coming down and eating everybody's plants and stuff, that was horrible. I am praying it doesn't get that bad again this year. We are looking forward to getting the MIS coming to our land so that we can irrigate our fruit trees that was planted by my husband. We want to keep it going through our generations and its going to cost me a lot of money. I wanted to know how could I get some help financially? I was trying to work it with the homestead that is behind me, which is Nā'iwa. And to get more people involved because then it would be less costly for Hawiian homes to put the water lines in. Then it would be just me asking for it and paying for it but we are looking at three years into the future. I can not wait that long so I am still looking for a away to come up with that kind of money. I was first quoted \$2,500.00 and at that time I thought it was a lot of money but the new and only quote is at \$12,000.00 and this is to just bring the water up to our property. This doesn't include putting the lines in. I really like the write up that Trustee Akina

mentioned. It was uplifting and I would really like to see that put in action. I don't want it to be just words. I don't want to stand up here and yell at anyone or accuse anybody. I want us all to work together and overcome the adversity we are going through; one plane, expensive freight. They say it cost to live in paradise and we are doing our best. We thank you for your ears being open to what ever we ask and thank you again for being here this evening. We pray that you have a safe trip home.

Walter Ritte Aloha Trustees. The last time I spoke to you guys we talked about how to define what the office was all about. I was lucky enough to be at the beginnings of OHA when we started organizing to create this. The other thing I remember was we were trying to figure out who should get the ceded land money and that was a tremendous amount of money. We had the Trask sisters organizing back then. They were lobbying to receive the funds for their organization so that they could benefit the Hawaiians. There was Alu Like vying for the money. I remember Auntie Fenchy telling her staff I don't want to choose between these two existing organizations, we have to come up with a better plan. The plan was to create a brand new organization called the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and give the money to this organization. This organization will receive funds for the Hawaiians and teach the Hawaiians on how to participate in the Government. The problem came when the State started to define who we are at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. They came up with the word quasi. Everyone said okay but no one really knew what that meant. Until today we still don't know what that meant. We thought it meant that only Hawaiians would vote for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and for years that was the situation, that was OHA. Then some judges said no that's not what quasi means. Quasi means that's everybody gets to vote. So the outside forces kept chipping away at who we were suppose to be and what we were suppose to be doing for Hawaiians. Right now, I support what Zach was talking about using the word unity. The Hawaiian community has been thirsty and hungry for unity. Every body understands united we stand and divided we fall. So is going to unify the Hawaiian community. Who will bring DHHL who belongs to Hawaiians, Kamehameha Schools who belong to Hawaiians, and Liliuokalani Childrens Center who belongs to Hawaiians to work together? We tried that back at Kulana no iwi. All of them in one place, a one stop shop for Hawaiians. But we had Kamehameha say we can not do it because our mandate is education. Then we thought can we do it on Hawaiian homelands but then we can't do it on Hawaiian homelands because.... there was all these we can not. Then there was a man name Monsignor Kekamanu from Lili'uokalani Children's Center and he brought them together. He insisted that they unify. Moloka'i is the only place on all of the islands where all of the Hawaiian organizations unified for one purpose. We are very proud of that. Our next meeting should be at a plac where all Hawaiians come together. Looking at you guys and thinking how and who is going to be to bring all of these trust together? I am hoping we can get past the thinking of who is going to be Chairman or Vice Chairman. As Hawaiians we need that, bringing the trust together. If the leaders on the top don't get together it will be impossible to unify the Hawaiians. It will never be completely unified but it will be the example. Last thing, next month DHHL will be before the Water Commission and the State Water Commission is going to decide whether or not the department gets more water. We have people with out water meters and we do not have enough water. The last time we went before the commission, Molokai ranch protested, and we never got the water. On Tuesday we expect Molokai ranch to come again because they are in the same aquafer, and they want more water. As show of unity we are hoping that maybe OHA can get some of the legal help and make sure that the homestead come Monday gets their water. Mahalo.

Judy Caparida I am so happy that I am here. I saw you the first time you came over and then I didn't see you again until now. I said Ohhhh that's the lady. I have three leis over here. One from me, my daughter, and my sister Irene. A lot of stuff was hidden before but God is doing the opposite now. All of this belongs to him and the land, the Hawaiians get the land and the water. We are fighting for that. The wait listers are fighting for water. I say, how can we fight for water when we own the water. I am a blessed woman. I am so blessed. In our community, I have been here for over fifty years. I know all the people that think they are hidden but

God sees all. I cry because our people suffer. Do your job unto him. We can not take nothing everything will be left back. We need to get out there and let them know the water belongs to us and the land belongs to us. We just need to work with our community. Just be humble that is what its all about. I thank the lord for all of you. Aloha.

Keani Rawlins Fernandez Aloha Chair Lindsey, Vice Chair Ahu Isa, and Trustees. I am Maui County Council member for Molokai and also the Council Vice Chair. Thank you for having this meeting in person. I like testifying before other decision making bodies because it gives me an opportunity of what it feels like when our constituents come before the Maui County Council and testify before us. Thank you Uncle Walter about the C1 meeting which I plan to attend and testify before. I also hope the Trustees will do the same so that DHHL will have a better chance at getting their water permit use application approved. A few request I have for OHA specifically:

1. The transition to virtual meetings many of us are meeting online. I would love if OHA would have their meetings archived on the website. Many times your meetings are at the same time when we have our council meetings. If your meetings are available on the website, then I could watch it at a later time. This would be very helpful.
2. My next request is if you could invest in publishing white paper than reports. There is alack of that. As a council member I would be able to point to these reports because OHA gives the authority to our community. To have OHA lead the way in doing that would be great.

I also, echo the manao shared tonight. *Inaudible* Mahalo for your continued support with making Bank of America fulfill its promise to our people for \$150M plus interest and penalties. Your help, I know its beyond your authority airlines, shipping, and strengthening our broad band infrastructure. Mahalo again, aloha.

Justin Luafalemana Aloha and thank you guys for coming. I appreciate it. I want to thank DHHL Comissioner Helm for speaking tonight. I wanted to thank him on behalf of the Molokai Hunting Club, he supported us with the County grant and helping us with our right of entry on DHHL properties. I just want to thank Uncle Zach Helm for that. I also wanted to share and say thank you to OHA for helping KUPU. I was apart of KUPU. I want to say thank you for supporting them for the Conservation Leadership Development Program on Molokai and neighbor islands. KUPU is great opportunity for young generations and adults to get their first job or opportunity. We need that here on Molokai. We have a lot of young adults with talent but may not know where to start. KUPU also helps are leadership programs. This program helps the community and Molokai and our young individuals. I just want to thank all of you for coming to Molokai. Im sorry I was not able to attend the meeting personally but I live up Manae and I have all my keikis and 'ohana. Thank you again for coming and supporting KUPU.

Announcements

Trustee Alapa Shares her mahalo to everyone.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I just want to announce that we have our Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning and this meeting can be viewed live at our oha.org/livestream.

Adjournment

Chair Hulu Lindsey I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Akaka Moves to adjourn.

Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
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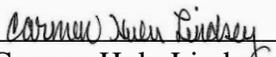
Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



 Lehua Itokazu
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on September 8, 2021.



 Carmen Hulu Lindsey
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments: