

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

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Island of Molokai
MINUTES
Thursday, July 15, 2021
10:00 am

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
Anuheha Diamond
Claudine Calpito
Kalani Iaea
Nathan Takeuchi
Crayn Akina
Maria Caldera
Pohai Ryan

GUEST:

Louise Hanapi
Walter Ritte
Alapai Hanapi
Germaine Meyers

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Moloka'i Island Meeting to order for Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 10:02 a.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. Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Twenty First Supplementary Proclamation dated June 7, 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. *inaudible*

You can watch the meeting at www.oha.org/livestream. We are very excited to be here for the first time last night and today in person. We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting.

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 here. I am a Trustee At-large for eight years now. Mahalo for having us, Luana, mahalo. Thank you Chair

Trustee Ahuna Welina mai e Kealoha. I am Dan Ahuna representing the island of Niihau and Kauai. I am happy to be here. Today with me is my staff, Anuheia Diamond and Claudine Calpito. I just wanted to say mahalo to all of you, thank you for hosting this.

Trustee Akaka Aloha mai kakou. *Inaudible*. It was nice to see the communities come together to share their mana'o. *Inaudible*. We just want to mahalo all of you. *Inaudible*

Trustee Akina Aloha Kākou. Thank you Chair and Trustee Alapa for hosting us today. I am Keli'i Akina, Trustee At-large. I believe most of you were here yesterday. I've learned so much from many of you who testified. One of the things I've learned is that on one hand, I get why people want to live here. It is just spectacular, a place that preserves traditions of our kānaka maoli. On the other hand, it is so hard living here.

You have farm land but no water. You have keiki but you can't keep them here with no jobs. We are humbled to listen to you. We need your mana'o and we are available to serve in any way we can. Thank you for all that you do. Mahalo.

Trustee Alapa Good morning and aloha everyone. It was a wonderful evening last night. To see all the faces of Moloka'i, family and friends. I truly enjoy seeing your faces and listening to the hearts of our people. One of the things I took home with me was what Walter Ritte said the importance of all the agencies and institutions we must come together towards a common goal. I am blessed to be here and supportive of everything we have in front us and for our people. I am so thankful my mother is here with me. She wanted to meet everyone. My mother is from the Kanahele, Kaua'i, Ni'ihau, and her family extends to the Big Island. I thank everyone for tuning in for Board of Trustees meeting. Have a wonderful day. Mahalo.

Trustee Lee Alona mai Kākou. Thank you everyone who is joining this morning live and those watching on in Ho'olehua, and for those watching the live stream in the State. I am a Trustee Brendon Lee, Trustee at-Large. Joining me today is my aide Leiann Durant. Those of you who showed up today we look forward to hearing your mana'o. Mahalo

Trustee K. Lindsey Aloha mai kākou. I am Trustee Keola Lindsey from Moku o Keawe. Mahalo to the people of Moloka'i who's hosting OHA tonight. To the Chair and Trustee Alapa and everyone else thank you for your hard work and for organizing this meeting. I spent some time last night and this morning going over my notes from the powerful testimony that we received last night. I believe it will guide in the work that we do. I look forward to hearing more today. Also, joining me virtually is my staff, Kama Hopkins and Kauai Wailehua. Mahalo.

Trustee Waihe'e Aloha Kākou. I am Trustee John Waihe'e IV., Trustee At-large. I want to say I am very happy to be meeting on site for the first time in two years. I'm even happier our first meeting is back here on Molokai. This place is an inspiring island. I want to thank the people here for welcoming us and sharing their knowledge with us. It's been great time. Again, Mahalo.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha mai Kākou. I am Carmen Hulu Lindsey, the Maui Trustee serving as the Board Chair. With me on this trip is our Board Secretary, Lehua Itokazu and my Aide is Kanani Iaea. I want to say that we are so happy to be home in Molokai and sharing our mana'o with you and you with us. We will feel the warmth and love from the people of Molokai. Like all of Hawaii we are having a hard time with this pandemic. Hopefully, we can work together. Like Walter said last night, we have to come together in unity in order to get what we want. That's are right as Hawaiians. So we welcome you this morning.

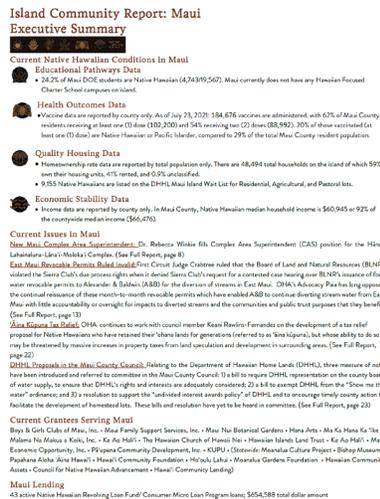
I would like to introduce to you our Pouhana, CEO, Sylvia Hussey. She will introduce her staff and give us our status of OHA updates.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Thank you Chair and good morning, aloha Kakahiaka. I am Sylvia Hussey, the Ka Pouhana or CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I would like introduce our staff on island, Gayla who is in our Molokai office. Also, our Land, Culture, and History Manager, Pulama – she is an island resource as well. We have Misti Oriol-pali, Asst. Outreach Mngr. As well as our Digital Print Media crew who is supporting this. Alice silbanuz, Interim Comm. Engagement Director, Josh Koh and Jason Lees. We will see some of their work showing yesterdays activities. As we get started, I will ask Alice to provide the video from yesterday's site visit. The visit was to the wonderful programs that are on the ground here. After the video we will share our Maui Ola five minute snippet, of our strategic plan, and then we will give the update after that.

Molokai Island Site Visit – [short video](#) presented.

Mauli Ola, OHA’s Strategic Plan – [short video](#) presented.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Mahalo. As you can see OHA’s orientations are the orientations we heard from our community and have been apart of our community. Our foundations of ‘ohana, mo‘omehu, ‘āina, and wai including the strengthening our families. I want to let our communities know that OHA and the trustees are very mindful of the top of line priorities also expressed by the community last night.



I will call out some of the highlights and the strengths of the community. I want to point out there are eleven Hawaiian homestead associations just in Molokai. As we heard last night the homesteads make up the network and fabrication on Molokai.

Uncle Walter you spoke on Kulana ‘Ōiwi. Kulana‘Ōiwi continues to be a model of Hawaii organizations being in one place and be able to hear and address our people in a one stop framework. OHA is pleased to be at Kulana ‘Ōiwi to help intergrate and model what works here in Moloka‘i. Whether its addressing the deer population or fishing or iwi kupuna. The strength comes from the communities and we want to acknowledge that is our responsibility to continue that. *Inaudible*. As well as our rightful 20% of our Public Land Trust. OHAs role in four different areas as applicants at the both Federal, State, and County levels and community levels as well as research. The responsibilities we have for demographic information as well as navigating geographical information systems with land and culture; as well as having a multi placebo collection that is curated o be able to preserve that. OHA also has responsibility to, in addition to advocacy and research, to be community engagers. OHA stands as the supporter for good community work.

Last but not least OHA has the responsibility for resource management. The current Native Hawaiian trust fund is marked at about \$400M. While it is small in comparison of other trusts it is still \$400M of kuleana on behalf of our beneficiaries. There is another \$200M approximately of commercial property value. That is where this legislative session OHAs right to develop our Kakaako Makai lands in a way that makes sense for us, for beneficiaries, was very much challenged. We hope our beneficiaries understand the engagement that is important and not just a property in Honolulu. It is a property for our lahui to exercise our rights as a Hawaiian organization to determine what is best for us and not let others determine that. As an asset manager, we have that responsibility for commercial property. OHA also has land legacy and at the same time we are advocating for good practices, some culture practices, and National practices. We need to make it

straight that we have those same practices with our properties. The strategic plan is nice but the implementation and hardwork is where we are and we are committed.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo. We are now moving on to community concerns and celebrations. Our first speaker signed up today is Louise Mililani Hanapi.

Louise M. Hanapi Aloha Trustees and welcome to the island of Molokai. Thank you all for coming. In 2009 I signed a contract with OHA. When it changed over it went to Kamanao Crabbe and Albert Tiberi. It is nice to meet the new Pouhana. Our land case continues. In 1992 my husband and I entered into a quiet title case. These people had no claim to my land. My husband and I gave five acres who had no claim and we are talking eighteen acres of land. The case took us ten years. When we came back we came back with only the shirts on our backs. We paid for that whole case from researchers and the attourneys involved. There were twenty-three things that got settled. One of the things that was important to us, we never asked for money. We could have made them pay for our lawyer fees, research, our time. My husband, myself and others were apart of NAGPRA and went to Washington DC. We got involved because we are artist. Once the iwi came up they needed artist to create things to put them back. We needed wood carvers, people to make kapa, the weavers, and this how we all came together. Also, with the help of OHA. When we were forced to the table, we sat there with the State of Hawai'i. We said no emergent? Discoveries are to happen in the ahupua'a in --- that's 250 acres. The total was five hundred but when we were in court there was 250 acres. That's not small. 125 of that is our family's. This is continuing, the area I'm talking about is my family's house site, all burial sites. That was the first thing saved. We take care of our ancestors first. *Inaudible*. Our civil rights are being hit hard. The rights to our land, clean water, clean ocean, all of those things are being hit and hit hard. Our civil rights to make sure our ancestors are allowed to stay there in the earth. I thought I lived in a first world country. Any other country, land legacy, you don't even touch that wall. I grew up in 'āina Haina and watch developments grow. I saw the developments and the change. When I came to Moloka'i and my husband, we came here because the ancestors told us to. 1976 they did a certificate of title, they preserved our 'āina so that my husband and I would not have to fight the way we are today. That is not pono. We have a certificate of title and we have deeds. Gary Gallager prolonged things and that's how the land case is progressive. *Inaudible*. I continue to work with Kai and OHA. If you call the SHPD you don't get anywhere. As far as Molokais Burial counsel has been defunct for so long its sad. There is no real agency except for you guys. Anyway, I am in court with the State of Hawaii, they are the defendant in my case. I had an Uncle that passed away two years ago. He gave my sister and myself 'āina. Their interest in the land. He said he fought for the land. I need to say my family never sold. People have spread lies saying my family sold but we never sold. Thank you for your time. We are still going through these hearings, and I will continue to with Ka Pouhana and follow up. I want to thank the Trustee at that time and I want to respect them. That was Judge Mossman and Judge Walter Heen. I thank you and I will continue to need your help. I am a kuleana land owner. Its heavy, they divided my kuleana, they gave a personal number and sold it. I'm in court with corp council because that is the tax office. Our kuleana is under attack. We talk about our community. What I saw in Honolulu was a lot of people working for themselves, selling their own food. I hope you come back and visit other site visits. I thank you for your time. Aloha.

Walter Ritte Aloha. I'll make it short. I want to talk you about water again and how important water is in Molokai. In the earlier days the US Court case with water. Our main enemy was Moloka'i ranch. They came to our ahupua'a and put pipes in and took all surface water. That got the community organized to try and protect the water. Today we are still in the same boat and the enemy is still Moloka'i ranch. Theya re not as powerful as before. Now, when the Hawaiian Homes tried to increase the amount for homesteaders they

intervened. For the last 10-15 years we couldn't get more water from our aquifer. On Tuesday Hawaiian homes will be going back to the water commission again, to try and get that water. We expect Moloka'i ranch to come in and protest. We hope that if they do come in and intervene that OHA will help. Moloka'i ranch wanted to put a well in Kaunakakai. We told them that will have impacts on our reefs, the limu, and the fishponds. The response from DLNR was we have to prove that. What limu are you talking about? What fishponds are you talking about? The burden of proof was put on us. Today this whole thing flipped over and the burden is now on the people who want to do the development. So now the burden of proof has switched. The County right now needs to put another well in Ho'okahi. Their well is right next to Hawaiian Homes well. Hawaiian Homes has two wells and the third well right next is the county. Below them is the ranch. Everyone has the same straws in the same glass. The third issue is what is the impact when you draw down from the cup? What is the impact for us who live along the coast line? There is a tremendous impact. The USGS took seven years to do the study to find out the intake. What is the impact on the coast? There is a connection between the water and the mountain and what's coming off our reefs. So Moloka'i has over 14,000 acres of reef. We have the largest continuous reef system that anyone knows about. So what is the impact on this huge reef. Moloka'i has two economies; the cash economy and the subsistence economy. 1/3 of what we need to survive, the food comes from the subsistence economy, the deer, the goats, and the pigs that are in the mountain. All of our protein come from fish and the goat and deer on the land. So all we have left is to make sure we have the starches; the taro, the ulu. Its important that the surface waters go all the way down to the ocean and go down to the aquifers. Both of these are being threatened on Moloka'i. We are trying to educate the water commission about this. On Tuesday, Hawaiian Homes is putting in their application that they recognize that they fill that cup. We are saying that if you do nothing to fill that cup after you take from the cup, sooner or later future generations are going to leave that toy in the bag. Hawaiian Homes in their application is recognizing to protect that cup. They are also adding that they are going to be committed to do to make sure that cup stay full. My time is up. Thank you. Aloha.

Alapai Hanapi Aloha mai. My name is Alapai. He speaks of going to Washington DC to get iwi and bring them home. Thirteen of them went to grab the iwi kupuna and bring them back. He speaks of mana'o and where this comes from, and the desecration of our kupuna through development *inaudible* He still sees desecration still happening. Help us to enforce and strengthen against the State of Hawai'i. Our kupuna deserve the respect. Thanks again.

Trustee Ahu Isa madame Chair, I stand on the point of personal privilege. *Inaudible*. I'm bringing this up because I just found out about this just now. Ka Pouhana and Chair left the State not for a long time maybe it was just for the weekend to DC. As the Vice Chair I wasn't notified. Just to be on the record I am not complaining in the future can you please do a memo. You never know what is going to happen. *Inaudible*.

Chair Hulu Lindsey We have one last testifier and she is virtual, Germaine Meyers.

Germaine Meyers Aloha Chair, Vice Chair Ahu Isa, Ka Pouhana, and lāhui. My name is Germaine Meyers and I'm an OHA beneficiary for beneficiary advocacy and empowerment. I am a also a Nanakuli Hawaiian homestead lessee. Trustees, I aligned my community concerns to the July 1st Board meeting in writing and will email them to you. It addresses administrations report which was Trustee Lee's focus of resolution. It also addresses conflict of interest and concerns raised by the community including beneficiaries from Moloka'i. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to respond to my email. For the past four years I shared with you concerns from my birthplace and home town Nanakuli, Oahu. But Moloka'i is deeply rooted in my lineage. My maternal great grandmother is Mary Kekino of Ho'olehua, Moloka'i, her cousin is Tutu Buffulo. A couple years ago I found out I am related to Shane Pale from Tutu Buffulo. Mary Kekino's first born child is my grandmother Cecilia Hanohano. My Grandmother named her first born child Ho'olehua. My

Aunty Ho‘olehua, named her daughter Ho‘olehua. My cousin Ho‘olehua lives next to me on Nanakuli Hawaiian homestead. I just wanted to share with you what Moloka‘i means to me and my ‘ohana. I am certain all of us have roots all over the entire State of Hawai‘i. Mahalo for your time and the opportunity to express my concerns and Moloka‘i lineage. Ke akua pu and God bless all of you.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey Our next BOT meeting will be on July 29th at 10 am.

Adjournment

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

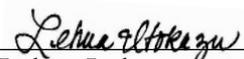
Trustee Akina Moves to adjourn.

Trustee Waihe‘e Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
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LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA	X		X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
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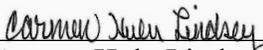
Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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:

1. Island Community Report – Molokai Executive Summary

Island Community Report: Moloka‘i

Executive Summary



Current Native Hawaiian Conditions in Moloka‘i



Educational Pathways Data

- 80% of Moloka‘i DOE students are Native Hawaiian (726 / 907) and 91% of Moloka‘i Hawaiian Focused Charter students are Native Hawaiian (295 / 325).



Health Outcomes Data

- Vaccine data are reported by county only. As of June 25, 2021: 178,424 vaccines are administered, with 59% of Maui County residents receiving at least one (1) dose (97,701) and 49% receiving two (2) doses (86,723). 20% of those vaccinated (at least one (1) dose) are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, compared to 29% of the total Maui County resident population.



Quality Housing Data

- Homeownership rate data are reported by total population only. There are 3,765 total households on the island of which 69% own their housing units, 26% rented, and 5% unclassified.
- 2,142 Native Hawaiians are listed on the DHHL Moloka‘i Wait List for Residential, Agricultural, and Pastoral lots.



Economic Stability Data

- Income data are reported by county only. As Maui County, Native Hawaiian median household income is \$60,945 or 92% of the countywide median income (\$66,476).

Current Issues in Moloka‘i

Moloka‘i Community Health Center: The Moloka‘i Community Health Center (MCHC) received \$839,500 from the American Rescue Plan and \$222,500 from Hawai‘i Community Foundation to expand health services in response to COVID-19. (See Full Report, page 10)

Moloka‘i Deer Population Funding: The County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns awarded The Nature Conservancy Moloka‘i Terrestrial Program \$99,929 and the Moloka‘i Humane Society for the Moloka‘i Hunting Club \$197,800 for Moloka‘i feral axis deer management. OHA’s Community Outreach program also coordinated with DHHL to assist Moloka‘i homestead farmers and ranchers in securing Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture funding to mitigate damages resulting from the axis deer population. (See Full Report, page 11)

Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area: Despite the efforts of Hui Mālama O Mo‘omomi, the package needed to establish a Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area on Molokai’s northern coastline was not placed on the BLNR agenda in June. OHA has long advocated and engaged communities to support the CBSFA designation for Mo‘omomi. (See Full Report, page 11)

Grantees Serving Moloka‘i

Kualapu‘u Public Conversion Charter School • Ho‘olehua Homestead Ag Assn • Moloka‘i Community Service Council • Maui Family Support Services, Inc. • ALU LIKE, Inc. • KUPU • (Statewide: Ho‘oulu Lahui • Papahana Aloha ‘Āina Hawai‘i • Association of Hawaiians for Homestead Lands - Waitlist Beneficiary Association • Bishop Museum • Pacific American Foundation • Hawai‘i Community Foundation: Island Strong • Moanalua Gardens Foundation • Hawaiian Community Assets • Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement • Hawai‘i Community Lending)

Moloka‘i Lending

29 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/ Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$250,622 total dollar amount