

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Kunani and Ipolani Nihipali Residence – Ho‘olehua Homestead
143 Mauna Loa Hwy.
Ho‘olehua, HI 96729

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.

The OHA Board of Trustees will hold virtual meetings until further notice. The virtual meetings can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA’s website at www.oha.org/livestream or listen by phone: (213) 338-8477

Moloka‘i Site Visit - 2 Summary
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
July 18, 2022 – 11:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

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

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Dayna Pa, Trustee Aide
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide
Anuheha Diamond, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:

Capsun Poe, Community Engagement Director
Alice Silbanuz, Director of Communications

GUEST:

Kuana Nihipali
Ipolani Nihipali
Melia Kalawe
Maire Kalawe
Amber Arthur
Kaile Luga
Kekama Helm

I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 11:45a.m.

II. Introduction

Oli and protocol are offered.

III. Site Visit

A. Kunani and Ipolani Nihipali Residence – Ho‘olehua Homestead

Kunani and Ipolani Nihipali shares that he and his wife started eight years ago to become self-sustaining. They have worked hard to protect the land from the deer. They started off by using baskets but as the drought got worse the deer became aggressive. Their family and many young individuals have helped with planting and setting up the irrigation. Water is a huge component and issue on Moloka‘i. There is a huge assortment of plants, avocados, macadamia nuts, coconut, lychee, cashews, oranges, peanuts, fig tree, kukui, kombocha, spaghetti squash, and assorted flowers. He takes fruit to the Farmers Market and trades them for the vegetables that he can not grow. They live off the grid and utilize the solar and propane. They believe everyone can live this way and it is one way to get our people into homes and off the land. Moloka‘i is an economically depressed island and they are subjected to a monopoly in the ocean and air. The water they receive is domestic water but also Ag water from the highway. The cost of water is very high.



They have collaborated with Manu Meyer and UH West Oahu to bring awareness of the niu, coconut. They have a total of 218 coconuts from different areas. They are most proud of the coconut from Mapulehu, known to be the oldest cocnut groves. The idea is to grow an ulu niu on their property and they share an oli that they do with every niu they plant. They share a special tool given to them that opens coconuts with ease. Alu Like and QLCC hired Ipo to teach the children art and has painted eight murals on the island of O‘ahu.



They express that all Hawaiian entities should work towards getting our people on land and being self-sufficient. It is the best way to go.

IV. Public Testimony

None

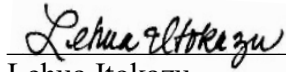
V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

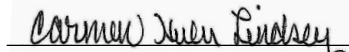
The site visit ended at 12:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on January 12, 2023.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees


Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Akina
3. Excused Memo – Trustee Trask
4. Excused 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: July 17, 2022
Re: Excused Absence – Two Site Visits

Please be advised that I am unable to attend the following two (2) Site Visits of the Board of Trustees:

(1) L & R Farms on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 10:30 A.M.; and

(2) Kunani and Ipolani Nihipali Residence - Ho'olehua Homestead on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 11:30 A.M.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Mahalo!



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Office of Trustee Keli'i Akina, Ph.D.
Interoffice Memorandum

Date: 18 July 2022
To: Chair Hulu Lindsey
CC: Lehua Itokazu, Kanani Iaea, Amber Kalua
From: Trustee Akina
Subject: OHA BOT Molokai Site Visits – July 18, 2022
L & R Farms 10:30 AM
Kunani & Ipolani Nihipali Residence 11:30 AM

Aloha e Chair Hulu Lindsey,

Referencing the OHA Molokai Island Site Visits on Monday, July 18, 2022, I will be returning from a previous travel engagement, and, regretfully, will not arrive on Molokai until late afternoon. While I will miss the morning site visits, I will be able to attend the BOT dinner and meeting at 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM, respectively, and the BOT meeting on July 19.

Please extend my apology to the Board.

Sincerely,

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Trustee Akina



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Trustee Mililani B. Trask
Interoffice Memorandum

Date: July 17, 2022

To: Trustee Hulu Lindsey
Chair – Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Mililani B. Trask

Re: Excuse Absence for Site Visit Kunani & Ipolani Nihipali Residence – Ho’olehua
Homestead 07/18/22

Aloha Chair Lindsey,

Please excuse me from the Site Visit of the Board of Trustees to Kunani & Ipolani Nihipali Residence-Ho’olehua Homestead on Monday, July 18, 2022 @ 11:30 a.m. Please extend my excused absence and sincere apologies to the other members of the committee.

Mahalo,

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Mililani B. Trask
Trustee, Hawai‘i Island

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MEMORANDUM

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

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

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DATE: July 16, 2022

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FOR THE 07/18 BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)
SITE VISITS (2)

I am unable to attend the two site events scheduled for Wednesday, 07/18 - which include visits to: 1) L & R Farms; and 2) Kunani and Ipolani Nihipali's Ho`olehua Homestead Residence.

This memo serves as a request to be EXCUSED from these two site visits.

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

Mahalo.