

**STATE OF HAWAII  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu  
Academy for Creative Media  
91-1001 Farrington Hwy.  
Kapolei, HI. 96707**

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](http://www.oha.org/livestream) or listen by phone: (213) 338-8477

**O'ahu Site Visit -1 Summary  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
August 4, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee B. Kalei'āina Lee  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Keli'i Akina

ADMINISTRATION:

Alice Silbanuz, Director of Communications

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide  
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Jeff Galicinao, Equipment manager  
Gabby Navalta, Student Assistant  
Keola Iseri, Student Assistant  
Stephan Bradley, Student Assistant  
Tanith Sasaki, Student Assistant  
Nadine Castillo, Student Assistant  
Sarah Letarte, Lecturer

## **I. Call to Order**

Site visit starts at 3:20 p.m.

## **II. Introduction**

Introductions are made and everyone walks over to the Media Center.

## **III. Site Visit**

This program offers a variety of innovative and technology programs. Digital media through video, animation, video games, apps, virtual and augmented reality are just a handful of content offered. The Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media degree, concentration in General Creative Media, is offered via distance education to students who reside on the neighbor islands and have completed the first two years of coursework from a neighbor island Media/Art program at a community college within the UH system. In terms of media, years ago it was very common to graduate and go directly to work and it was based on skills and experience. As time passed, getting a degree in media gives an individual an edge up in the competitive global market. They have seen many professionals that have jobs come back to the school to get a degree. They can test out by getting a prior learning assessment by submitting a portfolio some of their classes and work.

One of the spaces shared with everyone was the emerging media room, similar to what you would see and experience at the Beyond Van Gogh immersive show. It is explained that everything that runs the display is housed in the computer in the middle of the room. There are no wires or plugs in the wall, thus leaving a large clean canvas. One of the projects they are hoping will work is with PBS. The goal is to figure out how to fit the Hōkūle‘a with cameras to allow for real time view and see 360 degrees. This would allow the students to ask questions and interact with the crew live.

The overall idea for students attending here is to gather research, find valid information, learn all they can in their field, and then in their senior year, they can create, solve, and complete a passion project. An example given is mental health. A student may decide to create an app or start a social media campaign focusing on this topic.

The ‘Ulu’ulu project has a partnership with OHA’s Papakilo Database and funded by OHA. This three-year project included over 224 hours digitized. Content included various programs of living treasures, Hawaiian history, Merrie Monarch festivals, practitioners, kupuna, activist, musicians, and so much more. These programs and videos are now available to our community and researchers.



**IV. Public Testimony**

None

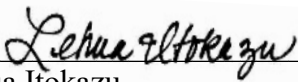
**V. Announcements**

None

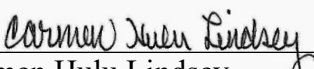
**VI. Adjournment**

The site visit ended at 4:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

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

  
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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

- 1. Excuse Memo – Trustee Ahuna



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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
**Office of Trustee Dan Ahuna**  
Interoffice Memorandum

Date: August 1, 2022

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

Trustee Lei Ahu Isa, Vice-Chair  
Board of Trustees (BOT)

From: Trustee Dan Ahuna *Dan Ahuna*

Subject: **BOT Meeting Absence – Aug. 4, 2022**

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I am unable to attend the BOT meeting scheduled for August 4, 2022. Please extend my excused absence and my sincere apologies to the members of the board.

Mahalo.



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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Trustee Mililani B. Trask  
Interoffice Memorandum

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Date: August 04, 2022  
To: Trustee Hulu Lindsey, Chair – Board of Trustees  
From: Trustee Mililani B. Trask  
Re: Excuse memo for site visit to the Academy of Creative Media on  
Thursday, August 4, 2022

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Aloha Chair Lindsey,

Please excuse me from the site visit to the Academy of Creative Media on  
Thursday, August 4, 2022.

Please extend my excused absence and sincere apologies to the other members  
of the board.

Mahalo,

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

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

DATE: August 1, 2022

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FOR THE 08/04 BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)  
SITE VISITS AND BOT MEETING

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I am unable to attend the events scheduled for Thursday, 08/04 - which include: 1) site visit to Ka'ala Farms, 2) site visit to the Academy for Creative Media at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, as well as 3) the Board of Trustees Meeting also at the university.

This memo serves as a request to be EXCUSED from these three agenda-filed events.

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

Mahalo.

cc: Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka, Member / O'ahu