

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

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Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MINUTES
August 19, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

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

BOT STAFF:

Colin Kippen, COS
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Casey Brown, Ka Pou Nui / COO
Raina Gushiken, CC
Everett Ohta, CC
Ramona Hink, CFO
Kalani Fronda, Land Director
Ryan H. Lee, Interim Investment Manager
Kevin Chak, IT Support
Erin Nakama, IT Support
Robert Klein, Board Counsel

GUEST:

Sam Chung, Financial Advisor to the Board
Randall Sakumoto, OHA Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Before I ask for the roll call, I would like to read an announcement. As part of [Governor Ige's emergency proclamation dated, August 5, 2021](#) (Exhibit C), there are new requirements for how public boards and commissions, including OHA's BOT and Standing Committees, must conduct their remote meetings under the Sunshine Law. As your name is called for roll call, please identify if anyone is present with you in the room. So Board Secretary, please take 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	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
			9	

At the Call to Order, **nine (9)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you. Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Proclamation related to COVID-19 Response dated August 5, 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. 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 Some quick announcements-please mute your mics when you are not speaking. We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting.

Joining the Trustees today is my staff Colin Kippen-COS, Lehua Itokazu-Board Secretary, and my Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua. We have two more guest that will be joining us in our executive session portion of the meeting, Randall Sakumoto and Sam Chung. We also have our CEO-Sylvia Hussey. Sylvia, please announce who is joining us from your staff.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Good morning Trustees, Chair, we have COO-Casey Brown, CFO-Ramona Hink, Land Director-Kalani Fronda, Senior Legal Counsel-Raina Gushiken, Legal Counsel-Everett Ohta, Ryan Lee-Interim Invest. Mngr., and our IT staff who will supporting us this morning. Thank you.

New Business

Chair Hulu Lindsey I will call on Trustee Akaka.

A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE)

1. Action Item BAE #21-02: To Approve the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' 2021 O'ahu Island Burial Council (Skye Razon-Olds, Michelle Makaula-Yee, Kamuela Kala'i, Hinalaimoana Wong-Kalu); Maui & Lāna'i Island Burial Council (Anthony Pacheco); and Moloka'i Island Burial Council (La'akea Poepoe) Nominations†

Trustee Akaka Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on August 18, 2021 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:

Motion 1:

To Approve the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' 2021 O'ahu Island Burial Council (Skye Razon-Olds, Michelle Makaula-Yee, Kamuela Kala'i, Hinalaimoana Wong-Kalu); Maui/Lāna'i Islands Burial Council (Anthony Pacheco); and Moloka'i Island Burial Council (La'akea Poepoe) Nominations

Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Is there any discussion? Roll call vote.

Trustee Akaka moves						
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Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE KEOLA LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a nine (9) YES votes and Zero (0) EXCUSED vote.						

Chair Hulu Lindsey Trustee Akaka will you read motion two.

Trustee Akaka Reads motion 2.

To Approve the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' 2021 Burial Sites Working Group (Kēhaunani Cachola Abad) Nomination.

Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.

Trustee Akaka moves							
To Approve the Office of Hawaiian Affairs’ 2021 Burial Sites Working Group (Kēhaunani Cachola Abad) Nomination.							
Trustee Waihe‘e Seconds the motion.							
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED	
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X				
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X				
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X				
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X				
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X				
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X				
TRUSTEE KEOLA LINDSEY			X				
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E		X	X				
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X				
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9				
MOTION: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED							
Motion passes with a nine (9) YES votes and Zero (0) EXCUSED vote.							

Executive Session

Executive Session‡

A. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein, Randall Sakumoto, Esq. and Everett Ohta, OHA Assistant Senior Legal Counsel, re: questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding potential acquisition of commercial properties, pursuant to HRS§§92-5(a)(3), (4)

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Can I get a motion to recuse ourselves into executive session pursuant to HRS§92-5

Trustee Akaka Moves to recuse into Executive Session.

Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.

The Board recuses into Executive Session at 10:06 a.m.

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section 92-5						
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA		X	X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE KEOLA LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with nine (9) YES votes and zero (0) EXCUSED vote.						

The Board returns to open session at 11:20 a.m

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Chair, could I give some context for Dr. Albertini. She is the department head for the Philosophy Department, who issued the apology for Dr. Haunani K. Trask. She wasn't able to be on at the time we offered the resolution, but she will be on and is able to read the apology. It is a significant opportunity to hear from the Philosophy Department head.

Dr. Tamara Albertini Thank you for inviting me. I never thought that OHA would pay attention to the public apology we posted. I would like you to know the entire department stands behind the apology. The text, as it is posted now, was really the result of a collaborative effort. As a Chair, I did start with a draft, but then we worked a little together and as you can imagine it was not a light task. We really wanted to get it right, as much as we could. I also would like you to know about the timing. It looks very much like we finally woke up after professor Haunani K. Trask passed away. We did have a conversation since last Fall of 2020. There was ongoing conversation going in the department and everybody was given pdfs and videos. It was badly needed. Most philosophers in the department today were not around in 1990- '91, so we really needed to educate ourselves. We were happy to support a Native Hawaiian from the College of Education, his name is Bruce Kaimi Watson, who suggested to us to design a course on Hawaiian philosophy; so we are really proud that we have that course he has taught last Spring; he started in December and we think this is a good move in the right direction. We are hoping to have some partnerships with the School of Hawaiian Knowledge, we don't want to rush. You can't be

silent for thirty years and then show up one day and say hey were ready. Our colleagues in Hawaiian Studies know that we are ready, and we will be waiting. I will be reading the apology to you now, just in English.

The Department of Philosophy at Mānoa is saddened by the news of the passing of Dr. Haunani-Kay Trask, Professor Emerita and co-founder of the Hawaiʻinuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge. The Department recognizes her trail-blazing scholarship and visionary leadership and apologizes sincerely for the attacks she suffered from philosophers at Mānoa in the past. Professor Trask's work has been crucial in foregrounding the systemic injustices that have plagued the practice of our discipline. We should have listened to her when she tried to teach us that these injustices had their roots in the history and power dynamics of colonial oppression both within the University of Hawaiʻi and outside of it. That is a history the Department of Philosophy is prepared to study and confront. Also, it understands the need to bring down barriers preventing indigenous research from receiving academic recognition. We acknowledge that our apology is long overdue and regret we did not convey it to Professor Trask in person while there was time. We are aware that our shortcomings have also affected the wider community of Kānaka ʻōiwi faculty and students. This apology is therefore also addressed to them. Today, the Department of Philosophy is eager to pursue philosophy self-critically and explore the rich and complex sources of Hawaiian Knowledge in our classrooms and research in comparative philosophy. We are also committed to seeking partnerships with the School of Hawaiian Knowledge and supporting Native Hawaiian projects aiming at articulating Hawaiian values and ways of inquiry as philosophy. Finally, we are not forgetting that the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa was erected on Hawaiian land. We acknowledge the need to respect our host culture.

The document is signed by all members of the Department of Philosophy at Mānoa, some of our affiliate faculty and lectures added their signatures as well. We also have Philosophers from the system from West ʻOahu, Kapiolani Community College, and Leeward Community College. I would like you to know that University of Hilo's Department of Philosophy has also posted its own text. Thank you for listening.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Professor, we really appreciate that and we appreciate your presence this morning and reading this for us.

Trustee Akina Professor Albertini, I just want to say as a former student and instructor in the Department of Philosophy, it is a joy for me to be one of your host today at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Mahalo to you and the Department. Thank you for your leadership and the role the department is playing at the University and in the global academic community.

Dr. Tamara Albertini Thank you very much. I know you have more people to listen to, I will leave you to your work and I hope we will stay in touch. Have a very good day.

Announcements

Trustee Akaka Pursuant to HRS 92-2.5 reporting my attendance, along with our Board Chair Hulu Lindsey and Trustee Lee between, at the two meetings between the State Auditor's office and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on Monday, August 16, 2021, where the Office of Hawaiian Affairs staff gave a presentation on ceded lands and Public Land inventories and related issues. Mahalo.

Adjournment

Trustee Waihe'e Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
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DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		X	X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			

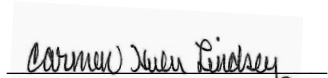
Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on October 7, 2021.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Testimony by Dr. Albertini
2. [Video link](#) of Apology recording



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Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 3:05 PM

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Link:

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Public Apology

(Hawaiian translation below)

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Dr. Sean Smith, Dr. Joseph Tanke,
Dr. George Tsai
Affiliate Faculty and Lecturers
Dr. Sharon Rowe
West Oahu
Dr. Lisa Rosenlee

He Mihi i Mua o Nā

Kānaka a Pau

Lu'ulu'u kaumaha ka Māhele
Kālaimana'o o Ke Kulanui o Hawai'i ma
Mānoa i ka hele ho'i 'ole 'ana mai o Ke
Kauka Haunani Kay-Trask, Polopeka
Welo, kekahi mea ho'okahua ho'i nāna i
ho'okumu iā Hawai'inuiākea, Ke Kula
'Ike Hawai'i. Ua 'ike 'ia a ua mahalo 'ia
ho'i i kāna waele mua 'ana i ke ala 'imi
na'auao ma ke kulanui me kāna alaka'i
'ana ma loko o ia māhele, a ke mihi
minamina nei me ka 'oia'i'o a me ka
'eha'eha no ka 'imi hana 'ia ona e nā
kumu kālaimana'o ma Mānoa i kona wā e
noho polopeka ana ma Ke Kulanui o
Hawai'i ma Mānoa.
Ua hu'e 'ia a maka ka hana ho'okae pono
'ole a ka māhele kālaimana'o e ua
Polopeka Trask nei ma o kāna hana

ko'iko'i. 'O ka pololei a me ka pono, he lohe mai nō kā ka māhele kālaimana'o i ke a'o āna no ia mau hana ho'okae i hele a laha i loko o ka mo'olelo o kona lāhui Hawai'i pono'i a me ka ho'omāhuahua 'ia o ia mau hana ho'okae ho'okolonaio ma loko a ma waho ho'i o ke Kulanui o Hawai'i. 'O ia aku nei ke 'ano o ka hana a ka Māhele Kālaimana'o e ho'oponopono ai. Eia hou, ua 'ike 'ia iho ho'i ke kuleana e wāwahi i nā ālaina o ka 'imi na'auao 'ana ma ke 'ano e kūpono ai no ka po'e 'ōiwi a e mahalo 'ia nō ho'i e ke Kulanui. Ua hala loa akula ka manawa i pono ai kēia mihi 'ana me ka minamina 'ana 'a'ole i waiho 'ia nei mihi i mua pono ona nāna ho'okahi wale nō e huikala mai i kona wā e noho honua ana. Ua 'ike nō ho'i mākou i ka ho'ohemahema 'ia e mākou nā kumu 'ōiwi kanaka a pēlā pū ho'i nā haumāna 'ōiwi kanaka. Iā lākou ho'i kēia mihi. E huikala mai.

I kēia au na'e e holo nei, ke ho'oikaika nei a ke ho'oulu nei mākou, ka Māhele Kālaimana'o, i ke kālaimana'o ma ka hikaloi 'ana iho me ka 'imi 'ana aku i loko o ka lehu a me ka mano o nā kumu 'ike Hawai'i, a pēlā ho'i ke kālailai ho'okūkū a me ka ho'ohālikelike ma loko o kā mākou a'o 'ana a me kā mākou noi'i 'ana. E ho'opa'a ana nō ho'i mākou i ke ku'ikahi me ka ho'olōkahi aku me Hawai'inuiākea—Ke Kula 'Ike Hawai'i—ma nā hana e ulu ai ka Hawai'i ma ke kālaimana'o. 'A'ole nō ho'i mākou e ho'opoina i ke kūkulu 'ia o ke Kulanui o Hawai'i ma Mānoa ma luna o ka 'āina o nā Hawai'i no lākou nō ke kuleana. Ke 'ike maopopo iho nei mākou i ko mākou kuleana e hō'ihi'ihi a e ho'oponopono me nā Hawai'i.

Ka Māhele Kālaimana'o ma Mānoa Dr. Tamara Albertini (Chair),
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 Ke Kulanui o Hawai'i ma 'Ewa Dr. Lisa Rosenlee
 Unuhi 'ia e Scott Kaua Neumann