

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
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
December 12, 2022**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria
Trustee J. Keoni Souza
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waihe‘e, IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Ramona Hinck, CFO
Capsun Poe, Community Engagement Dir. &
Interim Chief Advocate
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Senior Legal Counsel
Erin Nakama, IT Support
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT Support
Kevin Chak, IT Support

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
Kauai Waialehua, Trustee Aide
Kahelelani Keawekane, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Kamealoha Hanohano Pa-Smith

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Monday, December 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	J. KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
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 Before we begin, I would like to note that items II.1 and III.1 were received under the 72-hour deadline. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at www.oha.org/livestream . Let me go over 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, my Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua, and Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu. Also with us today is Sylvia Hussey, CEO. I will ask Sylvia to introduce staff participating.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Thank you Chair, today from Administration is our COO-Casey Brown, CFO-Ramona Hinck, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel-Nietzsche Ozawa, Community Engagement Director and Interim Advocacy Director-Capsun Poe and supporting from IT, we have Arlene and Erin.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Do we have anyone signed up to testify on items II.1 or III.1?

Board Secretary No testifiers are signed up to speak.

II. Committee on Resource Management

1. Action Item RM #22-25: Approval of the Distribution of up to \$100,000 in Emergency Relief Funds to Address the Impacts of the Eruption of Mauna Loa on Hawai'i Island

Trustee Waihe'e Your Committee on Resource Management, having met on December 12, 2022, and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following action to the Board of Trustees:

Motion 1:

Approve the distribution of up to \$100,000 in emergency relief funds:

From unallocated FY2022 and FY2023 Grants Program 3800, Object Code 56570 Grants in Aid - Disaster Aid.

Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
Approve the distribution of up to \$100,000 in emergency relief funds:						
From unallocated FY2022 and FY2023 Grants Program 3800, Object Code 56570 Grants in Aid - Disaster Aid.						
Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused.						

III. Committee of Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

1. Action Item BAE #22-04A: Approval of the 2023 Legislative Package as Updated

Trustee Akaka Chair Lindsey, Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on December 12, 2022 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:

Motion 1:

Approve the measure entitled OHA-2 - RELATING TO HOUSING, to be included in the 2023 OHA Legislative Package, as distributed at today's 12/12 BAE Committee meeting.

Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.

Trustee Akaka Moves						
Approve the distribution of up to \$100,000 in emergency relief funds: From unallocated FY2022 and FY2023 Grants Program 3800, Object Code 56570 Grants in Aid - Disaster Aid.						
Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused.						

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Kamealoha Hanohano Pa-Smith Comes from Anahola, Kaua'i. He shares that he flew in with hope to meet with someone from OHA's grant staff. He did not realize that many of the employees from OHA are still teleworking. He speaks on behalf of the Hanalei River Heritage Foundation. They applied for a grant as a fiscal sponsor for a non-profit on the island of Kaua'i in 2020/2021 for the COVID-19 grant. Around June/July 2021

the organization we sponsored received, the grant. We were the Fiscal sponsors, we wrote the grant for them and did all the leg work for them. Once they got the money, the organization decided they wanted to do the grant by themselves. When the decision to approve came before the Board, this organization was found not to be compliant. We were then asked to be the fiscal sponsor again. As months passed by we were asked to step away and that they would handle the granting. This happened again even though they wrote the grant and agreed to be the fiscal sponsor. A few months later they received another letter from OHA stating that they could not step away from the fiscal sponsorship. They did not think it was a good thing to be involved. They wanted to terminate their fiscal sponsorship, they sent a letter. They saw the grant as a pass through and felt like that was against the OHA rules. The second thing that he states is that the organization that was being fiscally sponsored did not want to sign an agreement. The fiscal sponsorship agreement is the foundation between them and the organization and OHA, but no agreement was in place. Lastly, they could not determine, as a non-profit, if the organization met all the criteria that was being asked from them by the letter that was sent to them in February 2022. They were told yes that they could turn in their termination letter but there was some kind of loophole that the grants department found and forced them to be the fiscal sponsor. In the end, the organization decided that they did not want to be a part of OHA's grant program anymore and asked to be released. The condition was they had to continue being a fiscal sponsor and the second thing was they had an unreasonable timeline to get the funding out. They went through six months of the grant; they closed their grant and then our non-profit was told they needed to get the money out. He states that they were never paid for their work or for their role in getting the grant for this group. It was very unclear to them if they would get paid; they were under the impression that they were just volunteers. It is very unclear. He feels like there was a lot of miscommunications that took place which made it difficult for them to be a good fiscal sponsor. He feels like they were used as a pass through and does not want to make anyone look bad, he just wants to fix the situation. He shares the OHA grants department came up with a training manual and wants to know why the training was not offered to other people who are struggling with a grant. It is by far one of the most difficult grants out there. Trustee Trask and Trustee Akina suggested that training should be made available to grantees. He is asking for guidance and for OHA to correct their granting process and a better way to communicate with each other.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui Kamealoha. I will ask our CEO to meet with you.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey This is officially our last BOT meeting for this year. Mahalo nui Trustees, we hope that each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also, be on the look out in the next few weeks for the Board and Committee meeting calendars.

Adjournment

Trustee Ahuna Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	X		X			
KALEI	AKAKA		X	X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			

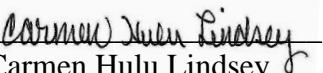
LUANA	ALAPA			X		
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X		
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X		
MILILANI	TRASK			X		
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X		
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X		
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9		

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Lehua Itokazu
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on February 23, 2023.


 Carmen Hulu Lindsey
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees