

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Alakoko Fish Pond
3-1902 Kaumuali‘i Highway
Lihue, HI. 96766
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Nineteenth Supplementary Proclamation dated April 9, 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](tel:2133388477)

Kaua‘i Site Visit Report
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MINUTES
May 4, 2021 – 11:30 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Jason Lees
Josh Koh

BOT STAFF:

Colin Kippen
Amber Kalua
Lehua Itokazu
Brandon Mitsuda
Claudine Calpito
Anuheia Diamond
Kaliko Santos
Noalani Nakasone

GUEST:

Peleke Flores
Sara Bowen
Mason Chock
Tiele Doudt
Chris Kaiakapu
Jason Makaneole
Punohu Kekaulua
Kaniho Giminiz

EXCUSE:

Trustee Lei Ahu Isa
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Keola Lindsey
Trustee John Waihe‘e

ABSENT:

Trustee Luana Alapa

I. Call to Order

Trustee Ahuna Starts the site visit with protocol. He offers an oli as the Trustees and OHA staff stand with him.

II. Introduction

Peleke Flores Welcomes everyone and introductions are made by each person.

III. Site Visit

A. Alakoko Fish Pond

Peleke Flores and Sara Bowen shares that he is a part of non-profit named Malama Huleia whose mission is to remove invasive mangrove from the Alakoko Fishpond area and to restore a thriving fishpond. There was an attempt remove the mangrove in the 1980s however it was unsuccessful due to permitting issues. A movement to clean up the area was started years ago by avid paddlers and Malama Huleia carried that kuleana for past two and half years thanks to a grant they received. In the last two and a half years, they have been able to clear 26-acres of mangrove. The area has been under ownership of Okada Trucking Company since the 1950s and is currently up for sale so Malama Huleia is working to lock in an acquisition of the property.



Amongst clearing mangrove and the acquisition, Malama Huleia is also working on getting a permit to dredge and build a wall, as well as, reconnecting the pūnāwai to the fishpond. Alakoko fishpond has four inlets; two fresh water and two saltwater helping to create the rich brackish water where fish like mullet, awa, and moi can be found.

Malama Huleia has a fundraiser coming up to help them meet their goal of raising \$400k in fund. They also hope raise monies through public and private funds.

Their end goal is to have this place protected, celebrated, a place to educate students, to feed their community, and be sustainable.

OHA can assist by sharing their story and getting the word out.



IV. Public Testimony

None

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

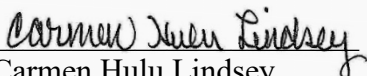
The site visit ended at 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Report distributed at the Board of Trustees Meeting on May 20, 2021.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Akina
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
3. Excused Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e
4. Excused Memo - Trsutee K. Lindsey



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Trustee Keli'i Akina, Ph.D.
Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 3, 2021
To: Trustee C. Hulu Lindsey, Chairperson
From: Trustee Keli'i Akina, Ph.D.
Subject: Absence from May 4-5, 2021 Kauai site visits

Aloha e Madam Chair,

I will not be travelling to Kauai and will be absent from the May 4 and May 5 site visits. Please extend my regrets to the Board.

Respectfully,


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Trustee Akina



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: May 2, 2021
Re: Excused Absence

Please be advised that I am unable to attend the following BOT site visits on the island of Kauai:

1. Alakoko Fish Pond on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 11:30 A.M.
2. Salt Pond Beach Park on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.
3. Ho'omana on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.; and
4. Pu'uwai Canoe Club on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Mahalo!

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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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CC: Trustee Dan Ahuna, Member / Kaua'i Island

DATE: May 3, 2021

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FOR THE 05/04 KAUA'I BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)
SITE VISITS AND THE 05/05 KAUA'I BOT SITE VISITS

I am unable to attend the 05/04 and 05/05 Board of Trustees Site Visits, physically scheduled on Kaua'i Island.

Please EXCUSE my absences and extend my apologies to the rest of the Board of Trustees.

Virtually, I am planning to attend the Kaua'i Island Community Meeting the evening of May 5th and the Kaua'i Island Board of Trustees Meeting the morning of May 6th.

Mahalo.



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May 3, 2021

To: Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson
Board of Trustees

Members of the Board

From: Keola Lindsey
Trustee Hawaii Island

RE: Excuse Memo

Aloha Chair Lindsey,

Please excuse me from the Site Visit of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 2:00 pm to the Salt Pond Beach Park, Hui Paakai O Hanapepe. Please extend my excused absence and sincere apologies to the other members of the committee.

Mahalo,
Keola Lindsey
Trustee, Hawaii Island