

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Ho‘omana  
4531 Kuamo‘o Road  
Kapa‘a, HI. 96746

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

**Kaua‘i Site Visit Report**  
**of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 5, 2021 – 10:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Luana Alapa

**GUEST:**

Rowena Contrades – Pangan  
Jr. Cabreira

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO  
Jason Lees

**EXCUSE:**

Trustee Lei Ahu Isa  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee  
Trustee Keola Lindsey  
Trustee John Waihe‘e

**BOT STAFF:**

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

## I. Call to Order

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** calls everyone to the entrance of Ho‘omana and introductions are made.

## II. Introduction

**Rowena Contrades – Pangan** introduces herself and welcomes everyone to Ho‘omana.

## III. Site Visit

### A. Ho‘omana

Rowena shares that her dream was to have a place to focus and advocate for children and adults with disabilities. Rowena has a daughter with special needs. Aunt LaFrance helped her make this dream come true. She credits their survival to their community. Ho‘omana means to empower, their name came from the mele *ho‘omana iā iesu*.

In the last year this entity has dealt with the heavy rains and floods like many others in Kaua‘i. Water was six feet high and took them eight months to recover. A multi-millionaire gave them money for their Rise/ First to work program at the thrift store. They were able to get a \$5k grant to help fix the electrical and install a new electrical box. They just recently had a toilet donated and built their first working bathroom.

They work with the judiciary system to help individuals earn their community services hours. They train special needs students and also work with students from Kapa‘a High School and Kaua‘i High School. They feed the homeless, many of whom are Hawaiian. They assist the homeless when applying for foodstamps and medical.

A story she shares is a special needs girl trained at their thrift store. She was taught the importance of being on time, responsibility, and basic work habits – she is now employed at Subway.



She gives thanks to Pastor, Jr. Cabreira. Pastor Cabreira has helped in numerous projects to assist Ho‘omana. Their church is in the back. When the church space is not being used, Hoomana is allowed to use the space for different events. Lei making and olelo classes have been held there. They look forward in the near future to host *The Sunshine Market* and eventually a once a month Wrap Around Service offering drug rehabilitation, a psychologist to speak to, a dentist, a place for hot food, apply for foodstamps, etc.

She is thankful to OHA for taking over the lease from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and leasing it to them.

**IV. Public Testimony**

None


**V. Announcements**

None

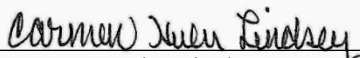
**VI. Adjournment**

The site visit ended at 10:45 am

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

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

  
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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
5. Excused Memo – Trustee Lee
6. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahuna



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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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

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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

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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




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**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM**

*Mea ho'omana'o a ke Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i*

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To: Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
From: Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Ph.D.   
Date: May 2, 2021  
Re: Excused Absence

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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

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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 5<sup>th</sup> and the Kaua'i Island Board of Trustees Meeting the morning of May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mahalo.

MEMO TO: Trustee Hulu Lindsey, Chair  
FROM: Trustee Brendon Kaleiaina Lee  
DATE: May 3, 2021  
SUBJECT: Kaua'i Site Visits, May 5, 2021

Aloha Trustee Lindsey:

I will be returning to O'ahu after our Kauai'i Site Visits on May 4, 2021 and request to be excused from the May 5, 2021 Site Visits to Ho'omana Thrift Store and Pu'uwai Canoe Club.

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 Wednesday,  
May 5, 2021, at 10:00 am to the Hoomana. Please extend my excused absence and sincere  
apologies to the other members of the committee.

Mahalo,  
Keola Lindsey  
Trustee, Hawaii Island



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