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JOINT MEETING OF THE
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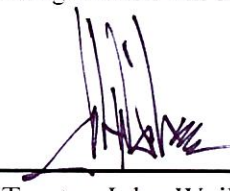
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Trustee Brickwood Galuteria, *Chair*
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09/24/26

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Trustee John Waihe'e, IV, *Chair*
Committee on Budget and
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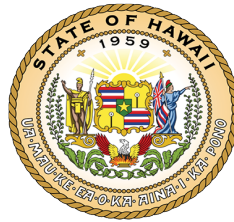
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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)**

**JOINT COMMITTEES ON BENEFICIARY, ADVOCACY & EMPOWERMENT AND BUDGET & FINANCE
MINUTES**

September 16, 2026 10:00 a.m.

FULL MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT 09/16/26 Budget and Finance (BF) Meeting ([part 1](#)) & ([part 2](#))

ATTENDANCE:

BAE Chairperson Brickwood Galuteria
BF Chairperson John Waihe'e, IV
BAE Vice Chairperson Kaleihikina Akaka
BF Vice-Chairperson Dan Ahuna
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Kaiali'i Kahele
Trustee C. Hulu Lindsey
Trustee J. Keoni Souza

Lei Ann Durant
Mark Watanabe
Melissa Wennihan
Momi Kaaihue
Morgan Kau Robello
Nathan Takeuchi

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

K. Sean Kekina, COO / Ka Pou Nui
Everett Ohta, *General Counsel*
Hailama Farden,
Kevin Chak, *IT Systems Engineer & Administrator*
Sandra Stancil,

EXCUSED:

Trustee Keli'i Akina

BOARD COUNSEL:

Kapono Kiakona

BOT STAFF:

Alena Auyoung
Crayn Akina

GUESTS:

Kimberly Miayshiro, *Kumabe HR*
Marie Kumabe, *Kumabe HR*

I. CALL TO ORDER

BF Chair Waihe'e calls the Joint Committees on Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment and Budget and Finance meeting for Wednesday, September 16, 2026 to order at **10:03 a.m.**

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that **PRESENT** are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (10:03 a.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
BF CHAIR	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	
BAE CHAIR	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	PRESENT	
BAE VICE-CHAIR	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
BF VICE-CHAIR	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	C. HULU	LINSEY	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	J. KEONI	SOUZA	PRESENT	

At the Call to Order, **EIGHT (8) Trustees are PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

EXCUSED from the JOINT BAE-BF Meeting are:

MEMBERS			COMMENT
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	MEMO – REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**A. October 30, 2024**

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to approve the **JOINT BAE-RM Committee Minutes for October 30, 2024**

BF Chair Waihe'e asks if there are any changes or discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

10:06 a.m.							1:43 / 5:57
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN	AHUNA			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						EXCUSED
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE					RECUSED	
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	0	1	1

VOTE: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that SEVEN (7) members present vote 'AE (YES), ONE member present (RECUSES) and the **MOTION PASSES**.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**B. September 9, 2026**

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to approve the **JOINT BAE-RM Committee Minutes for September 9, 2026**

BF Chair Waihe'e asks if there are any changes or discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

10:08 a.m.						4:15 / 5:57
TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA			X			
KELI'I						EXCUSED
AKINA						
LUANA			X			
ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD			X			
GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I			X			
KAHELE			X			
CARMEN HULU			X			
LINDSEY			X			
J. KEONI			X			
SOUZA			X			
BF CHAIR JOHN			X			
WAIHE'E	1					
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8	0	0	1

VOTE: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that EIGHT (8) members present vote 'AE (YES), and the **MOTION PASSES**.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to recuse into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5. ([5:07 / 5:57](#))

BF Chair Waihe'e asks if there is anyone signed up to testify on this item.

BF Chair Staff Wennihan states that no one has signed up to testify on this item.

BF Chair Waihe'e If there's no discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

10:09 a.m.							5:27 / 5:57
	TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN	AHUNA			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						EXCUSED
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8	0	0	1

VOTE: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that EIGHT (8) members present vote 'AE (YES), and the **MOTION PASSES**.

JOINT BAE-BF Committee moves into Executive Session – 10:09 – 10:27 a.m.

BF Chair Waihe'e: Okay members, we're back into open session. [\(0:11 / 3:26\)](#)

I'd like to report that in Executive Session the Board was informed that one of the previous selected candidates withdrew their name for consideration and the Board voted to approve an additional candidate. So, with that, I'll see you guys tomorrow and see you guys in this Committee again on Monday.

BF Chair Waihe'e recognizes Marie Kumabe to offer any closing remarks.

Marie Kumabe: Just wanted to remind everyone of the dates, and once again I cannot thank you all and particularly your team and staff, because they have jumped through many hoops accommodating the different activities. So just a few reminders, coming up Monday and Tuesday, the 21st and 22nd will be initial virtual interviews with the candidates. Following that, the next activity will be on September 30th and October 1st, that would be secondary interviews and presentations from candidates. Following that will be the beneficiary community and stakeholder open comment period, which will go from Wednesday October 7th through Friday the 16th, and this is the meeting that we would appreciate you folks recollecting is Monday the 19th of October. The Trustees will be provided references, writing samples, leadership assessments, and the community feedback to augment your information from the interviews and your preliminary packets to look at making a final recommendation, or preparation and then being able to review that for a few days and then on Wednesday, October 21st, ranking finalists and making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on Thursday, October 22nd. We will send you folks the email update. Thank you.

BF Chair Waihe'e: Thank you, very much.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to adjourn the JOINT BAE-BF meeting.

BF Chair Waihe'e If there's any discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE** on

							3:07 / 3:26
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN	AHUNA			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						EXCUSED
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8	0	0	1

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e adjourns the JOINT BAE-BF meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Wennihan
Trustee Aide
Committee on Budget and Finance

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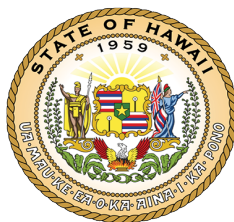
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Kingston Seguancia
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Jessica Anderson, *IT Systems Engineer & Administrator*
Kevin Chak, *Senior IT Systems Engineer & Administrator*

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Marie Kumabe, *Kumabe HR*

BOT STAFF:

Anuheia Diamond

I. CALL TO ORDER

BF Chair Waihe'e calls the Joint Committees on Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment and Budget and Finance meeting for Monday, September 21, 2026 to order at **8:41 a.m.** ([4:05 / 8:14](#))

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that **PRESENT** are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (8:41 a.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
BF CHAIR	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	
BAE CHAIR	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	PRESENT	
BAE VICE-CHAIR	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
BF VICE-CHAIR	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KAIALI'I	KAHELE		Arrived at 11:00 a.m.
TRUSTEE	C. HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	

At the Call to Order, **SIX (6) Trustees are PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

EXCUSED from the JOINT BAE-BF Meeting are:

MEMBERS			COMMENT
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	MEMO – REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED
TRUSTEE	J. KEONI	SOUZA	MEMO – REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to recuse into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5. ([7:20 / 8:14](#))

BF Chair Waihe'e asks if there is anyone signed up to testify on this item.

BF Chair Staff Akina states that no one has signed up to testify on this item.

BF Chair Waihe'e If there's no discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

							7:40 / 8:14
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN	AHUNA			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						EXCUSED
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE						<i>Not present at time of vote</i>
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			EXCUSED
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6	0	0	3

VOTE: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that SIX (6) members present vote 'AE (YES), and the **MOTION PASSES**.

JOINT BAE-BF Committee moves into Executive Session – 8:45 a.m.- 12:13 p.m.

BF Chair Waihe'e: Okay members, we're back into open session. ([0:11 / 2:31](#))

I'd like to report that we went into Executive Session and we interviewed some potential candidates for CEO and we made no decision.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lindsey moves to adjourn the JOINT BAE-BF meeting.

BF Chair Waihe'e If there's any discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE** on

							3:07 / 2:31
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BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						EXCUSED
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	1		X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA						EXCUSED
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	0	0	2

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e adjourns the JOINT BAE-BF meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Wennihan
Trustee Aide
Committee on Budget and Finance

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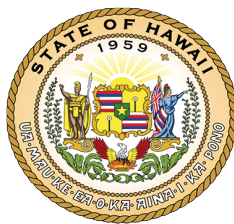
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560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200
Honolulu, HI 96817

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT (BAE)
AND THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE (BF)**

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DATE: Wednesday September 30, 2026
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Remote Meeting by Interactive Conference
Technology Viewable at www.oha.org/livestream OR
Listen by phone: (213) 338-8477,
Webinar ID: 917 5529 4090

This meeting can be viewed via livestream on OHA's website at www.oha.org/livestream or listened to by phone using the call-in information above. Additionally, this meeting can be viewed live on 'Ōlelo Community Media <https://olelo.org/>. A physical meeting location, open to members of the public who would like to provide oral testimony or view the meeting, will be available at 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96817.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. September 16, 2026
 - B. September 21, 2026
 - C. September 22, 2026
- III. Unfinished Business - None**
- IV. New Business - None**
- V. Executive Session§**
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of September 9, 2026
 2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of September 16, 2026
 - B. Second-round interviews and presentations, review and discussion of reference checks, and selection of finalist candidates for the permanent position of Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chief Executive Officer (CEO) / Administrator. The JOINT BAE-BF Committees anticipate convening in executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(2) to consider the hiring and evaluation of an officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved related to the candidates under consideration. Candidates who advance as finalists will be announced publicly and will participate in a series of public interviews, with the final selection to occur at a future meeting open to the public.
- VI. Adjournment**

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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)**

**JOINT COMMITTEES ON BENEFICIARY, ADVOCACY & EMPOWERMENT AND BUDGET & FINANCE
MINUTES**

**September 22, 2026 8:30 a.m.
Continued September 24, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

**FULL MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT 09/22/26 Budget and Finance (BF) Meeting
([part 1](#)), ([part 2](#)), ([part 3](#)), ([part 4](#))**

ATTENDANCE:

BAE Chairperson Brickwood Galuteria
BF Chairperson John Waihe'e, IV
BAE Vice Chairperson Kaleihikina Akaka
BF Vice-Chairperson Dan Ahuna
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Kaiali'i Kahele
Trustee C. Hulu Lindsey
Trustee J. Keoni Souza

Kingston Seguancia
Melissa Wennihan
Momi Kaaihue
Nathan Takeuchi
Pohailani Kealoha
Yvonne Mahelona

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

K. Sean Kekina, COO / Ka Pou Nui
Everett Ohta, *General Counsel*
Jessica Anderson, *IT Systems Engineer & Administrator*
Guy Moriwaki, *IT Manager*
Kyle Saucier, *IT Systems Engineer & Administrator*

BOARD COUNSEL:

Kapono Kiakona

BOT STAFF:

Anuheia Diamond
Crayn Akina
Kanani Iaea

GUESTS:

Kimberly Miayshiro, *Kumabe HR*
Marie Kumabe, *Kumabe HR*

I. CALL TO ORDER

BF Chair Waihe'e calls the Joint Committees on Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment and Budget and Finance for Tuesday, September 22, 2026 to order at **8:38 a.m. ([0:20 / 3:51](#))**

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that **PRESENT** are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER 9/22/26 (8:38 a.m.)	AT RECONVENING 9/24/26 (8:38 a.m.)
BF CHAIR	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	PRESENT
BAE CHAIR	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	PRESENT	PRESENT
BAE VICE-CHAIR	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	Arrived at 10:32 a.m.
BF VICE-CHAIR	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	EXCUSED	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	PRESENT	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	EXCUSED	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	C. HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	J. KEONI	SOUZA	Arrived at 11:33 a.m.	PRESENT

At the Call to Order on September 22, 2026, **SIX (6) Trustees are PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to recuse into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5. ([2:40 / 3:51](#))

BF Chair Waihe'e asks if there is anyone signed up to testify on this item.

BF Chair Staff Akina states that no one has signed up to testify on this item.

BF Chair Waihe'e If there's no discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

							3:03 / 3:51
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN	AHUNA			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						EXCUSED
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE						EXCUSED
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA						<i>Not present at time of vote</i>
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6	0	0	3

VOTE: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that SIX (6) members present vote 'AE (YES), and the **MOTION PASSES**.

JOINT BAE-BF Committee moves into Executive Session on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 from 8:40 a.m.- 12:36 p.m.

BF Chair Waihe'e: Ladies and Gentlemen, the Board met in Executive Session to interview prospective candidates for the Administrator/CEO position and the Executive Session will be continued. ([0:26 / 2:28](#))

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to recess and postpone this meeting to Thursday, September 24th at 10:30 a.m. or immediately after the BOT meeting and continue this meeting.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE** on

12:40 p.m.							3:07 / 2:28
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN	AHUNA			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						EXCUSED
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE						EXCUSED
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	1		X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	0	0	2

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e recesses the JOINT BAE-BF meeting at 12:40 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2026

BF Chair Waihe'e reconvenes the continuance of the Joint Committees on Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment and Budget and Finance meeting from Tuesday, September 22, 2026 on Thursday, September 24, 2026 back to order at **10:31 a.m.** ([0:08 / 2:23](#))

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that **PRESENT** are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER 9/22/26 (8:38 a.m.)	AT RECONVENING 9/24/26 (10:31 a.m.)
BF CHAIR	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	PRESENT
BAE CHAIR	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	PRESENT	PRESENT
BAE VICE-CHAIR	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	Arrived at 10:32 a.m.
BF VICE-CHAIR	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	EXCUSED	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	PRESENT	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	EXCUSED	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	C. HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	PRESENT
TRUSTEE	J. KEONI	SOUZA	Arrived at 11:33 a.m.	PRESENT

At the Call to Order, **EIGHT (8) Trustees are PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to recuse into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5. (2:40 / 2:23)

BF Chair Waihe'e asks if there is anyone signed up to testify on this item.

BF Chair Staff Akina states that no one has signed up to testify on this item.

BF Chair Waihe'e If there's no discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

							1:43 / 2:23
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN	AHUNA			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9	0	0	0

VOTE: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that SIX (6) members present vote 'AE (YES), and the **MOTION PASSES**.

JOINT BAE-BF Committee moves into Executive Session on Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 10:32 a.m.- 11:23 a.m.

BF Chair Waihe'e: Letting everyone know that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss the candidates for the OHA CEO Administrator position. The Board voted and selected three candidates to move to the next round of interviews. ([0:00 / 0:45](#))

VI. ADJOURNMENT

BF Chair Waihe'e moves to adjourn the JOINT BAE-BF meeting.

BF Chair Waihe'e If there's any discussion?

There is none.

BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE** on

							0:15 / 0:45
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
BF VICE-CHAIR DAN	AHUNA			X			
BAE VC KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
BF CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9	0	0	0

VOTE: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

BF Chair Waihe'e adjourns the JOINT BAE-BF meeting on September 24, 2026 at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 Melissa Wennihan
 Trustee Aide
 Committee on Budget and Finance

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