

**STATE OF HAWAI'I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200**

**COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT  
MINUTES**

**April 17, 2019 10:00 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairperson John Waihe'e, IV  
Vice-Chairperson Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee  
Trustee C. Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Colette Machado

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

Kamana'opono Crabbe, Ka Pouhana  
Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pou Nui  
Anuheia Patoc, PP  
Jocelyn Doane, PP  
Kamaile Maldonado, PP  
Sabrina Gramberg, PP  
Wayne Tanaka, PP

**EXCUSED:**

Trustee Robert Lindsey

**GUEST:**

'Ilima Kela

**BOT STAFF:**

Alyssa-Marie Kau  
Claudine Calpito  
Crayn Akina  
Lehua Itokazu  
Lei-Ann Durant  
Maria Calderon  
Melissa Wennihan  
Paul Harleman  
Priscilla Nakama  
Zuri Aki

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Waihe'e** calls the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment meeting for Wednesday, April 17, 2019 to order at **10:00 a.m.**

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

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (10:00 a.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
CHAIR	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	
VICE-CHAIR	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	COLETTE	MACHADO	PRESENT	

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

EXCUSED from the BAE Meeting are:

MEMBERS			COMMENT
TRUSTEE	ROBERT	LINDSEY	MEMO – REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

*Chair Waihe'e would like the record to show that some materials were received more recently than 72 hours ago, and that deadline per practice has been duly waived.*

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Akaka moves to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019.

Trustee Ahuna seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion or corrections.

Chair Waihe'e calls for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

						10:01 a.m.	
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA		2	X			
VICE-CHAIR KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	1		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
ROBERT	LINDSEY						EXCUSED
COLETTE	MACHADO			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. 2019 OHA Legislative Package Updates – Matrix 1\*\*†

**Chair Waihe'e** turns it over to Ka Pouhana Kamana'opono Crabbe.

**Ka Pouhana Crabbe** calls on Public Policy Manager Jocelyn Doane to present, as well as Wayne Tanaka, Lead Advocate.

**Public Policy Manager Doane:** Aloha Trustees. We're in the final stretch of this session which I'm super-happy about. Conference Committees should be convening this week and next week, and then the week after that, will be the final floor votes. Sine Die is on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. As it relates to the calendar, *bills* will be having conference committee hearings this week and next week and then *resolutions* will finish their hearings on Thursday; the resolutions need to be decked by Monday.

As it relates to our Budget Bill, the Senate has appointed Conferees; they are Senators: Shimabukuro, Kahele, Kidani, and Favela. The House has not appointed their Conferees yet.

For our Bail Bill, the Senate has appointed Conferees once again and the House has not. They are: Senator Rhoads, Keith-Agaran, Gabbard, and Favela. The other bail bill HB1552 that we're monitoring super-closely has only House Conferees; they are: Representatives Lee, Takayama, Gates, Kong, and McDermott.

Those are the only updates that we have for our package, I will talk about our update on HB402 when we get to the positioning matrix, but the Senate Conferees are: Shimabukuro, English, Kim, and Favela. There are no House Conferees yet.

**Chair Waihe'e:** *Are there any questions on the package members?* Ok hearing none, let's move into **New Business.**

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. 2019 OHA Legislative Positioning – Matrix 2\*\*†

**Chair Waihe'e** turns it back over to Ka Pouhana Kamana'opono Crabbe.

**Ka Pouhana Crabbe** turns it back over to Public Policy Manager Jocelyn Doane, as well as Wayne Tanaka, Lead Advocate.

**Public Policy Manager Doane:** I just wanted to give Trustees a quick update on the status of some of the key bills that we've been talking about that are still moving. HB402 is on Page 4, Item 13; the House hasn't appointed Conferees yet, but we have some House meetings today so that will be the main priority of the meeting. We just got a draft from Everett late, last night for our Conference letter. So, I'll be reviewing those to make sure that it's consistent with the discussion that we had at the table. Basically, our current concern is the language that carves UH out from contributing from the pro-rata share. As of last year, they paid about \$700,000 and as you know they've said over-and-over again that Hawaiians are going to benefit from TMT because they're going to get a percentage of the lease and now they're saying they don't want to give us anything. So, we think that's highly problematic and that would be our number one concern moving forward about the current draft.

Page 11, Item 34 – HB1116; this is the only OHA Election Bill that is still alive. This is the one that would randomize the ballots. So far there have been House Committee Members assigned – Lee, Luke, Morikawa, and Thielen.

The next is regarding the request for OHA to complete the audit; there are four resolutions that are moving and will likely be adopted related to that.

The Lot I Resolution is dead, as we have requested.

The Resolution related to the audit of the LLCs is still alive, it has a hearing tomorrow.

There are three bills that are still alive that we **OPPOSE**.

The first one is on Page 10, Item 30 – HB1025; Conferees have not been assigned to this bill yet, this is related to Lease Extensions. We still have concerns about there being no aggregate cap.

A quick update on the Charter Schools bills, I won't go through each one because it's a simple update. Basically, there is no bill that currently has facilities-funding in it, but there are bills that are going to Conference that previously had facilities-funding in it. So, we're hoping and we're preparing to draft a letter to request that they put it back in. It was the position of the House that they wanted to provide facilities-funding. We're not clear what the position of the Senate is at this point.

The other good things that are still moving are Teacher Bonuses and Incentives. They would come out of a separate line item and NOT the per-pupil funding. There is also still an appropriation moving for support for the existing Pre-K Classrooms in our Charter Schools.

There are two other bills that we **OPPOSE**.

One is related to the Library Pilot Project and the other is related to the Education Pilot Project. The only thing we're objecting to in those bills is the leases beyond 55 years. The library still has the number 99 in it and the school one is blank, at the current moment.

That's the update for today.

**Trustee Akina:** Back to HB1116, *is that Effective Date of 2081 a typo?*

**Public Policy Manager Doane:** No that's not a typo, 2081 would be the Effective Date.

**Trustee Akina:** *Then they attach the Effective Date in Conference?*

**Public Policy Manager Doane:** It would have to be amended for the bill to pass. That means the Senate didn't want the House to move the bill without getting their consent. So, the measure must go to Conference for it to pass. If it doesn't get assigned Conferees or if the date doesn't change, then it will not pass.

**Chair Waihe'e:** *Ok members, is there any discussion or questions about the Positioning Matrix?*

*There are no responses.*

**Chair Waihe'e:** Ok, we don't have any NEW BILLS or BILLS FOR RECONSIDERATION to vote on today, so we will move on with the agenda.

## **VI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS\***

**'Ilima Kela** (National Guard Youth Challenge Academy): Aloha Kākou, mahalo for this opportunity. This wasn't planned, I was in town for work and the opportunity arose that I could come and share about our program to the Board; so, thank you.

We are the National Guard Youth Challenge Academy and we assist youth between 16 & 17 years old that are struggling with school. People think and it has been the case in the past that it's the youth that are troubled or they think that we're a detention facility; we are not. We bring in youth that struggle for many different reasons - some who are being bullied in school, so they don't want to go to school anymore. A big part of our youth are Native Hawaiian and they're struggling academically. So, they tend to either make trouble or they will fade into the background and not be heard, because they don't want to raise their hand or be called on and not know the answer.

We've adopted the military structure and discipline; people think we are molding soldiers, we're not – we're giving them the discipline that they need so that they can be productive. The hope is they come to us for 22 ½ weeks and we provide them a structured-facility-and-environment and they earn their high school diploma; it's an adult education-based diploma. We're working on the HiSET because the Community Based Diploma is no longer accessible. The Federal Government did away with it, because they're saying it's not a High School equivalent. The HiSET is a little higher and we'll need to get a little more structure with their academics, but it will make them better.

Along with the program besides earning their diploma we're providing them with different life-skills that they need. Not all of them will go to college or the military, although we do offer those pathways, but the job force is another thing that we work hard on. We teach them job-skills: how to walk into an interview, how to dress, how to shake a hand; all the little things that a lot of people, some even with degrees don't really know or were never taught. They leave us knowing how to create a résumé and cover letters. We also teach them about leadership and fellowship. We have a Student Body Government, where they have to say a speech and we provide voting booths for them to cast their votes and get sworn in; we try to make it as real as possible for them.

We have a campus here on O’ahu at Kalaeloa and also one in Hilo (I’m representing Hilo). Often, during my outreach, people will ask what the difference is between the programs on each island, we both do great work. The biggest difference is that on Hawai’i Island we have the resources, we give them the opportunity to get their hands dirty in the land. We expose them to these things that they are ma’a too, and those who are not ma’a, get new experiences. We often have kids who come and don’t know who they are, and we try to let them know that as Hawaiians you need to know who you are and where you come from. It’s not a part of our curriculum, but it’s something that I personally try to instill in them. I just want to try to educate as many people about our program as possible, so we can assist the youth.

*The Trustees Mahalo ‘Ilima Kela for her time and information.*

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Machado moves to adjourn the BAE meeting.**

**Trustee Lee seconds the motion.**

**Chair Waihe’e asks if there is any discussion. There is none.**

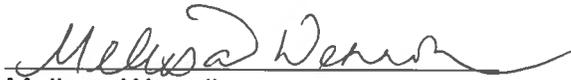
**Chair Waihe’e asks if any members vote NO or ABSTAIN. There are no dissenting votes.**

						10:22 a.m.	
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
VICE-CHAIR KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE		2	X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
ROBERT	LINDSEY						EXCUSED
COLETTE	MACHADO	1		X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
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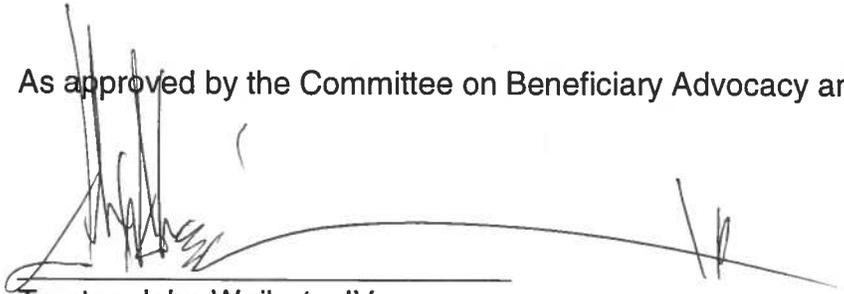
**Chair Waihe’e adjourns the BAE meeting at 10:22 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Wennihan  
Trustee Aide  
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

As approved by the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment on August 21, 2019.



Trustee John Waihe'e, IV  
Chair  
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

ATTACHMENT(s):

None