

**STATE OF HAWAI'I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

December 10, 2020 11:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Vice-Chairperson Leina'ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee
Trustee Keola Lindsey
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

Kurt Klein, Board Counsel

BOT STAFF:

Crayn Akina
Dayna Pa
Melissa Wennihan

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Casey Brown, Ka Pou Nui / COO
Everett Ohta, Corporation Counsel
Kevin Chak, IT
Marc Bantolina, IT
Raina Gushiken, Corporation Counsel
Ramona Hinck, CFO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ka Pouhana Hussey: Aloha Mai kākou Trustees - Sylvia Hussey, Chief Executive Officer / Ka Pouhana / Administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. In accordance with the Board of Trustees Operations Manual, the Administrator has set the first organizing meeting. Administration has filed the agenda and Administration by process will turn it over to Senior Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

Senior Trustee Waihe'e calls the Board of Trustees meeting for Thursday, December 10, 2020 to order at **11:03 a.m.**

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

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (11:03 a.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	KEOLA	LINDSEY	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Senior Trustee Waihe'e turns it over to Ka Pouhana Sylvia Hussey for introductions.

Ka Pouhana Hussey: Thank you trustee. This was just an opportunity, as this is the first organizing meeting for each Trustee to put face and voice to themselves and as we recently had three trustees be administered, the oath of office, this was the opportunity for each Trustee in attendance to be able to introduce themselves.

Trustee Ahu Isa: Aloha, I'm a Trustee At-large, first elected in 2014 and I look forward to working with the new trustees.

Trustee Ahuna: First of all; it's great to see everyone back again and it's great to see our new trustees. Congratulations to Trustee Keola Lindsey and Trustee Luana Alapa; it's a pleasure having you guys on board. My name is Dan Ahuna, I represent the island of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau – this is going on to my third term and I'm very happy to be here and I look forward to moving ahead this year and getting some work done. So, thank you guys all for being here, Mahalo.

Trustee Akaka: Aloha Kakahiaka everyone. It's so nice to be together and such an exciting time with our newly elected Trustees. Congratulations. Congratulations to our returning trustee; Dan Ahuna and also to Luana and Keola; a sincere congratulations to you both as well. This is really, exciting to work with you both going forward. I just want to also thank our administration, our CEO and all our trustees for trying to make this as smooth a transition as we can in these ever-evolving times that we are in; it certainly keeps it exciting. I am truly looking forward to seeing what we can continue and what more we can do for our Hawaiian people. Mahalo.

Trustee Lee: Aloha, I am one of the Trustees At-Large. I want to welcome aboard the newly elected Trustees, Trustee Luana Alapa and Trustee Keola Lindsey as well as welcome back Trustee Ahuna. I look forward to seeing what OHA has planned for the next year coming, given the trying time that we had in 2020 and looking forward to us all moving forward. Mahalo.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey: Aloha Mai Kākou to all our people, especially my Maui people. We are anxious to move on and get started. I want to congratulate our new trustees and congratulate Trustee Ahuna for being re-elected. I'm just so excited that this is the end of a horrible year and hopefully next year is going to be just wonderful. Aloha.

Trustee Keola Lindsey: I'm very humbled and honored to be here today for my first meeting. I am excited to get to work with my fellow trustees and our administration. I know there are people in our community that need OHA now more-than-ever, and I'm excited to get to work and to do good things for our people.

Trustee Alapa: Aloha, I'm honored and blessed to be here and looking forward to meeting in-person, but I know for now it will have to be this way. I'd like to acknowledge the people of Moloka'i, I'm honored to be serving you as your new trustee. I look forward to a wonderful year of service and many years to come after that, but it's all about the people first. Mahalo.

Trustee Waihe'e: Aloha, I am Trustee John Waihe'e, IV, a Trustee At-Large, and I'd also like to welcome our newest trustees Keola Lindsey and Luana Alapa and congratulate our friend and returning colleague Trustee Dan Ahuna. I also look forward to working with everyone and getting started on the business at-hand. With that, we have received quite a few signups for Public Testimony which is next on our agenda.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA*

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: I will review our Public Testimony Guidelines. Public Testimony should be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda and will occur during the Public Testimony portion of the agenda. Once the public testimony section on the agenda has concluded, oral testimony online will no longer be accepted. Your name will be called, and your microphone will be unmuted when it is your turn to testify. If you are not audible, you will be muted, and the next testifier will be called. Your name will be called again before the conclusion of the public testimony section. State your name, organization if applicable, agenda items you are testifying on, and your position on each of the agenda items. If you begin to address other issues not on the meeting agenda, I will call you Out of Order and direct you to limit your testimony to items listed on the agenda.

Oral testimony online will be limited to 5 minutes. A timer will be on the screen to count down the time and a chime will sound when you have 30 seconds left and the second chime when your testimony time expires. Your mic will automatically be muted once you have completed your oral testimony, or if your allotted time for testimony expires. I will now call on staff to call on the list of testifiers.

Senior Aide Crayn Akina: For the record, we wanted to let everybody know that Written testimony was received. Only two were outside of the 24-hour window and that was from Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Komike Kālai'āina testimony and Healani Sonoda-Pale and the other was from Germaine Meyers. There are other written testimony received inside of the 24-hour window from Lu Ann Faborito, Carl Kaupalolo, Malia Marquez, D Green, C Burghardt and Carol Lee Kamekona. The late written testimony will be distributed to all trustees following this meeting. The two written testimonies were already distributed that made the deadline.

We have 10 speakers today and we will call on each speaker in order of how they signed up, we just want to remind everybody to stick to the agenda to avoid any objections from Trustees, Board Counsel, or Administration.

Kamealoha Smith: Aloha, this is Kamealoha Smith from the island of Kaua'i. I was born Patrick Solomon Kamealoha Hanohano Pa Smith, I was raised on homestead land in Anahola and I'm a beneficiary advocate. Professionally I am a licensed teacher K through 12. I currently work for a nonprofit based at the muliwai in Hanalei, Hanalei River Heritage Foundation.

I also work with other community groups providing technical assistance to build capacity of both Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander nonprofits here in East Kaua'i. Today I am here to provide testimony specific to the one agenda item. I'm here to provide support for the election of Trustee Hulu Lindsey as Chair and Lei Ahu Isa as Vice-Chair. I would also like to support some of other recommendations that came through social media and other platforms to support Kalei Akaka and Luana Alapa for a

leadership role on the BAE Committee and John Waihe'e, IV and Keli'i Akina for a leadership role on the Resource Management Committee.

As a beneficiary I am looking for leadership that will bring about opportunities to collaborate, raise the level of professionalism, help to improve interpersonal communications, transparency, accountability, create rules or enforce rules and policies that guide pono behavior and interactions and make clear the rules of engagement between Administration and Trustees. Over the past two years, and even before that, I have seen on video, a few trustees become unhinged, engaged in: yelling, bullying, prolonged rants. Also, using intimidation tactics to discourage beneficiaries from: applying for grants and program services, participating in meetings, and provide testimony at OHA Board Meetings.

I've also seen a few trustees rudely question other trustees and beneficiaries about their "*Hawaiianess*" and their loyalty to the Hawaiian people. We are, as Hawaiians, as Kanaka Maoli so much better than this, and we deserve leadership and leaders who are respectful, follow rules, want to make OHA better and want to improve the lives of beneficiaries. The newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair, along with the Committee Leaders, have a lot of work to do, especially when it comes to improving relations between Beneficiaries, Trustees and Administration. If the people that I put forth are the ones that are elected, I believe they deserve our support, and if elected, I would be one of those beneficiaries that would throw my support behind them 100%.

I also want to encourage Sylvia Hussey and her Administration to also throw their support behind the new leaders. I'm expecting a lot more from Sylvia Hussey and her team. I hope she works with her Senior Managers so that they can work with the Trustees and Beneficiaries fairly-objectively and within the rules and policies of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I think that the same sense of objectivity, being object in fairness should also be extended to beneficiaries. All beneficiaries, ALL BENEFICIARIES, should have the opportunity to benefit from OHA program services. So, when I talk about opportunity, at least we should all be given the same information so we can all be operating on the same page. Best wishes to the new OHA leadership, we pray every day for your health, your success and we all look forward to working with you to lift-up our lāhui during these trying times, Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to share my mana'o.

Germaine Meyers: Aloha trustees, Aloha Ka Pouhana, Legal Counsel, OHA Employees and my fellow beneficiaries. My name is Germaine Meyers, I'm an OHA Beneficiary for Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. I'm also a Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead lessee. Today I provide for you my data, views and arguments concerning today's agenda item.

I've already provided my written testimony with regards to today's agenda. However, I felt it was important that I provide oral testimony as well to emphasize the significance of today's meeting and agenda. As I expressed in my written testimony, I was concerned about Trustee Brendon Lee's message to us in last week's issue of Ka Wai Ola he titled *OHA's New Board*.

As I expressed, I disagree with Trustee Lee's personal opinions and interpretations. These are diminishing our elected Trustees; some of whom are mothers, fathers, teachers of Native Hawaiians, and Hawaiian children. In honor of our constitutional rights, in honor of each registered voter that cast a vote in support of each of you that now sits on OHA's Board of Trustees I extend my Aloha to all of you. Trustees, we cast our votes for each of you in hopes that you will use your God-blessed skills, experiences, and guidance to lead OHA from being an Office of Hidden Affairs into the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Transforming OHA into a beacon of light for Native Hawaiians, Hawaiians, and all citizens of Hawai'i, our Nation, and the World. Trustees, I'm looking at you and believe that each of you are capable of transforming OHA to be the endowment that we, the lāhui deserve.

I believe that you have a clean heart and will make sound decisions that changes the perceptions we have of our OHA trustees. That our trustees are trustworthy. Our trustees are Pono. Our trustees are honest. Our trustees are fair. Our trustees are God-fearing. Our trustees allow God to guide them. Our trustees are protectors, protectors of the trust, and of *OUR* trust.

It is for these reasons I humbly ask that you support the ratification of the pono leadership recommendations made by Trustee Lee in his Ka Wai Ola message. Most especially Trustee Hulu Lindsey for OHA Board Chair and Trustee Lei Ahu Isa for OHA Board Vice Chair. I believe these women along with many of you have the clean heart, skills, and experiences to transform OHA; The Office of Hawaiian Affairs into the endowment that we all deserve. Mahalo.

Healani Sonoda-Pale: Aloha Board of Trustees, this is Healani Sonoda-Pale. Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Komike Kālai'āina is the Ad Hoc Committee of the Nation of Hawai'i, which has been in existence since 1987. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs was established at the 1978 Constitutional Convention and was tasked to hold Title-to-Property and Assets-in-Trust for Native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. According to OHA's 2019 Annual Report - OHA holds Lands and Assets totaling 670 million dollars. Therefore, it is imperative that Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Komike Kālai'āina is the political action arm of the nation; weighing-in on the selection of the next chair of the OHA BOT.

The Chair would have the heavy responsibility of overseeing this trust and ensuring that it is used for the well-being and sole benefit of the Kanaka Maoli people. The first peoples of this land. On November 4th, 2020, our committee sought feedback from the Lāhui regarding who we would want to see as the Chair of the OHA BOT, and it came back overwhelmingly in favor of Trustee Hulu Lindsey. Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Komike Kālai'āina concurs with the results of this poll.

In addition, we recognize lāhui minded leadership qualities in the trustee from Maui.

The committee writes in strong support of Trustee Hulu Lindsey becoming Chair for the following reasons. She stood with our kupuna and kia'i to protect sacred Mauna Kea; even getting arrested on that fateful day, July 17, 2019. Till this very day, she continues to stand with our grassroots Aloha 'Āina, who are protecting our lands, burials, sacred places and traditional way of life. Trustee Hulu Lindsey supports Kanaka Maoli self-determination and consensus building. She voted no - to wasteful spending on Kana'ioluwalu, an initiative to manufacture consent for State determination and stood with the overwhelming, majority of the people who said a'ole to the Department of Interior rule.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey has nearly a decade of experience being an OHA Trustee and has an educational background in Real Estate and Business, skills that are valuable in overseeing a 670-million-dollar Trust.

Last, but not least, Trustee Hulu Lindsey conducts herself with grace and aloha that shows not just strength of character, but Hawaiian cultural depth and understanding. Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Komike Kālai'āina also writes in support of Trustee Leiana'ala Ahu Isa being appointed as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

She's one of the longest sitting trustees who has also shown lāhui minded leadership with her support of Aloha 'Āina and support for protecting Mauna Kea. In addition to my written testimony, I wanted to ask, *are we going to have an agenda item for Community Concerns today?* Because there are things going on that we I would like to testify on that are not on the agenda. Regarding what is happening on Maui and with also concern about the Kipuka website. It was down for a few days, so I just wanted to ask about that as well. Thank you.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: Unfortunately, Community Concerns has not been listed on this agenda. So due to Sunshine Law we will not be able to have those opportunities available today, but we'll probably have it at the next meeting, or you could send us an email and we can do it that way.

Bronson Azama: Aloha Mai Kakou, 'O wau nō Kainoa. 'O Ko'olau ku'u mauna. 'O Keahiakahoe ku'u pu'u. 'O Kalimakele ku'u kahawai. 'O Kawahaokamanō ku'u kai. No He'eia Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu mai au. I would just like to speak to support Carmen Hulu Lindsey for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees. We all know, and I normally do not like to reiterate information that has been presented, but our lāhui is in a real monumental time - and to select Trustee Lindsey, an individual many of us have seen at our side would be a great contribution to continuing our momentum as a people.

She has been an excellent example of leadership in choosing to stand at the side of our people, standing with our kupuna on the Mauna and much more. I'd also like to add that she is an inspiration and an example of leadership for 'ōpio like myself that we cannot get lost in our kulana but, stay true to the kuleana to protect and kia'i our 'āina. I would also like to stand in support of the testimony that was presented prior to me with the Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Komike Kālai'āina as I feel it truly encompassed what many of us in the lāhui feel would be an adequate choice for the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Mahalo nui.

Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito: Aloha and Good Morning everyone. Hi, I am Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito resident of 'āina pulapula Ho'olehua, Moloka'i. I am here to thank you Hulu for eight years served at OHA and bringing her knowledge and experience of land and real property issues to OHA. I am awed by her passion, empathy and sincere Aloha for matters involving our Native Hawaiian community and have witnessed her kia'i spirit at the mauna.

She has proved her desire to do what is pono on behalf of the OHA beneficiaries she represents. On a personal note, we have met at Hawaiian Civic Club conventions and I have learned alongside with her many of the resolutions and matters affecting our lāhui. Sitting at Hawai'i Theatre enjoying the Maui Divas and chatting allows me to see her personal Aloha and glad to allow her to win the silent auction at the Pa'i Foundations Wearable Arts. She has a beat on the Native Hawaiian Community and makes herself available to listen and share something I find very true in her 'ano. I believe she can be a strong foundation, has hard work, and the hard work will not be hampered. Thank you very much. Aloha everyone.

Sherry Cummings: Aloha I am Sherry Cummings from Anahola Kaua'i. Sorry, I am not in a proper place. The nonprofit that I represent is Mālama Anahola. I apologize but I just want to share my Aloha with all the trustees that were voted in. I do ask the indulgence of the trustees that they take into consideration some of us that are not up to par with others, but willing to do the great work.

To keep in mind that, we are, beneficiaries in multiple capacities; willing to do good work. We just want parity and I ask that and bless everybody, that has been voted in. Aloha.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Organization of the Board of Trustees, Election of Officers, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs**

Senior Trustee Waihe'e moves into **New Business**.

Trustee Lee pursuant to HRS §92-7(d) I move that we recess until Friday, December 18th, 2020 at 10:00 AM. to allow the Attorney General's Office to resolve with the Office of Elections Mr. Akina's certification and allow the entire board to have an opportunity to be nominated for the board leadership.

Chair Waihe'e: Ok there's a motion to recess, *is there a second?*

Trustee Ahuna seconds the motion.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion. There is none.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	11:36 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA				X		
DAN	AHUNA		2	X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA				X		
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA				X		
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE	1		X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY				X		
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
(SENIOR TRUSTEE) JOHN	WAIHE'E				X		
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				3	5	0	0

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

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: Ok, the motion does not pass. With that, we will move on to the Organization of the Board of Trustees, Election of Officers, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. We will take nominations from the floor and once we have gotten all the nominations, then, I will have us vote for approval on each one, by voice.

Trustee Lee: Thank you Mr. Chair. **I nominate John Waihe'e, Trustee, At-Large, as Chair of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.**

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: Thank you Trustee Lee. I respect your confidence, but I respectfully decline the nomination. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Trustee Akaka: With that said, **I would like to nominate Trustee Hulu Lindsey as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.**

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: OK, there's a nomination for Trustee Hulu Lindsey. *Are there any other nominations members?*

There are none.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: If there are no other nominations, I can then get a motion to close the nominations.

Trustee Akaka moves to close the Nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Ahu Isa seconds the motion.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion. There is none.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

							11:38 a.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA		2	X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	1		X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE				X		
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
(SENIOR TRUSTEE) JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	1	0	0

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

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: OK members, at this time we will take the vote on Trustee Hulu Lindsey's nomination as she's the only one there. She will be the first one that we vote on. Should she prevail in getting the chairmanship I will turn the meeting over to let her chair the remainder of this meeting.

Trustee Lee: Aloha Trustee Lindsey, we heard from, as well as got testimony from Ka Lāhui Hawai'i in support of your nomination for chair. I'd like to address a few of the points that they've made in their testimony. Their first point on July 17th on Mauna Kea. On July 17th there was a Permitted Interaction Group meeting on Oahu for the Permitted Interaction Group approved by the Board of Trustees for updating of the bylaws for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. You as Trustee from Maui, had been appointed to that Permitted Interaction Group and had notified the Permitted Interaction Group days in advance that you were going to be unable to attend. So, I am curious as to how you are unable to attend your duties as a Trustee, but you were able to make a personal appearance up on Mauna Kea. To point three that they made - that you served nearly a decade and have experience at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and a background that's valuable in overseeing a 670-million-dollar trust. As we as Trustees know, it's the Resource Management Committee that oversees the Native Hawaiian Trust and sits on the Investment Committee. You were the Chair of this Committee for two years, and yet nothing was done to address the Investment Policy that had the Native Hawaiian Trust underperforming the Standard and Poor's average.

Why were OHA's Land Holdings not incorporated to the Native Land Trust portfolio so that our assets would be properly allocated during your term as the Resource Management Chair?

Lastly Trustee Lindsey, you were the contract manager for the CLA audit, yet there were constant delays from requests from CLA under your leadership that later led to the delay of the completion of the audit. Given that as the BOT Chair, you will be the Chief Procurement Officer for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I'm concerned with the history that Ka Lāhui Hawai'i talks about. With regards to the Permitted Interaction Group that I mentioned earlier, this was the second Permitted Interaction Group that you were appointed to by the Chair of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, yet you missed more than half of the meetings. In 2019 you missed a total of six BOT meetings, including the BOT Annual meeting on the Island of Lana'i. It is vitally important that the Chair of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs be present.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: Thank you Trustee Lee. *Members is there any other discussion on the appointment?*

There is none.

Trustee Akaka moves to nominate Carmen Hulu Lindsey as the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Ahu Isa seconds the motion.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e asks if there is any further discussion. There is none.

Senior Trustee Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	11:43 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA		2	X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	1		X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE				X		
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
(SENIOR TRUSTEE) JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	1	0	0

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

Senior Trustee Waihe'e: Congratulations Chair and I will now turn this meeting over to you.

Chair Lindsey: Mahalo Nui for your confidence, I really appreciate it and I'll serve you with the best of heart. Thank you, Trustee Waihee for your leadership as well. We'll move on now to the Vice Chair of the Board.

Trustee Alapa: I'd like to nominate for Vice Chair, Lei Ahu Isa.

Chair Lindsey: Lei Ahu Isa is being nominated, *are there are any other nominations?*

There are none.

Chair Lindsey: *Can I get a motion to close the nominations?*

Trustee Waihe'e moves to close the nominations for Vice-Chair.

Trustee Ahu Isa seconds the motion.

Chairperson Lindsey asks if there is any discussion. There is none.

Chairperson Lindsey calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	11:45 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA		2	X			
DAN	AHUNA					1 – Kanalua; 2 – Kanalua = ABSTAIN	
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE				X		
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E	1		X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6	1	1	0

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

Trustee Lee: Trustee Ahu Isa you have been nominated for the Vice Chair of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. In 2019 alone you missed 22 meetings, that is more than all other eight trustees combined.

As you were the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustee before, you have to understand the importance of that position. *Can we, as the Board of Trustees, expect you to have better attendance in the future as the Vice Chair of the Board?*

Trustee Ahu Isa: I can show you Trustee Lee that I had heart surgery from my cardiologist. I was in Queen's Hospital for five days and then I had to recuperate. So maybe those are the meetings you counted that I missed. I've been here about seven years now, that's what I wanted to explain. E kala mai, I'm sorry I missed it for health reasons. Mahalo Chair, I don't want to go into my private, personal things.

Trustee Alapa moves to nominate Leina'ala Ahu Isa as Vice-Chair.

Trustee Akaka seconds the motion.

Chairperson Lindsey asks if there is any further discussion. There is none.

Chairperson Lindsey calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	11:47 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA					1 – Kanalua; 2 – Kanalua = ABSTAIN	
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		2	X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA	1		X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE				X		
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6	1	1	0

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

Chairperson Lindsey: We're going to move on to the Committees now and at this time I'd like to ask Trustee John Waihe'e, IV if he would be willing to accept the position of the Resource Management Committee Chairperson.

Trustee Waihe'e: I would Madam Chair.

Chairperson Lindsey: Thank you very much. *Is there any discussion?*

Trustee Lee: Trustee Waihe'e you've been a Trustee now for 20 years. According to the Board of Trustees Investment Policy 4.2(h), we as Trustees, are required to attend a minimum of two financial trainings a year. *Can you tell us Trustee Waihe'e over the 20 years - how many financial trainings have you attended?*

Trustee Waihe'e: Maybe 8 or 9.

Trustee Lee: Thank you.

Chairperson Lindsey: I'd like to ask for a ratification vote for the appointment of Trustee Waihe'e to the RM Committee.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	11:51 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE				X		
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	1	0	0

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

Chairperson Lindsey asks Trustee Alapa to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Resource Management Committee.

Trustee Alapa: Yes, I will.

Chairperson Lindsey calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	11:54 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8	0	0	0

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

Chairperson Lindsey: For the Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee I'd like to appoint Kalei Akaka as its chair.

Trustee Lee: Trustee Akaka at the last Board of Trustees Meeting on October 29th you voted not to waive administration's recommendations for their LLCs from the Resource Management to be heard by the Board of Trustees. Your reasoning was that you wanted a chance to interview Administration's choices. All of administration's recommended members were present at the meeting and you could have asked them any question that you wished. The action taken by administration was previously approved by the Board of Trustees to address concerns in both the State Audit from 2018 and the CLA audit.

The Hawai'i State Legislature used Act 37 to put conditions on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs \$3,000,000 in general, funds subject to another State Audit and the State Auditor made it clear that he intended to audit the LLCs. The Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Chair deals a lot with the State Legislature and knowing all the pieces of Office of Hawaiian Affairs funding. I have concerns with a Trustee who delayed addressing audit issues and the implications that it has for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs funding now and in the future. Funding that is supposed to go towards helping our beneficiaries.

Chairperson Lindsey: Thank you Trustee Lee.

Chairperson Lindsey calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	11:55 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE				X		
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	1	0	0

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

Chairperson Lindsey asks Trustee Keola Lindsey to serve as Vice-Chair of the Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment Committee.

Trustee Keola Lindsey agrees to serve as Vice-Chair.

Chairperson Lindsey asks if there is any discussion. There is none.

Chairperson Lindsey calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	11:57 a.m. EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8	0	0	0

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

Chairperson Lindsey: Mahalo, this concludes the election portion of our meeting.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Lindsey: I just have a few comments to make and I beg your indulgence trustees.

I want to Mahalo you for your confidence in electing me as your chair. Unfortunately, we don't have more than six leadership positions, but we will definitely utilize those trustees that are not in leadership positions.

Today we celebrate the dawning of a new effort with the common goal to uplift the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Our commitment is to build trust and cohesion amongst OHA's Board of Trustees so that we may address past disputes with the State and within our agency and communities so that we can begin to face the many challenges as Hawaiians with a strong and unified house.

In September of this year, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs adopted a new Strategic Plan that identifies the Agency's priorities and the framework for their implementation to the year 2035. This strategic initiative included a renewed focus on and commitment to Educational Pathways, Health Outcomes, Quality Housing and Economic Stability. It also expanded OHA's Focus to two new 'Endowment

Strategies' for the management of our peoples' financial and commercial resources and better stewardship of our land-based and natural resources.

As part of our plan to promote Economic Stability, our Board will be focusing on OHA land assets beginning with the development of our lands in Kaka'ako Makai. Our past Boards have developed different approaches to the Master Planning of Kaka'ako. This Board will have the opportunity to analyze and advance the development's financial feasibility and market analysis as the best steps forward in optimizing highest and best use of these prime lands.

Given our State's present economy, which has been adversely impacted by the unprecedented COVID-19 global pandemic, the development of our lands will need to be explored with strategic deliberation. In pursuing these goals, OHA is committed to two things: working with our community to preserve and perpetuate our language, culture, traditions, and identity and increasing community stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources and the restoration of Native Hawaiian cultural sites, landscapes, kulāiwi and traditional food systems.

We will work hard to protect our iwi kupuna, whether at Kumukahi, Kahoma, Makena, the Kahului Sand Dunes and even Kawaiha'o. Today, we are facing many difficult issues. When the OHA Health priorities were identified, no one knew we would be dealing with COVID in the coming year. As this challenge increases, OHA is committed to working with our communities, especially those on neighbor islands, to provide support to Hawaiians in need of food and medical support.

We are capable - of addressing today's realities, but will need the support of our people, our communities on neighbor islands and the State, Legislature, County & Federal Governments.

Better stewardship and protection of our Hawaiian land resources is now a primary goal of OHA. Fulfilling our fiduciary responsibilities requires that OHA Trustees protect traditional and customary rights, increase stewardship of trust lands and continue to defend our lands and waters such as Na Wai 'Eha and the Hanalei River Valley, rivers and ocean resources for future generations. OHA will need to continue in supporting our beneficiaries in all areas of stewardship. The Protect Mauna A Wakea advocacy is a prime example for OHA to shepherd a process to build consensus in the stewardship management & land uses of our sacred ceded land resources; such as Mauna Kea. This is the meaning of *auamo kuleana* for the 'Āina & our people.

Yes, disagreements will arise, they always do, especially where passion and high emotions is the impetus for core and critical issues. But, if we are committed to working with others to resolve these challenges without delay, blame and costly litigation - we will persevere.

As stated by our own Queen, Lili'uokalani, "Never cease to act for fear you may fail." Today we mark the dawning of a new era at OHA, our tasks are great, but our capacity, as a people and 'Ohana, is greater still. Mahalo Ke Akua for calling us to this task. We pray for strength and Aloha so that we will persevere together. We wish our staff, our fellow beneficiaries, all Hawai'i, and my fellow trustees a very, very Merry Christmas. Mele Kalikimaka. Hau'oli makahiki hou. Mahalo again and Aloha.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ahuna moves to adjourn the BOT meeting.

Trustee Akaka seconds the motion.

Chairperson Lindsey asks if there is any discussion. There is none.

Chairperson Lindsey calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

							12:04 p.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA	1		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		2	X			
KELI'I	AKINA						
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE				X		
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	1	0	0

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

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey adjourns the BOT meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

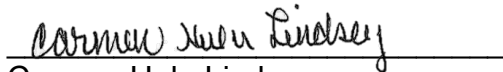
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Melissa Wennihan

Trustee Aide

Senior Trustee John Waihee, IV

As approved by the Board of Trustees on January 14, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carmen Hulu Lindsey", positioned above a horizontal line.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey

Chairperson, Board of Trustees