

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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

September 21, 2026 8:30 a.m.

FULL MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT 09/21/26 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

Crayn Akina
Kanani Iaea
Kingston Seguancia
Mark Watanabe
Melissa Wennihan
Momi Kaaihue
Nathan Takeuchi
Pohailani Kealoha

EXCUSED:

Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee J. Keoni Souza

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Everett Ohta, *General Counsel*
Jessica Anderson, *IT Systems Engineer & Administrator*
Kevin Chak, *Senior IT Systems Engineer & Administrator*

BOARD COUNSEL:

Kapono Kiakona

GUESTS:

Kimberly Miayshiro, *Kumabe HR*
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.

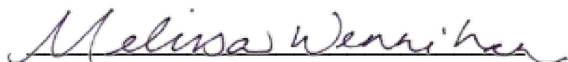
BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE** on

							3:07 / 2:31
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	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

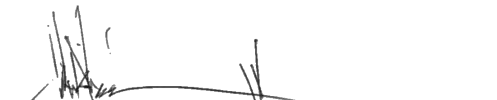
As approved by the JOINT Committees on Beneficiary, Advocacy, and Empowerment and Budget and Finance (BF) on September 30, 2026



Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

Chair

Committee on Beneficiary, Advocacy and
Empowerment



Trustee John Waihe'e IV

Chair

Committee on Budget and Finance