

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 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
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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.

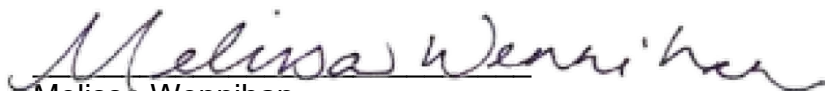
BF Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE** on

							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			X			
	LUANA			X			
BAE CHAIR BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
	KAIALI'I			X			
	CARMEN HULU			X			
	J. KEONI			X			
	BF CHAIR JOHN			X			
	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

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