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**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DATE: Thursday, December 18, 2025**

**TIME: 9:00 A.M.**

**PLACE: Remote Meeting via Interactive Conference Technology**

This meeting will be held virtually and may be viewed live via OHA's website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) or listened to by phone by dialing (213) 338-8477 and entering Webinar ID: 834 2532 0757. Additionally, this meeting can be viewed live on 'Ōlelo Community Media on Channel 54 <https://olelo.org/>. A physical meeting location will be open to the public for those who wish to provide oral testimony or observe the meeting in person at: Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96817.

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- A. April 25, 2024 – O'ahu Island Site Visit Summary-Waimānalo Ahupua'a and Nation of Hawai'i
- B. August 27, 2024
- C. September 20, 2024
- D. September 25, 2024 – Hawai'i Island Site Visit Summary- Waipi'o Valley
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- K. October 19, 2024 – Lāna'i Island Site Visit Summary- Dept. Of Hawaiian Homelands
- L. October 19, 2024 – Lāna'i Island Community and Board Meeting
- M. October 31, 2024
- N. June 30, 2025
- O. September 4, 2025
- P. September 18, 2025
- Q. September 23, 2025
- R. September 23, 2025 – O'ahu Island Community Meeting - Nānākuli
- S. September 27, 2025 – Lāna'i Island Community and Board Meeting
- T. October 16, 2025
- U. October 27, 2025
- V. October 27, 2025 – Emergency Board of Trustees Meeting
- W. October 29, 2025 – Board of Trustees Meeting at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention
- X. November 5, 2025 – Hawai'i Island Site Visit Summary - Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA)

### III. Status of OHA Activities

#### A. Communications

1. Update on the redesign, redevelopment, and launch of OHA.org and *Ka Wai Ola News* by June 30, 2026.
2. Update on the Communications RFP for the 2026 Cross-Platform Mainstream Media Initiative to bring the voices, vision, and values of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Native Hawaiian community to a broader audience across Hawai'i and the diaspora.
3. Update on the one-time purchase of statewide newsstand racks for OHA's monthly print edition of *Ka Wai Ola*.

#### B. Human Resources

1. Update on OHA's position vacancy rate and compliance with the budget proviso to reduce OHA's vacancy rate below 15% and to fill key OHA positions.

#### C. Resource Management – Financial Assets

1. Update on the erroneous \$6,000,000 drawdown from the T-23-901 Public Land Trust Proceeds Account (Summary Warrant Vouchers dated 6/26/24 and 7/15/24) and the subsequent withholding of \$576,609 in Trust Fund Reimbursement to the Department of Accounting & General Services—actions executed by former CFO Ramona Hinck with the approval and authorization of Administrator Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira, and undertaken without BOT notification or approval.

#### D. Interim Administrator

1. Closing Out 2025: Key Highlights, Year-End Summary, and a Look Ahead to Spring 2026

### IV. New Business

#### A. Committee on Investment and Land Management

1. **Action Item ILM #25-16** - Approval of the 2026 Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF) Public Markets Plan. *December 3, 2025*
2. **Action Item ILM #25-17**: Approval to Negotiate Termination of OHA's General Lease S-6074 with the Department of Land and Natural Resources at Wailua, Kawaihau (Puna), Kaua'i, TMK No. (4)4-1-004:02. *December 17, 2025*

#### B. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

1. **BAE Action Item #25-11**: Approval of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' Fall 2025 O'ahu Island Burial Council (Alison-Marie Hufana, Henry Fong, Janis Mark, Kamuela Kala'i, Ke'ili McEvelly), Maui/Lana'i Island Burial Council (John Kahawai'i, Leilani Keli'ikipi), Moloka'i Island Burial Council (Kimberly Kalua), and Kaua'i/Ni'ihau Island Burial Council Nominations (Michael Lyons), Hawai'i Island Burial Council (Warren Kaha'iali'i) *December 3, 2025*

#### C. Committee on Budget and Finance

1. **Action Item BF #25-81 (Revised)**: Approval of the OHA Capital Improvement Project Grant Program Components and Process for the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 OHA Biennium Budget. *December 17, 2025*
2. **Action Item BF #25-101**: Requesting approval to reallocate \$14,500 from the FY26 Personnel and Fringe Budget to fund the December 19, 2025 OHA Staff Development Day and Holiday Gathering at Kualoa Ranch, Kāne'ohe, HI. *December 17, 2025*

#### D. Board of Trustees

1. **Action Item BOT #25-17**: Acceptance of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' Final Report of the Permitted Interaction Group to Investigate Army Training Land Retention Efforts, dated December 4, 2025, and approval of the eight (8) recommendations contained in the Final Report.
2. **Action Item BOT #25-18**: Request to establish a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statute §92-2.5(b)(1)(A), for the purpose of negotiating the official position of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) regarding the U.S. military land leases scheduled to expire between 2028 and 2031 with the United States Army, United States Air Force, United States Navy, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). These leases concern public trust lands identified under Public Law 86-3, Section 5, for which the United States of America, the State of

Hawai'i, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs share legally enforceable responsibilities, including fiduciary obligations to protect the interests of Native Hawaiians.

**3. Action Item BOT #25-19:** Approval of revisions to the OHA Organizational Chart approved as part of the OHA Biennium Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to (1) repurpose one Public Policy Advocate position to an Ocean Policy Advocate position and (2) move supervision of one Senior Executive Assistant position from the OHA Administrator to the Chief Operating Officer.

**4. Action Item BOT #25-20:** Approval of a one-time deadline extension of the Mana i Maui Ola (MiMO) Ad Hoc Committee to complete its remaining deliverables, that includes recommendation(s) for necessary course correction(s) to MiMO, OHA's Strategic Plan, to ensure continued alignment of the Board's strategic priorities with its governance and fiduciary responsibilities by or before February 27, 2026.

**5.** Presentation of the 2026 Schedule for the OHA Board of Trustees and Standing Committee Meetings (Chair Kahele)

**6.** Update on OHA's Public Land Trust Working Group (Chair Emerita Lindsey)

**7.** For Action and Decision Making: Consideration of the OHA Administrator Stacy Ferreira's paid leave status and related staffing matters involving Interim OHA Administrator Summer Sylva.

## **V. Executive Session§**

**A. Legal Matters.** The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to receive updated information, consult with its legal counsel, and take any necessary action regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira v. OHA, Civil No. 1CCV-25-0001822

## **VI. Community Concerns and Celebrations**

## **VII. Announcements**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

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Public Testimony will be called for each agenda item and must be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda. Community Concerns and Celebrations is not limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda. Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92, prohibits Board members from discussing or taking action on matters not listed on the meeting agenda.

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§ Notice: This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to HRS § 92-5.

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- (2) internet access; and
- (3) a microphone to provide oral testimony.

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Oral testimony online or at a physical meeting location will be limited to five (5) minutes. Oral testimony by telephone/landline will not be accepted at this time.



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Trustee Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustee

12/12/2025

Date



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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**O‘ahu Island Site Visit Summary  
Waimānalo Ahupua‘a and Nation of Hawai‘i  
41-1300 Waikupanaha Street  
Waimānalo, HI. 96795**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
April 25, 2024 – 1:00 pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keoni Souza

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Ku‘ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of ‘Oiwī Well-Being  
Luci Meyer, Ancestry Verification Specialist  
Lori Walker, Land Division  
Sandi Stancil, EA  
Lauwae Clayton, EA

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Kauī Waialehua, Trustee Aide  
Calista Mitchell, Trustee Aide  
Anuheā Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Joyce Yang, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Kauī Robello, Trustee Secretary  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Scott Glenn, Governor’s Office  
Sherri Broder  
Bumpy Kanahēle  
Brandon Kaawaawa  
Keli’i Frank, DLNR

**I. Call to Order**

Site visit starts at 1:20 p.m.

**II. Site Visit**

**Waimānalo Ahupua‘a and Nation of Hawai‘i**

*Everyone introduces themselves. Information is shared and No Decisions are made.*

**Summary:**

The trustees met to discuss potential land transfers from the state inventory. Recent conversations guided by Cherokee helped frame the issues under consideration. The group checked in briefly before moving to the core question. They asked whether the community would consider transferring the TMKs currently held in the state inventory.

**Kuike** *summarized.* explains they are part of a working group discussing potential land transfers from state agencies to OHA. Scott serves as the liaison to the Governor’s office, sharing information both up and down the chain. The speaker pauses there and invites additional context before continuing the discussion.

**Scott Glenn** *summarized.* I work for the Governor and Chief of Staff for Wilson, and my title is federal affairs, climate and housing. When this conversation started, when Stacey joined OHA, it was a really exciting moment. Josh Green and Brook Wilson are looking to find opportunities to help bring Hawaiians back to land and to put land in Hawaiians' hands, which was the direction I was given to work with Stacy on places where this could work. It started with unused parcels but quickly included strategic opportunities where land could be stewarded better, and several state agencies showed openness to conversation. Once that started, we dove into TMKs and islands to explore what aligns with the strategic vision of the trustees and what aligns with what is in the best interests of the people of Hawaii.

**Bumpy Kanahale** *summarized.* The Hawaiians were proud but not ready for the work that was about to happen, including receiving our fair share of revenues to help our people. I always believed that OHA was a branch of government for all, not just a piece for our people, and the board and relationships are opening up again. We want to be part of rebuilding that with you folks and will do whatever it takes to make that happen. With collaboration, we’re finding avenues to leverage relationships built over the past 20–30 years, including internationally, to show Hawaiians are present and active. Hawaiians have support abroad, and people want to know more about us, our rights, and our work.

**Summary of Information shared:**

In 1993, Hawaiians experienced scattered communities despite cultural celebrations, which led to organizing families and beginning the cultural occupations. The 15-month occupation culminated in the Apology Law, granting Hawaiians federal rights to lands and enabling self-determination of their future. These efforts have instilled a sense of Kuleana and the importance of restoring ‘āina, governance, and community alignment across generations. Land-based projects provide safe spaces, support for education, and opportunities to engage and teach leadership, demonstrating the productive outcomes when Hawaiians and Hawaiian lands are properly aligned. Ongoing initiatives continue to address housing, mental health, and cultural preservation while fostering community resilience and sustainable stewardship of resources.

They have been managing teams, telling the story of the nation and Hawaii, and establishing international relationships with indigenous tribes, including ratifying three treaties in California and engaging with around 50–60 tribes out of 574 federally recognized tribes. These efforts connect nation to nation, build resources for our people, and leverage relationships outside Hawaii and the U.S., including a five-year MOU with the international tourism body in Malaysia. Regarding land transfers, a 55-year lease covering 45 acres was established in principle in 1993 and finalized in 2001, allowing lands to transfer to a sovereign Hawaiian entity once formed, originally under DLNR and later shifted to the Department of Agriculture. Delays and dead ends in state agency processes highlighted the need for executive action and streamlined authority to advance community development. Despite opposition and challenges, this space has remained valuable, preserving opportunities for self-determination and community progress.

Our communities need hope and belief that they can achieve their goals, and efforts like volunteering and restoring lo‘i terraces empower them while reconnecting people to ‘āina and productive resources. Despite limited relationships with the Department of Agriculture, these lands are already ours as a people under the lease, and we are in a transition stage toward a future Hawaiian nation. We facilitate innovation and community solutions, exemplified by the first community broadband network established in 2019, and continue to develop partnerships that support education, climate resilience, and resource management. Actions are grounded in the Apology Law, providing legal and moral authority to assert rights and guide responsible stewardship. This perspective emphasizes that the health and productivity of upland areas directly impact downstream communities, reinforcing the interconnectedness of governance, land, and people.

**III. Public Testimony**

None

**IV. Announcements**

None

**V. Adjournment**

The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
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**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
August 27, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee Mililani Trask  
Trustee John Waihe'e

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Kēhaulani Pu'u, COO  
Ku'u lei Awo-Chun, Dir of ED. & Cultural  
Base Learning  
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel  
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel  
Hailama Farden, Dir. of Hawaiian Cultural Affairs  
Anuhea Awo-Chun, Dir. of Education  
Sandra Stancil, Exec. Assitant  
Dan Santos, IT  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT

BOT STAFF:

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Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Kyla Hee, Trustee Secretary  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Wailehua, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
Carina Lee, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Dr. Randie Fong, Executive Culture Officer  
Ho'okahua Cultural Vibrancy Group  
Office of the CEO

(1:05 | 10:04 am)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 10:04 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	excused	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	excused	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **seven (7)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

(1:49 | 10:05 am)

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Welcomes everyone to the Board of Trustees meeting and shares that the meeting can be viewed via livestream at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream).

(2:12 | 10:05 am)

**Stacy Ferreira, CEO** Introduces administration staff and Dr. Randie Fong.

(2:44 | 10:06 am)

**New Business**

- A. Action Item BOT #24-04: Cultural Heritage, Education, and Community Exchange Charter and Agreement Between Ra'iātea Municipalities, French Polynesia, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs – presentation by Dr. Randie Kamuela Fong, Executive Culture Officer, Kamehameha Schools\***

**Dr. Randie Fong** *summarized*. The speaker presented to the OHA trustees about ongoing Pacific cultural and educational partnerships, particularly through the AHA Mo Pacific Consortium, established in 2018. This indigenous network connects Kamehameha Schools with 12 partnerships across French Polynesia, Rapanui, Aotearoa, and Alaska. These partnerships emphasize shared cultural knowledge, ancestral navigation techniques, and historic connections across the Pacific. The presentation highlighted the significance of traditional navigation highways, ancestral sites, and historic correspondences between Hawaiian and Tahitian leaders. It also underscored the enduring cultural practices, such as the pahu drum tradition and sacred stone exchanges, which symbolize governance, spiritual connections, and cultural continuity. The speaker emphasized the importance of re-establishing these cultural exchanges, strengthening ties with Pacific communities, and fostering collaborative educational initiatives. Examples of current partnerships with Kamehameha Schools were shared, demonstrating the network's role in maintaining indigenous cultural knowledge and Pacific unity.

The Consortium established partnerships across the Pacific using declarations grounded in kinship and shared Pacific origins, creating non-transactional, goodwill-based agreements. These open-ended partnerships proved more productive than strictly timed, transactional commitments. Since 2008, and despite COVID-19, the Consortium has maintained active cultural, educational, and professional exchanges. The non-transactional approach has enabled all 12 partnerships to remain engaged and active.

**Trustee Souza** How do we add to this partnership?

**Dr. Randie Fong** *summarized.* A key element of the educational mission was shifting the mindset rather than focusing solely on resources. By using new language and imagery, the Consortium reframed understanding of Pacific identity, emphasizing inherent globalness rooted in Hawaiian voyaging heritage. Tahiti, for example, is viewed not as a destination but as part of the homeland, reinforcing a deeper connection to heritage and identity.

(1:0058 | 11:04 am)

**Motion 1:**

**Trustee Waihe‘e** Moves to Review and adopt a Cultural Heritage, Education, and Community Exchange Charter and Agreement Between Ra‘iātea Municipalities, French Polynesia, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (the “Charter and Agreement”);

**Trustee Akina** seconds the motion

<b>Trustee Waihe‘e</b> Moves to						
Review and adopt a Cultural Heritage, Education, and Community Exchange Charter and Agreement Between Ra‘iātea Municipalities, French Polynesia, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (the “Charter and Agreement”);						
<b>Trustee Akina</b> seconds the motion						
Vote taken 11:04 am	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			

<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Seven (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and two (2) excused</b>						

(1:02:21 | 11:05 am)

**Motion 2:**

**Trustee Souza moves to Authorize Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey to sign the Charter and Agreement on behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees.**

**Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.**

<b>Trustee Souza Moves to</b>						
<b>Review and adopt a Cultural Heritage, Education, and Community Exchange Charter and Agreement Between Ra'iatea Municipalities, French Polynesia, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (the "Charter and Agreement");</b>						
<b>Trustee Waihe'e seconds the motion</b>						
Vote taken at 11:05 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Seven (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and two (2) excused</b>						

**Chair Hulu Lindsey Thanks Dr. Randi Fong for his time and presentation.**

(1:04:03 | 11:07 am)

**Community Concerns & Celebrations**

*No one signed up.*

(1:04:24 | 11:07 am)

**Announcement**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Announces that the RM committee has a meeting tomorrow, August 28th and that the next Board of Trustees meeting will be on September 12th.

(1:05:22 | 11:08 am)

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Waihe'e** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Trustee Souza** Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						X
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA						X
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA		X	X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				7			2

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:**

*\*\*all handouts will be attached once the draft minutes are approved by the Board of Trustees.*

1. Powerpoint Presentation: Kealaikahiki

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**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - WORKSHOP  
MINUTES  
September 20, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee Mililani Trask  
Trustee John Waihe'e

ADMINISTRATION:

Kēhaulani Pu'u, COO  
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel  
Ramona Hinck, CFO  
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel  
Ku'ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of 'Oiwi Well-being  
Anuheia Awo-Chun, Dir. of Education  
Poni Askew, Dir. Economics & Business  
Sandra Stancil, Exec. Assitant  
Dan Santos, IT  
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Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
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GUEST:

Paul Quintiliani  
Linda Schatz  
Sam Chung, Board Financial Advisor  
Keali'i Makekau

## Call to Order

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Friday, September 20, 2024 at 10:06 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	excused	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	excused	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	<b>TRASK</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **severn (7)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Welcomes everyone to the Board of Trustees workshop and shares that the workshop can be viewed via livestream [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream). She introduces the following guest; Paul Quitiliani, Linda Schatz, and Sam Chung. She also introduces Kēhau Pu‘u our COO.

**Kēhau Pu‘u** Introduces administration staff in attendance.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** asks if there is anyone signed up to testify ont he next agenda item.

**Board Secretary** There is no one signed up.

(10:09 am)

### Workshop

#### **A. Workshop to discuss the development of a real estate strategy covering investment and non-investment property holdings of OHA**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** As trustees, we are aware OHA has a long standing need for a comprehensive real estate strategy as highlighted in the most recent land audit report. This draft strategy aims to address those needs by establishing clear guidance and parameters that will enable OHA to maximize and optimize its real estate portfolio for the most strategic and highest yielding outcomes. By implementing this strategy, OHA will be better positioned to support the objectives of Mana i Maui Ola and to grow the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund in perpetuity, ensuring that we continue to fulfill our mission and provide lasting benefits for our beneficiaries. This is Part 1 of A2, part presentation by our consultants. There will be no action taken today.

**Paul Quitiliani and Linda Schatz** Aloha Trustees, Linda and I met with the Board of Trustees in April of this year and during that meeting, we furnished the Board with our qualifications, and we also gave a sketch outline of the activities we would be undertaking to develop a real estate strategy for OHA. It's been a few months since we've spoken, so I thought it'd be important to introduce ourselves again and also go through what this project entails and some of the benefits well beyond simple compliance with the internal audit.

Today's session is not the culmination of our work rather, this workshop addresses the findings from our current state evaluation and sets forth the foundations for the desired state as it relates to managing Hawaii real estate. Ultimately, the goal today is to gain consensus from the board on what the desired state should look like. For once there is concurrence on the desired state, we'll be able to continue our investigations and identify those tactics they and strategies that can best achieve those outcomes.



This is a highly collaborative process. We've been working with the executive team and staff to develop what we think are the desired outcomes. It will also require Board of Trustee approval through these workshops. Once we've established those outcomes, we'll vet the strategies again with staff and with the executive team. We will then host another workshop with the Board of Trustees to discuss our strategy recommendations. Ultimately, we will conclude our work and bring forth a final report where we will look for approval of the recommendations.

We want to reintroduce this team to the board. Most of you probably know Linda Schatz through your time in Hawaii. Linda holds a doctorate in architecture from the University of Hawaii, and she has over 25 years of experience working with Hawaii-based developers and landowners on a broad range of projects. I worked with Linda at Kamehameha Schools where she was part of the Kaka'ako team overseeing implementation of the our Kaka'ako plan. Through that association and the projects we worked on, I've learned to value her strategic vision, and she has been essential in bringing that vision for how OHA should organize around its real estate. She also complements our team because she has unique perspectives on how to activate Hakuone, which will be an incredibly important component of any OHA strategy.

For those who don't know me, I'm Paul Quintiliani. I have over 35 years of real estate experience. I've worked as an advisor for Global 1000 companies, real estate operators, private equity funds, investment banks, and family offices. I have also directly overseen strategy and operations for multiple real estate portfolios for both institutional and non-institutional owners.

This includes extensive Hawaii-based experience where I was Senior Director of Commercial Real Estate for Kamehameha Schools from 2003 to 2014. During this time, the endowment group adopted a new real estate strategy under my leadership. This set the course for commercial real estate for the next 10 years at Kamehameha Schools and resulted in significantly enhanced performance. We beat our benchmark, which was the NCREIF NPI benchmark, by over 700 basis points over that 10-year period.

Kamehameha Schools is not the only place where I've done strategy studies. Over the last 10 years, I've conducted multiple strategy studies for family offices and their real estate holdings. This was also a significant part of my advisory practice in the late 1990s and early 2000s when I was employed at a Big 5 consulting firm.



I've done multiple strategy studies for family offices and their real estate holdings, and it was also a significant part of my advisory practice in the late 1990s and early 2000s when I was employed at a Big 5 consulting firm. The project purpose is to develop a real estate strategic plan, and the impetus for this is more than just the March 2023 internal audit.

A well-crafted strategic plan provides the blueprint for all facets of the business, including operating goals, business structure, and performance benchmarks. It also aligns the resources of the company and the actions of the people with the desired outcomes. All of this is with the express purpose of gaining strategic advantages over competitors, thereby boosting efficiency and profitability. So, it's not just about buying property and managing cash flow. A strategy is about buying the right properties that fit within a strategic design that provides competitive advantages and delivers mission-aligned outcomes. Strategy provides clarity of purpose and clarity of action, and that's why we're doing this project.

As mentioned, this is part of a multi-phase project. We're currently in Phase One, which is the Hawai'i Real Estate Tactical Plan. We use the term "tactical plan" to differentiate it from OHA's 2020–2035 strategic plan. You have a strategic plan for the organization; this is a real estate strategic plan, but we call it a tactical plan to ensure there is no confusion when we use that term.

Phase One is where we are today and what we're discussing during this workshop. Once we complete Phase One, we'll move into Phase Two, which is a business model and an operating plan. During this phase, we will make recommendations around people, processes, finance, technology, and governance, all aligned with the strategy recommendations from Phase One.

After completing the second phase, we will move into the third phase, which is policies and procedures, intended to activate day-to-day processes and activities within the context of the new strategy and operational framework. There is a fourth project phase to develop real estate asset plans or management plans for each property. That phase is not within the scope of our work, but it is critical that it be implemented so that asset-specific decisions align with organizational desired outcomes and strategies.

**STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES**

- OHA has an obligation to prudently manage resources including Hawaii lands.
- OHA's real estate strategy should align with its mission and strategic plan.
- OHA's land are owned for both economic and non-economic reasons.
- The primary role for Investment Lands is to generate a total return to meet OHA's spending requirements.
- Protecting and preserving OHA's lands and their cultural significance is a primary ownership objective.
- Both a business plan and investment policy shall be developed as a part of the real estate strategy.
- All investment decisions should be based on proper due diligence.
- All acquisitions and divestments should be reserved for the BOT.

**Defining the Desired State**

As expressed in the Real Estate Vision, Mission, and Strategy Policy (2007) OHA's vision is "to be the real estate partner of choice", and OHA's mission specific to real estate is to "protect and preserve Hawai'i lands and their cultural significance by:

- Bridging the ancient use of lands with future land use patterns
- Advocating for land use and transaction practices and regulations congruent with the Hawaiian Sense of Place
- Creating financially viable Property Involvements

This is the methodology for developing the tactical plan. It's a graphic methodology, but let's jump into these a little bit. In Box 1 we talk about strategic principles, and it represents principles and constraints that might be imposed by law, constraints that might be imposed by your bylaws, as well as thinking already embedded in current policies or the strategic plan where you have established what the organizational directive is.

There are some key documents that provide a great foundation for strategic guidance. Some of those are the 2007 real estate vision, mission, and strategy policy that the board adopted in 2007. There are policy guidelines adopted by the board in 2014. There is also a 2012 Kaka'ako Makai policy, as well as the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund policies. We took all that information, reviewed it, and then began an evaluation of the current state.

We did this through reviewing internal reports. We looked at business plans, reviewed procedure manuals, and looked at financial statements. We had hundreds of hours of interviews with OHA staff. We also interviewed your peer groups. We talked with executives of Kamehameha Schools, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, Queen Emma Land Company, Alexander and Baldwin, the Campbell Company, Hunt Hawai'i, and multiple others probably 20–30 interviews with real estate groups.

We also did secondary research where we looked at industry-leading practices, and then we compiled and documented all of this in a report that we are currently working on using an organizational assessment framework. You've heard this a couple of times, but this is the way we look at everything: we look at people, processes, finance, and technology. Not surprisingly, most of our findings on the current state align with the 2023 internal audit. We have many of the same findings in terms of where there are gaps and things that need to be improved.

The next step for us is to articulate the industry best practices — this is in Box 3 — and define the desired state so that we can see where gaps need to be filled and evaluate the need for change. Ultimately, we selected preferred strategies. Where we are today is trying to achieve consensus on defining the desired state. That is the purpose of today's workshop. No decisions are being requested. It is a two-way conversation, but the intent is to develop those desired outcomes because we cannot develop strategy unless we have agreement on where we want to go and what we want to look like. Otherwise, we will propose strategies that are not consistent with the board's goals.

All of this research looking at the constitution, current policies, and bylaws shows that there are eight key strategic principles already embedded in documents the board has approved or that provide legal boundaries for what you can do. We think it is incumbent upon OHA to prudently manage resources, including Hawai'i lands. We believe that the Hawai'i lands strategy needs to align with the mission and strategic plan for the organization. It has been stated multiple times, and we concur, that OHA lands are owned for both economic and non-economic reasons.

It has been stated in other documents approved by OHA that the primary goal for investment lands is to support mission spending, but that OHA lands are also owned to protect their cultural significance. It has been stated in multiple places, and reiterated in the 2023 internal audit, that a business plan and investment policy must be developed as part of the real estate strategy. All investment decisions should be based on proper due diligence, and ultimately the Board of Trustees should be the only party that approves or does not approve acquisitions and divestments. These are the eight key strategic principles that we need to align with any strategy.

In the current state and again, we use this diagnostic model as an organizational assessment framework we found several things. This is not an inclusive list; these are the items we wanted to call out for the workshop today. We think it is important to note that OHA has not approved a real estate strategy. OHA has not approved a business model, nor has it adopted an asset allocation or an investment policy, even though these are required under current policies.

We note that Hawai'i real estate (HRES, Hawai'i Real Estate) is presently excluded from trust fund reporting and not included when determining spending or measuring investment performance.

We note that if Hawai'i lands only the investment lands were included in the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund, depending on the value ascribed to Hakuone, Hawai'i real estate would be between 10 and 28% of all investment assets owned by OHA.

We found that there are no total return computations for the investment lands, but we have done some back-of-the-napkin assessments, and it is obvious without a doubt that Hawai'i real estate is not achieving anything close to a 5% annual real rate of return. The returns on the portfolio since inception may actually be negative. There is no conceptual master plan or management plan for Kaka'ako, and we think this is one of the primary reasons that decision-making has been suboptimal.

A case could be made for executing a more aggressive real estate strategy, but OHA does not have the people internally to execute that strategy. OHA is also understaffed, particularly as it relates to Hakuone. By comparison, Kamehameha Schools had a team of four people executing its Kaka'ako master plan, and Howard Hughes has a team of more than 10.

OHA's compensation structure is not going to allow you to hire the kinds of people needed to execute a more aggressive strategy. There is minimal upward reporting, which means the Board of Trustees and executives do not have a clear understanding of real estate performance for both the investment lands and the legacy lands.

The legacy lands have something called a comprehensive management plan. We have reviewed those. They are 250 pages long, cumbersome, and not goal-focused tools that help manage lands efficiently. There are no standardized benchmarks for legacy lands to measure performance, and for both the legacy lands and the investment lands, there is not a rigorous internal discipline for risk management.

Where do we want to be? As I mentioned, the 2007 real estate vision, mission, and strategy policy probably provides the best foundational guidance on what the desired state should look like. There are two key concepts they presented: one is to be the real estate partner of choice, and the other is to protect and preserve Hawai'i lands and their cultural significance.

It goes on further to say that OHA can do that by bridging the ancient use of lands with future land-use patterns, advocating for land-use and transaction practices congruent with a Hawaiian sense of place, and ensuring that investments are financially viable. All of these made sense. Adopting best practices for asset allocation, investment standards, management, maintaining properties, and identifying the types of properties to invest in, as well as balancing cultural and economic priorities, was also emphasized. It talked about expanding the portfolio beyond ceded lands through collaborations, relationships, and partnerships.

It talked about seeking decision-making influence over all of Hawai'i's lands. It set forth an aspirational goal to have a superior organization and infrastructure. It talked about wanting to have a world-class standard for the internal operations of Hawai'i real estate management, and again, to build a strong financial foundation for all property involvements. These were all stated in 2007, and they remain incredibly relevant today.

It is also important that in 2014, most of these goals were reconfirmed when the Committee on Land and Property adopted their policy guidelines.

So what does that look like when we talk about the desired state? First and foremost, the desired state looks a little different for investment lands than for the legacy lands. We broke these into desired outcomes for investment lands and desired outcomes for legacy lands.

We will start first with the investment lands. The first is that we need a performance benchmark, and we want to beat that benchmark on a 3-, 5-, and 10-year basis.

The image contains four informational slides arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each slide features a background image of a tropical landscape with palm trees and a body of water. The top-left slide is titled 'Defining the Desired State' and lists several tactics for achieving OHA's vision. The top-right slide is titled 'Desired Outcomes Investment Lands' and lists three outcomes: exceeding performance benchmarks, including investment lands in the NHTF, and aligning real estate investments. The bottom-left slide is also titled 'Desired Outcomes Investment Lands' and lists three outcomes: adopting an asset allocation policy, a real estate investment policy, and improving upward financial reporting. The bottom-right slide is titled 'Desired Outcomes Investment Lands' and lists three outcomes: enacting stewardship practices, expanding non-financial outcomes, and implementing plan-driven management.

**Defining the Desired State**

OHA enumerated a number of tactics to achieve the stated vision and mission in the 2007 policy, including the following:

- Adopt real estate best practices related to real estate allocation, investment standards, management, property standards, types of property involvements, and balancing of cultural and economic priorities.
- Expand of portfolio beyond ceded lands, including through new collaborations and relationships.
- Seek decision making influence over all land in Hawai'i.
- Establish superior organization and infrastructure.
- Build a strong financial foundation for property involvements.

These goals were largely confirmed in 2014 when the Committee on Land and Property adopted their policy guidelines.

**Desired Outcomes Investment Lands**

- Exceed performance benchmark returns for Investment Lands on a 3-, 5- and 10-year basis.
- Include Investment Lands in the NHTF for calculation of organizational spending and measuring performance returns.
- Align real estate investments to support the obligations and distribution requirements of the organization.
- Unlock embedded value of Hakuone to expand available resources for the organization.

**Desired Outcomes Investment Lands**

- Adopt an **asset allocation policy** for Investment Lands that establishes a target range as a percentage of the NHTF.
- Adopt a **real estate investment policy** that allows for timely and efficient decision making when presented new Investment Land opportunities.
- **Improve upward financial reporting** for Investment Lands that summarizes key performance metrics for executive leadership and the BOT.

**Desired Outcomes Investment Lands**

- Enact **stewardship practices for Investment Lands** that are aligned with best practices and OHA's core values, including management of potential environmental hazards, protection of iwi kupuna, and maintenance standards.
- Expand **non-financial outcomes on Investment Lands** that align with the desired outcomes set forth in the 2020-2035 Strategic Plan without sacrificing financial performance.
- **Implement plan driven management** by preparing and periodically updating Asset Plans for each investment property.

We manage for the long term. Another desired outcome is to include the investment lands in the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund. It is an investment. It should be in the trust fund, and there are policies that dictate that this is where it belongs. We should make that decision and just do it. Real estate investments should align with and support the obligations and distribution requirements of the organization. That is a lot of words. It means that real estate should support mission spending for OHA.

Another desired outcome, and I think this one is huge, is that we need to unlock the embedded value in Hakuone. No matter what you think Hakuone is worth whether it is worth \$200 million, which is the exchange value at which it was received, or whether it is worth something less based on recent appraisals it is generating a fraction of what it should generate relative to its intrinsic value. We need to get that value unlocked either through additional cash flow or by figuring out ways to monetize that value, either through sales or ground leases.

The organization needs to adopt an asset allocation policy where there is a limit on investment lands as a percent of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund. The organization needs to adopt an investment policy, and that is going to be part of what we do in phase three of this assignment when we develop new policies and procedures. OHA needs to do a better job of providing upward financial reports so that executive leadership and the Board of Trustees can understand the performance of real estate and make strategic and tactical decisions about whether they want to add to or reduce that allocation based on historic performance.

We want to enact stewardship practices for investment lands, and some of the ideas we have here include managing environmental hazards and protecting iwi kupauna but basically adopting a stewardship mindset for the urban environment and the built environment. We talk a lot about stewardship on legacy lands. We can do the

same things with investment lands. In addition to that, there is an opportunity to expand non-financial outcomes on the investment lands that align with the strategic plan, but we should do that without sacrificing financial performance.

It was great to see Poni here because when we were at Kamehameha Schools, bringing her to do Eat the Street hit on a lot of our goals because she was a Native Hawaiian supporting businesses, activating our lands, and providing opportunities for other Native Hawaiian businesses to try out their concepts. Those are the kinds of things that we could look to do on investment lands.

Another desired outcome is to have plan-driven management by preparing and periodically updating asset plans for each investment asset. And then the last two are to improve operational efficiency and to identify and mitigate risks. If we did all those things, hopefully there is agreement that these sound like the right desired outcomes for the investment land portion of the portfolio. We will talk about that when we finish here.

We are almost done. On the legacy lands, a really important desired outcome is to establish a clear budget policy reflecting OHA's land stewardship and program commitments. Currently, there is not a clear policy on how much OHA wants to commit and spend toward legacy land stewardship activities. I believe that we should define that in some percentage of either our spending budget or some percentage of the funds that come out of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund.

We want to expand outcomes on the legacy lands that align with the strategic plan. We want to prepare and periodically update management plans. We have added some language about what should be in those management plans, such as baseline conditions, cultural and stewardship goals, and risk-management strategies. But we need to streamline these. We need to go from 250 pages down to something that is manageable.

We need to adopt performance metrics for the legacy lands and report on those quarterly, so that you can understand whether progress is being made against the goals of each parcel that was acquired by OHA. We want to develop monitoring protocols so that sites are looked at periodically and there is compliance by those who are handling the day-to-day stewardship. But there is also performance reporting, and we can measure progress against the management plan.

A lot of this work is being done already. It is just about doing it better. Engaging with the Native Hawaiian community is also being done; we just want to do it better and find more ways to connect local communities with the land and have them assume kuleana, in some cases, for the actual stewardship occurring on site. And then we want to adopt or improve operational efficiency.



**Desired Outcomes**  
**Legacy Lands**

Develop a **clear budget policy** reflecting OHA's land stewardship and program development commitments, including a policy for funding operating costs, near-term and long-term capital, and unexpected expenditures.

Expand **outcomes on Legacy Lands** that align with the desired outcomes set forth in the 2020-2035 Strategic Plan.



**Desired Outcomes**  
**Legacy Lands**

Prepare and periodically update **Management Plans** for each Legacy Land holding documenting a) **baseline property conditions**, b) **cultural and environmental stewardship goals** that promote the interests of OHA's beneficiaries and the public interest, and c) **risk management strategies** addressing rockfall, wildfire, invasion species, uncontrolled access, or any other property specific risks.

Adopt **performance metrics** for each asset and report on progress quarterly.

And finally, we want to adopt a specific acquisition policy for future legacy lands and make sure that what we are acquiring, taking title to, or taking over ownership or management responsibilities for, aligns with the strategic outcomes that are being desired.

So again, there was a lot of talking. I appreciate your patience as we went through that. We want to hear from the Board whether these desired outcomes are ones where we have consensus, whether we need to refine them, add something, or remove something.

Once we achieve that consensus, we will be able to complete the rest of our project and come back to another workshop where we recommend specific strategies. Thank you.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Paul, I believe we do have a Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Policy on investments. It passed its first reading on August 5, 2021.

**Pau Quintiliani** You do, correct. What we're suggesting is that land should be part of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund, not that the policy needs to be adjusted.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Thank you for clarifying.

**Trustee Trask** Thank you for the presentation. I wanted to ask a few questions because a while back, when we were looking at our property in the Kakaako development, one of the things we had looked at was trying to take it step by step. When this was set on the calendar, I went back to see when OHA had posted the RFP for the real estate tactical plan and strategy. I could not find it. I see your work product here, but I wanted to know what you are responding to. Are you responding to an RFP? From what Paul is saying, there are several stages we are expecting, but I could not find anything that showed me in the last three years that you were retained to do a real estate tactical plan. I looked for an RFP. Are you responding to one?

**Pau Quintiliani** We were retained directly through Peninsula Real Estate. We didn't respond to an RFP. I would defer that to Chair or the COO.

**Trustee Trask** Can you give me the date on that?

**Pau Quintiliani** July 1, 2024.

**Trustee Trask** Were you aware that Vijoy Chattergy is under contract with us now and he's also recommending policies? Have you looked at his recommendations?

**Pau Quintiliani** I've spoken with Vijoy and I've seen the proposed changes to the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund policy.

**Linda Schatz** Our focus is primarily on the Hawaii real estate component and not necessarily the trust fund itself.

**Trustee Trask** I had some questions also about your graphic because when I looked at the graphic and I compared it with the data that came from you on SOP 5, this is nothing we're looking at today, but the SOP 5 was much more substantive. One of the suggestions I had from that was it may be possible to aggregate development and titles because, as you know, we have several parcels in Kakaako. I wanted to ask you if that's

still something you would recommend so that if we have height limitations on four parcels—I'm leaving out the Wharf ones, is it possible to aggregate it?

**Paui Quintiliani** The scope of work for this assignment that we're on today is not to develop a master plan for Kakaako; it's to develop an overall strategic plan for owning, investing in, and managing real estate. So, we're not looking at all the options around Kakaako. We could do that, but that's not what this scope of work is.

(10:52 am)

*Trustee Souza call for a point of order as the discussion taking place has nothing to do with the agenda item. Chair Hulu Lindsey calls upon Everett Ohta to explain how Paul and Linda were secured.*

**Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel** The work of Peregrine Realty Partners, Paul Quintiliani, and Linda Schatz was being brought to OHA as a subcontract under Peninsula Real Estate Partners. Principal is Sam Chung, who is also joining us today. As previously stated, this is allowable work as a subcontract under OHA's contract with Peninsula Real Estate Partners, which is the Board's consultant on real estate matters. This work being put before the board today relates to the overall strategy regarding real estate that OHA is moving towards. It is also an area that was identified as needing improvement under the past state audit. This work is being developed to be presented at a later time to the Board. At this point, as provided in the presentation, the subcontractor consultants are providing these principles of real estate for the Board's review to get an initial sense of the Board's direction and whether to proceed with the formal drafting of policies and procedures.

**Trustee Trask** Everett, have you compared this with the recommendations we're also getting on the policy side from Vijoy?

**Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel** There are not policies currently before the board for consideration. My understanding is that the Peregrine Realty Partners consultants are aware of the ongoing work from Vijoy Chatterjee's group to look at the investment-side policies and potential revisions. At this point, this is meant to be the overarching strategy looking at OHA real estate. There will need to be some consideration of how those two policies would interact, but at this point, it is still preliminary work being presented to the board today.

**Trustee Souza** There's a 2007 investment policy, which I haven't seen as a trustee. I'm not sure who saw it. Was this policy ever revised? I know in 2014 it shows that there was a Committee on Land and Property from your findings. Is that still a standing committee to your knowledge?

**Paui Quintiliani** The 2007 real estate vision, mission, and strategy policy, to the best of my knowledge, has not been updated. As far as the 2014 Committee on Land guidelines, that committee is now the Resource Management Committee.

**Trustee Souza** Slide deck 7, I believe it is. It says that there's no current master plan for Hakuone, right?

**Paui Quintiliani** That is correct.

**Trustee Souza** I know we spent about 4.7 mil give or take to receive master plans for Hakuone, you don't have to confirm.

**Paui Quintiliani** There's been studies.

**Trustee Souza** And those are not considered master plans?

**Paui Quintiliani** Not one that is executable. I say that because the earlier master plans included residential aspects that wouldn't be allowed under entitlements today. Just for background trustee, we being Linda and myself were involved in a study in 2022. Looking at a financial plan for Hakuone and in that analysis that we performed, we looked at development schemes with and without residential. But it wasn't a master plan in the sense that that others might think of a master plan where you, you know, you've got specific goals that you're trying to hit, timelines, development budgets, things like that. It was more of a financial plan to look at the benefits and risks of trying to achieve residential zoning on the Makai side.

**Trustee Souza** In this presentation, are we proposing to create a new master plan?

**Paui Quintiliani** I think that what we've said is that the desired outcome today that we put on the table is that we need to unlock value in Hakuone. When we get to the selected strategies, which will be in the next workshop that we present to you, we'll talk about some ideas about how that could be achieved for Hakuone. And it could be doing another master plan; there could be other alternatives to that, but that will be at a future point where we'll discuss those recommendations.

**Trustee Souza** To be clear this covers all of our Real Estate including Iwilei?

**Paui Quintiliani** Correct. Our, our strategy is going to cover your for investment land properties, Hakuone, Iwilei Harbor shops and and Na Lāma Kukui and then it's going to incorporate all of the legacy lands as well.

**Trustee Souza** You mentioned earlier about the real estate component being attached to the policy that we were discussing, the investment policy with Vijoy. So is it going to be a collective effort? I know his team has already been discussing certain things to implement, but is it going to be an investment in totality with our investment into the market as well as our real estate investments?

**Paui Quintiliani** I can't answer that definitively today because I need to go back to Vijoy and Ryan Lee and discuss where we're coming in with our recommendations and see if we incorporate that into their policy or whether it's a stand-alone policy. But I know what's in their policy, and I think real estate could be stand-alone and still integrate well with their policy, or we could take portions of it and integrate it into their policy. But it wouldn't make sense for all of the investment land strategies to be integrated into a Native Hawaiian Trust Fund policy because the policy is the policy, and the strategy is stand-alone.

**Trustee Ahuna** Thank you to Linda and Paul for this conversation. I've always emphasized oversight and how we manage, and I think today's workshop on commercial real estate, strategy, and management is very important. It all starts with what I like about today: it depends on what we want the outcome to be, and that was very important for me to understand.

As I was reading through and going over this presentation, it reads very generalized but is headed in the right direction. So I'm very happy, and I like that they are finally considering an intentional percentage on the land portion of the total valuation of the portfolio. The reason I'm saying this is because then we know how to use the land. We have to know the outcomes of the land before we can set criteria and determine how much we want to measure in return.

But the question I wanted to discuss is the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund: those lands are different, and how are we going to value them? I say this because it gets complicated—I would lean toward the lowest valuation. How can it sustain all operations and grants, given the differences between the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund and the

real estate strategy that we're implementing? We need to learn more about the differences in both of these and how we are going to manage both types of investments.

**Paui Quintiliani** We see in OHA's collective holdings of Hawaii real estate that there are lands we call investment lands and lands we call legacy lands. The legacy lands are owned for environmental and cultural benefits and may have programmatic uses, such as charter schools or, in the case of Waialua Courthouse, a community space. We are not advocating that legacy lands be included in the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund. These lands should be held outside the Trust Fund and would never be included in determining trust spending.

The investment lands, however, are held for investment purposes. In all the policies we have seen, their primary objective should be to support mission spending for OHA. We believe these lands should be part of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund for the determination of investment performance as well as the calculation of organizational spending.

**Trustee Ahuna** I like that. That will determine if we are going to set long-term goals and short-term goals because we will understand the valuation and how to create the financial income, right?

**Paui Quintiliani** That's right. We will be measuring it regularly to ensure that the performance that was promised is the performance that is achieved.

**Trustee Ahuna** My whole concern is that the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund, as you just made clear, is very different from our real estate lands. The reason I mention this is that I'm looking for a low valuation of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund, just so we know how much we still need to acquire for our operational budgets. I like that approach; I just want to make sure that this all gets implemented in some type of policy. I also appreciate the workshop we're having to at least understand how we manage our real estate and the trust lands. Thank you so much, you guys.

**Trustee Waihe'e** I just wanted to say, because I'm not sure how we're proceeding or if we're taking a motion, that I don't have any objections to proceeding with any of the recommendations in this report, and I don't have any additional suggestions to add.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Thank you Trustee, no action will be taken today. The recommendations are going to come from our consultants and that's when we should consider where we want to be and the action item that they're going to propose.

**Paui Quintiliani** Yeah. I think the next one we'll do again is a workshop probably without recommendations, and then we would take the feedback from that workshop, finalize the recommendations, and come forward with a final document.

**Trustee Ahuna** There's a desired use of lands, and I know for different lands we might take the entire land, but some we might take it in pieces. So will we be talking about that kind of desired outcome on land as well?

**Paui Quintiliani** In phase one, which is where we are today, it's a tactical plan and this is more global, more high level about what we want to, you know, what are the strategies that we're going to employ to optimize returns, financial and non-financial, from the portfolio. Then in phase two, we're going to talk about what kind of structure you need in terms of people, processes, and technology to execute against those strategies. In phase three, we do the policies and procedures. The actual property-level recommendations would happen in that fourth phase, where their people are then performing asset plans or management plans for individual parcels.

**Trustee Alapa** It sounds like it's going to cost money, obviously, especially in hiring folks who are well versed. My question is going to be for you. I want to understand how we're going to be able to make up for the difference in the way in which we're going to hire and optimize our staffing for our real estate, or is it not going to be through Paul and Linda?

**Paui Quintiliani** There are a couple of ways. One option, Trustee Lapa, is that you could modify your strategy so that it's less complex and can be executed with the people that you have. Another is to say, no, we want a more complex strategy because we think it's more robust, but we're going to execute that strategy with a joint venture partner. Another option may be to say, no, we don't want a joint venture partner because we don't think that their values will align with us, but we still want to execute a more complex strategy. We need to think about a different governance and maybe use of a subsidiary.

There are lots of ways we can get to the same place. It all depends on what we're trying to achieve, and those are the kinds of recommendations at the next workshop that we'll have vetted and can talk to you more definitively about.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Paul, please give us a closing statement for today.

**Paui Quintiliani** I would just go back and end where we started, which was the goal today for us: to see if there was consensus around the desired state that we put out there. We listed a number of desired state outcomes for the investment lands and the legacy lands. I appreciate all the conversations here. Is there any trustee that feels they want to comment on those desired outcomes, that they need to be amended in a material way, or can we take those desired outcomes and start to run with them so that we can complete the first phase of this assignment?

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** If there's nothing more to add, I'd like to make an announcement that next week we will be on Hawaii Island for our community and board meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, at 6:00 in the evening on Wednesday and 9:30 in the morning on Thursday. Trustees, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

### **Announcement**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** announces Hawai'i Island community and Board of Trustees meeting happening next week on Hawai'i Island. September 25 and 26.

(11:13 pm)

### **Adjournment**

**Trustee Ahuna** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	X		X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						X
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA						X
J. KEONI	SOUZA		X	X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			Logged of at 11:12 am
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY						
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>6</b>			<b>2</b>

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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 Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:**

*\*\*all handouts will be attached once the draft minutes are approved by the Board of Trustees.*

**DRAFT**

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Hawai‘i Island Site Visit Summary  
Waipi‘o Valley**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
September 25, 2024 – 11:00 am**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Mililani Trask  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Ku‘ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of ‘Oiwī Well-Being  
Luci Meyer, Genealogy Ancestry Specialist  
Poni Askew, Dir. of Economic and Bus. Resilience  
S&I  
Josh Koh, COMMS

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Siera, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Anuheha Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Mele Moniz, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Kauī Robello, Trustee Secretary  
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Calista Mitchell, Trustee Aide  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Kūlia Tolentino-Potter

**I. Call to Order**

Site visit starts at 11:16 a.m.

**II. Site Visit**

**Pōhāhā I Kalani**

The speaker describes community-led improvements to a county open space, including clearing abandoned vehicles, stabilizing soil, building safer fencing, and preparing cultural areas such as traditional hale sites. They highlight ongoing partnerships with schools and families, acknowledge named sections honoring community members, and explain their intent to help visitors shift mindset and experience the restoration work their support has made possible. They also noted recent program funding and continued restoration of nearly 2,200 acres.

The speaker explains the history of a structure originally intended as a bar and restaurant, built with river rock and unique materials, later abandoned and returned to Bishop Museum for educational purposes after community and cultural concerns arose. They describe ongoing efforts to restore the area, share cultural stories tied to the landscape, and note the heavy stewardship responsibilities they and a small team have taken on, including leaving their teaching jobs to prevent potential landslide risks.

She recounts the history and cultural significance of a site with numerous burials, including Chinese and Kanaka ancestors, emphasizing the need for respect and careful stewardship. They describe community efforts to preserve and maintain the area, including family involvement and educational activities with students, while noting encounters that reveal the space's living cultural presence. Visitors are advised to remain mindful and avoid disturbing sacred areas, particularly around the cliffside and tea house.

The history of a river-rock structure originally intended as a bar and restaurant, later abandoned and returned to Bishop Museum for educational use due to cultural concerns and community opposition. They outline ongoing restoration efforts, cultural stories tied to Hi'ilawe and surrounding sites, and the stewardship responsibilities they and their small team carry, including leaving their teaching jobs to address serious landslide risks. They note the limited resources, the scale of the work, and their continued commitment to protecting the area.



**III. Public Testimony**  
None

**IV. Announcements**  
None

**V. Adjournment**  
The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments: \*all excused memos and handouts will be attached to summary once approved

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(In-person meeting)

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This meeting can be viewed at: [https://youtu.be/4pcgGEauu\\_E?si=3vJxdicRUREZfygW](https://youtu.be/4pcgGEauu_E?si=3vJxdicRUREZfygW)

**Minutes of the  
HAWAI‘I ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 25, 2024  
6:30 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe‘e  
Trustee Mililani Trask

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Base Learning  
Hailama Farden, Sr. Dir. Hawaiian Cultural Affairs  
Naiwi Wurdeman, Board Counsel  
Ku‘ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of ‘Oiwi Well-Being &  
‘Āina Momona  
Kelli Soileau, Communications  
Joshua Koh, Digital  
Kevin Chak, IT Mngr.  
Luci Meyers, Genealogy Ancestry Specialist  
Ilima Kela, Interim BSA Mngr.  
Parker Spencer, Strategy Consultant  
Kealoha Pisciotta, Public Policy Advocate  
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Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Secretary  
Kauai Wailehua, Trustee Aide  
Calista Mitchell, Trustee Secretary

GUEST:

Hans Mortensen  
Uilani Naipo  
Iokepa Kaeo-Kaolulo  
Rowena Akana  
Chelle Pahinui  
Kaleihau Kamauu  
Tupai Hapai

(2:07 | 6:35 pm)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Hawai‘i Island Community Meeting to order for Wednesday, September 25th at 6:35 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	Excused	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
			8	

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

(4:33 video)

**Introductions**

*Trustees introduce themselves and their staff.*

*Stacy Ferreira introduces administrative staff attending.*

(21:24 video)

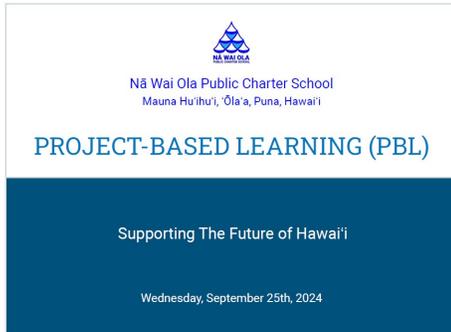
**Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana/CEO’s Kaua‘i Island Community Report and Update on OHA’s activities.**

**Stacy Ferreira, CEO summarized.** The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) currently supports 37 active grantees on Hawaii Island, providing \$16 million in services, with 21 grantees focused exclusively on the island. OHA also manages 70 active Native Hawaiian revolving loan and consumer microloan programs on Hawaii Island, totaling \$17 million in loans to beneficiaries. The agency remains committed to the protection, restoration, and repatriation of native Hawaiian kūpuna and upholding its kuleana in selecting nominees for Island Burial Councils. Qualified applicants, vetted by OHA, are submitted to the governor for approval, with representatives chosen for their knowledge of native Hawaiian culture, history, and burial practices. Applications to fill current vacancies on Hawaii Island councils, including Kona, Kohala, and landowner/developer positions, will be available on OHA’s website starting Tuesday, October 1.

(23:57 video)

## Community Presentations

### A. Nā Wai Ola Public Charter School – Kapua Francisco, Po‘o Kumu, Director/ Principal



Na Wai Ola Public Charter School in Upper Puna, a Hawaiian culture-based public charter school serving students from diverse backgrounds, including those experiencing generational trauma and high poverty. The school emphasizes project-based learning across Hawaiian cultural, agricultural, and environmental practices, with students engaging in hands-on experiences from 'Uka to Kī and Kai levels. Staff serve as guides on the side, fostering student-driven education, self-identity, and connection to Hawaiian culture and place. Na Wai Ola provides comprehensive support, including free meals, transportation, and resources for all students, and has expanded its campus to a 10-acre site in Ola'a for its Mahi program. The school operates as an 'ohana, integrating love, care, and life skills into daily learning to prepare students as future leaders.

Na Wai Ola Public Charter School focuses on Mahi, sustainability, and food sovereignty, teaching students to apply academic learning to real-life skills, including growing, gathering, and preparing food. The school adapts instruction to how each student learns best, often using hands-on, outdoor, and culturally relevant experiences rather than traditional classroom methods. Each grade level engages in ahupua'a-based projects, exploring native plants, agriculture, insects, and water resources to connect students with Hawaiian traditions and environmental stewardship. Students learn practical life skills, healthy eating, and cultural practices, fostering independence, resilience, and self-sufficiency. Through this approach, the school nurtures strong character, community responsibility, and a deep connection to Hawaiian culture and place.

Na Wai Ola Public Charter School emphasizes a philosophy of aloha that encourages students to think independently and express themselves freely. The school integrates traditional Hawaiian methods of learning, prioritizing oral knowledge over written literacy, to reconnect students with indigenous ways of understanding and engaging with the world. This approach breaks away from standard classroom constraints, using the natural environment and hands-on experiences in the 'ahupua'a for holistic learning. Students gain practical skills and cultural knowledge while developing a deep connection to their place, 'ohana, and community. The program fosters self-expression, critical thinking, and stewardship of the land and culture in a culturally grounded, student-centered way.

Na Wai Ola Public Charter School is beginning to introduce a second language to students at an early stage to enhance cognitive development and promote holistic learning. Research shows that early exposure to a second language can accelerate brain development and support more integrated, whole-brain learning. The school aims to transition from a monolingual English environment to a bilingual program, teaching both Hawaiian and

English simultaneously. Collaboration with organizations such as the California Association for Bilingual Education and the Center for Applied Linguistics is helping guide this process. The goal is to strengthen language skills while preserving Hawaiian culture and promoting well-rounded intellectual growth.

(1:11:12 video)

### **Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Chelle Pahinui** *summarized.* The Aloha Shirt Festival and mentorship program began with Uncle George Naope and was built around teaching Hawaiian music, culture, and traditional wearable arts to youth. The program brings students to the places connected to mele, allowing them to learn music in the landscapes that inspired the songs, strengthening cultural understanding and connection. It also supports mentorship in Hawaiian music, broadcasting, and traditional arts, while expanding into workshops on weaving and sustainable wearable arts. The annual festival features traditional and contemporary Hawaiian fashion, honors master designers, and promotes the revival of Hawaii's wearable arts industry through collaborative microfactory concepts. The program continues to grow with practitioners, youth training, and cultural ceremonies, though additional funding is needed to support these efforts.

**Hans Mortenson** *summarized.* A community member from Keaukaha shared his background growing up in the area and his continued service through local organizations. He highlighted Keaukaha's history as the second Hawaiian homestead community, established in 1924 to support Native Hawaiian self-sufficiency, cultural preservation, and a return to ancestral lands. This year marks Keaukaha's 100th anniversary, and the Centennial Celebration Committee has planned multiple events honoring the past, present, and future, including Kūhiō Day festivities, a Kupuna Day resource fair, weekend huaka'i along the shoreline, and a final community celebration on December 16, 2024. Planning for the culminating event is actively underway. He requested support to help ensure the success of these centennial activities.

**Uilani Naipo** *summarized.* A testifier referenced three Ka Wai Ola articles addressing threats to Hawaiian waters, including reef fish exploitation, and emphasized the urgency of protecting marine resources. She explained that a recently submitted environmental impact statement proposes removing 200,000 reef fish from West Hawai'i for the pet trade, generating millions in profit for a few collectors while providing no benefit to local communities. She asked for continued support from OHA to stop this long-standing practice and uphold commitments to marine management and cultural stewardship. She also requested assistance in restoring an out-of-print book of treasured South Kona stories so keiki can access their cultural heritage. She thanked the board for its ongoing attention and support.

**Iokepa Kaeo-Kaoulo** *summarized.* The testifier expressed deep concern about the treatment and management of Crown and government lands, emphasizing that these lands are inalienable and should not be sold or misused. He described a growing crisis in which beneficiaries and heirs feel misled and marginalized, particularly regarding access roads, geothermal development, and housing on trust lands. He asked OHA to expand legal and educational support, including quiet title assistance, genealogy classes, and resources to help families make informed decisions about land issues. He stressed the need for stronger advocacy, community engagement, and accountability from state entities to protect Native Hawaiian rights and uphold traditional values. He closed by urging continued collaboration in 2024–2025 to empower communities and ensure future generations are better equipped to navigate these challenges.

**Former Trustee Rowena Akana** *summarized.* The testifier honored Mililani Trask for her decades of work in advancing Native Hawaiian rights, sovereignty, and federal advocacy, noting her leadership, legal expertise, and major contributions such as the Native Hawaiian Health and Education Acts. She described Trask's long history

of service, including participation in national panels, a presidential task force, and extensive work with Indigenous communities. She emphasized Trask's strong but fair leadership style, her national reputation, and her lifelong commitment to Hawaiian causes. The testifier also urged OHA to revisit and advance federal pathways to recognition through the Department of the Interior, stressing that future political opportunities should not be missed. She concluded by challenging the Board to carry this work forward and to honor the legacy of leaders like Trask by pursuing meaningful progress for the Hawaiian people.

**Kini Ka'awa** *summarized.* The testifier, a single mother of six and public school teacher, described the challenges of rising housing costs and property taxes in Puna, noting that many Native Hawaiian families are struggling to maintain homeownership and lack access to housing support programs. She emphasized the need for OHA to provide assistance and awareness of available resources to help families like hers. She also highlighted systemic inequities in public education, where Native Hawaiian students are disproportionately placed in special programs and Hawaiian-qualified staff are often overlooked. The testifier encouraged greater support for Hawaiian language and cultural practices in schools, including the use of traditional protocols and music, as a way to guide students' learning and identity. Overall, she called for both housing and educational initiatives that strengthen the well-being and cultural grounding of Native Hawaiian communities.

**Kaiali'i Kahele** *summarized.* The speaker expressed gratitude to Chair Lindsay, the trustees, and the Moku o Keawe community for the meeting and for the opportunity to share their concerns. They honored Trustee Miliani Trask for her dedication and service as Hawaii Island trustee, highlighting her commitment to the Hawaiian community and her willingness to step into the role when the seat was vacated. Trask's contributions include decades of leadership with Ka Lahui Hawaii, her work on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and her efforts toward accountability and transparency in the management of Hawaiian trust lands. The speaker recalled Trask's impact on self-determination and social justice movements, including the 1993 march that inspired generations of Native Hawaiians. Overall, they acknowledged her enduring commitment to the Hawaiian people and her significant influence locally and globally.

**Tupoavi Hapai** *summarized.* The speaker, representing lineages from Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, and Hawaii, emphasized the responsibility to uphold ancestral rights and the importance of creative solutions for the community. They urged recognition of Native Hawaiian tenant and kulana rights, advocating that benefits should not require relinquishing these traditional rights. They also highlighted the need for culturally grounded advocacy, respect for indigenous ownership, and consideration of international law in protecting Native Hawaiian interests.

(2:08:20)

**Trustee Trask** *shares mana'o summarized.* The speaker expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve their community and emphasized the responsibility to preserve and pass forward Hawaiian culture, language, and values. They acknowledged the challenges and burdens of leadership while celebrating the resiliency and dedication of their colleagues and community members. They affirmed their continued commitment to the Island and the collective efforts to strengthen cultural, linguistic, and community well-being.

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Souza** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						X
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>			

**Trustee Ahuna** Adjourns the Kaua'i Island Community meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:** (any handouts will be posted with final approved minutes)

- 1. PowerPoint - Nā Wai Ola Public Charter School**

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**Minutes of the  
HAWAII ISLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 26, 2024  
9:30 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Mililani Trask  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee John Waihe'e

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Joshua Koh, Multi-Media Designer  
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Kyla Hee, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Mele Moniz, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Secretary  
Kauai Wailehua, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Kapua Francisco  
Lealani

(3:16 | 9:40 am)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 9:40 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	Excused	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	<b>TRASK</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
			8	

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

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Aloha kakahiaka everyone and welcome to our Board of Trustees meeting this morning here in Maui. We are so happy to be here again with all of you. This meeting can be viewed via livestream at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream). Before we start our meeting I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff.

(4:43 video)

**Introductions**

*All Trustees introduce themselves and their staff. Stacy Ferreira, CEO also introduces administrative staff.*

(9:18 video)

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. February 8, 2024
- B. March 5, 2024

**Trustee Akina moves to approve all of the minutes.**

**Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.**

Trustee Akina Moves to						
A. February 8, 2024						
B. March 5, 2024						
Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA	X		X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA		X	X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One (1) excused</b>						

(9:57 video)

**Status of OHA Activities:**

**Ka Pouhana/CEO’s Hawai‘i Island Community Report and Update on OHA’s activities – Island Community Report: Hawai‘i Executive Summary**

Stacy Ferreira, CEO *summarized*. OHA provides \$16 million in funding to 37 active grantees on Hawaii Island, with 21 exclusively serving the island, and administers 70 native Hawaiian revolving and microloan programs totaling \$1.7 million. The organization is committed to protecting, restoring, and repatriating ‘iwi kūpuna and selects qualified nominees for island burial councils based on cultural knowledge and practices. OHA will launch an updated application on October 1 to fill current Hawaii Island burial council vacancies, encouraging qualified applicants to submit their information via [www.oha.org/burialcouncils](http://www.oha.org/burialcouncils)

(12:11 video)

**Community Concerns & Celebrations**

**Richard Ha** summarized. The speaker, a farmer with 40 years of experience, emphasized the challenges small farmers face in Hawaii due to terrain, high import dependence, and rising costs, and is focused on creating multiple income streams from natural resources like streams and springs. They advocate for educating youth about sustainable farming to ensure the future of agriculture in Hawaii. Additionally, they highlight Hawaii’s geothermal potential as a long-term, climate-friendly energy source that could support innovations like hydrogen fuel and AI technology.

(21:56 video)

**Jojo Tanemoto** summarized. Jojo Tanimoto from Kawaihae requested OHA’s assistance in improving communication with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, as the current Hawaii Island plan threatens historic residential, church, and burial sites by converting them to industrial and commercial use. The community seeks to have these areas designated as conservation lands to preserve heritage and ensure access to essential resources like water and roads. They asked OHA to help advocate for the inclusion of these areas and support better engagement with Hawaiian Homes for the benefit of local residents.

(30:47 video)

**Thornton Kekipi** summarized. The speaker requested OHA’s assistance in ensuring the proper reinterment of ancestral remains that have been disturbed for over 25 years, noting that previous burial treatment plans were not fully followed and access roads were opened without mitigation. They emphasized that recognized landowners, including the State, have not complied with legal and cultural responsibilities, resulting in ongoing desecration and public access issues. Guidance and support are sought from OHA to resolve these issues, protect cultural heritage, and ensure reinterment follows established rules and protocols.

(43:58 video)

**Announcement**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** shares her appreciation to the community and beneficiaries that tuned in to our livestream and came in person the 2024 Hawai’i Island meetings.

(44:58 video)

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Souza** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Trustee Alapa** Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						X
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA		X	X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			

J. KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X		X		
MILILANI	<b>TRASK</b>			X		
JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>			X		
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>			X		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Hawai'i Island Community meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXXX

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 Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:**

*\*\*all handouts will be attached once the draft minutes are approved by the Board of Trustees.*

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**O‘ahu Island Site Visit Summary  
Kūkaniloko Birthstones**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
October 15, 2024 – 9:00 am**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Kalei Akaka

ADMINISTRATION:

Kehau Pu‘u, COO  
Lori Walker, Interim Land Director  
La‘akea Rabas, Legacy Land Agent  
Chase Simmons, Operations Support  
Gary Garo Operations Support

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

**I. Call to Order**  
Site visit starts at

**II. Site Visit**

**Kūkaniloko Birthstones**

Kūkaniloko Birthstones is one of the most sacred wahi kapu on O‘ahu, located in Wahiawā and long regarded as the piko (spiritual and geographic center) of the island where the highest-ranking ali‘i (chiefs) were historically born and consecrated. Generations of kānaka maoli practiced *ola hānau* (birthing rites), *mo‘olelo*, and other ‘ike kūpuna at this wahi kūpuna, with the site later recognized on both the Hawai‘i Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places in the early 1970s. The Hawaiian Civic Club of Wahiawā (HCCW) traces its stewardship back to the mid-20th century when care for Kūkaniloko was officially passed from the Daughters of Hawai‘i and earlier community groups to HCCW upon its formal organization on November 10, 1960, with a mission to mālama, share *mo‘olelo*, and preserve Hawaiian culture and the site’s kapu for future generations.

In 2012, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) acquired 511 acres surrounding the five-acre Kūkaniloko Birthstones State Historic Site as part of a larger effort to protect and preserve the wahi kapu and provide a buffer against incompatible development, while also supporting ‘*āina momona* (agricultural, conservation, and cultural) objectives. OHA’s Wahiawā lands acquisition followed collaborative efforts with the State of Hawai‘i and conservation partners to purchase former Galbraith Estate land, and today OHA works in partnership with HCCW and community stewards under a formal stewardship agreement to mālama the site and adjacent lands in accordance with Hawaiian cultural values and community planning goals



**III. Public Testimony**  
None

**IV. Announcements**

None

**V. Adjournment**

The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**O‘ahu Island Site Visit Summary  
Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS)**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
October 16, 2024 – 3:00 pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keoni Souza

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Ku‘ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of ‘Oiwī Well-Being

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Nainoa Thompson  
Jonah Apo

## **I. Call to Order**

Site visit starts at 10:34 a.m.

## **II. Site Visit**

### **Polynesian Voyaging Society**

On behalf of the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS), Jonah Apo welcomed the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees to a gathering centered on cultural resilience, education, and voyaging leadership. The visit opened with protocol and aloha, grounded by oli, and was held at the Marine Educational and Training Center (METC), home of the voyaging canoes Hōkūle‘a and Hikianali‘a. In this setting the Trustees were immersed in the values and practices that define PVS’s mission. They were introduced to the Society’s core purpose: to perpetuate the art and science of traditional Polynesian voyaging and to inspire communities to mālama honua — care for Island Earth. This mission is carried out through initiatives that blend ancestral knowledge with modern education, ensuring voyaging remains a living practice for generations to come and align with PVS’s broader educational vision to inspire students and communities to respect and care for themselves, each other, and the environment, reinforcing the interconnectedness of culture, identity, and stewardship.

The Trustees were also briefed on the remarkable legacy of Hōkūle‘a, the double-hulled canoe that has sailed over 85,000 miles since 1976. Hōkūle‘a’s voyages have revived wayfinding traditions, reconnected Indigenous communities across the Pacific, and inspired a global movement rooted in cultural pride and environmental responsibility. The current Moananuiākea Voyage (2023–2027) continues this legacy, fostering global partnerships and environmental stewardship while deepening cultural exchange. Through this voyage, PVS demonstrates how voyaging is not only about navigation across oceans but also about building bridges between peoples and nations, encouraging dialogue about sustainability and the shared responsibility of caring for our planet. The Trustees were reminded that each journey undertaken by Hōkūle‘a is both a physical and spiritual endeavor, carrying forward the wisdom of ancestors while addressing the challenges of today’s world.

Nainoa Thompson shared the PVS vision emphasizing youth leadership and the importance of passing on values of mālama, kuleana, and aloha. He reminded Trustees that voyaging is not just about sailing — it is about cultivating identity, purpose, and connection, ensuring that the next generation inherits not only the skills of wayfinding but also the values that sustain communities. PVS is seeking support for continued long-term sustainability, including investments in programs that strengthen cultural identity, education, and healing. The Trustees’ visit reaffirmed a shared commitment to uplifting Native Hawaiian identity through voyaging, education, and wellness, highlighting the importance of collaboration between PVS and OHA in advancing cultural resilience. Together, both partners recognize that voyaging is a pathway to healing, empowerment, and unity, and that sustaining this work is essential for Hawai‘i’s future.



**III. Public Testimony**

None

**IV. Announcements**

None

**V. Adjournment**

The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**O‘ahu Island Site Visit Summary  
‘Iolani Palace**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
October 17, 2024 – 12:00 pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Brickwood Gaulteria

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Ku‘ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of ‘Oiwī Well-Being  
Hailama Farden, Dir. Of Hwn. Cultural Affairs  
Maki‘ilei Ishihara, Strategy Consultant  
Jason Lees, COMMS

GUEST:

Paula Akana

**I. Call to Order**  
Site visit starts at

**II. Site Visit**

During the site visit to ‘Iolani Palace, the group was welcomed by Executive Director Paula Akana, who provided a guided tour of the grounds and key interior spaces. Our docent shared historical background on the palace, including significant events associated with its construction, occupancy, and legacy. The tour included explanations of various restoration efforts undertaken over the years to preserve the structure, its artifacts, and its cultural significance.

The visit also included an opportunity to view Queen Lili‘uokalani’s handmade quilt, a historic piece created during her imprisonment in the palace. The quilt’s symbolism, craftsmanship, and its role in documenting the Queen’s experiences during that period. The tour offered a clear overview of the ongoing preservation work at ‘Iolani Palace and underscored the significance of protecting these cultural treasures for future generations.



**III. Public Testimony**  
None

**IV. Announcements**  
None

**V. Adjournment**  
The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**O‘ahu Island Site Visit Summary  
Mauna ‘Ala, The Royal Mausoleum State Monument**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
October 17, 2024 – 2:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keoni Souza

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Ku‘ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of ‘Oiwī Well-Being  
Hailama Farden, Dir. Of Hwn. Cultural Affairs  
Maki‘ilei Ishihara, Strategy Consultant  
Jason Lees, COMMS

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Paula Akana

**I. Call to Order**

Site visit starts at 2:45 p.m.

**II. Site Visit**

This site visit at Mauna ‘Ala (Royal Mausoleum) provided a comprehensive historical overview of its origin, purpose, and continued cultural significance as the sacred burial place of Hawaiian ali‘i. Established in the mid-19th century on land set aside by Queen Emma, Mauna ‘Ala was created to house the remains of Kamehameha II and Queen Kamāmalu after their deaths abroad, and later became the final resting place for members of the Kamehameha, Kalākaua, and related royal lines. The presentation emphasized traditional Hawaiian funerary protocols, including nighttime processions, mele, oli, kahili, and strict kuleana in caring for iwi kūpuna, underscoring Mauna ‘Ala as a mausoleum of the highest chiefly rank rather than a conventional cemetery.

The narrative highlighted Queen Emma’s profound grief and leadership following the death of Kamehameha IV, her role in ensuring the dignity of her family’s burials, and the subsequent development of the chapel and tombs. It traced later reinterments, including the 1887 relocation of the Kamehameha ali‘i and the sealing of the Kamehameha Tomb following the death of Charles Reed Bishop, whose ashes were placed with Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop in accordance with his wishes. The presentation also addressed the Kalākaua reinterments of 1910, carefully documented in Hawaiian-language sources, and noted that while 1953 was long considered the final burial, subsequent interments in the 21st century reaffirm Mauna ‘Ala’s living cultural role.

The visit concluded by recognizing Mauna ‘Ala as a place of ongoing responsibility, memory, and protocol, maintained through successive kia‘i and supported by restoration efforts by the State of Hawai‘i and community partners. Attention was given to genealogy, rank, and cultural continuity, as well as the importance of accurate storytelling grounded in Hawaiian-language sources.





**III. Public Testimony**

None

**IV. Announcements**

None

**V. Adjournment**

The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Lāna‘i Island Site Visit Summary  
Lāna‘i Airport – Department of Hawaiian Homelands Tour Overview**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
October 19, 2024 – 10:00 am**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Archie Kalepa  
Kalani Fronda

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Ku‘ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of ‘Oiwī Well-Being

## **I. Call to Order**

Site visit starts at 10:34 a.m.

## **II. Site Visit**

### **Lānaʻi Airport – Department of Hawaiian Homelands Tour Overview**

The acting administrator provided an overview of the site visit itinerary and explained adjustments made for logistical reasons, including bypassing certain locations and focusing on the Pūlama workforce housing area to give context on current and future affordable housing efforts. He highlighted the growing need for shared infrastructure development in partnership with the County and other entities, noting ongoing efforts to secure financing, water credits, and federal and municipal support to address capacity limitations, wastewater needs, aging systems, and UXO-impacted areas.

He explained DHHL’s strategy to provide diverse housing options for beneficiaries, recognizing that not all applicants can afford turnkey or owner-builder models. The department is using financial assessments, partnerships, and alternative financing tools to match beneficiaries’ income and credit profiles with viable housing products. The administrator also discussed special waitlist rules on Lānaʻi due to limited land and resources, similar to provisions used in Hāna, which require lineal or community connection to preserve local community integrity.

The presentation also covered DHHL’s land management and revenue strategies, including leasing arrangements, community development corporations, and exploration of income-generating sites such as industrial areas and the “gateway” property. Collaboration with community partners and developers continues to shape options that fit local needs while advancing trust responsibilities. Pūlama Lānaʻi representatives were expected to share workforce housing updates during the site visit, and DHHL is reviewing whether to repurpose certain lots to better support funding and development goals.

An overview of Hōkūao, a workforce housing project on Lānaʻi developed under the ownership of Larry Ellison. The speaker explained that the project name and street names are tied to traditional place names and phases of the sky. Hōkūao received its county entitlements in 2021 and proceeded quickly with grading and construction. The homes are fully furnished, off-grid, and built using cross-laminated timber. All units, whether affordable or market rate, are identical in design and features. Affordable units range from 80% to 140% AMI, and rent includes utilities, landscaping, and pest control.

The project includes 150 rental homes, increasing Lānaʻi’s housing supply by about 10%. All affordable units are designated rental in perpetuity to prevent flipping and ensure long-term community benefit. The speaker emphasized the use of union labor, despite the modular construction process, and noted that home assembly is fast due to prefabricated components. The application process requires individuals to apply in person on the island. The homes are designed for a range of workers, including resort staff, teachers, emergency responders, and other Lānaʻi employees.

Additional context was provided about broader community investments, including conservation work, cultural preservation, recreational facilities, and upgrades to existing housing. The presentation also described nearby county and DHHL housing projects, as well as recent efforts by the mayor to secure infrastructure funding. Maps were referenced to show surrounding lands and planned developments. The speaker concluded by highlighting the project’s design features, community benefits, and the islandwide commitment to improving housing and local amenities.

The team explained that while Hōkūao does not currently receive federal funds, they work directly with residents to accommodate accessibility needs, such as installing ramps or outfitting showers with guardrails. They also noted that Lanai’s small size allows for flexible, individualized assistance. Several new services

have been introduced to support the community, including Truck Shop Maui, HPM, and a pharmacy. The discussion also highlighted that Lanai converts all wastewater into R1 water for irrigation—an important operational benefit and a unique practice among the islands. Although this process requires significant investment, it is considered worthwhile. Officials are aware of and supportive of these efforts.

**III. Public Testimony**

None

**IV. Announcements**

None

**V. Adjournment**

The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(In-person meeting)

This meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) or listened by phone: (213) 338-8477. A physical meeting location open to the general public will be available at Nani Mau Gardens 421 Makalika Street, Hilo, HI. 96720

This meeting can be viewed with the following link: <https://youtu.be/eJuGrwRhB60?si=bWHRcIwDotKTcxD->

**Minutes of the  
LANA'I ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 19, 2024  
1:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Secretary

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Ku'ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of 'Oiwi Well-Being & 'Āina Momona  
Lori Walker, Land Assets Mngr.  
Kelli Soileau, Communications  
Joshua Koh, Digital  
Ilima Kela, Interim BSA Mngr.  
Kelce Wade, IT support

GUEST:

Simeona Tajiri  
Winnie Basques

**Call to Order**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Hawai‘i Island Community Meeting to order for Saturday, October 19th at 1:15 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	Excused	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	Left mtg at 2:13pm
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	Left mtg at 2:13pm
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	Excused	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	Excused	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E	Excused	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
			5	

At the Call to Order, **five (5)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

(1:00 | 1:15 pm)

**Introduction**

**Trustees introduce themselves and their staff.**

(7:56 | 1:22 pm)

**Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana/CEO’s Kaua‘i Island Community Report and Update on OHA’s activities.**

**Stacy Ferreira, CEO** *summarized*. OHA currently has five active grants on Lāna‘i totaling \$3.4 million, along with one active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund award of \$20,000. Beneficiaries were also provided an update on recent concerns regarding reliable inter-island travel.

Over the past several months, OHA has been in communication with the State Director of Transportation and members of the Legislature to address ongoing flight delays and cancellations. The Director has required Mokulele Airlines to submit an action plan to resolve these reliability issues. He also connected OHA with Mokulele’s president and CEO, who reported that stabilizing company operations is their primary focus.

Mokulele’s action plan includes community outreach, regular town hall meetings, and the creation of a community advisory board to ensure local input is incorporated into decision-making. Operational improvements will include gradually increasing aircraft capacity, adjusting flight schedules, adopting new maintenance protocols, and creating real-time performance dashboards accessible to the public. A strengthened crisis communication plan is also being developed. A detailed letter and action plan are available for beneficiaries to review.

## **Community Presentations**

(12:00 | 1:26 pm)

### **A. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands – Summary of Lāna‘i Land Tour**

**Kalani Fronda** *summarized*. The Acting Administrator for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands provided an overview of current initiatives and upcoming opportunities. Staff are conducting beneficiary consultations to discuss planned projects, including work in the IND area and residential homestead development. Significant funding has been allocated for water and infrastructure improvements, and the department is preparing forthcoming project proposals. Beneficiaries were encouraged to ensure their contact information is updated, as outreach is underway.

The department is partnering with the County of Maui on shared infrastructure planning and is utilizing appropriations from the State, as well as pursuing additional support from the Department of Water and housing-related funding sources. No requests are being submitted to the county at this time because collaborative efforts are already in progress. The administrator emphasized the importance of these partnerships in advancing affordable housing efforts.

To support beneficiaries with varying financial capacities, DHHL is offering multiple options for financing, borrowing, and homebuilding. Beneficiaries were encouraged to review DHHL’s website for detailed project information and updates. The department continues to meet with county leadership, including the Mayor’s Office and Managing Director, to coordinate on upcoming developments and ensure alignment with broader housing initiatives.

(20:49 | 1:35 pm)

### **B. Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lāna‘i – Ipolani Medeiros, Kumu and Chelsea Clarabal, Parent Advocate**

**Multiple Speakers** *summarized*. A teacher described ongoing challenges with recruitment and retention in the Department of Education, noting that private industry and higher-paying schools draw potential candidates away. Despite this, she chose to remain in public education because of her commitment to Hawaiian immersion. After several years of trying to obtain an immersion position, she was eventually placed with the superintendent’s approval. She expressed strong dedication to Hawaiian immersion rather than general Hawaiian language instruction and emphasized her connection to the school, students, and community.

She highlighted staffing difficulties, including limited resources and the need for teachers who can support immersion programs. One parent stepped in to fill a position temporarily, and additional help is expected later in the year. Housing remains a major barrier for teachers, particularly on Lāna‘i, where affordable options are scarce. She must reapply for DOE housing annually and often waits for confirmation, which affects job stability. Broader challenges include competition with higher-paying employers and the difficulty of attracting teachers who want to live and work in the community.

Community members added that local support was strong in the beginning but has become inconsistent. They expressed concern that many families have been displaced, affecting students' ability to remain connected to their home community. A representative from DHS noted the financial burdens many families face and emphasized the need for sustained support—from education through post-secondary opportunities—to help students remain, learn, and thrive in their own community rather than being forced to seek opportunities elsewhere.

(46:41 | 2:01 pm)

### **C. Lāna‘i Community Health Center**

**Jeremy summarized.** A representative from the health center described the ongoing challenges in recruiting and retaining medical providers on Lāna‘i. He noted that only a small group of providers live on-island full-time, making it difficult to meet community needs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the health center became the only dental provider on island, which significantly strained staff capacity. Many patients still must travel off-island for care due to limited services, including the lack of 24/7 imaging technicians at the local hospital. He emphasized the need for more support to expand services and reduce reliance on off-island care.

Housing remains one of the largest barriers to attracting and keeping medical professionals. He explained that many potential providers cannot relocate because there is no stable, affordable housing available, and some housing is tied directly to employment. Even when graduates from the island complete medical or dental training, returning home is often not feasible because of cost and housing shortages. The health center works with Native Hawaiian scholarship programs and hosts clinical rotations for students, but long-term recruitment is limited by these systemic barriers.

He discussed pathways for bringing students and new practitioners back to Lāna‘i, noting that incentives and structured service commitments could help, but financial realities make it difficult to compete with private medical providers elsewhere. Some scholarship programs allow recipients to choose where they serve, limiting placement on Lāna‘i. He also noted that federal loan repayment programs rate the island lower than other areas, reducing eligibility for provider incentives. Overall, he underscored the interconnected challenges of healthcare access, workforce shortages, and housing constraints, and the need for sustained support and creative solutions to ensure the community can retain teachers, medical staff, and future generations.

### **Community Concerns and Celebrations**

(58:13 | 2:12 pm)

1. **Simeona Tajiri summarized.** Says Mahalo to the Trustees for being on the island and talking to everyone.

(1:11:45 | 2:25 pm)

2. **Winnie Basques summarized.** She speaks on housing and gathering regarding DHHL. She has worked on Lana‘i for 22 years as a paramedic. She thanks for the Trustees for coming.

### **Announcements**

(1:19:20 | 2:33 pm)

**Chair Hulu Lindsey summarized.** shares her aloha with everyone and thanks them for coming.

### **Adjournment**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey announces that the mtg is adjourn (quorum was lost at 2:13pm)**

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:** (any handouts will be posted with final approved minutes)

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560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(In-Person Meeting)

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**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 31, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee Mililani Trask  
Trustee John Waihe'e

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Kēhaulani Pu'u, COO  
Ramona Hink, CFO  
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel  
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel  
Naiwi Wurdeman, Board Counsel  
Hailama Farden, Dir. of Hawaiian Culture  
Elena Farden, Sr. Dir. of Strategy & Implementation  
Poni Askew, Dir. Economics & Business  
Ku'ike Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of Well-being and 'Aina  
Momona  
Tim Wong, Land Director  
Kai Markell, Comp. Enforcement Mngr.  
Kealoha Pisciotta, PP Advocate  
Sandi Stancil, EA  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT  
Dan Santos, IT

BOT STAFF:

Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
Anuheha Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Kyla Hee, Trustee Secretary  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
Kalista Mitchell, Secretary  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Secretary

GUEST:

Paul Quintiliani  
Linda Schatz  
Sam Chung  
Keani Rawlins Fernandez  
LuAnn Lankford Fabarito  
Germaine Meyers  
Laulani Teal  
Kristie

(00:03:25 | 10:05 am)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 10:05 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>		Joins mtg at 10:11 am
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>		Joined mtg at 10:18 am
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	<b>TRASK</b>	X	Left mtg at 11:01 am
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **seven (7)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Welcomes everyone to the Board of Trustees workshop and shares that the workshop can be viewed via livestream [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream).

**Stacy Ferreira** Introduces administration staff.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Introduces Board Counsel, Naiwi Wurdeman and announces that items III. C & D were received under the 72 hour deadline due to a quick turn around of committee meetings. Moving on to the first item on the agenda, Chair asks if anyone is signed up to speak on item III. A.

**Board Secretary** There is no one signed up.

(00:05:55 | 10:09 am)

**New Business**

- A. Action Item BOT #24-05: Approve the proposed real estate strategies related to OHA's acquisition and management of investment and non-investment real estate.**

**Discussion takes place between Paul Quintiliani, Linda Schatz, Sam Chung, and the Board of Trustees.**

**Testimony** (00:17:22 | 10:20 am)

**Germaine Meyers** *summarized*. The speaker expressed deep hurt over remarks made by Trustee Trask, emphasizing that the discussion did not violate the Sunshine Law. They noted frequent communication with OIP for clarification and affirmed that subcontractors and related details are not required to be listed on the agenda. The speaker voiced concern over perceived intimidation and conflict of interest, alleging that threats of lawsuits related to lost contracts are inappropriate and harmful to OHA and its beneficiaries. They stated that such actions could misuse trust funds through frivolous legal costs. The speaker stressed the need for accountability, transparency, and respect among trustees, urging an end to threats and hostility. They reflected

on past private discussions expressing disappointment in such behavior and called for civil, prayerful dialogue grounded in responsibility and unity. The speaker concluded that leaders must set an example for staff and beneficiaries, focusing on collective goals rather than private interests.

(00:23:50 | 10:27 am)

**Trustee Waihe'e Move to approve the proposed real estate strategies related to OHA's acquisition and management of investment and non-investment real estate.**

**Trustee Souza Seconds the motion**

(00:47:34 | 10:50 am)

*More Discussion takes place Trustee Souza recinds his second and Trustee Waihe'e recinds his motion. A recess is taken at 10:41 am*

*10:50 am Everyone returns from recess and Trustee Souza recinds his second.*

(00:47:49 | 10:51 am)

**Trustee Waihe'e moves to**

**Motion**

**Move to approve the proposed real estate strategies related to OHA's acquisition and management of investment and non-investment real estate, but to defer the recommendations on Investment Lands Strategies and Tactics;  
 Strategy 1, Tactic 6  
 Strategy 3, Tactic 2 and 3  
 Strategy 4 in its entirety  
 Legacy Lands Strategies and Tactics;  
 Strategy 4, Tactic 1  
 until there is further Board deliberation.**

**Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.**

*Discussion takes place.*

<b>10:51 am Trustee Waihe'e Moves to</b>						
<b>Move to approve the proposed real estate strategies related to OHA's acquisition and management of investment and non-investment real estate, but to defer the recommendations on Investment Lands Strategies and Tactics;          Strategy 1, Tactic 6          Strategy 3, Tactic 2 and 3          Strategy 4 in its entirety          Legacy Lands Strategies and Tactics;          Strategy 4, Tactic 1          until there is further Board deliberation.</b>						
<b>Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.</b>						
Vote: 10:58 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN</b>			<b>X</b>			

AHUNA						
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA		X	X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK				X		
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight ( 8 ) Yes votes, One ( 1 ) No votes</b>						

Chair Hulu Lindsey announces the next agenda item and checks if we have any testifiers?

Board Secretary announces there are no testifiers.

(00:55:48 | 10:59 am)

**B. Committee on Resource Management**

- 1. Action Item RM #24-44: Revision to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws - Standing Committees Change – Splitting of the Committee on Resource Management (RM) into the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) and the Committee on Investment and Land Management (ILM)\*, October 16, 2024, 2nd reading**

Trustee Waihe'e Your Committee on Resource Management, having met on October 16, 2024 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:

**Motion**

Approve a revision to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Board of Trustees (BOT) Bylaws to split the Committee on Resource Management (RM) into the Committee on Budget and Finance (BF) and the Committee on Investment and Land Management (ILM), as set forth in Attachment A.

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

<b>11:00 am Trustee Waihe'e Moves to</b>						
Approve a revision to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Board of Trustees (BOT) Bylaws to split the Committee on Resource Management (RM) into the Committee on Budget and Finance (BF) and the Committee on Investment and Land Management (ILM), as set forth in Attachment A.						
Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.						
Vote: 11:00 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>					<b>X</b>	
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						<b>Left mtg at 11:01 am</b>
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Seven (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and One (1) Abstention</b>						

(00:57:38 | 11:01 am)

**2. Action Item RM #24-53: Adoption of a new Office of Hawaiian Affairs Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF) Investment Policy Statement (“IPS”)\*, October 23, 2024, 2nd reading**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Do we have anyone signed up for this next item III.B.2.?

**Board Secretary** There is no one signed up.

**Trustee Waihe'e** moves the following:

**Motion**

**1. Approve revisions to the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement that adopts a new investment program structure from a manager of managers implementation to a non-discretionary investment consultant approach as set forth in Attachment A as amended, and**

**2. Approve the delegation of authority to the Administration to implement the changes, terminate manager agreements, and transition selected investments into existing passive index funds.**

**Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.**

11:01 am Trustee Waihe'e Moves to						
1. Approve revisions to the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement that adopts a new investment program structure from a manager of managers implementation to a non-discretionary investment consultant approach as set forth in Attachment A as amended, and						
2. Approve the delegation of authority to the Administration to implement the changes, terminate manager agreements, and transition selected investments into existing passive index funds.						
Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.						
Vote: 11:02 am	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA		X	X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (1) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention</b>						

(00:58:59 | 11:02 am)

**B. Committee on Resource Management**

**Action Item RM #24-40: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the 2024 Papa Ali'i - Royal Order of Kamehameha I Convention\*, October 16, 2024**

**Trustee Waihe'e moves to Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000. Pohai 'o Kamehameha Royal Order of Kamehameha I Convention**

**Trustee Akina** have all the issues regarding moratorium on sponsorship been cleared up with reference to this?

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** yes, it has. If you have more questions we can move into executive session.

**Trustee Souza** moves to recuse the Board into executive session.

**Trustee Ahuna** seconds the motion.

*Chair Hulu Lindsey advises that she will not take up executive session just yet as to she would like to take the agenda out of order and allow the beneficiaries a chance to speak before going into executive session.  
Motion is withdrawn.*

(1:03:22 | 11:07 am)

**III.C. 1. Action Item Joint BAE-RM #24-01: Approval of OHA’s Biennium Budget Bill for the Fiscal Biennium Periods FY 26 (2025-2026) and FY 27 (2026-2027)\***  
*(there are two motions taken)*

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** announces that she will take the agenda out of order and call upon Trustee Akaka,

**Trustee Akaka Your Joint Committees on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and Resource Management, having met on October 30, 2024 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:**

**Motion 1: RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Approve OHA’s proposed bill - RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, for the biennium period of FY 2026 (2025-2026) and FY 2027 (2026-2027), to be included as part of OHA’s 2025 Legislative Package as drafted in Attachment A.**

**Trustee Waihe’e** Seconds the motion.

11:07 Trustee Akaka Moves to						
<i>Motion 1: RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS</i>						
Approve OHA’s proposed bill - RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, for the biennium period of FY 2026 (2025-2026) and FY 2027 (2026-2027), to be included as part of OHA’s 2025 Legislative Package as drafted in Attachment A.						
Trustee Waihe’e Seconds the motion.						
Vote: 11:08 am	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA					X	
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			

TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7		1	
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passes with Seven (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and One (1) Abstention						

Trustee Akaka moves to

(1:05:55 | 11:09 am)

**Motion 2: Amending and Final Approval**

Approve amending OHA's proposed bill -RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, as needed, to make appropriate technical, ministerial, non-substantive edits for style, clarity, consistency, and accuracy for final submission to the 2025 Legislative Session. This includes preamble language for framing and editorial purposes as needed, titles of measures for strategic and clarifying reasons, and labeling of the measure for tracking.

Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.

11:09 Trustee Akaka Moves to						
<i>Motion 2:</i> Approve amending OHA's proposed bill -RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, as needed, to make appropriate technical, ministerial, non-substantive edits for style, clarity, consistency, and accuracy for final submission to the 2025 Legislative Session. This includes preamble language for framing and editorial purposes as needed, titles of measures for strategic and clarifying reasons, and labeling of the measure for tracking.						
Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.						
Vote: 11:10 am	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA				X		
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			

<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						<b>Left mtg at 11:01 am</b>
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Seven (7) Yes votes, One (1) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention</b>						

(1:07:39 | 11:11 am)

**Testifier**

**Laulani Teale** *summarized*. I offered my deep mahalo to everyone who participated yesterday and today in supporting our legislative bill to protect traditional birthing rights and create a CPM clinical pathway for our Kanaka families. I noted that the presentation had already been shared and that we are available for any questions. I also shared that, per Uncle Brickwood’s recommendation, we met with Papa Ola Lōkahi and are setting up a preliminary meeting, and I am confident we will resolve the requested details.

(1:10:12 | 11:13 am)

**Kristie Duarte** *summarized*. expressed gratitude on behalf of my family, noting that yesterday’s support was a significant moment as we move forward and collaborate with Papa Ola Lōkahi. I emphasized how important this progress is for our future. I also shared that my daughter, who has been testifying since she was six, was grateful for another opportunity to participate.

**III.D.1. Action Item BAE #24-04: To provide OHA support for a 2025 Bill for Increased Access and Protection of Traditional and Customary Birth Practices as Proposed by Ea Hānau\***

(1:11:18 | 11:14 am)

**Trustee Akaka Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on October 30, 2024 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:**

**Motion**

**To provide OHA support for a 2025 Bill for Increased Access and Protection of Traditional and Customary Birth Practices as Proposed by Ea Hānau\***

**Trustee Waihe’e Seconds the motion.**

<b>11:14 Trustee Akaka Moves to</b>						
To provide OHA support for a 2025 Bill for Increased Access and Protection of Traditional and Customary Birth Practices as Proposed by Ea Hānau*						
Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.						
Vote: 11:15 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						<b>Left mtg at 11:01 am</b>
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention</b>						

**III.D.2. Action Item BAE #24-05: Approval of the 2025 OHA Legislative Bill Package\* (there are five motions)**

*There are two testifiers to speak on the Action BAE #24-05:*

(1:12:30 | 1:15 pm)

**Keani Rawlins Fernandez** summarized. The testifier thanked the BAE Committee and the full Board for their votes and expressed opposition to including Bill 1 in the 2025 OHA legislative package, citing concerns that it would exempt OHA from the Sunshine Law and reduce transparency. They noted that OHA is not comparable to the Legislature in structure, scale, or oversight, and argued that Sunshine Law protections are essential for beneficiary participation, accountability, and preventing backdoor decision-making. The testifier urged certain trustees to vote against the bill and emphasized that transparency safeguards both the public and minority viewpoints.

(1:19:51 | 11:23 am)

**LuAnn Lankford Fabarito** *summarized*. The testifier stated that members of the Lāhui are highly engaged on these issues and expressed concern that allowing this change would limit public access to discussions, creating a sense of secrecy. They affirmed that public testimony already provides structured opportunities for input and that executive session appropriately addresses confidential matters within existing practice. They emphasized that the current process enables the Lāhui to scrutinize and participate in protecting their interests.

(1:24:20 | 11:27 am)

**Trustee Akaka Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on October 30, 2024 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:**

**Motion 1:**

**Approve the measure entitled OHA-1- RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING REQUIREMENTS, to be included in the 2025 OHA Legislative Package, as provided in Attachment A.**

**Trustee Galuteria Seconds the motion**

*Discussion takes place among the Board.*

**Trustee Akina** *summarized*. The trustee apologized for missing the previous day's discussion but emphasized having carefully considered the arguments for exempting OHA from the Sunshine Law. They stated that although efficiency and timely decision-making are important, they recommend not passing the proposal. The trustee explained that OHA is in a critical period of rebuilding trust with the Lāhui, the State of Hawai'i, and the public, citing past legislative failures, forensic reviews, and concerns about OHA's trustworthiness. They emphasized that embracing Sunshine Law promotes transparency and strengthens OHA's reputation, whereas rejecting it sends the opposite message. The trustee noted that there are creative ways to communicate and work effectively within Sunshine Law and urged colleagues to vote against the proposal in order to build trust.

**Trustee Souza** *summarized*. The trustee stated that their testimony the previous day was in support of OHA Bill 1 because they felt the Sunshine Law restricts their ability to do their job effectively. They emphasized the need for timely decision-making, noting that trustees have limited terms and want to accomplish meaningful work. The trustee acknowledged ongoing efforts to rebuild effectiveness and expressed support for transparency measures within the bill. After listening to testimony from beneficiaries, colleagues, and a councilmember, the trustee said the discussion provided an important new perspective. The trustee concluded by changing their vote and no longer supporting Bill 1, stating they are always learning and appreciate quality discussion.

**Trustee Galuteria** *summarized*. The trustee stated they will continue to be a proponent of the bill regardless of the vote outcome, explaining that their experience in the Legislature showed the importance of being nimble and able to act quickly as a semi-autonomous board. They emphasized that OHA must be able to make timely decisions, especially when working within business environments such as Bishop Street, and expressed concern that the Sunshine Law would "shackle" the board. The trustee argued that seeking exemptions demonstrates confidence and allows OHA to operate on the same level as other entities. They urged advancing the measure to the Legislature, noting that exemptions could be partial and refined through the legislative process. The trustee concluded by stating they want OHA to stand confidently with state leaders and affirmed their continued support for the bill.

**Trustee Ahuna summarized.** The trustee expressed appreciation for the councilwoman’s testimony and said they were moved by her passion. They stated that they are “here for everybody” and feel confident in voting no on the measure. The trustee shared past experiences as an island trustee, noting how difficult it can be when outside parties become involved in local issues, such as the Ni‘ihau two-mile buffer zone. They emphasized the importance of checks and balances and stated that considering this measure during an election season does not feel fair to the community. The trustee concluded by reiterating their opposition to the measure and their desire for clarity and accountability.

<b>11:27 Trustee Akaka Moves to</b>						
<b>Motion 1: Approve the measure entitled OHA-1- RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING REQUIREMENTS, to be included in the 2025 OHA Legislative Package, as provided in Attachment A.</b>						
<b>Trustee Galuteria Seconds the motion.</b>						
Vote: 11:43 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>					<b>X</b>	
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						<b>Left mtg at 11:01 am</b>
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ X ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion Fails with Three (3) Yes votes, Four (4) No votes, and One (1) Abstention</b>						

(1:39:29 | 11:43 am)  
**Trustee Akaka moves to**

**Motion 2:**  
**Approve the measure entitled OHA-2- RELATING TO THE SALARY COMMISSION FOR THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, to be included in the 2025 OHA Legislative Package, as provided in Attachment B.**

**Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.**

*Discussion takes place among the Board.*

**Trustee Akina summarized.** The trustee noted the governor’s recent appointments to the salary commission and expressed hope that this will help advance the process for reviewing and recommending trustee salaries. They reiterated that rebuilding trust in OHA is absolutely crucial—trust from beneficiaries, the general public, legislators, and councilmembers. The trustee addressed the argument that OHA should appoint its own salary commission because its funds come from the trust rather than state taxes, emphasizing that accountability is the issue, not the source of the money. They stated that as elected government officials, trustees should not be excluded from the same scrutiny applied to others in state government. The trustee urged colleagues to demonstrate accountability and trustworthiness and recommended rejecting the proposal.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey summarized.** The trustee stated that after 12 years of service, trustees have not received any salary increase, which they consider unfair, especially for trustees who do not have full-time jobs outside of OHA. They noted that the previous governor served eight years without appointing a salary commission and that although the current governor finally appointed one, it is unclear whether the commission will complete its work before the legislative deadline. The trustee explained that some OHA staff, including aides, are paid more than trustees, which they described as embarrassing and unreasonable. They supported establishing an independent salary commission as a backup if the governor’s commission does not finish its work, while clarifying they do not support trustees setting their own salaries. The trustee concluded by stating that the long delay in addressing trustee compensation has been inequitable.

**Trustee Ahuna summarized.** The trustee expressed agreement that receiving a raise would be meaningful, especially while raising a family and fulfilling trustee responsibilities. They explained that the current process makes trustees appear as if they are “asking with hands out,” which does not reflect well. The trustee emphasized that this is not about seeking a handout, but about addressing a responsibility that has not been fulfilled. They noted that while strategizing and working hard, the appearance of asking for a raise undermines credibility. For these reasons, the trustee stated they cannot support the measure.

**Trustee Galuteria summarized.** The trustee stated they will vote in favor of the measure, emphasizing that it is not about a handout but about succession and attracting the best and brightest to serve on the board. They noted that parity with other elected officials is important to ensure talented individuals choose OHA service over the Legislature. The trustee expressed concern that delaying action is a bad habit and undermines long-term planning. They emphasized that supporting the measure benefits future generations of trustees. The trustee concluded by thanking everyone for their time and expressing appreciation.

<b>11:43 Trustee Akaka Moves to</b>						
<b>Motion 2: Approve the measure entitled OHA-2- RELATING TO THE SALARY COMMISSION FOR THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, to be included in the 2025 OHA Legislative Package, as provided in Attachment B.</b>						
<b>Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.</b>						
Vote: 11:50 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>				<b>X</b>		

TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA				X		
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA		X	X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA				X		
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E				X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			4	4		
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion Fails with Four (4) Yes votes, Four (4) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention						

(1:47:30 | 11:51 am)

Trustee Akaka Moves to

**Motion 3:**

**Approve the measure entitled OHA-3 RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL COMPOSITION, to be included in the 2025 OHA Legislative Package, as provided in Attachment C.**

**Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.**

*Discussion takes place among the Trustees.*

**Trustee Akina summarized.** The speaker asked a question regarding the meaning of a term in the motion. They noted that the motion excludes large landholders from membership on the Burial Council. They requested clarification on whether entities such as Kamehameha Schools or the Ali'i Trust would fall under this definition. The inquiry sought to understand the scope and application of the exclusion. No conclusion or answer was provided in this statement.

**Kai Markel, Compliance Mngr. summarized.** The speaker clarified that a large landowner is defined as someone who owns or leases 100 acres or more. They noted that this definition is not considered onerous. Kamehameha Schools has previously participated on Burial Councils and chaired the Moloka'i Council for years as a large landowner. They clarified that the measure would exclude large landowners. Specifically, it would prevent anyone representing property or development interests from serving on the council. The exclusion ensures that council members represent next-of-kin and family interests related to burials and the deceased. This measure is not intended to exclude individuals based on organization alone, but based on the interests they represent.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey summarized.** The speaker explained that in a previous discussion, an example was given where required landowners did not attend Burial Council meetings, preventing a quorum on matters involving their lands. They stated that not requiring landowners and developers to serve on the council is beneficial. This change would allow anyone to serve on the councils. The speaker noted that it has been difficult to find people to serve on Burial Councils on every island. Removing the requirement is intended to improve participation and functionality.

<b>11:51 Trustee Akaka Moves to</b>						
<b>Motion 3: Approve the measure entitled OHA-3 RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL COMPOSITION, to be included in the 2025 OHA Legislative Package, as provided in Attachment C.</b>						
<b>Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.</b>						
Vote: 11:54 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>					<b>X</b>	
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						<b>Left mtg at 11:01 am</b>
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Seven (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and One (1) Abstention</b>						

(1:51:06 | 11:54 am)  
Trustee Akaka Moves to

**Motion 4:**

**Approve amending measures, as needed, to make appropriate technical, ministerial, non-substantive edits for style, clarity, consistency, and accuracy for final submission to the 2025 Legislative Session. This includes preamble language for framing and editorial purposes as needed, titles of measures for strategic and clarifying reasons, and labeling each measure for tracking.**

**Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.**

<b>11:54 Trustee Akaka Moves to</b>						
Motion 4: Approve amending measures, as needed, to make appropriate technical, ministerial, non-substantive edits for style, clarity, consistency, and accuracy for final submission to the 2025 Legislative Session. This includes preamble language for framing and editorial purposes as needed, titles of measures for strategic and clarifying reasons, and labeling each measure for tracking.						
Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.						
Vote: 11:55 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						<b>Left mtg at 11:01 am</b>
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Seven (7) Yes votes, One (1) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention</b>						

(1:52:30 | 11:56 am)  
Trustee Akaka Moves to

**Motion 5:**

Approve OHA’s participation in 2025 coordinated community advocacy efforts in alignment with: 1) Hawai’i Revised Statutes §10 and §10H; 2) OHA’s mission and vision; 3) OHA’s Strategic Plan, Mana i Maui Ola’s three Strategic Foundations (‘Ohana, Mo‘omeheu, ‘Āina); 4) OHA’s Strategic Plan, Mana i Maui Ola’s four Strategic Directions (Educational Pathways, Health Outcomes, Quality Housing and Economic Stability); 5) Wai (BOT Series 2070) 6) Iwi Kūpuna (BOT Series 2080); 7) Previously approved Board position and resolutions; with the understanding that Administration will bring forward to the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) 2025 State Legislative matters in the normal course of established processes (e.g., matrices, position changes), in addition to informing BAE members, and the Board Trustees as a whole, regarding status of support(s) of community advocacy efforts.

**Trustee Waihe'e Second the motion.**

<b>11:56 Trustee Akaka Moves to</b>						
<b>Motion 5: Approve OHA's participation in 2025 coordinated community advocacy efforts in alignment with: 1) Hawai'i Revised Statutes §10 and §10H; 2) OHA's mission and vision; 3) OHA's Strategic Plan, Mana i Maui Ola's three Strategic Foundations ('Ohana, Mo'omeheu, 'Āina); 4) OHA's Strategic Plan, Mana i Maui Ola's four Strategic Directions (Educational Pathways, Health Outcomes, Quality Housing and Economic Stability); 5) Wai (BOT Series 2070) 6) Iwi Kūpuna (BOT Series 2080); 7) Previously approved Board position and resolutions; with the understanding that Administration will bring forward to the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) 2025 State Legislative matters in the normal course of established processes (e.g., matrices, position changes), in addition to informing BAE members, and the Board Trustees as a whole, regarding status of support(s) of community advocacy efforts.</b>						
<b>Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.</b>						
Vote: 11:57 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>					<b>X</b>	
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						<b>Left mtg at 11:01 am</b>
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Seven (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and One (1) Abstention</b>						

(1:57:41 | 12:01 am)

**B.3. Action Item RM #24-40: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the 2024 Papa Ali'i - Royal Order of Kamehameha I Convention\*, October 16, 2024**

**Trustee Waihe'e Your Committee on Resource Management, having met on October 16, 2024 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:**

**Motion**

Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000.

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. Pohai ‘o Kamehameha	2024 Papa Ali'i - Royal Order of Kamehameha I Convention October 25th – 26th, 2024	\$5,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

12:01 pm Trustee Waihe‘e Moves to

Motion: Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000.

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. Pohai ‘o Kamehameha	2024 Papa Ali'i - Royal Order of Kamehameha I Convention October 25th – 26th, 2024	\$5,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

Vote: 12:06 pm	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA		X	X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			

<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>		
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>					
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention</b>					

(2:02:12 | 12:05 pm)

**B.4. Action Item RM #24-43: Honoring Kalakaua Fundraiser/Queen Kapiolani Night Tours - The Friends of Iolani Palace\*, October 16, 2024**

Trustee Waihe'e Moves to

**Motion**

Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$15,000.

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Award Amount Recommendation</b>
<b>1. The Friends of Iolani Palace</b>	<b>2024 Honoring Kalākaua Fundraiser</b>  <b>November 17th, 2024</b> <b>5:00 PM - 8:30PM</b>  <b>Honoring Queen Kapi‘olani Night Tours</b>  <b>December 28 &amp; 29th, 2024</b> <b>5:00 – 9:00 PM</b>  <b>‘Iolani Palace</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>

12:05 pm Trustee Waihe‘e Moves to

Motion: Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$15,000.

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. The Friends of Iolani Palace	2024 Honoring Kalākaua Fundraiser	\$15,000
	November 17th, 2024 5:00 PM - 8:30PM	
	Honoring Queen Kapi‘olani Night Tours December 28 & 29th, 2024 5:00 – 9:00 PM ‘Iolani Palace	
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

Vote: 12:06 pm	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA		X	X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			

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

Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention

(2:02:56 | 12:06)

**B.5. Action Item RM #24-45: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the 2025 Event Ho’owaiwai Ē aka ‘Eklou Mea Nui Event\*, October 23, 2024**

Trustee Waihe'e Moves to

**Motion**

Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$15,000

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. 'Ekolu Mea Nui	E Ho'owaiwai Ē January 19, 2025, 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM Lanikūhonua Cultural Institute	\$15,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

12:06 pm Trustee Waihe'e Moves to

Motion: Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$15,000

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. 'Ekolu Mea Nui	E Ho'owaiwai Ē January 19, 2025, 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM Lanikūhonua Cultural Institute	\$15,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

Vote: 12:07 pm	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA		X	X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am

TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X		
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8		
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED					
Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention					

(2:03:33 | 12:07 pm)

**B.6. Action Item RM #24-46: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the 2024 100th Centennial Celebration of ‘Aina Ho‘opulapula o Keaukaha Event\*, October 23, 2024**

Trustee Waihe‘e Moves to

Motion

Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. Keaukaha Community Association, Inc.	2024 100th Centennial Celebration of ‘Āina Ho‘opulapula o Keaukaha Event December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Keaukaha Elementary School and Hualani Park	\$5,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.

12:07 pm Trustee Waihe‘e Moves to						
Motion: Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000						
Organization Name	Event		Award Amount Recommendation			
1. Keaukaha Community Association, Inc.	2024 100th Centennial Celebration of ‘Āina Ho‘opulapula o Keaukaha Event December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Keaukaha Elementary School and Hualani Park		\$5,000			
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>			
Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.						
Vote: 12:07 pm	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED

TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA		X	X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention</b>						

(2:04:24 | 12:08)

**B.7. Action Item RM #24-47: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the 2024 Makalehua o Waimānalo aka The Pride of Waimānalo Community Event\*, October 23, 2024**

Trustee Waihe'e Moves to

**Motion**

Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. Na Kua Aina o Waimanalo	Makalehua o Waiamanalo aka The Pride of Waimānalo 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM on 12/14/2024 Waimānalo Beach Park	\$5,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

12:08 pm Trustee Waihe'e Moves to

Motion: Approve and authorize the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. Na Kua Aina o Waimanalo	Makalehua o Waiamanalo aka The Pride of Waimānalo 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM on 12/14/2024 Waimānalo Beach Park	\$5,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

Vote: 12:08 pm	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA		X	X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			

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

Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention

(2:05:17 | 12:08)

**B.8. Action Item RM# 24-49: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the 2025 18th Annual Waimānalo Kanikapila aka Gabby Pahinui Waimānalo Kanikapila Event\*, October 23, 2024**

**Trustee Waihe'e Moves to**

**Motion**

**Reaffirm approval and authorization of the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000.**

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. Na'alehu Theatre	18th Annual Waimānalo Kanikapila April 19, 2025 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$5,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

**Trustee Souza Seconds motion.**

12:08 pm Trustee Waihe'e Moves to

**Motion: Reaffirm approval and authorization of the following fiscal year 2025 event sponsorship disbursement totaling \$5,000.**

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
1. Na'alehu Theatre	18th Annual Waimānalo Kanikapila April 19, 2025 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$5,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>

**Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.**

Vote: 12:09 pm	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>		X	X			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						Left mtg at 11:01 am

<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstention</b>						

(2:06:25 | 12:09 pm)

**Community Concerns and Celebration**

*There is one individual signed up.*

1. **Germaine Meyers summarized.** The speaker thanked Trustee Akaka for attending Rep. Kila’s Town Hall with over 100 in attendance and expressed appreciation for trustees who voted no on exempting OHA from Sunshine Law, emphasizing the importance of fiscal transparency. They shared a concern regarding a contractor, Robbie Cabral, who offered support but included a memo line suggesting the speaker investigate Trustee Souza, which they refused, emphasizing they focus only on accountability, not slander. The speaker recounted a pattern of attacks by outside parties and lobbyists against individuals when objectives were not met, noting past incidents involving public officials. They clarified that their advocacy is for correction and accountability, not personal criticism or retaliation against trustees. The speaker stressed the importance of separating accountability from personal attacks and reaffirmed their commitment to protecting the trust and the Lāhui.

(2:14:30 | 12:18 pm)

**Announcement**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** shares that this is the last meeting until the next meeting is called by the longest serving Trustee and Board Counsel.

(2:14:52 | 12:18 pm)

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Alapa** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Trustee Waihe‘e** Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA	X		X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
MILILANI	TRASK						Left mtg at 11:01 am

JOHN	WAIHE'E		X	X		
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				7		

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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 Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:**

*\*\*all handouts will be attached once the draft minutes are approved by the Board of Trustees.*



## II. Approval of Minutes

- N. June 30, 2025
- O. September 4, 2025
- P. September 18, 2025
- Q. September 23, 2025
- R. September 23, 2025 – O‘ahu Island Community Meeting – Nānākuli
- S. September 27, 2025 – Lāna‘i Island Community and Board Meeting
- T. October 16, 2025
- U. October 27, 2025
- V. October 27, 2025 – Emergency Board of Trustees Meeting
- W. October 29, 2025 – Board of Trustees Meeting at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention
- X. November 5, 2025 – Hawai‘i Island Site Visit Summary – Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA)

**DRAFT**

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(In-Person Meeting)

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Suite 200, Honolulu HI 96817.

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Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuxf9vmNDbM>

Video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8McZxysYqLM>

Video 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJwscDe5N9g>

**Minutes of the**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 30, 2025**  
**8:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali‘i Kahele  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Chair Emerita Carmen Lindsey  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee John Waihe‘e IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Kēhau Pu‘u, COO  
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel  
Ryan Lee, Investment Manager  
Hailama Farden, Sr. Director Hawaiian Cultural Affairs  
Elena Farden, Sr. Director of Strategy and Implementation  
Poni Askew, Director of Economic and Business Resil.  
Ku‘ike Kamakea-‘Ohelo, Dir. of ‘Āina Mamona &  
‘Oiwi Well-Being  
Ku‘uleianuhe Awo-Chun, Dir. of Education &  
Cultural base Learning  
Lise Vaughn-Sekona, Dir. Community Engagement Div.  
Leina‘ala Ley, Dir. of Advocacy

BOT STAFF:

Summer Sylva, Chief of Staff (COS)  
Alena Auyoung, Deputy COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Poahailani Kealoha, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Paul Alston, Counsel  
Janna W. Ahu, Counsel  
Kaponu Kiakona, Counsel  
Rupert Rowe  
Blanch McMillan  
Cal Sproat Hoe

Corey Nakamoto, HR Director  
 Bill Brennan, Director of COMMS  
 Grace Chen, Financial Analyst  
 Royce Cambell, Operations Manager  
 Sandra Stancil, EA  
 Lauwa'e Clayton, EA  
 Daniel Santos, IT  
 Kevin Chak, IT  
 Arlene Aguinaldo, IT

**Call to Order** (This can be viewed in video 1)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Monday, June 30, 2025 at 8:12 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	LINDSEY	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	X	
			9	

At the Call to Order, **NINE (9)** Trustees are **PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** This meeting can be viewed via live stream on all his website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) For those joining us on Zoom to testify or listen, please note that we are using the webinar platform rather than the standard Zoom meeting format. As an attendee, you will be able to watch and listen to the proceedings. If you wish to testify on a specific agenda item, please follow these steps:

1. Raise your hand to indicate that you would like to speak.
2. We will change your status from attendee to panelist when it is your turn. This may take a few seconds, so we appreciate your patience.
3. As a panelist, you will have the option to turn on your camera and unmute yourself to provide testimony.
4. Once you have finished testifying, please mute yourself, and you will be returned to attendee status.

Today we have our Stacy Ferreira, CEO she will introduce our administrative team with us today.

**Stacy Ferreira, CEO** Chief Financial Officer - Ramona Hink, Endowment Director - Ryan Lee, Interim Corporation Counsel - Everett Ohta, Senior Director of Hawaiian Cultural Affairs - Hailama Fardin, Human Resource Director – Corey Nakamoto, Interim Director of Land Assets – Kamakana Ferreira, Compliance Archaeologist - Ku'ike Kamakea-'Ohelo, Dir. of 'Āina Mamona & 'Oiwi Well-Being– Lise Vaughan-Sekona, Director of Community Engagement - Bill Brennan, Director of Communications – Royce Cambell, Operations Manager - IT systems Engineer and Administrator - Arlene Aguinaldo and Kevin Chak

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele introduces staff and outside counsel

(8:05 | 8:18 am)

**Executive Session**

Trustee Souza moves the Board into executive session.

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele explains why the Board will be moving into executive session.

**Board recuses into Executive Session at 8:20 AM**

8:18 a.m. Trustee Souza moves to						
No second needed						
Vote: 8:20 A.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA					X	
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One (1) Abstention</b>						

**Board returns to open session at 10:04 a.m.**

(17:01 | 10:04 am) – *This portion of the meeting can be viewed with video 2.*

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele Reports out the following:** The Board of Trustees held an informational session with legal counsel and we made no determination at this time.

Recess at 10:04 am

Reconvened at 10:15 am

(17:29 | 10:21 am)

**WAIVER:**

**A. Request for approval to waive Action Item BF#25-51: Approval of the OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2025-2026 (Fiscal Year 2026) and 2026-2027 (Fiscal Year 2027), to include salary adjustments for existing personnel; the addition, modification, and deletion of positions; updates to OHA’s organizational chart; and related amendments to program structures and resource allocations from the Committee on Budget and Finance to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws (March 20, 2025) Article VIII, Section M.**

(18:02 | 10:22 am)

**Trustee Souza moves to waive the committee referral for action item BF #25-51 as presented. It has been moved to wave referral of action item Budget and Finance 2551 from the committee on budget and finance directly to the full board.**

(18:32 | 10:23 am)

**Trustee Akaka moves to amend the waiver: to waiver only the consideration of a stopgap FY2026 budget that funds limited OHA expenditures for personnel travel and P card spending in July 2025 and defers further action on the FY20 6 and FY20 7 biennium budget to action before the Budget and Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.**

**Trustee Alapa seconds the motion.**

Discussion takes place. No vote on the amended waiver made by Trustee Akaka was taken.

<b>Waiver:</b> 10:22 A.M. Trustee Souza moves to  Request for approval to waive Action Item BF#25-51: Approval of the OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2025-2026 (Fiscal Year 2026) and 2026-2027 (Fiscal Year 2027), to include salary adjustments for existing personnel; the addition, modification, and deletion of positions; updates to OHA’s organizational chart; and related amendments to program structures and resource allocations from the Committee on Budget and Finance to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws (March 20, 2025) Article VIII, Section M.						
Vote: 10:42 A.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	Changes vote from abstention to yes.
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>				<b>X</b>		

<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SIX (6) Yes votes, THREE (3) No votes</b>						

Can be found on video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/live/8McZxysYqLM?si=eL8JnkSQWMDguGE8>

(38:27)

- B. Action Item BF#25-51: Approval of the OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2025-2026 (Fiscal Year 2026) and 2026-2027 (Fiscal Year 2027), to include salary adjustments for existing personnel; the addition, modification, and deletion of positions; updates to OHA’s organizational chart; and related amendments to program structures and resource allocations.**

(40:04)

**Chair Kaiali’i Kahele** spends 30 minutes presenting – *summarized*. Emphasized that the budget process is grounded in shared values, purpose, and collective responsibility rather than numbers alone. They noted that while budgets reflect priorities, focusing only on abstract priorities can create unnecessary division, which has surfaced in recent weeks. The budget presented reflects the board’s kuleana, integrity, and commitment to diligent, consistent work done in service to the people. The goal is not to create winners or losers but to uphold the community’s best interests and remain mindful of whom they serve. The board will present its budget for 30 minutes, followed by a 30-minute presentation from the administration, after which public testimony will be accepted both in person and online.

The budget before you is OHA’s biennium budget, proposed by the Board of Trustees for the next fiscal year, entitled “E Kūkulu Hou.” It builds on OHA’s foundation and progress through accountability, relationships with the Lāhui, advocacy for native rights and practices, and revitalization of internal capacity to better serve the Lāhui for generations. This budget reflects priorities to promote transparency, rebuild trust with internal and community stakeholders, and align with HRS Chapter 10, which grants the Board exclusive authority to manage trust assets, implement policies, and provide grants and assistance, while serving as a resource and clearinghouse for organizations serving the Lāhui.

Key spending priorities include making OHA an employer of choice by addressing morale, equitable salaries, and vacancy rates, as well as offering competitive compensation and benefits, including the state’s first paid family leave program. The budget invests in operational processes, infrastructure improvements, and transformational programs and services. It also honors long-standing commitments, including funding for Hawaiian-focused charter schools, DHHL infrastructure, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, and scholarships for higher education. Additionally, the budget supports community engagement, strategic communications, and the enhancement of OHA’s digital presence, tools, and vehicles for service across the islands.

This biennium budget emphasizes sustainable financial growth and long-term planning, including investments in the \$600 million Native Hawaiian Trust Fund, commercial properties, and capital projects. It provides

resources for leadership, education, healthcare, and economic development programs that directly impact the Lāhui, especially in underserved communities. Ultimately, this budget is about empowering OHA’s people and the Lāhui, creating opportunities that improve well-being, foster cultural identity, and strengthen the organization’s capacity to serve Native Hawaiians effectively.

**Stacy Ferreira, CEO** spends 30 minutes presenting – summarized.

The process for the proposed biennium budget involved extensive presentations and review by the Board of Trustees and administration, including 21 briefings totaling over 28 hours, line-by-line scrutiny, and more than 200 follow-up questions to ensure a transparent and collaborative process. The June 2nd version of the budget reflected this full collaboration, incorporating feedback from both the administration and the board. However, subsequent publicly posted versions, particularly the June 18th revision, were released without comparison or explanation of changes, limiting the board’s ability to fully assess modifications and their impacts.

These unvetted changes had significant operational and strategic consequences. Staff positions were added or eliminated, organizational structures altered, and programs and funding reduced or deleted without consultation with subject matter experts. This disrupted workflows, undermined coordination across divisions, created confusion, and eroded staff morale. Notably, reductions in critical programs, such as OE well-being and MIMO initiatives, compromised service delivery to beneficiaries and contradicted strategic priorities, weakening OHA’s long-term commitments and alignment with its mission.

Additionally, arbitrary and inconsistent salary allocations, elimination of merit increases, and disproportionate funding for branding created internal equity concerns and stressed organizational resources. Strategic misalignments, such as excessive marketing spending instead of prioritizing programs and services, further threatened institutional trust and accountability. Overall, these uncoordinated revisions risk undermining OHA’s operational effectiveness, staff retention, and ability to serve the Lāhui, emphasizing the need for informed, transparent, and consultative decision-making in accordance with HRS 92-9.

Funding OHA branding over direct community programs diverts resources from beneficiaries. Initiatives like a Native Hawaiian specialty court, which supports families and keeps them out of the court and prison systems, would have far greater impact. Reductions to strategy and implementation teams undermine OHA’s ability to deliver meaningful services, despite staff efforts and community planning.

Including non-OHA assets in non-competitive, non-solicited grants creates fiduciary and legal risk, bypassing transparency and equitable access. Operational budgets should reflect only OHA-owned assets. These practices violate trust fund integrity and expose OHA to reputational harm, undermining public confidence and equitable distribution of resources, contrary to HRS 92-9.

(1:36:00 | 11:40 am)

### **Opens the time to public testimony**

**Charles Monikiki Bahn** *summarized*. The speaker expressed gratitude to the trustees, staff, officers, and community engagement teams for their dedication and passion in serving the Lāhui and supporting Kanaka-led organizations. They urged the reinstatement of \$2.4 million in community grant funding awarded to grantees whose work is just beginning. Representing Hā‘inu Lā‘au, a grantee under the Mana i Maui Ola Strategic Plan, the speaker described their program as ‘āina-centered and focused on strengthening Hawaiian well-being through education, health, housing, and economic initiatives. The program promotes Hawaiian cultural and healing practices to enhance ‘ohana mental, emotional, and spiritual health. The speaker emphasized the urgent need to address health disparities and mental health gaps affecting Native Hawaiians across generations.

(1:43:14)

**Cal Sproat Hoe** *summarized.* The speaker shared that they attended the 1978 convention where Bill Pady was elected chair, noting that the real influence came from Aunty Frenchy De Soto of Wai‘anae and John Waihe‘e. They are from Hakipu‘u, born at home to a pure Hawaiian mother, and attended Waiāhole School and Kamehameha Schools before graduating from Macalester College, where they met their wife; they have three sons. The speaker expressed long-standing engagement with OHA since its founding and supports its reform efforts, emphasizing that Hawaiian sovereignty was never taken away even if the United States does not recognize it. They encouraged continued collaboration, respect for differing views, and working within established processes.

(1:48:46)

**Blanche McMillan** *summarized.* The CEO and founder of Hui Mahi‘ai‘Āina shared that their homeless shelter in Waimānalo currently serves 106 individuals, including 20 kūpuna and seven residents battling cancer. They expressed deep gratitude to the trustees for supporting their work through grants that benefit the community. Despite receiving no initial assistance from the city or state, they have grown the program to include 59 homes and additional tents, emphasizing that their success is through God’s guidance. The speaker highlighted the importance of aloha, unity, and compassion for Hawai‘i’s homeless population, whom they described as loving and deserving of care. They urged continued collaboration and faith in serving the people of Hawai‘i and concluded with words of blessing and encouragement.

(1:52:32)

**Venus Rose-Medeiros** *summarized.* The President and CEO of Hale Kipa, and former co-chair of the Malama ‘Ohana legislative work group, expressed deep aloha and commitment to the future of the Lāhui. They thanked OHA trustees and staff for their transparency, engagement, and ethical leadership, emphasizing the importance of honoring staff voices and upholding integrity in decision-making. They highlighted that OHA’s board, comprised entirely of Native Hawaiians, should serve as a gold standard for accountability and pono practices. The speaker strongly urged the reinstatement of funding for the Native Hawaiian Specialty Court, describing it as a culturally grounded, transformative solution for families disproportionately impacted by state systems. They concluded by emphasizing the need to invest in Native Hawaiian-led solutions to promote restoration, resilience, and systemic change.

(1:56:13)

**Lena Suzuki** *summarized.* The speaker expressed strong emotions and appreciation for previous testimony, emphasizing frustration that community invitations, particularly in Wai‘anae, are often not attended by trustees. They shared a story about Kamehameha I to illustrate the importance of humility and service to the people, urging OHA leaders to genuinely engage with communities rather than arriving with predetermined agendas. The speaker voiced concern that current discussions lack aloha and reflect a dictatorial tone, noting that community voices, especially from the kūpuna, are not being heard. They highlighted ongoing issues in Wai‘anae, such as lease land challenges, and called for direct dialogue with those working on the ‘āina. The testimony concluded with appreciation for community programs supporting incarcerated families and a plea for meaningful change to better serve the people.

(2:00:30)

**Lise Vaughn-Sekona** *summarized.* The speaker began by expressing deep appreciation to community members for attending and sharing their voices, emphasizing that their participation is valued and welcomed. They invited continued engagement, encouraging community members to reach out directly and build stronger connections with OHA. The speaker acknowledged and supported the work of Venus and the Native Hawaiian Specialty Court initiative, highlighting its potential for meaningful systemic change. They discussed the urgent

need to address inequities affecting Native Hawaiians, particularly in the child welfare and prison systems, noting the overrepresentation of Native Hawaiian children. The testimony concluded with encouragement for trustees to support initiatives that create culturally grounded, effective change for the Lāhui.

(2:03:27)

**Chantelle Belay** *summarized*. The speaker requested reinstatement of the \$2.4 million line item for the open solicitation competitive grants process, emphasizing its importance as many nonprofits are losing federal funding. They noted that without this support, several organizations may not survive into the next biennium. The speaker also addressed changes to charter school allocations, explaining that maintaining separate funding streams for enrollment and facilities ensures equity among schools of varying sizes. They highlighted the loss of funding for the Ke Kula Kaiapuni Conference, an important event that fosters student learning, connection, and collaboration across Hawaiian-focused charter schools. Lastly, the speaker supported keeping the grants program under Community Engagement, citing its close partnerships with BSAs and strong relationships with community grantees.

(2:08:29)

**Kēhau Pu‘u** *summarized*. The speaker expressed appreciation for efforts to strengthen OHA’s budget process but emphasized concerns about the lack of transparency and collaboration following June 2. Drawing on prior experience with the City and County of Honolulu, they recommended incorporating multiple hearings and opportunities for feedback and amendments to ensure openness. The speaker opposed moving Strategy and Implementation (S&I) under the COO, stating it belongs under the CEO for proper strategic oversight aligned with OHA’s Mana i Maui Ola plan. They urged the Board to restore S&I projects and initiatives that were removed and to reinstate the \$2.4 million annual community grants funding. The speaker concluded by affirming a commitment to work collaboratively toward a pono, Lāhui-centered budget.

(2:14:18)

**Hailama Farden** *summarized*. The speaker reiterated concerns previously submitted in written testimony regarding structural changes and budget decisions affecting the Division of Hawaiian Cultural Affairs. They emphasized that the removal of the Director of Hawaiian Ethos and the downgrading of the Hawaiian Cultural Operations Consultant significantly weaken the division’s ability to implement Strategy 4.1 of the Mana i Maui Ola Strategic Plan and uphold cultural integrity. The reorganization of the Strategies and Implementation division under the COO, rather than the CEO, was criticized as diminishing its strategic function and risking loss of progress. The speaker strongly urged reinstatement of the Restorative Justice Specialty Court, highlighting its potential impact on thousands of Native Hawaiians and its alignment with cultural, emotional, spiritual, and structural support. They also noted the elimination of essential travel funding, including participation in WIPCE, a key global conference for Indigenous educators and cultural leaders.

(2:19:40)

**Poni Askew** *summarized*. The speaker, as both Director of Economic Development and a beneficiary of the trust, emphasized the Board’s statutory mandate under HRS 10-6 to adopt and implement Mana i Maui Ola to improve conditions for Native Hawaiians. They noted that their team’s \$1.33 million implementation budget, aligned with this strategy, was cut by 80%, raising concerns about how MIMO goals can be achieved. The speaker criticized substantial budget changes made after the public comment period and called for transparency in how cuts and additions are communicated to beneficiaries. They urged the Board not to approve the proposed FY2027 budget without providing a clear, side-by-side explanation of all changes and justifications, ensuring alignment with MIMO and statutory obligations. The testimony concluded with a call for public engagement and integrity, emphasizing that trust and accountability to the Native Hawaiian community are paramount.

(2:23:28)

**Ku'ike Kamakea-‘Ohelo** *summarized*. The speaker, Director of Oihi Well-Being within OHA’s Office of Strategy and Implementation, emphasized their commitment to implementing Mana i Maui Ola and serving the lāhui as a promise to future generations. They highlighted the development of the Native Hawaiian Specialty Court pilot and the Puhonua Malama ‘Āina Restorative Justice Program, noting these initiatives are culturally grounded and aligned with strategic outcomes. The proposed FY2026–27 budget, which includes a 97% reduction to their programmatic budget and restructures the department away from direct reporting to the CEO, was described as undermining strategic implementation and community-driven efforts. Additionally, the speaker expressed concern over drastic cuts to repatriation funding, which threatens the timely return of kūpuna and the fulfillment of cultural and moral responsibilities. They concluded by reaffirming OHA’s role as a Native Hawaiian institution committed to systemic, culturally grounded transformation.

(2:28:38)

**Elena Farden** *summarized*. The speaker opposed the FY2026–27 budget, criticizing its lack of collaboration, transparency, and amendments, and emphasizing that decisions should reflect generational responsibility rather than short-term priorities. They highlighted how the budget pits essential programs, such as restorative justice, Native Hawaiian medical student support, and sex trafficking prevention, against each other, reflecting systemic scarcity rooted in colonial structures. The speaker shared stories of individuals harmed by the justice system to illustrate the human cost behind budget cuts. They urged the Board to adopt a collaborative process, make necessary amendments, and ensure funding reflects both healing for people and systemic reform. Ultimately, they called on trustees to act with accountability, integrity, and long-term vision for the lāhui.

(2:33:56)

**Maki‘ilei Ishihara** *summarized*. The speaker expressed appreciation to the Board and Ad Hoc Committee for their hard work on the budget while urging continued efforts to address salary inequities across positions. They emphasized that fairness should reflect not only numerical values but also job descriptions and qualifications. Speaking on behalf of their colleagues, they called for equity for both Native Hawaiian (Kanaka ‘Ōiwi) and non-Kanaka employees who serve the Lāhui with dedication. The speaker encouraged collaboration between the Board and administration, asking that all decisions be made with pono (righteousness) and unity rather than division. They acknowledged the challenges of leadership and the scrutiny leaders face, urging trust, respect for differing perspectives, and commitment to shared goals. The speaker concluded by reinforcing the value of ‘ohana (family), pilina (relationship), and continued partnership in pursuing just and equitable outcomes for all.

(2:39:04)

**Kaimo Muhlestein** *summarized*. The speaker reflected on nearly 27 years of service, emphasizing that collaboration between the administration and trustees has always been key to the organization’s success. They acknowledged the challenges of budgeting and decision-making but affirmed that unity and teamwork have consistently led to positive outcomes. Over the years, the speaker has witnessed many changes and transitions within the organization and among its staff. Despite these shifts, they highlighted the organization’s resilience and ability to achieve remarkable results. They credited this success to collective effort, dedication to the mission, and a shared commitment to addressing the trauma and challenges faced by the community.

(2:43:48 | 12:48 pm)

*There is unanimous consent to take the agenda out of order due to time difference to allow Trustee Akina to offer final remarks*

(2:48:27 | 12:52 pm)

*There is unanimous consent to take the agenda out of order and take up community concerns and celebrations on the agenda.*

**Community Concerns and Celebrations** – no one is signed up to speak.

*Recess is taken at 12:53 P.M.*

*Board reconvenes at 2:05 P.M.*

(2:05 pm)

*With full Board consent Chair calls upon Rupert Rowe to offer testimony under community concerns and celebrations.*

(1:04 | 2:05 pm) **This portion of the meeting can be viewed in video 3**

**Rupert Rowe** *summarized.* The speaker addressed misunderstandings about the distinction between being “Hawaiian” and “Kanaka,” emphasizing that true connection and ownership of the land—symbolized by “the hill”—belong to those who understand their ancestral roots. They expressed frustration that some appear unaware of who holds rightful connection to the hill, noting that even the State acknowledges it does not own it. The speaker urged others to look inward, remember their identity as Kanaka, and not be ashamed of their heritage. They stressed that worship and belief systems are personal choices, but understanding cultural identity is essential. The speaker called for unity, self-awareness, and forward movement as one people rooted in ancestral knowledge. They concluded by urging everyone to stop division, recognize their shared identity, and continue working together toward restoration and progress.

(5:59 | 2:11 pm) – **Motion to Amend a Budget Line Item**

**Chair Kaiali’i Kahele** I move to amend the OHA Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 by removing line items 8715 through 8721 on pages 211 and 212 of Attachment 4, which total \$4,925,000.00 for the proposed Grants CIP projects. In their place, I propose adding a single line item in the FY26 budget for \$2,550,000.00 as a Grants CIP from the Trust Fund, and a single line item in the FY27 budget for \$2,450,000.00 as a Grants CIP from the Trust Fund.

Additionally, in Column P, I propose adding the following budget proviso language:

No later than September 1, 2025, the Senior Director of Strategy & Implementation and the Grants Director shall develop and formalize an OHA Community CIP Grants Program, which shall begin accepting applications from the community by September 15, 2025, for CIP projects to be considered for OHA funding. All proposed community CIP grant projects must meet the requirements set forth in HRS §42F-103 and must, at the time of application, have a CIP appropriation award by the Hawai‘i State Legislature to be eligible.

The CIP Grants Program and process must include components for: (1) Application and Award, (2) Eligibility Information, (3) Release of Funds, (4) Contract Execution, (5) Contract Administration/Expenditure, and (6) Contract Closing.

*Discussion takes place*

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** I am proposing to remove the following:

1. Kaua'i Heiau
2. Keaukaha Kawanakoa Hall Gym and
3. Ulu A'e in Kapolei

We will create a CIP program that is fair, transparent and follows the exact same process as the legislature. We will also condition that any applicant that OHA will consider must have CIP funding from the legislature. We are not funding the entire project.

**Vice Chair Souza** I support this motion and amendment.

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** I think that we should write a policy looking at this, this new system because as, as we shared, we never did give out CIP money.

**Trustee Akaka** I appreciate this with a process because it really highlights the desire for people to see that partnership within the different levels, the various levels of government so that one would hope that more funding will come in because there's more partners than that and that something will actually be done in a proper process. I also recommend going forward that we include this information as a presentation in our future O'ahu island community meetings.

(18:14 | 2:26 pm)

First vote will be on the amendment that Trustee Souza is conferred by our Grants Manager

<b>AMENDMENT 1:</b>						
2:14 P.M. Chair Kahele moves to						
moves to amend the OHA Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 by removing line items 8715 through 8721 on pages 211 and 212 of Attachment 4, which total \$4,925,000.00 for the proposed Grants CIP projects. In their place, I propose adding a single line item in the FY26 budget for \$2,550,000.00 as a Grants CIP from the Trust Fund, and a single line item in the FY27 budget for \$2,450,000.00 as a Grants CIP from the Trust Fund.						
Additionally, in Column P, I propose adding the following budget proviso language:						
No later than <b>December 31, September 1, 2025</b> , the Senior Director of Strategy & Implementation and the Grants <b>Department Director</b> shall develop and formalize an OHA Community CIP Grants Program, which shall begin accepting applications from the community by <b>January 1, September 15, 2026</b> , for CIP projects to be considered for OHA funding. All proposed community CIP grant projects must meet the requirements set forth in HRS §42F-103 and must, at the time of application, have a CIP appropriation award by the Hawai'i State Legislature to be eligible.						
The CIP Grants Program and process must include components for: (1) Application and Award, (2) Eligibility Information, (3) Release of Funds, (4) Contract Execution, (5) Contract Administration/Expenditure, and (6) Contract Closing.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 2:26 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			

TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X		
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X		
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X		
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE	X		X		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>		
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>					
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>					

(21:27 | 2:27 pm)  
The second vote on CIP

<b>AMENDMENT 2:</b> 2:26 P.M. Chair Kahele moves to						
move to amend the OHA biennium budget for fiscal Year 26 and 27 are removing line items at 8715 to 8721 on pages 211 and 212 of Attachment 4, which total \$4,925,000 for the proposed grant CIP projects. In their place, I propose adding a single line item in the FY26 Budget for 2,550,000 as a Grant CIP from the Trust Fund and a single line item in the FY27 Budget for 2,450,000 as a grant CIP from the Trust Fund.						
Additionally, in column P, propose adding the following budget proviso language.						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No later than December 31st, 2025.</li> <li>• The Senior Director of Strategy and Implementation and the Grants Manager shall develop and formalize an OHA Community CIP grants program which shall begin accepting applications from the Community by January 1st, 2026. For CIP projects to be considered for OHA funding,</li> <li>• all proposed Community CIP grant projects must be the requirements set forth in HRS 42F-103 and must at the time of application, have a CIP Appropriation award by the Hawaii State Legislature to be eligible.</li> <li>• the CIP grants program and process must include components for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application and award,</li> <li>2. Eligibility information,</li> <li>3. Release of funds,</li> <li>4. Contract execution,</li> <li>5. Contract administration and expenditure, and</li> <li>6. Contract closing.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>						
No Second is required.						
Vote: 2:28 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			

<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

Motion is adopted.

(23:36 | 2:28 pm)

**Trustee Galuteria** moves to amend the OHA biennium budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 by modifying line 8093 on page 183 of Attachment 4, decreasing the proposed amount from \$786,800 to \$668,800 for the Department of Native Hawaiian Health, John A Burns School of Medicine Kānaka 'Oiwi Physicians Workforce Development Program. This amendment reflects a formal request from the Medical School to revise the funding proposal to the updated amount.

<b>AMENDMENT 3:</b>						
2:29 P.M. Trustee Galuteria moves to						
amend the OHA biennium budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 by modifying line 8093 on page 183 of Attachment 4, decreasing the proposed amount from \$786,800 to \$668,800 for the Department of Native Hawaiian Health, John A Burns School of Medicine Kānaka 'Oiwi Physicians Workforce Development Program. This amendment reflects a formal request from the Medical School to revise the funding proposal to the updated amount.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 2:30 P.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>						
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>						
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			

<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>6</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Six (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(26:25 | 2:31 pm)

**Vice Chair Souza** makes a motion to amend the following:

amend the OHA Biennium Budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 by removing line items 8289 on page 186 and line 8381 on page 189 for the Mālama Honua program and instead reallocate those funds to the following Hawaiian Focus Charter Schools. Line 8489 on page 192, Column H increasing funding for Ka Waihona o ka Na‘auao from \$176,500 in FY26 to \$275,900 and on line 8622 on Page 202, increasing funding for FY27 from \$176,500 to \$275,900. The total financial grant for Ka Waihona o ka Na‘auao for the fiscal year by biennium budget will be \$551,800.

Line 8494 on page 193, Column H like to increase funding for Kano Oka Aina from \$176,500 in FY26 to \$269,493 and on line 8627 on page 204, increased funding for FY27 from \$176,500 to \$269,493. Total funding, total financial grant for Kanu O ka ‘Āina for the fiscal biennium budget will be \$538,986.

Line 8496 on page 192, Column H increasing funding for Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalaniopu‘u from \$176,500 in FY26 to to \$275,900 and online 8629 on page 205 increasing funding for FY27 from \$176,500 to \$275,900. Total financial grant for Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalaniopu‘u for the fiscal biennium budget will be \$551,800.

Line 8490 on page 194, Column H, increase funding for Kamaile Academy from \$176,500 in FY26 to \$274,300 and on line 8623 on page 203, increasing funding for FY27 from \$176,500 to \$274,300. Total financial grant for Kamaile Academy for the fiscal biennium budget will be \$548,600.

Additionally, I propose adding a line item in the FY26 budget under the S&I Educational Pathways Program for \$50,000 to support the 23rd Annual Ku‘i i ka Lono 2026 Indigenous Education Conference and a line item in the FY27 budget under the same program for \$50,000 to support the 24th Annual Ku‘i i ka Lono 2027 Indigenous Education Conference.

Furthermore, in column P for both added line items are proposed inserting the following budget proviso language.

- The Senior Director of Strategy and Implementation and the Director of Education and Cultural Based Learning shall plan and execute the Ku‘i i ka Lono Indigenous Education Conference and present the proposed implementation plan to the Board of Trustees no later than October 1st, 2025.

Finally, I propose allocating the remaining balance of \$620,814.00 to OHA's reserve for Disaster Aid fund by adding \$310,407.00 to line 8526 on page 200 (FY26) and \$310,407.00 to line 8660 on page 211 (FY27)

**Vice Chair Souza** states the reason for this would increase each line item to a total of \$460,407.00 per fiscal year. This allocation will strengthen OHA’s preparedness and responsive and response capacity in the event of unexpected disasters impacting our Lāhui

*Discussion takes place among the Trustees*

**AMENDMENT 4:**  
 2:33 P.M. Vice Chair Souza moves to

amend the OHA Biennium Budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 by removing line items 8289 on page 186 and line 8381 on page 189 for the Mālama Honua program and instead reallocate those funds to the following Hawaiian Focus Charter Schools. Line 8489 on page 192, Column H increasing funding for Ka Waihona o ka Na‘auao from \$176,500 in FY26 to \$275,900 and on line 8622 on Page 2O2, increasing funding for FY27 from \$176,500 to \$275,900. The total financial grant for Ka Waihona o ka Na‘auao for the fiscal year by biennium budget will be \$551,800.

Line 8494 on page 193, Column H like to increase funding for Kano Oka Aina from \$176,500 in FY26 to \$269,493 and on line 8627 on page 2O4, increased funding for FY27 from \$176,500 to \$269,493. Total funding, total financial grant for Kanu O ka ‘Āina for the fiscal biennium budget will be \$538,986.

Line 8496 on page 192, Column H increasing funding for Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalaniopu‘u from \$176,500 in FY26 to \$275,900 and online 8629 on page 2O5 increasing funding for FY27 from \$176,500 to \$275,900. Total financial grant for Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalaniopu‘u for the fiscal biennium budget will be \$551,800.

Line 8490 on page 194, Column H, increase funding for Kamaile Academy from \$176,500 in FY26 to \$274,300 and on line 8623 on page 2O3, increasing funding for FY27 from \$176,500 to \$274,300. Total financial grant for Kamaile Academy for the fiscal biennium budget will be \$548,600.

Additionally, I propose adding a line item in the FY26 budget under the S&I Educational Pathways Program for \$50,000 to support the 23rd Annual Ku‘i i ka Lono 2026 Indigenous Education Conference and a line item in the FY27 budget under the same program for \$50,000 to support the 24th Annual Ku‘i i ka Lono 2027 Indigenous Education Conference.

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Finally, I propose allocating the remaining balance of \$620,814.00 to OHA's reserve for Disaster Aid fund by adding \$310,407.00 to line 8526 on page 200 (FY26) and \$310,407.00 to line 8660 on page 211 (FY27)

No Second is required.

Vote: 2:44 P.M.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			

<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(39:08 | 2:44 pm)

**Trustee Akaka** request to go back to page 183 line 8093 at the bottom. I would be interested in removing this item from OHA Health Outcomes. My concern is regarding proper reporting.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** request to have a motion ready. We have our staff here ready to assist you.

**Trustee Akaka** I could use some assistance.

**Trustee Akaka** I am interested in removing these this item line 8093 out of health outcomes and treat it like how we are treating the the CIP so that if the state would like to partner or another entity in funding the, UH Jabsom, I would be interested in seeing what those options are. It would be helpful to see the CIP motion along side of the motion to amendment the budget line item.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** You said out of health outcomes, but I still don't understand what your motion is.

*Discussion continues.*

**Trustee Ahuna** request to make an amendment to increase funding regarding repatriation of iwi.

**Kamakana Ferreira** I'm looking at my original request that had gone in and we had requested, I think, \$26,107.00 for Berlin and \$8,672 for Paris. That was to cover myself and several Maui practitioners. There is cost involved in bringing the ki'i back, you need to buy seats for those items and that was built into the cost.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** One of the things that has come up is trying to establish some type of memorandum of agreement understanding with our repatriation partners just for OHA's liability sake, is that something that we can work on or is realistic?

**Kamakana Ferreira** It is something that we've been actively working towards. We've actually had something drafted up and it's with the other parties right now. It is currently not satisfactory to them and so we are going through that process.

**Trustee Ahuna** When you bring the ki'i home what do you with it?

**Ku'ike Kamakea-Ohelo** Best practice is when we bring, iwi Kupuna home, that we bring them home as soon as possible. However, when we deal, when we deal with mea Kapu and mea Makamai, there must be a secured facility for them to land. That local consultation, if we can call it, between us and community partners who have the facilities and infrastructure in place that is similar to what the museums require, what our international partners would require, that consultation takes a little time so that that couldn't happen virtually but most times

it will happen face-to-face. That's not necessarily reflected in this budgetary request. I just want to say for the record, what I said earlier today, there's a gap about \$8000 because it included repatriation to Chicago that's scheduled all for the next fiscal year and that hasn't been discussed yet here. If it's showing you guys when you're doing the math that there's a gap of \$8000 and some change, that's why you know. I would kindly, humbly request that you guys consider that restore.

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** This money is for our people to travel not for outsiders? I want to be clear. I think our money should pay for our people only and not for outsiders.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** My opinion is that I think OHA staff should be funded. I think there is some value to non OHA staff on these particular trips, just like we have non OHA staff going to Tahiti in, three weeks for the Raromatai festival. I think the message to Kamakana and Ku'ike is that we want to support you but we, the Trustees want to know a lot more ahead of time when trips are being planned. Who's planning on going and as long as OHA's liability is protected and that we have memorandums of understanding and agreement with these various organizations that do repatriation that are very important for our people. I think we have to tighten up the process a little bit and have more information earlier to the trustees.

(56:08 | 3:02 pm)

**Trustee Ahuna moves to**

3:01 P.M. Trustee Ahuna moves to						
Amend line item [two] on page 269 of attachment 4 from \$6,765 to \$26,107 and line item [one] from \$7,870 to \$8,672.						
Vote: 3:02 P.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

Discussion

(1:02:25 | 3:09 pm)

<p><b>AMENDMENT 6:</b>                  3:08 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to                  Move the S&amp;I paia line of authority, as currently proposed, back to the CEO.                  No second is required.</p>						
Vote: 3:09 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<p><b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b></p> <p><b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b></p>						

(1:04:29 | 3:09 pm)

<p><b>AMENDMENT 7:</b>                  3:09 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to                  Move the Grants paia line of authority, as currently proposed, back to Community Engagement.                  No second is required.</p>						
Vote: 3:17 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			

TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:12:42 | 3:17 pm)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Page 169, attachment 4, Line 7436. This is for fiscal year 2026, the Senior Director of Strategy and Implementation. The proposed salary in the budget is \$159,365.00 since that added responsibility is now not part of S&I, we will reduce that salary to \$128,592.00. That will also require a reduction in the fringe and the total personnel salary in column L. I think we adopt that and then if we want to talk about merit based salaries, we can do that.

<b>AMENDMENT 8:</b> 3:18 P.M. Chair Kahele moves to						
Page 169, Attachment 4, Line 7436, this is for FY2026, the Senior Director of Strategy and Implementation, the proposed salary in the budget is \$159,365. Now that the added responsibility is no longer with (Strategy & Implementation), reduce the salary to \$128,592, which will also require a reduction in fringe and total personnel salary in Column L.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 3:19 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			

TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:15:32 | 3:20 pm)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Page 170, Line 7531, FY 2027, Senior. Director of S&I amending Column M which is \$159,365.00 to \$128,592.00. That will affect column N, the fringe and column O. The total position and the merit based increase is in there, but that will also affect the 3% and 5% merit based increase. The actual dollar amount that triggers the rest of it is the \$128,592.00 and that is at parity with FY26.

<b>AMENDMENT 9:</b> 3:21 P.M. Chair Kahele moves to						
Amend on Page 170, Line 7531, FY2027, same position [Senior Director of Strategy & Implementation], amending Column M, which is \$159,365 to \$128,592, which will affect Column N, the fringe, and Column O, the total position, and include the merit based increase. The dollar amount that triggers fringe and merit is \$128,592, which is at parity with FY2026.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 3:21 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE	X		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						

**Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes**

(1:16:46 | 3:23 pm)

**Trustee Alapa** At this time I'd like to make amendment to reinstate the original org chart assignment to the community engagement position, to move one of the two proposed Hilo BSA positions back to Oahu as originally proposed due to the volume of and intake of community events on Oahu justifying a greater need for additional BSA's on Oahu.

*Discussion takes place*

(3:33 pm)

**Trustee Alapa** withdraws her motion.

(1:29:05 | 3:33 pm)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Moves on Page 83 of Attachment 4, replicate row 1686, to add a Beneficiary Services Agent (BSA) O'ahu for a salary of \$62,904, fringe of \$40,416 in FY2026; and on Page 85, Attachment 4, add a BSA O'ahu for to replicate Row 1786 and include in the merit-based salary.

<b>AMENDMENT 10:</b> 3:33 P.M. Chair Kahele moves  On Page 83 of Attachment 4, replicate row 1686, to add a Beneficiary Services Agent (BSA) O'ahu for a salary of \$62,904, fringe of \$40,416 in FY2026; and on Page 85, Attachment 4, add a BSA O'ahu to replicate Row 1786 and include in merit-based salary for FY2027.  No second is required.						
Vote: 3:34 P.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						X
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			X			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			X			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>	X		X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						

**Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes**

(1:29:44 | 3:35 pm)

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** I would like to move the public policy advocate position from fiscal year 2027 to fiscal year 2026 because the offer is already out there.

Discussion

<b>AMENDMENT 11:</b>						
3:37 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to						
Move a Public Policy Advocate position (Row 7151, Page 167, Attachment 4) from FY2027 to FY2026 (Row 7050, Page 165, Attachment 4).						
No second is required.						
Vote: 3:40 P.M.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:35:08 | 3:40 pm)

**Vice Chair Souza** Moves to adopt the Budget in its current form as of Monday, June 30, 2025 at 3:40 P.M.

A pause in the meeting was taken at 3:40 P.M. - *Discussion takes place.*

**Vice Chair Souza** Withdraws his motion at 4:01 P.M.

(1:57:56 | 4:02 pm)

<b>AMENDMENT 12:</b> 4:03 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to  To remove Line 1052 of \$180,000 for FY2026 from the budget. – Removal of Vehicles  No second is required.						
Vote: 4:05 P.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

*Discussion takes place.*

(2:00:18 | 4:05 pm)

**Trustee Alapa** To add \$250,000.00 in FY2026 and \$250,000.00 (Line 8289) for program development of the Malama Honua home Improvement/ renovation program and \$500,000.00 in FY2027 (Line 8381), with proviso that this program gain final approval from the B&F Committee and BOT via Action Item.

Proviso Language:

- Gain final approval from the B&F Committee and BOT via Action Item.
- Ask DHHL to match and collaborate with them
- The Committee of Budget and Finance Chair to work with Administration to create the program

<b>AMENDMENT 13</b>						
4:24 P.M. Trustee Alapa moves to						
To revise amounts to \$250K in FY2026 (Line 8289) for the development of the Malama Honua home improvement / renovation program and \$500K in FY2027 (Line 8381), with proviso that this program gain final approval from the B&F Committee and BOT via an Action Item.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 4:27 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(2:23:28 | 4:28 pm)

Trustee Ahuna moves to amend Attachment 4 to include a new line item in 7130 health outcomes under the expense category contracts in the amount of 50,000 in FY2026 for the purpose of securing Kii and mea'ai and this is supported by our health outcomes.

<b>AMENDMENT 14:</b>						
4:28 P.M. Trustee Ahuna moves to						
Amend the Health Outcomes budgets for Contracts to include \$50,000 in FY2026 for the purchase of ki'i and mea kapu.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 4:29 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			

<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

*Recess is taken at 4:30 P.M.*

*Board reconvenes at 4:45 P.M.*

(2:41:07 | 4:52 pm)

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** We have some allocations in our budget that we would like to reduce so we can make more monies available for stuff that we haven't entertained yet.

To reduce by \$100,000.00 on Line 5686 to \$160.00.00

<b>AMENDMENT 15:</b>						
4:52 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to						
Zero-out Lines 5685 and 5777, combine the proviso language between Lines 5685 and 5686, and combine the proviso language between Lines 5777 and 5778. – Multimedia Campaign						
No second is required.						
Vote: 4:52 P.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			

<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>		
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>					
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>					

(2:47:43 | 4:55 pm)

Chair Emerita Lindsey Page 138, 5778, the \$500,000.00 reduce it to \$250,000.00

<b>AMENDMENT 16</b>						
4:55 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to						
Reduce Line 5778 from \$500K to \$250K (page 138)						
No second is required.						
Vote: 5:02 P.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(2:48:48 | 5:03 pm)

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** Page 140, Row 5876 and 5975 reduce to 0 and reallocate.

*Discussion takes place.*

<b>AMENDMENT 17:</b>						
5:03 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to						
Zero out Line 5937 (on page 141) of \$160,000.00 – Communications Dept. Media buying.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 5:04 P.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(2:57:02 | 5:04 pm)

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** Page 147 Line 6079 – Advertising – Market Research

**Bill** We actually have funds available from a from a previous budget contract purchase order that that we've that were covered that we didn't realize that the time was still available to us.

**AMENDMENT 18:**

5:04 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to

Reduce Line 6079 (page 147) to \$100K from \$200K. – Communications Dept. – Engagement strategy

No second is required.

Vote: 5:05 P.M.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			

MOTION:  UNANIMOUS  PASSED  DEFERRED  FAILED

Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes

(3:00:34 | 5:12 pm)

Chair Emerita Lindsey Proposal to restore programs with money just saved.

**AMENDMENT 19:**

5:12 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to

Restore, for the S&I paia as a Contracts expense, \$200K in FY2026 and \$300K in FY2027 for the Pu‘uhonua Restorative Justice Program, with proviso that this program gain final approval from the B&F Committee and BOT via an Action Item.

No second is required.

Vote: 5:13 P.M.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X

TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X		
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY	X		X		
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X		
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X		
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X		
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8		
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>					
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>					

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele in audible.

(3:08:25 | 5:18 pm)

Chair Emerita Lindsey I would like to add Kūlana 'Āina strategy - \$360,000.00 for FY2026 and \$442,600.00 for FY2027.

<b>AMENDMENT 20:</b> 5:18 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to						
Add Kūlana 'Āina strategy, as contracts expense, S&I Paia Economics Resilience, a new Line for \$360,000.00 in FY2026 And \$442,600.00 in FY2027 (New Line 8008), with proviso that this program gain final approval from the B&F Committee andBOT via an Action Item.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 5:21 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			

<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

Recommended Proviso:

- Prior to execution this program is to be presented to the Board of Trustees for a final approval via action item.

(3:12:46 | 5:21 pm)

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** To reconsider the Justice Program.

<b>AMENDMENT 21:</b>						
5:21 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey						
Motion to reconsider the Pu'uhonua Restorative Justice Program						
No second is required.						
Vote: 5:22 P.M.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(3:17:00 | 5:22 pm)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele reads the following** add the proviso language:

on restorative justice program with the allocated amounts that you stated which was \$200,000 in FY26 and \$300,000 in FY27 and that prior to execution the program is to be presented for final approval will be an action item to the board proceeds.

Proviso: Prior to execution this program is to come back for approval via action item.

**So moved by Chair Emerita Lindsey.**

<b>AMENDMENT 22:</b>						
5:22 P.M. Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to						
Amend to add language for Pu 'uhonua Restorative Justice program; the allocated amounts of \$200K for FY2026 and \$300K for FY2027, with proviso the program is to be presented for final approval via Action Item to the Board of Trustees .						
No second is required.						
Vote: 5:22 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(3:18:40 | 5:24 pm)

**Trustee Alapa** – BOT Org Chart - everyone is the same and in one line.

*Discussion takes place.*

<b>AMENDMENT 23:</b> 5:24 P.M. Trustee Alapa						
To amend the BOT org. chart for FY2026 and FY2027 to reflect a singular line of leadership with Chair and Vice Chair in the center, as well as aligning Trustee staff beneath respective Trustee.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 5:28 P.M.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA				X		
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E				X		
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Six (6) Yes votes, Two (2) No votes</b>						

(3:23:18 | 5:28 pm)

**Vice Chair Souza** moves to approve the budget for the FY2026 – FY2027 biennium in its current form as of 5:28 PM on Monday, June 30, 2025.

*Discussion takes place.*

**Vice Chair Souza** withdraws his motion at 5:29 P.M.

(3:25:35 | 5:31 pm)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Go to page 200, Line 8526 we are going to reduce the Disaster Aid by \$50,000.00 and that will put us in the green. *In audible.* This will put us in the green.

Discussion

<b>AMENDMENT 24:</b> 5:31 P.M. Chair Kahele moves to  Reduce Grants in Aid for disaster aid for FY2026, from \$460,407 to \$410,407.  No second is required.						
Vote: 5:35 P.M.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(3:30:03 | 5:35 pm)

**Vice Chair Souza** I would like to move to approve the budget, fiscal year 2627 budget in its current form as of June 30th, 2025 at 5:35 PM, which includes all the approved amendments.

(3:30:47 | :36 pm)

**Public Testimony**

**Venus Rosette-Medeiros** *summarized.* The speaker expressed appreciation for the progress at Pu'uhonua, noting that with court involvement, it provides a place of refuge for families. They suggested that its approval or recognition might be handled collectively.

Discussion takes place.

<b>AMENDMENT 25:</b> 5:35 P.M. Vice Chair Souza moves to						
Approve the budget for the FY2026 – FY2027 biennium in its current form as of 5:35 PM on Monday, June 30, 2025 which includes all approved amendments.						
No second is required.						
Vote: 5:42 P.M.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA				X		
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA				X		
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Six (6) Yes votes, Two (2) No votes</b>						

(3:37:19 | 5:40 pm)

**Announcements**

**Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele Trustees** We've been here since 8:00 in the morning. It is 5:40 PM, and today's process was never just about numbers or financial plans. What we did here over these last nine hours is far more than the adoption of a budget. It is a reflection of our growth, our willingness to compromise, to lean into our discomfort, and our shared commitment to doing what is pono for our people. We began this journey from a difficult and, at times, very divided place. The road here wasn't easy. There were moments of tension, moments of doubt. And yes, there were voices—some loud, strident, and insistent even—that questioned our ability and our readiness to take on this responsibility. But today, we showed what your leadership looks like. We listened deeply. We spoke with intention. We challenged each other with respect. Most importantly, we found our way forward together. What we accomplished today is more than a response to criticism. It is a reflection of our growth, of our commitment, and our love for our people.

In preparing for this day, I spent time reflecting on the wisdom of our kūpuna in old Hawai‘i. Ali‘i and konohiki were not remembered for what they kept, but for what they shared. Their leadership was measured not in wealth or titles, but in the abundance of their ‘āina—the well-being of their people. They led with generosity, humility, and with aloha. And that is the spirit we have tried to honor in this budget. From long-overdue salary equity to long-awaited investments throughout our pae ‘āina—from programs that strengthen the health and education of our lāhui to services that uphold our mission and values—this budget is a reflection of our collective kuleana.

It represents a return to ancestral principles, reimagined for the needs of today, in a time when the world is increasingly shaped by division, scarcity, and distrust. This Board—each and every one of you—chose a different path. One rooted in care, responsibility, and aloha for our people and our future. We may not have agreed on every detail, but we found common ground in our shared values and in the shared vision we hold for the generations to come. To my fellow Trustees—each and every one of you—I’m incredibly proud of you. I really mean that: proud of your courage, of your conviction, and of your willingness to lead boldly and with all of your heart, in every sense of the word. This was a collective achievement—one that speaks volumes about who we are and who we strive to be for our lāhui. And so as we move forward, may we continue to ask ourselves, with honesty, humility, and unwavering purpose: How well are our people and our ‘āina being fed today, for the generations yet to come? That is our measure. That is our standard. And that is our shared kuleana.

Mahalo nui loa for your dedication, your courage, and your aloha, I want to thank our staff and those who came up and testified today your message was heard it resonated. I want to thank Ryan, Parker, Grace, Everett, and the team that worked on the numbers. Mahalo to Ka Pouhana for having that idea on Friday and putting it in place. Mahalo to all the people who came to testify not just today, but on previous days when the budget was brought forth by the Budget and Finance Committee and to our hardworking Trustee staff. Mahalo. We have a lot of work ahead, and we’re looking forward to working with all of you. So let's continue this work together.

(3:41:22 | 5:46 pm)

### **Adjournment**

**Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele** asks if there is no further business if he can get a motion to adjourn.

Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to adjourn the meeting

**Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele** There has been a motion to adjourn. All in favor say aye. Any opposed Trustees, this meeting is now adjourned.

**There is no objection to adjourning the meeting.**

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 5:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments: (all handouts will be attached once the minutes are approved)

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Video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/live/HcW1e4e1fwv?si=06yaJYHjzgDEvORv>

**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
Septemeber 4, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
K. Sean - COO  
Everett Ohta, General Counsel  
Kaponu K., External Counsel  
Elena Farden, Sr. Dir. Of Strategy & Implementation  
Royce Cambell, Operations Mngr.  
Corey Nakamoto, Dir. Of HR  
Bill Brennan, Dir. of Communications  
Grace Chen  
Lise  
Kale Hannahs  
Sandra Stancil, EA  
Iokepa  
Malu  
Daniel Santos, IT  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT

BOT STAFF:

Summer Sylva, Chief of Staff (COS)  
Alena Auyoung, Deputy COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Pohailani Kealoha, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
Remy Keliihoomalu, Trustee Aide  
Carina Lee, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Secretary  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Anuheha Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION CONT.:

Leina'ala Ley

GUEST:

Dr. Jonathan Kay Kamakawiwo'ole Osorio  
Joy Chong-Stannard  
Craig Howes  
Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl  
Malia Nobriga Oliveira

(00:00:28 | 10:07 am)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, September 4, 2025 at **10:07 a.m.** Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>		Joins mtg at 10:09 am
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	<b>KAHELE</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **EIGHT (8)** Trustees are **PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** This meeting can be viewed via live stream on all his website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) For those joining us on Zoom to testify or listen, please note that we are using the webinar platform rather than the standard Zoom meeting format. As an attendee, you will be able to watch and listen to the proceedings. If you wish to testify on a specific agenda item, please follow these steps:

1. Raise your hand to indicate that you would like to speak.
2. We will change your status from attendee to panelist when it is your turn. This may take a few seconds, so we appreciate your patience.
3. As a panelist, you will have the option to turn on your camera and unmute yourself to provide testimony.
4. Once you have finished testifying, please mute yourself, and you will be returned to attendee status.

In addition to this, I would like to remind everyone to please silence your cell" this meeting is being conducted in compliance with HRS Chapter 92, OHA Bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order for Small Boards, as modified by applicable statutes and rules. A few reminders as we begin:

- Trustees must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
- Members may raise a hand instead of standing when seeking to obtain the floor and may remain seated while making motions or speaking.
- Motions need not be seconded.
- Public testimony will be called on each agenda item and limited to five minutes per speaker.
- Chair may fully participate in discussion and vote.

I would like to recognize our Ka Pouhana, Stacy Ferreira. Stacy would you like to introduce any Administrative staff that are with us today?

**Stacy Ferreira, Ka Pouhana** Introduces Staff.

(00:4:14 | 10:10 am)

**Approval of Minutes**

**May 29, 2025**

**Trustee Ahuna moves to approve the May 29, 2025 minutes.**

No second is required.

Motion made at 10:10 am Approval of Minutes						
May 29, 2025						
Vote: 10:11 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b>						

*Chair Kahele announces that he would like to take the agenda out of order and listen to community concerns and celebration first. There is no objection and the Board unanimously agrees to take the agendma out of order.*

(00:05:25 | 10:10 am)

**Community Concerns and Celebration at 10:10 am - Full testimony can be viewed here:**

[https://www.youtube.com/live/IuT-inSlIn5c?si=Vwg1yrEWeWCZe\\_Oh](https://www.youtube.com/live/IuT-inSlIn5c?si=Vwg1yrEWeWCZe_Oh)

**Raymend Sin** *summarized.* A U.S. Air Force veteran and former high school teacher, introduced himself and highlighted his expertise in military, education, history, science, and technology. He noted the military origins of Robert's Rules of Order and reflected on historically significant events, including WWII Victory over Japan

Day and the contributions of Native Hawaiian veterans. He emphasized educational and professional opportunities in Hawaii, including science and technology programs, federal grants, and research at the University of Hawaii. Searn shared cultural values from Native Hawaiian teachings, stressing aloha, pono, compassion, and the importance of knowing one's roots. He concluded by acknowledging Hawaii's leaders and veterans, expressing his willingness to answer questions and support knowledge sharing in the community.

(00:11:34 | 10:18 am)

### **Status OHA Activities**

#### **A. Comprehensive Update on Travel Planning and Preparations for OHA Delegation's Participation in the 2025 Native Hawaiian Convention in Tulalip, WA from October 6-9, 2025, including travel logistics, coordination efforts and programming, and anticipated outcomes.**

**Stacy Ferreira, Ka Pouhana** A 22-member OHA delegation of trustees, executives, and staff will travel to Tulalip, Washington, from October 6–9, 2025, to participate in the 2025 Native Hawaiian Convention, hosted on the federally recognized lands of the Tulalip Tribes. As a major sponsor, OHA will play active roles as presenters, conveners, collaborators, and service providers. The delegation aims to strengthen community connections by engaging Native Hawaiians on the continent through on-site HRP registration, surveys, and data collection to inform future initiatives. Chair Kahele will deliver a plenary address, and OHA will lead sessions including From Ceded to Seated, focused on the Public Land Trust, and Mana i Maoli Ola, highlighting progress in education, health, housing, and economic resilience. Cultural workshops will explore genealogy and traditional naming practices, while the 'Aha 'Ōpio youth session will inspire advocacy and leadership among young Native Hawaiians. The delegation will also participate in a huaka'i with Pacific Rim Tonewoods and partners to study regenerative forestry and explore economic development collaborations. Additionally, OHA will increase its organizational visibility through social media, live streams, and networking to strengthen partnerships with CNHA, Native Hawaiian leaders, and other Indigenous groups. Weekly coordination meetings ensure alignment and preparation for the convention.

(00:27:03 | 10:33 am)

### **New Business**

#### **A. Committee on Budget and Finance**

- 1. Action Item BF #25-69: Approval of revisions to certain staff positions and salary adjustments for filled staff positions approved in the OHA Biennium Budget for Fiscal Biennium Periods 2025-2026 (Fiscal Year 2026) and 2026-2027 and signing bonus budget approval for Fiscal Year 2026. August 20, 2025**

*There is a total of three motions for this action item.*

***Trustee Alapa reads motion 1: at 10:33 am***

**Approve revisions to the following position titles from those approved in Action Item BOT #25-51, Attachment 2, on June 30, 2025:**

- 1. Change "GIS Analyst" to "Geographic Information System Administrator";**
  - 2. Change "Papakilo and Kipuka Systems Administrator" to "Digital Archive System Administrator";**
  - 3. Change "NH Data Book Systems Administrator" to "Native Hawaiian Data System Administrator";**
- and**

**4. Change “Commercial Property Agent” to “Investment Land Asset Manager”.**

<p>10:33 am motion 1 made by Trustee Alapa</p> <p>Approve revisions to the following position titles from those approved in Action Item BOT #25-51, Attachment 2, on June 30, 2025:</p> <p>1. Change “GIS Analyst” to “Geographic Information System Administrator”;                  2. Change “Papakilo and Kipuka Systems Administrator” to “Digital Archive System Administrator”;                  3. Change “NH Data Book Systems Administrator” to “Native Hawaiian Data System Administrator”; and                  4. Change “Commercial Property Agent” to “Investment Land Asset Manager”.</p>						
Vote: 10:35 a.m.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<p><b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b></p> <p><b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b></p>						

*Trustee Alapa reads motion 2: at 10:35 am*

Approve salary budget adjustments and corresponding fringe and FY27 merit-based salary adjustment amounts, effective July 1, 2025, for FY 2026 and FY 2027 for identified positions below from those approved in Action Item BOT #25-51, Attachment 4, on June 30, 2025:

1. Change the salary for “Beneficiary Services Agent – \$66,876 to \$62,904;
2. Change the salary for “Director of Technology Services” from \$113,736 to \$139,656; and
3. Change the salary for “Grants Officer 3” from \$78,312 to \$69,600.

<b>10:35 am motion 2 made by Trustee Alapa</b>						
Approve salary budget adjustments and corresponding fringe and FY27 merit-based salary adjustment amounts, effective July 1, 2025, for FY 2026 and FY 2027 for identified positions below from those approved in Action Item BOT #25-51, Attachment 4, on June 30, 2025:						
1. Change the salary for “Beneficiary Services Agent – \$66,876 to \$62,904;						
2. Change the salary for “Director of Technology Services” from \$113,736 to \$139,656; and						
3. Change the salary for “Grants Officer 3” from \$78,312 to \$69,600.						
Vote: 10:36 a.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b>						

*Trustee Alapa reads motion 3: at 10:36 am*

**Approve \$155,000 for signing bonuses in the amount of \$5,000 each for thirty-one vacancies for Fiscal Year 2026, as set forth in Attachment A, subject to final approval by the OHA Administrator**

<b>10:36 am motion 2 made by Trustee Alapa</b>						
Approve \$155,000 for signing bonuses in the amount of \$5,000 each for thirty-one vacancies for Fiscal Year 2026, as set forth in Attachment A, subject to final approval by the OHA Administrator						
Vote: 10:37 a.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			

TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote						

**2. Action Item BF #25-70: Action Item BF #25-70: Approval of OHA Staff Temporary Assignment Salary Differentials. August 20, 2025**

*Trustee Alapa reads motion: at 10:38 am*

**Motion to approve Action Item BF #25-70: Approval of OHA Staff FY 26/27 Temporary Assignment Salary Differentials. Excluding Executive Team Leadership. Temporary Assignments – Amendment**

**1. Certification of Need**

**A Temporary Assignment certification is determined by a supervisor (TA) may be made when the PAIA Director or Manager position is vacant, or, if the vacancy is at the Director/Manager level, the next level up on the Executive Leadership Team certifies that:**

- the need for the services is immediate,
  - the assignment is essential to operations, and
  - the assignment is in the best interest of OHA and its beneficiaries.
- The salary differential shall become effective the first day of the temporary assignment.
  - A Temporary Assignment shall not exceed 90 calendar days per calendar year except with the option to extend an additional 90 days extension based on operational needs by the administrator. Under no circumstances shall the temporary assignment exceed 180 days.

**2. Eligibility and Priority**

- Priority for Temporary Assignments shall be given to OHA staff within the PAIA where the vacancy exists.
- Only OHA employees who are one tier below the vacant position may be considered for a Temporary Assignment.
- Employees two or more tiers below the vacant position are not eligible for Temporary Assignment to that role.

**3. TA Salary Increase Cap**

- The Temporarily Assigned Employee shall receive a ten percent (10%) salary increase for those assuming duties and responsibilities of a vacant position in a higher wage band position one level higher for the duration of the temporary assignment.

**The Temporarily Assigned Employee shall receive a five percent (5%) salary increase for those assuming duties and responsibilities of a vacant position in the same wage band for the duration of the temporary assignment.**

10:38 am motion 1 made by Trustee Alapa

**Motion to approve Action Item BF #25-70: Approval of OHA Staff FY 26/27 Temporary Assignment Salary Differentials. Excluding Executive Team Leadership. Temporary Assignments – Amendment**

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- the assignment is essential to operations, and
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**The Temporarily Assigned Employee shall receive a five percent (5%) salary increase for those assuming duties and responsibilities of a vacant position in the same wage band for the duration of the temporary assignment.**

Vote: 10:41 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			

TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote						

(00:35:14 | 10:42 am)

**3. Action Item BF #25-71 – Approval to Activate External Hiring Services Budget from Fiscal Year 2026 Biennium Budget to Fill Key OHA Staff Positions. September 3, 2025**

*Trustee Alapa reads motion at 10:42 am*

**Approve the use of budget line #249 for Contract for Hiring Services within Human Resources budget for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$140,000 prior to December 31, 2025 to supplement ongoing recruiting efforts for the following key OHA staff positions:**

- 1. Chief Financial Officer;**
- 2. Managing Director of Real Estate, Resource Management Land Assets; and**
- 3. Other key positions identified by the Administrator based on operational necessity.**

10:42 am motion made by Trustee Alapa						
Approve the use of budget line #249 for Contract for Hiring Services within Human Resources budget for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$140,000 prior to December 31, 2025 to supplement ongoing recruiting efforts for the following key OHA staff positions:						
1. Chief Financial Officer;						
2. Managing Director of Real Estate, Resource Management Land Assets; and						
3. Other key positions identified by the Administrator based on operational necessity.						
Vote: 10:43 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			

TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote						

(00:37:29 | 10:55 am)

- B. Action Item BOT #25-10: Action Item BOT #25-10: Revisions to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Executive Policy Manual (Updated as of May 31, 2025), relating to Trustee Duties, Responsibilities, and Conduct—including Delegation of Authority (Signatory, Operational, and Disbursements) and Trustee-Administration Interaction Policy; Administrative Processes—including Work Plans, Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System; Biennium Budget Realignment and Adjustments; Executive Session Briefings on Internal Investigations; and other miscellaneous revisions to ensure consistency and clarity. (2nd reading)

*Trustee Kahele moves the motion at 10:55 am*

Approve revisions to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Executive Policy Manual (Updated as of May 31, 2025), relating to Trustee Duties, Responsibilities, and Conduct-including Delegation of Authority (Signatory, Operational, and Disbursements) and Trustee-Administration Interaction Policy; Administrative Processes-including Work Plans, Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System; Biennium Budget Realignment and Adjustments; Executive Session Briefings on Internal Investigations; and other miscellaneous revisions to ensure consistency and clarity, as set forth in Attachment A.

*Discussion takes place.*

10:55 am motion made by Chair Kahele						
Approve revisions to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Executive Policy Manual (Updated as of May 31, 2025), relating to Trustee Duties, Responsibilities, and Conduct-including Delegation of Authority (Signatory, Operational, and Disbursements) and Trustee-Administration Interaction Policy; Administrative Processes-including Work Plans, Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System; Biennium Budget Realignment and Adjustments; Executive Session Briefings on Internal Investigations; and other miscellaneous revisions to ensure consistency and clarity, as set forth in Attachment A.						
Vote: 11:07 a.m.	1	2	'AE	'A'OLE	KANALUA	EXCUSED

			(YES)	(NO)	(ABSTAIN)	
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote						

(1:01:48 | 11:08 am)

- C. Action Item BOT #25-11: Action Item BOT #25-11: Revisions to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws (Updated as of March 20, 2025) to establish an optional Board Legal Counsel position under Article XIV (Board of Trustees Staff) to serve as a full-time, in-house legal advisor and resource to the Board of Trustees exclusively, and other miscellaneous revisions to ensure consistency and clarity. (2nd reading)

Chair Kahale seeks a motion to adopt the 2nd reading to action item BOT #25-11

Trustee Waihe'e moves to approve at 11:08 am

11:08 am motion is made.						
Vote: 11:09 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			

<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b>						

*With full board consent, the agenda is taken out of order and the next item is III.A.*

(1:03:13 : 11:09 am)

**III. Informational Briefing**

- A. Jon K. Osorio, Dean, Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge: Dr. Osorio will present on ‘Āina Aupuni Hawai‘i, an hour-long documentary currently in development that traces the legacy of the ‘āina through Hawai‘i’s complex social and political history, culminating in a proposal to restore these lands as a living trust grounded in Hawaiian values.**

**Jon K. Osorio, Dean, Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge summarized.**

A production team led by Dr. Jonathan Kay Kamakawiwo‘ole Osorio, Joy Chong-Stannard, Craig Howes, Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl, and Malia Nobriga Oliveira proposes creating an hour-long documentary on the history of Hawai‘i’s Crown and government lands. These lands, part of the state-controlled Ceded Lands Trust, are held in both a public trust for all residents and a Native Hawaiian trust, as established by the Admissions Act and subsequent legislation. The project seeks to highlight the historical and legal foundations of these lands and the underpayment of revenues owed to OHA, which receives 20% of trust income. The team emphasizes the lack of a comprehensive inventory of all lands seized in 1898, including military lands, which limits OHA’s ability to claim rightful revenues. They also note that these lands are underutilized and could be better managed through community-based systems that empower local and Native Hawaiian communities. The documentary aims to raise public awareness about the collective interests—both Native Hawaiian and public—in these lands. It will explore how state management practices have restricted the lands’ potential and propose more sustainable, equitable uses. The team acknowledges the sensitivity of the subject, particularly among Hawaiians who view the lands as inherently theirs and will approach the narrative with cultural and historical integrity. Victoria Kneubuhl will lead the process of engaging knowledgeable voices to ensure accuracy and depth. The production team requests full editorial control, pledging to create a historically accurate, Native Hawaiian–led account that advocates for responsible stewardship of the ‘āina.

(1:51:21 | 11:58 am)

**E. Action Item BF #25-72: Approval of Revisions to Designated Staff Salaries in the FY 2026–2027 Biennium Budget, Including Temporary Assignment (TA) Adjustments and Clarifications, Implementation of Ad Hoc Recommendations, and Corrections to Misprinted Salary Ranges.**

**Trustee Alapa Request for approval to waive action item BF #25-72 Approval of Revisions to Designated Staff Salaries in the FY 2026–2027 Biennium Budget, Including Temporary Assignment (TA) Adjustments and Clarifications, Implementation of Ad Hoc Recommendations, and Corrections to Misprinted Salary Ranges from the Committee of Budget and Finance pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Trustees Bylaws, March 20, 2025, Article 8 Section M.**

11:59 am Trustee Alapa reads the following motion:						
Request for approval to waive action item BF #25-72 Approval of Revisions to Designated Staff Salaries in the FY 2026–2027 Biennium Budget, Including Temporary Assignment (TA) Adjustments and Clarifications, Implementation of Ad Hoc Recommendations, and Corrections to Misprinted Salary Ranges from the Committee of Budget and Finance pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Trustees Bylaws, March 20, 2025, Article 8 Section M.						
Vote: 12:00 p.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b>						

(1:53:58 | 12:00 pm) Action Item is read.

**Trustee Alapa Approval of Revisions to Designated Staff Salaries in the FY 2026–2027 Biennium Budget, Including Temporary Assignment (TA) Adjustments and Clarifications, Implementation of Ad Hoc Recommendations, and Corrections to Misprinted Salary Ranges.**

Discussion takes place.

**Motion 1: re Removal of TA Salary Differentials**

**Trustee Alapa Approve removal of Temporary Assignment (TA) salary differentials from identified positions, consistent with the Board’s August 7, 2025 action terminating the previously applied 10% TA adjustment.**

12:11 pm Trustee Alapa reads the following motion:						
Approve removal of Temporary Assignment (TA) salary differentials from identified positions, consistent with the Board’s August 7, 2025 action terminating the previously applied 10% TA adjustment.						
Vote: 12:12 p.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b>						

(2:06:51 | 12:13 pm)

**Motion 2: re Implementation of Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations**

**Trustee Alapa Approve implementation of Ad Hoc Committee recommendations setting the salary for the Legacy Land Manager position at \$102,843, effective July 1, 2025, as previously adopted by the Board on May 15, 2025 (BOT #25-07) and reaffirmed on June 30, 2025 (BF #25-51); and**

12:13 pm Trustee Alapa reads the following motion:
Approve implementation of Ad Hoc Committee recommendations setting the salary for the Legacy Land Manager position at \$102,843, effective July 1, 2025, as previously adopted by the Board on May 15, 2025 (BOT #25-07) and reaffirmed on June 30, 2025 (BF #25-51); and

Vote: 12:14 p.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b>						

(02:07:42 | 12:14 pm)

**Motion 3: re Correction of Misprinted Salary Range Data**

**Trustee Alapa Approve correction of misprinted salary range data for vacant Strategy Consultant positions to reflect the appropriate SR24 (not SR25) classification and posting range.**

12:14 pm Trustee Alapa reads the following motion:						
Approve correction of misprinted salary range data for vacant Strategy Consultant positions to reflect the appropriate SR24 (not SR25) classification and posting range.						
Vote: 12:14 p.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			

<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b>						

12:15 pm Recess taken

12:45 pm Meeting reconvenes

(02:36:30 | 12:45 pm)

**Executive Session**

**Trustee Souza** at 12:45 pm moves to recuse the Board into executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(2) and (4).

**The Board recuses into Executive Session at 12:46 p.m.**

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section §92-5						
Vote taken at 12:46 pm	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			

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

**Motion passes with a Seven (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and ONE () Excused**

### **Board returns to open session at 3:00 p.m**

**Chair Kahele** reports out the Board of Trustees had a discussion and executive session pursuant to HRS 92-584 to meet with its legal counsel regarding the Board's powers, duties and liabilities with respect to the following matters. First and foremost, the Board had a discussion and took action on Ka Pouhana's request to serve in two volunteer roles. The board approved the Ka Pouhana to serve on the Board of Regents for Chaminade University, that was a unanimous vote and then it voted to not approve the Hickam Honorary Commanders program.

The second thing was the board had a discussion and status update on personal related investigations of former law staff. No action was taken.

The third thing was the Board discussed and unanimously approved press release that has now been issued to the local media challenging the Kamehameha Schools admissions policy. And the Board unanimously approved the issuing of this press release in support of Kamehameha Schools and finally, the Vice Chair presided over an executive summary of findings regarding an internal investigation, and no action was taken.

(00:02:14 | 3:02 pm) *This portion can be found on video 2.*

### **Announcements**

**Chair Kahele** The next Board of Trustees meeting is set for Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 8:00 am. Our first 'ohana work day is set for September 16, everyone will meet at Nā Lama Kukui and we will drive out to Kukaniloko. The last announcement is that the strategy and implementation division has again reiterated and requested that trustees by Monday, September 8 provide key information on the Mana I Maui Ola strategic plan refresh an update that's been led by Chair Ahuna and and Trustee Alapa.

**Trustee Akaka** Shares that she attended on Saturday, August 23 the celebration of Bernard Ka'owakaokalani Punikai'a's life at the Queen Emma Summer Palace. *She shares an ka wai ola article that was published in 2022.* She speaks on his vision as well as his work in creating the Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa and the memorial that they have planned for Kalaupapa and also to note that this was authorized by Congress to establish the memorial. Anakala Bernanrd was sent to Kalaupapa in 1941 at age 11. He has been a strong advocate for Native Hawaiians and those who have had hansen's as well as being a composer and musician.

She also attended the 'Ie'Ie weaving class on Hawai'i Island on August 23 and shares that it was much more prolific than what the sponsorship description entailed. She shares her finish product, a hina'i.

(00:12:41 | 3:12 pm)

### **Adjournment**

**Vice Chair Souza moves to adjourn the Board meeting.**

Adjournment – vote at 3:12 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA						Left mtg at 2:02 pm
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA						
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY						X
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>6</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXXX

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Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(In-Person Meeting)

The OHA Board of Trustees meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) or listened by phone: (213) 338-8477.

A physical meeting location open to the general public will be available at 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, Honolulu HI 96817.

This meeting can be viewed at:

Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/live/kUkc6Qc4-ko?si=HFVxx0ziGxnbeSWP>

Video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/live/B32iHZNhiFs?si=yPL9neks9jT9foCs>

**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 18, 2025  
8:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, Administrator/CEO  
K. Sean Kekina, COO  
Everett Ohta, General Counsel  
Kapono Kiakona., External Board Counsel  
Elena Farden, Sr. Director of Strategy & Implementation  
Corey Nakamoto, Director of Human Resources  
Bill Brennan, Director. of Communications  
Lise Vaughan-Sekona, Director of Community Engagement  
Sandra Stancil, Executive Assistant  
Daniel Santos, System Engineer & Admin.  
Arlene Aguinaldo, System Engineer & Admin.

BOT STAFF:

Summer Sylva, Chief of Staff (COS)  
Alena Auyoung, Deputy COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Pohailani Kealoha, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Carina Lee, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Secretary  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide

**Call to Order** (0:18 | 8:01 am)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, September 18, 2025 at **8:01 a.m.** Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>		Joins meeting at 8:02 am
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	<b>LINDSEY</b>		Joins meeting at 8:04 am
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>		Joins meeting at 8:12 am
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>		Joins meeting at 8:17 am
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	<b>KAHELE</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **FIVE (5)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** This meeting can be viewed via live stream on all his website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) For those joining us on Zoom to testify or listen, please note that we are using the webinar platform rather than the standard Zoom meeting format. As an attendee, you will be able to watch and listen to the proceedings. If you wish to testify on a specific agenda item, please follow these steps:

1. Raise your hand to indicate that you would like to speak.
2. We will change your status from attendee to panelist when it is your turn. This may take a few seconds, so we appreciate your patience.
3. As a panelist, you will have the option to turn on your camera and unmute yourself to provide testimony.
4. Once you have finished testifying, please mute yourself, and you will be returned to attendee status.

In addition to this, I would like to remind everyone to please silence your cell" this meeting is being conducted in compliance with HRS Chapter 92, OHA Bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order for Small Boards, as modified by applicable statutes and rules. A few reminders as we begin:

- Trustees must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
- Members may raise a hand instead of standing when seeking to obtain the floor and may remain seated while making motions or speaking.
- Motions need not be seconded.
- Public testimony will be called on each agenda item and limited to five minutes per speaker.
- Chair may fully participate in discussion and vote.

I would like to recognize our Ka Pouhana, Stacy Ferreira. Stacy would you like to introduce any Administrative staff that are with us today?

**Stacy Ferreira, Ka Pouhana** Introduces Staff.

**Approval of Minutes** (4:14 | 8:05 am)

**June 4, 2025 Maui Island Community Meeting  
June 5, 2025 Maui Island Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Trustee Ahuna moves to approve the June 4, 2025 Maui Island Community Meeting and June 5, 2025 Maui Island Board of Trustees Meeting minutes.**

No second is required.

Motion made at 8:05 am Approval of Minutes						
June 4, 2025 Maui Island Community Meeting June 5, 2025 Maui Island Board of Trustees Meeting						
Vote: 8:05 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, and Zero (0) No vote</b>						

**Executive Session** (5:05 | 8:06 am)

**Legal Matters.** The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to consult with its legal counsel and take any necessary action regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to its financial affairs, employees, operations, and pending or anticipated litigation.

**Trustee Ahuna** at 8:06 am moves to recuse the Board into executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(2) and (4).

**The Board recuses into Executive Session at 8:06.m.**

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section§92-5						
Vote taken at 8:06 am	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION:</b> [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
<b>Motion passes with a Seven (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and ONE ( ) Excused</b>						

**Board returns to open session at 8:43 a.m**

*This second portion of the Board meeting can be viewed on video 2.*

(1:17 | 8:45 am)

#### IV. Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana/CEO and Administration’s Update on OHA activities.

##### A. OHA Vacancy Report as of 9/12/2025



**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Interoffice Memorandum

To: Kepekemapa 18, 2025  
Board of Trustees

From: Stacy Ferreira, Chief Executive Officer/Pouhana  
Recruitment and Vacancy Update – Kepekemapa 2025

**Aloha ʻa Truistee:**

Mahalo nui for your continued support as we continue our efforts to stabilize and rebuild the internal capacity of our agency. I am pleased to provide this latest recruitment update, which reflects clear progress in our hiring efforts. Our teams are advancing diligently and thoughtfully to build the high-performing agency we envision for our Aloha.

Recruitment Updates: 08/17/25 - 09/12/25	Count	Recruitment Budgets: 08/01/25 - 08/31/25	Count
Appointments/Reassignments	0	Resignations/Resurrections	0
Departures	0	Departures	0
Death in Services	0	Death in Services	0
Transfers/Reassignments	0	Reassignments/Transfers	1
New Hires	2	New Hires	3
Vacancies out of 168 positions: 24%	40	Vacancies out of 168 positions	34
Open Positions	7	Open Positions	3
Interviews	1	Interviews	5
Offers	4	Reference Checks	2
		HR Inquiries	0
		Offers Pending	3
		HR Inquiries (Over-Letter)	7

**Note:**  
\*Offers that are pending and have not been officially accepted.  
#18/01/25 - The Loan Officer position was previously double counted. It was in two places in the budget org chart, with a 25%/75% split between Grants and NRELF. The revised position count is 166.

**Vacancy Rate: Month-over-Month Improvement:**  
As of September 15, 2025, we have 34 vacancies out of 168 positions, bringing our vacancy rate down to 20%.

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Recruitment and Vacancy Update – Kepekemapa 2025  
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This update:  
• A 9-point drop in vacancies from July 2025 to September 2025 (20% to 20%)

**Key Hires and Critical Positions Filled**  
We have filled several long-standing, mission-critical vacancies, including:

Position	Start Date
1. Beneficiary Services Agent – Oahu	08/18/25
2. Hawaiian Cultural Affairs Program Assistant	08/18/25
3. Human Resources Business Partner	08/18/25
4. Legal Counsel	08/18/25
5. Accountant	10/01/25
6. Strategy Consultant – Economic	10/01/25
7. Legacy Land Agent	11/01/25

**Active Recruitment Pipeline**  
Three position descriptions (PDs) are in review, currently being refined by HR or hiring managers to ensure alignment with updated operational needs. We have reopened the NRELF Manager position.

**These offers have been extended and pending candidate decisions or final salary negotiations. Typically, a candidate is given 48 hours to provide a response on the pending position offer. Please note: An "offer" does not equate to a confirmed hire until formally accepted by the applicant.**

**Executive-Level Recruitment**

- Recruitment of Executive Search Company to assist with the recruitment of the Managing Director of Real Estate.
- An offer has been made for a Chief Financial Officer.

**Applications for Open HR and Hiring Roles**  
I want to express my deepest appreciation to the Human Resources Division, under the leadership of Corey Nakamura, for their unwavering commitment and professionalism in supporting these efforts.

**Leadership:** Thanks to Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and all hiring managers across the agency. Their responsiveness and diligence have been instrumental in streamlining recruitment processes while upholding high standards of excellence and alignment with OHA's mission.

**We remain committed to further reducing our vacancies. These efforts are key to strengthening our organizational capacity and enhancing the strategic outcomes of Maunā Keolu.**

Please let us know if you have any questions.

**Stacy Ferreira, Ka Pouhana summarized.** The administration reported significant progress in reducing staff vacancies, now at 20%, a 9% drop since July, with a goal of reaching 15% by December and potentially single digits by year-end. An executive search firm is being established to assist with leadership recruitment. An offer has been extended for the Chief Financial Officer position, with confirmation expected soon. A hiring request for an Associate General Counsel has been submitted, and the General Counsel has successfully expanded the legal team with two new attorneys. Upcoming hires include a Beneficiary Services Agent for O‘ahu, a Hawaiian Cultural Affairs Program Assistant, a Human Resources Business Partner, legal counsel, an accountant, a strategy consultant for the economics team, and a legacy land agent. Most of these positions are scheduled to start in October and November. The administration expressed appreciation for the board’s continued support and resources, which have enabled these advances. New staff members will be introduced to the board as they begin their roles.

(3:54 | 8:48 am)

##### B. OHA Strategic Communication Plan for Committees and Board of Trustee Meetings

**Stacy Ferreira, Ka Pouhana summarized.** The administration developed a communications matrix to ensure alignment with the Board on new budgetary items and initiatives. Many projects require Board approval or appropriations, and even when not action items, they should still come before the Board for awareness and feedback. The matrix is intended to create a feedback loop so Trustees understand the intentions behind programs, services, and initiatives, and can help co-design priorities or identify areas needing more or less focus. Examples include updates from HR and Legal on budget-related priorities. The goal is to plan presentations in cadence with committees and Board staff, preventing agendas from becoming overloaded. This structure allows Trustees to anticipate when items will come before them and ensure consistent communication. Committee chairs, vice chairs, and the Board Chair are especially asked to provide feedback on the construct and dates. The administration is open to edits or changes as needed.

(22:40 | 9:07 am)

**V. New Business**

**A. Ad Hoc Committee Mana I Maui Ola (MiMO) – Progress Report: Elena Farden, Senior Director of Strategy and Implementation**

**Elena Farden, Sr. Dir. Of Strategy & Implementation** *summarized.* The progress report provides an executive overview pursuant to BOT Action 2509, summarizing completed activities and anticipated updates for the October report. All ad hoc committee meetings have met quorum, with high attendance and strong engagement. The ten deliverables outlined in the action item remain on track for completion by or before December 31, 2025. There are no action items requiring Board decisions at this time. Appreciation was expressed to ad hoc committee members and advisory members for their dedication and contributions in advancing this work.

(26:30 | 9:10 am)

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

*There are no testifiers signed up to speak.*

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** *summarized.* Shares a letter on behalf of the Government of New Caledonia, appreciation was expressed for participation in the 42nd Pacific Arts and Cultural Council and the 8th Council of Pacific Ministers of Culture meetings held September 2–4, 2025, in Nouméa. Leadership of Dr. Aaron Sala in guiding the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) in Honolulu in June 2024 was acknowledged. The meetings confirmed hosting rights for the 14th FestPAC to be held in New Caledonia, June 12–23, 2028. A ceremonial transfer of the FestPAC flag took place, marking the first time in history that a logo was inscribed on the flag. A discussion is anticipated regarding OHA potentially assuming leadership for FestPAC, in consultation with Senator Kaiali’i Kahele and State officials. While in New Caledonia, a kahili was presented as OHA’s makana, and in return, a valuable jade ceremonial axe was gifted. The axe is traditionally of cultural and historic significance in New Caledonia and is featured in museums. It was suggested that the artifact be displayed in a secure encasement.

(34:26 | 9:18 am)

**Announcements**

**Trustee Alapa** Chief of War finale will be at Hawaii Theatre, doors open at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** moves to adjourn the Board meeting.

Adjournment – vote at							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			

BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	<b>KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>9</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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 Kaiali'i Kahele  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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Video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/live/L9PAElOynd8?si=3ApxKFhoiFv-VL-f>

**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
Septemeber 23, 2025  
8:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

BOT STAFF:

Summer Sylva, Chief of Staff (COS)  
Alena Auyoung, Deputy COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary

ADMINISTRATION:

Kapono K., External Counsel

(01:19 | 9:05 am )

**Call to Order**

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, September 23, 2025 at **9:05 a.m.** Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	LINDSEY	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	X	
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At the Call to Order, **NINE (9)** Trustees are **PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** This meeting can be viewed via live stream on all his website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) For those joining us on Zoom to testify or listen, please note that we are using the webinar platform rather than the standard Zoom meeting format. As an attendee, you will be able to watch and listen to the proceedings. If you wish to testify on a specific agenda item, please follow these steps:

1. Raise your hand to indicate that you would like to speak.
2. We will change your status from attendee to panelist when it is your turn. This may take a few seconds, so we appreciate your patience.
3. As a panelist, you will have the option to turn on your camera and unmute yourself to provide testimony.
4. Once you have finished testifying, please mute yourself, and you will be returned to attendee status.

In addition to this, I would like to remind everyone to please silence your cell" this meeting is being conducted in compliance with HRS Chapter 92, OHA Bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order for Small Boards, as modified by applicable statutes and rules. A few reminders as we begin:

- Trustees must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
- Members may raise a hand instead of standing when seeking to obtain the floor and may remain seated while making motions or speaking.
- Motions need not be seconded.
- Public testimony will be called on each agenda item and limited to five minutes per speaker.
- Chair may fully participate in discussion and vote.

(00:03:35 | 9:07 am)

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

*There are no testifiers.*

(00:03:42 | 9:08 am)

**Executive Session**

**A. Legal Matters – Governance and Administrative Oversight.** The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS §§ 92-5(a)(2) and (4) to consult with its legal counsel and take any necessary action regarding the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in connection with internal matters involving risk management and the Board’s governance and administrative oversight responsibilities, including matters involving alleged noncompliance with governance policies and administrative authorities.

Trustee Souza moves to recuse the Board into executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(2) and (4).

**The Board recuses into Executive Session at 9:08 am.**

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section§92-5						
Vote taken at 8:06 am	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN <b>AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE KALEI <b>AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I <b>AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE LUANA <b>ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD <b>GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU <b>LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE KEONI <b>SOUZA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE JOHN <b>WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
CHAIRPERSON KAI <b>KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>9</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ X ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with a NINE (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and ONE (1) Excused</b>						

**Board returns to open session at 12:51 p.m**

*This second portion of the Board meeting can be viewed here on video 2*

(00:54 | 12:52 pm)

**Chair Kahele reports the following:** The Board of Trustees is reporting out of its executive session that the Board of Trustees has approved a member of OHA for paid leaves and appointed an interim replacement for the role and approved a 10% pay differential.

Trustees, we now have announcements, and Chair recognizes Trustee Akaka with any pertinent announcements.

**(00:01:26 | 12:52 pm)**

**Announcements**

**Trustee Akaka** Announces that OHA will have its first O‘ahu Island community meeting starting off on the West side of this year and it's going to be Nanakuli at 6:00 PM this evening at Kalaniho‘okaha Community Learning Center. She also shares that there will be two site visits, the first one at Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) and the second at the Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE)

**Trustee Alapa** Shares that on Saturday, October 27, 2025, the Trustees will be headed out to the island of Lāna‘i to attend the Board of Trustees and Community meeting beginning at noon.

Chair Kahele States the next Board of Trustees meeting will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am in the morning

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

*There are no testifiers signed up to speak.*

(00:04:18 | 12:54 pm)

**Adjournment**

**Chair Emerita Lindsey moves to adjourn the Board meeting.**

Adjournment – vote at 12:55 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X		X			
KEONI	SOUZA						
JOHN	WAIHE'E						
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>6</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/TisCXmNGE9M?si=1KziGqJA913Cd1xK>

**Minutes of the  
O'AHU ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 23, 2025  
6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa

ADMINISTRATION:

K.Sean Kekina, COO  
Ku'ikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of 'Oiwi Well-Being and 'Āina Momona  
Hailama Farden, Dir. of Hwn Cultural Affairs  
Bill Brennan, Dird. Of Community Engagement  
Chantelle Belay, Grants Mngr.  
'Ilima Kela, BSA Mngr.  
Starr Kalilikane, BSA  
Kaliko Santos, BSA  
Myra Alokoa, BSA  
Nelson Gaspar, Multi-Media Designer  
Jason Lees, Multi-Media Designer  
Arlene Aguinaldo, Systems Engineer  
Kyle Suacier, Systems Engineer

BOT STAFF:

Alena Auyoung, Interim COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide  
Remy Keli'iho'omalua, Trustee Aide  
Richelle, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Kalei Salcedo  
Austin Salcedo  
Kaniela Victor  
Germaine Meyers  
Shelby Billionaire  
Valerie Mae-Manōa  
Kapua Keli'ikoa-Kamai  
Patty Teruya  
Paul Aio  
Mapuana Tector  
Lokana Keli'ikoa-Pua  
Kale Watson, DHHL  
Senator Samantha DeCorte  
Representative Chris Morioka  
Representative Diamond Garcia  
1 Representative Shirley Templo

GUEST CONTINUED:  
 Kalehua Caceres, INPEACE  
 Sanoe Marfil, INPEACE

**Pule offered at** (0:55 | 6:18 pm)  
**Call to Order**(2:53 | 6:20 pm)

**Chair Kahele** Welcomes everyone to the O’ahu Island Community meeting. Mahalo nui for taking the time to be with us this evening. Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:20 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI’I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA		excused
TRUSTEE	CARMEN “HULU”	LINDSEY	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	Left mtg at 8:30 pm
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE’E		excused
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI’I	KAHELE	X	
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At the Call to Order SEVEN (7) Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

This meeting can be viewed on OHAs website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream). Before we begin I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff.

**Introduction** (3:11 | 6:21 pm)

*All Trustees present take a few minutes to introduce themselves and their staff.*

*Our COO takes a few minutes to introduce all administration that are present.*

(10:33 | 6:30 pm)

**Status of OHA Activities: CEO’s/ Ka Pouhana O’ahu Island Update on OHA’s Activities**

**K.Sean Kekina** summarized. OHA is pleased to share updates on three direct-serving programs making significant impacts on the Wai’anae Coast in education, health and well-being, and economic resilience. Through its strategic plan, OHA has invested \$250,000 over three years to support Alu Like’s Kū Pono Project at Nānākuli Elementary, promoting Native Hawaiian identity, healthy lifestyles, and substance abuse prevention among 386 students. In education, OHA has provided \$410,000 over three years to the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai’i for the Kaulu A’o ka Na’au Project, serving youth ages 7–17 in Nānākuli and Wai’anae to strengthen academic success, cultural knowledge, and workforce readiness. The program has already benefited over 300 Native Hawaiian learners through tutoring, literacy support, and cultural enrichment activities. OHA has also

committed \$400,000 over two years to the Wai‘anae Economic Development Council for the Native Hawaiian Entrepreneurship Initiative, empowering 200 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs with business education, financial counseling, and access to capital. This initiative promotes community stability and economic self-sufficiency while integrating Hawaiian values with modern business practices. These investments reflect OHA’s ongoing commitment to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and build resilient, culturally grounded communities across Hawai‘i.

*Chair Kahele turns the meeting over to Trustee Akaka, O‘ahu Island Trustee.*

*There was one testifier for the agenda item.*  
(27:48 | 6:45 pm)

**Germaine Meyers** *summarized.* The speaker expressed concern about the potential development of a geothermal plant in Lualualei, noting that the Waianae community already bears a disproportionate burden of O‘ahu’s infrastructure, including the island’s largest solar farm, landfill, and the only construction landfill. They emphasized that despite promises, the Waimānalo Gulch landfill continues to have its operational life extended. The speaker raised health and safety concerns related to geothermal drilling, such as possible groundwater contamination, seismic activity, and proximity to the Naval Magazine Lualualei, which contains hundreds of underground ammunition bunkers. They also expressed skepticism about assurances that such activities would not pose risks, referencing past Navy claims about underground storage tank safety. Overall, the speaker urged consideration of community impacts and safety before proceeding with geothermal development in the area.

### **Community Presentations**

#### **A. R. Kalani Fronda, CCIM, Acting Administrator, Land Development Division, State of Hawai‘i – Department of Hawaiian Home Lands**

(33:13 | 6:51 pm)

**Kalani Fronda**, Acting Administrator, Land Development Division, Department of Hawaiian Homelands *summarized.* The speaker shared updates from the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), focusing on homesteading efforts and reducing the waitlist. Over the past century, DHHL has issued about 10,000 leases, and in the next three to five years, plans to issue 7,000 more across 28 projects. Recognizing that most applicants are over 40, DHHL is implementing new approaches such as project leases, which allow beneficiaries to pass on leases to 25% successors and work toward affordable homeownership through financial readiness programs. The department is also partnering with developers and organizations like Hawai‘i Community Lending and Habitat for Humanity to expand housing options including turnkey homes, rent-to-own, self-help, and owner-build models. DHHL continues to focus on building infrastructure near essential services to support sustainable homestead communities. The speaker highlighted success stories, such as a beneficiary who returned home from the continent and was able to secure an affordable home through DHHL’s programs.

(43:05 | 7:01 pm)

**Elijah Davidson, Project Mngr.** *summarized.* The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Land Development Division is addressing the growing need to provide affordable homes for over 29,000 beneficiaries on the waitlist. Current home construction costs average \$500–\$600 per square foot, making affordability a major concern even with DHHL providing land and infrastructure. To reduce housing costs and increase delivery speed, the department has researched alternative construction methods, including 3D printing, prefabricated panels, and modular construction. Modular construction shows strong potential to reduce costs by 10–15% and accelerate home delivery, while maintaining quality and cultural appropriateness. A company under consideration, Fading West, offers homes at approximately \$363 per square foot and is exploring the

establishment of a local manufacturing facility to create jobs and support local unions. This approach aligns with DHHL’s goals of empowering local communities, supporting workforce development, and ensuring homes meet local environmental and cultural needs. The initiative also promotes collaboration with unions, youth programs, and workforce development initiatives to maximize local participation. Overall, the project seeks to provide affordable, high-quality homes for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries while strengthening Hawaii’s local economy.

(48:40 | 7:03 pm)

**Laukahi Pau’ole** *summarized.* The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Land Development Division is implementing the Scattered Lots Initiative to return vacant parcels across the state to active use for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. These lots re-enter DHHL’s inventory when leases are surrendered, and the division works to restore and prepare them for re-award as quickly as possible. The program focuses on revitalizing communities by rehabilitating neglected properties while supporting local and small contractors rather than large developers. To streamline the process, DHHL established a clear pipeline from lot intake and inspection to award, minimizing delays. Partnerships with local organizations, Ali’i Trusts, nonprofits, and community groups help expand job opportunities and accelerate lot readiness. As of early 2025, DHHL identified 116 scattered lots statewide, with 81 active projects remaining a 30% reduction since the start of the year. The division aims to prepare and re-award lots within six months of re-entering inventory, prioritizing areas such as Wai’anae and Nānākuli. Current projects include collaborations with Leeward Habitat for Humanity to build self-help homes and explore modular construction to further increase efficiency and community benefit.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) expressed strong support for Habitat for Humanity’s mission to build and repair homes for families on the Leeward Coast. Both organizations share a commitment to creating safe, affordable housing and improving the lives of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. DHHL highlighted several completed housing projects, demonstrating the ability to construct quality two-story and custom-designed homes tailored to family needs. One example included a home designed to accommodate a family member with disabilities, showcasing DHHL’s focus on accessibility and inclusivity. The department also assists with broader community improvements, such as repairing infrastructure like moss rock walls to ensure neighborhood safety. Through these partnerships, DHHL continues to advance its mission of building homes, strengthening families, and supporting community resilience.

(1:06: 05 | 7:23 pm )

**B. Sanoë Marfil, Chief Executive Officer, Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE)**

**Sanoë Marfil, CEO** *summarized.* A Native Hawaiian homesteader and O’ahu Commissioner for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands shared updates on her work as Chief Executive Officer of INPEACE, a community-based organization serving Hawai’i for over 30 years. In 2024, INPEACE purchased the former Kaiser building to establish a new community hub dedicated to education, innovation, entrepreneurship, and culture. The facility will serve as a long-term space for collaboration and community empowerment. INPEACE invites local partners, funders, and organizations to join in developing programs and opportunities that support Native Hawaiian families and communities. The organization has already begun forming partnerships to bring this vision to life over the next two to three years. In the past year, INPEACE served more than 27,000 participants across Hawai’i and beyond, employing 118 staff members. The initiative reflects a strong commitment to sustaining Native Hawaiian advancement through education, culture, and community development.

Kalehua Caceres, Program Director summarized. INPEACE employs 118 staff members, with 75% born and raised in the communities they serve and 47% being former participants or parents of participants. The organization operates 11 free community-based programs focused on education, culture, and economic empowerment. KĒIKI Steps, its flagship early childhood program, provides family-based learning in both in-person and virtual formats, allowing local and diaspora families to access Hawaiian language and cultural education. INPEACE also offers home visiting, early literacy, and workforce development programs, including “Grow Your Own Teachers,” which graduated 32 participants last year to address teacher shortages. Additional initiatives include mobile science exhibits that promote Hawaiian knowledge and cultural practices, as well as a Center for Entrepreneurship that advances financial literacy and small business development. INPEACE’s programs serve learners of all ages through partnerships with local schools, offering leadership and outdoor education at sites such as Wai‘anae Intermediate and Nānākuli High School. Through these efforts, INPEACE continues its 30-year commitment to strengthening Native Hawaiian families through education, culture, and community collaboration.

(1:18: 02 | 7:35 pm)

### **C. Government Officials Update**

**Piccachu** *summarized.* The testifier stated that they completed both surveys and attempted to share their feedback by email, but their messages did not reach all trustees, so they planned to resend the information. They highlighted strengths in the strategic plan—such as its holistic framework, cultural grounding, and long-term vision—while noting gaps in measurable objectives, timelines, implementation, and modernization. They recommended clearer metrics, improved implementation planning, stronger partnerships, and attention to key legislative issues including housing, health disparities, cultural preservation, economic development, and community safety.

(1:23:25)

**Representative Chris** *summarized.* The testifier suggested that Native Hawaiians already working in the trades could be offered scattered lands in their current condition, allowing them to build or rebuild at lower cost. They expressed concern that many kūpuna on the DHHL waitlist are deemed ineligible despite decades of waiting and recommended that DHHL and OHA create a program that accounts for how long applicants have been on the list. They urged consideration of a first-in, first-out approach to ensure long-waiting kūpuna receive priority for housing opportunities.

(1:25:33)

**Senator Samantha DeCorte** *summarized.* The speaker thanked the Board for holding its first meeting on the Wai‘anae Coast in Nānākuli, acknowledging that the 96792 community includes the largest Native Hawaiian homestead population. Because time was limited and many people were waiting to testify, the speaker chose to yield their time so community members could speak directly with OHA. They also shared that they would remain available afterward to discuss any West Side concerns or provide assistance.

(1:26:50 | 7:45 pm)

### **Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Kalei Nihipali Salcedo** *summarized.* The testifier described more than a century of community advocacy for multiple Hawaiian cultural and arts centers in the 96792 area, emphasizing the need for mauka locations that can teach farming, weaving, and traditional practices while allowing kūpuna to share their knowledge with future generations. They stressed that many Native Hawaiians have passed while waiting for resources, and the community needs a strong cultural foundation rather than additional transitional or clinical services. The

testifier urged OHA to help the community move forward together and provide hope and continuity for keiki and kūpuna alike.

(1:34:32 | 7:52 pm)

**Austin Salcedo** *summarized.* The testifier, a lifelong West Side resident and member of the Mākaha Hawaiian Civic Club, expressed full support for establishing a Hawaiian Cultural Center, noting the Civic Club unanimously endorsed the Salo family’s efforts to preserve cultural practices, provide intergenerational education, and create a culturally grounded evacuation and fire-mitigation site for the 96792 community. He stressed the urgent need for a mauka refuge area due to rising climate-related emergencies and recent evacuation challenges that left low-lying homestead areas without safe routes or designated gathering spaces. He requested that OHA schedule a meeting with local elected representatives to identify suitable lands and coordinate with agencies such as the Board of Water Supply and DLNR to advance this initiative.

(1:41:28 | 8:00 pm)

**Kaniela Victor** *summarized.* The speaker shared their experience attending a cultural class over the summer to learn traditional practices like making pōhaku ku‘i‘ai and papa ku‘i, noting that they had to travel far from their moku because such resources are not available locally. They emphasized the need for a community center where both youth and adults can access classes in Hawaiian culture and language, especially as opportunities in public schools decline. The speaker highlighted practical teachings, such as making imu, preparing kalua pig, and using lā‘au la‘au lapa‘au, as essential skills to preserve and pass on cultural knowledge to future generations.

(1:44:18 | 8:02 pm)

**Germaine Meyers** *summarized.* The speaker expressed gratitude for OHA’s increased funding to Hawaiian-focused charter schools like Kawaihona and Kami Elementary, highlighting the high enrollment of Native Hawaiian keiki and the community’s strong support for culturally grounded education. They emphasized the importance of homesteading under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, noting that public funds and developer partnerships often benefit developers rather than Native Hawaiian beneficiaries, and stressed the value of living on the land rather than in high-cost multifamily units. The speaker urged OHA to prioritize providing parcels of improved land to Native Hawaiians on the waitlist, allowing them to build affordable homes and maintain equity and connection to the land.

(1:53:36 | 8:12pm)

**Shellby “Pikachu” Billionaire** *summarized.* The speaker proposed four solutions for the West Side community: using annual Nahazda funds through organized homestead associations to support infrastructure projects, establishing a Native Hawaiian Cultural Center, advocating for active legislation with senators to address local needs, and exploring affordable container homes on wheels for housing. They emphasized the importance of community organization, accountability, and strategic use of resources to maximize benefits for Native Hawaiians. The speaker offered to assist with applications and planning to ensure these initiatives are successfully implemented.

(1:58:51 | 8:17 pm)

**Valerie Mae Manoa** *summarized.* The speaker, a longtime educator and community leader, expressed gratitude to the trustees for supporting Hawaiian-focused education, highlighting the positive impact of funding on students’ learning of culture, language, and traditional practices. They emphasized the importance of protecting local lands, homesteads, and cultural areas from outside influence, underscoring the community’s knowledge and stewardship of their own resources. The speaker also celebrated ongoing programs and urged continued support for the children and preservation of traditions to ensure Hawaiian culture thrives in the Wai‘anae moku.

(2:05:57 | 8:24 pm)

**Christopher Oliveira** *summarized.* The speaker honored several kupuna for their long-standing cultural and iwi stewardship and described serious, ongoing failures by state agencies to manage ancestral burials that are emerging along the coastline, leaving families to shoulder the responsibility on their own. They emphasized the emotional and cultural burden of caring for iwi at home, contrasted the lack of response to naturally exposed burials with the rapid attention given to museum-held remains, and asked for support to properly fund and manage the coastline as erosion increases. The speaker also raised concerns about an unpermitted foreign-backed development in Makaha Valley, worsening poverty, displacement, and rising violence affecting local families and youth, urging greater attention to these disparities and conditions in the community.

(2:11:48 | 8:29 pm)

**Kapua Keli'ikoa Kamae** *summarized.* The speaker thanked organizers and discussed DHHL's progress while urging separation between leadership's past development work and current decisions, emphasizing the need for consistent beneficiary consultation on sensitive issues such as geothermal projects. They asked OHA to consider increasing financial support to the department and to explore stronger partnerships, including opportunities to develop housing for Hawaiian beneficiaries in Kaka'ako. The speaker also encouraged continued advocacy to secure all revenues owed from the ceded lands trust, even through legal action if necessary.

(2:18:54 | 8:37 pm)

**Patty Teruya** *summarized.* The speaker thanked OHA for its streamlined grants process and highlighted successful community partnerships, including preparations for the upcoming Prince Kūhiō Legacy event. They raised concerns about long-abandoned DHHL lots in Wai'anae and emphasized the loss of a previously secured \$35 million Act 279 allocation for the Mā'ili development, noting that the region received no projects from the statewide funding. They also described major challenges with accessing NAHASDA rehabilitation funds for kūpuna and urged stronger accountability and support for Wai'anae beneficiaries.

(2:27:32 | 8:45 pm)

**Paul Aio** *summarized.* The speaker, a longtime community volunteer and former law enforcement officer, urged support for making the School Resource Officer pilot program permanent and expanding it to Nanakuli High School, which was excluded despite originating the initiative. He described the need for a comprehensive Nanakuli Regional Health and Wellness Center modeled after facilities developed by Indigenous communities elsewhere, combining health services, senior and youth programs, recreation, and cultural spaces. He emphasized that a large undeveloped parcel in Lualualei Valley could serve as the ideal site, providing adequate space, parking, and emergency-evacuation capacity for the broader Nanakuli and Mā'ili communities.

(2:34:07 | 8:52 pm)

**Mapuana Tector** *summarized.* The speaker appreciates OHA's transparency and support through scholarships, workshops, and accessible materials, contrasting it with DHHL's lack of clear communication and difficult processes. They emphasize the need for community education, technological support, and engagement to ensure beneficiaries can fully participate. They encourage OHA to continue advocating for accessible resources and leaving a positive legacy for future generations.

(2:39:30 | 8:57 pm)

**Lokana Keliikoa-Pua** *summarized.* The speaker expresses gratitude to OHA for supporting community programs like Kawaihona, which teach Hawaiian culture and language, fostering identity and pride among children. They highlight the importance of accountability in managing DHHL funds and recognize the positive

impact of nonprofit organizations in the community. They also acknowledge the effort of OHA in facilitating these opportunities and ensuring access to cultural and educational resources.

(2:44:36 | 9:01 pm)

**Announcements**

**Trustee Akaka** summarized. The speaker acknowledges and thanks Puala for the lei, Blaise Lovell from Civil Beat and Trustees for attending, and the facilities staff for their support. Appreciation is extended to all participants attending in person and virtually, as well as to future viewers of the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to stay informed about upcoming Oahu meetings before the year ends.

(2:45:34 | 9:04 pm)

**Adjournment**

Adjournment – vote at 9:04 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA						X
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEONI	SOUZA						Left mtg at 8:30 pm
JOHN	WAIHE'E						X
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>6</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Kaiali'i Kahele  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**Minutes of the  
LANA'I ISLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 27, 2025  
12:00 p.m. (noon)**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chair Emerita Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

ADMINISTRATION:

K. Sean Kekina, COO  
Jason Lees, Multi-Media Designer

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary

GUEST:

Joelle Aki  
Pam Alconcel  
Roxanne Morita  
Christian Galapon  
Francine Costales  
Claudia Sanchez  
Brandon Sanchez  
Diane Preza  
Adam Purdy  
Stan Ruidas

**Call to Order**(1:21 | 12:05 pm)

**Chair Kahele** Welcomes everyone to the Lāna‘i Island Board of Trustees and Community meeting. He calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. The Board Secretary take roll.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>		
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN “HULU”	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>		
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE‘E</b>		
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI‘I	<b>KAHELE</b>	X	
			6	

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

This meeting can be viewed on OHAs website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream). Before we begin I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff.

**Introduction** (2:50 | 12:06 pm)

*Each Trustee takes a moment to say aloha to all attending the meeting and introduce themselves and their staff. K. Sean Kekina, COO also introduces himself and Jason Lees from admin to the community.*

**Approval of Minutes** (7:08 | 12:10 pm)

- A. June 18, 2025 Moloka‘i Community Meeting**
- B. June 19, 2025 Moloka‘i Board of Trustee Meeting**

**Trustee Alapa** moves to approve both sets of minutes.

12:10 pm Trustee Alapa moves to						
Approve: A. June 18, 2025 Moloka‘i Community Meeting B. June 19, 2025 Moloka‘i Board of Trustee Meeting						
Vote: 12:11 p.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			

TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIR EMERITA HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						X
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SIX (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(8:00 | 12:11 pm)

**Status of OHA Activities: CEO's/ Ka Pouhana Lāna'i Island Update on OHA's Activities**

**K. Sean Kekina, COO summarized.** Today I want to highlight key focus areas from our 15-year strategic plan, Mana Mauli Ola. In education, OHA supports Lāna'i students through programs such as the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund and the Mālama Education Loan Program, which help families address the rising costs of higher education. While no new education loans were issued as of mid-2025, these programs continue to create opportunities for Lāna'i 'ohana pursuing careers in the trades or college degrees.

Health is also a central focus, reflected in the Ola Ka 'Ilima Cultural Preservation and Perpetuation Program implemented by the Polynesian Voyaging Society, which trains the next generation of navigators and preserves Hawaiian wayfinding traditions. This reminds us that health is holistic, encompassing physical, mental, spiritual, and cultural well-being. OHA also works to strengthen financial resilience through initiatives such as the Pūhala program, which provides emergency assistance to Native Hawaiian families facing hardship, and the Mālama Home Improvement Loan program, which supports housing stability and living conditions.

Finally, caring for 'āina remains a top priority on Lāna'i, where community stewardship efforts include restoration of cultural sites, traditional food systems like lo'i kalo, and community-based subsistence fishing. These efforts protect Hawaiian traditions while sustaining the health of land, ocean, and people.

**New Business** (10:45 | 12:14 pm) *ratifying the following actions from the Committee on Budget and Finance.*

- A. Action Item BF #25-73: Approve the reallocation of funds from Strategy and Implementation Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Contracts budget for Ahupua'a Mo'olelo program to Strategy and Implementation Grants budget for Aloha 'Āina Leadership Awards (AALA) in the amount of \$15,000.00 (FY26 and FY27) and Ola Ka 'Ī event in the amount of \$20,000.00 (FY26) and \$10,000.00 (FY27). September 17, 2025**

Trustee Alapa Your Committee on Budget and Finance, having met on September 17, 2025, and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following three (3) actions to the Board of Trustees:

**Motion:**

Approve the reallocation of funds from Strategy and Implementation Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Contracts budget for Ahupua'a Mo'olelo program to Strategy and Implementation Grants budget for Aloha 'Aina Leadership Awards (AALA) in the amount of \$15,000 (FY26 and FY27) and Ola Ka 'I event in the amount of \$20,000 (FY26) and \$10,000 (FY27).

Chair Kahele recommends that the Board adopt the action item BF #25-73.

12:10 pm Trustee Alapa moves to						
Approve the reallocation of funds from Strategy and Implementation Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Contracts budget for Ahupua'a Mo'olelo program to Strategy and Implementation Grants budget for Aloha 'Aina Leadership Awards (AALA) in the amount of \$15,000 (FY26 and FY27) and Ola Ka 'I event in the amount of \$20,000 (FY26) and \$10,000 (FY27).						
Vote: 12:14 p.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIR EMERITA HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						X
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with SIX (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes						

(12:45 | 12:16 pm)

B. Action Item BF #25-75: Approval of funding for Āina Aupuni Hawai'i documentary on the legacy of the 'āina through Hawai'i's complex social and political history and proposal for a living trust in the amount of \$135,100.00. September 17, 2025

**Trustee Alapa Approve the reallocation up to \$135,100 of Fiscal Year 2026 from Personnel and Fringe for 'Aina Aupuni Hawai'i Documentary in the amount up to \$135,100.**

**Chair Kahele moves that the Board of Trustees approve the action item BF #25-75.**

12:16 pm Trustee Alapa moves to						
Approve the reallocation up to \$135,100 of Fiscal Year 2026 from Personnel and Fringe for 'Aina Aupuni Hawai'i Documentary in the amount up to \$135,100.						
Vote: 12:17 p.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIR EMERITA HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						X
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>6</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SIX (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(13:50 | 12:17 pm)

C. **Action Item BF #25-76:** Approve the reallocation of funds from Fiscal Year 2026 Personnel & Fringe budget to fund the International Cultural Arts Network (ICAN) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the September 18, 2025 Chief of War Season 1 Finale Screening at the Hawai'i Theatre. September 17, 2025

**Trustee Alapa Approve the reallocation of funds from Fiscal Year 2026 Personnel and Fringe Budget to fund the International Cultural Arts Network (ICAN} in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Sept 18th, 2025 Chief of War Season 1 Finale Screening at the Hawaii Theater.**

**Chair Kahele recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the action item BF #25-76.**

12:17 pm Trustee Alapa moves to						
Approve the reallocation of funds from Fiscal Year 2026 Personnel and Fringe Budget to fund the International Cultural Arts Network (ICAN} in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Sept 18th, 2025 Chief of War Season 1 Finale Screening at the Hawaii Theater.						
Vote: 12:17 p.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIR EMERITA HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						X
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with SIX (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes						

(14:44 | 12:18 pm)

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Roxanne Morita** summarized. Council Member Gabe Johnson’s office on Lāna‘iis concerned about connecting the community to resources and programs, especially since the island lacks local representation from agencies like OHA. Lāna‘i has a higher-than-average kūpuna population, many living without nearby family support, and they need consistent outreach and guidance. Families and students also miss opportunities, such as scholarships, because they are unaware of available programs. DHHL is working to place Lāna‘i residents in housing, but many still need financial assistance and help with application processes, including affordable housing projects. The community would benefit from a dedicated outreach person who visits regularly, works flexibly with residents’ schedules, and provides a familiar, reliable presence. Weekend and evening availability is especially important to accommodate working families. Even small gatherings or Zoom meetings can build trust and spread awareness of resources. Council Member Johnson’s office is committed to helping by connecting residents with the right entities and ensuring resources reach the people who need them most.

**Pamela Alconcel** summarized. The speaker comes from the Lindsey and Purdy ‘ohana of Hawai‘i Island, with a father who arrived on Lāna‘i in 1946 as one of the last Filipino pineapple workers. They co-founded the Lāna‘i

Culture and Heritage Center in 2007 with Martha Haya and helped it become a nonprofit in 2010. Born and raised on Lānaʻi, they have seen many changes over the years and previously worked for UH Maui College before retiring in July. They now assist at the Culture and Heritage Center and also teach Hawaiian language at the high school. They highlight the success of dual credit and early college programs, supported by Pulama Lānaʻi scholarships, though future funding is uncertain. This year's senior class includes seven students earning associate degrees, with several already moving on to higher education. They suggest OHA could support these programs to ensure continued access for Lānaʻi students. Finally, they echo the importance of having someone regularly present on the island to connect the community with resources and facilitate meetings.

**Diane Preza** *summarized*. Serves on the board for the Lānaʻi Culture and Heritage Center with Pamela, and together we focus on community and student outreach. We discussed several ideas for improving community connections in the coming year. The Center runs a stewardship hunting program in partnership with NIFWIF, now in its fifth year, supported by a grant to operate a resident hunt across 20,000 acres on the east side of the island. The goal is to restore the watershed by fencing, removing invasive animals, and allowing native plants to recover, thereby reducing erosion and protecting the reef. Community members, not just Native Hawaiians, are involved, with free hunting allowed seven days a week and the option to bring guests for a small fee. The program has significantly reduced animal numbers and supports native plant restoration through a community garden. The Center is funded primarily by grants, with some assistance from Pūʻōla Māmana. Additionally, we work with Lānaʻi schools, offering enrichment activities for middle, elementary, and high school students.

Community members face challenges working on the land because the entire Lānaʻi coastline is designated as a Special Management Area (SMA). Permits are required for activities such as fishpond restoration and beach cleanups, and the lengthy process delays stewardship efforts. The Lānaʻi Culture and Heritage Center and others have testified to the Planning Commission, asking for changes to make restoration and community access more practical while still protecting the coastline.

**Claudia Sanchez** *summarized*. An 82-year-old resident, born and raised on Lānaʻi, expressed concern for the kupuna in the community. Having recently moved back from the mainland, they noted that there are very few resources or activities available for older adults. They emphasized the lack of programs or engagement opportunities for kupuna on the island.

**Francine Costales** *summarized*. A part-time resident, born and raised on Lānaʻi, is in the process of moving back full-time. They do not have Hawaiian ancestry, but their son has lineage from Kalapana, and they are seeking to become more involved in Hawaiian cultural activities with their family. They expressed interest in learning more about plans for returning and engaging with the community.

**Stan Ruidas** *summarized*. A resident born and raised on Lānaʻi described their multiple community roles. They recently participated in the community-based subsistence fishing area (CBSFA) and maintained a booth there. They are leading the Lānaʻi limu restoration project on an acre of commercial gardens near the airport, which will include a greenhouse and tanks for raising limu, shrimp, and other fish species. The project will also incorporate sea asparagus, sea grapes, oysters, and clams to help clarify the water. Saltwater will be hauled from Kaunalapau Harbor, three miles uphill, to support the tanks. Previously, operations were at Montalais Aloa on the east side, where limu was grown in cages for outplanting. The project demonstrated successful limu cultivation while protecting it from honu. The resident emphasized their ongoing commitment to community-based restoration efforts.

**Joelle Aki** summarized. The speaker has extensive experience working in the community and is part of the Makai Watch Group, which collaborates with the CBSFA. They requested that OHA consider shoreline or conservation grants for rural areas like Lāna‘i East to support conservation, preservation, and cultural programs, including the Cultural Resource Center. They emphasized that Native Hawaiians could benefit from additional support to prepare for land acquisition and development. The speaker noted that awarding additional lots in advance would give beneficiaries more time to prepare for asset acquisition. They highlighted the need for supplemental funding beyond existing grants, including support for organizations such as the CBSFA and the Cultural Center. The speaker observed that fewer grants are currently available, making rural communities especially in need of assistance. They also noted that the second phase of DHHL land includes areas considered wasteland, which will require cleanup before development. Advocating for pre-clearing or inclusion of this land could reduce construction timelines for future beneficiaries.

(1:08:44 | 1:12 pm)

**Announcements**

**Trustee Alapa** Mahalo Trustees for taking time out of your Saturday. It was wonderful to hear from all of you here on When we go back we will follow through, we’ve made notes and we will direct them to

**Chair Kahele** Mahalo, Trustee Alapa for inviting us to Lāna‘i and to Council Member Gabe Johnson and Roxanne Morita for opening your office for us to use. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on October 2, 2025. Also, OHA’s strategic plan that was adopted a few years ago is being looked at internally by the combination of Trustees and Administrations. Right now, there is an active survey online. It should take 15-20 minutes to fill out. Your input will help us shape the reassessment of our strategic plan that we’re making this fall with the hope that we can bring that to the Board of trustees by adoption by the by the end of the year. Also on our OHA website as the Board prepares the 2026 legislative package that we historically would adopt sometime at the end of this fall and that would be the bills that OHA would be supporting at the upcoming 2026 legislature. If you can partake in these surveys it would be helpful.

(1:14:27 | 1:18 pm)

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Alapa Moves to adjourn.**

Adjournment – vote at 1:18 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA	X		X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEONI	SOUZA						
JOHN	WAIHE'E						
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>6</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 16, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali‘i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Lindsey  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe‘e IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Summer Sylva, Interim Administrator  
K.Sean Kekina, COO  
Ryan Lee, Interim CFO  
Elena Farden, Dir. of Strategy and Implementation  
Hailama Farden, Dir. of Hawaiian Cultural Affairs  
Everett Ohta, General Counsel  
Corey Nakamoto, HR Director  
Kapono K., External Counsel  
Poni Askew, Dir. of Economics  
Ku‘ulei Awo-Chun, Dir. of ‘Ōiwi Well-Being  
Bill Brennan, Dir. of Communications  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT

BOT STAFF:

Alena Auyoung, Interim COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Kyla Hee, Trustee Secretary  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Pohailani Kealoha, Trustee Aide  
Remy Keliioomalua, Trustee Aide  
Carina Lee, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Secretary  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Davis Price

(01:14 | 10:05 am )

**Call to Order**

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, October 16, 2025 at **10:05 a.m.** Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA		excused
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	LINDSEY	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	X	
			8	

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

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** This meeting can be viewed via live stream on all his website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) For those joining us on Zoom to testify or listen, please note that we are using the webinar platform rather than the standard Zoom meeting format. As an attendee, you will be able to watch and listen to the proceedings. If you wish to testify on a specific agenda item, please follow these steps:

1. Raise your hand to indicate that you would like to speak.
2. We will change your status from attendee to panelist when it is your turn. This may take a few seconds, so we appreciate your patience.
3. As a panelist, you will have the option to turn on your camera and unmute yourself to provide testimony.
4. Once you have finished testifying, please mute yourself, and you will be returned to attendee status.

*K.Sean Kekina, COO introduces staff attending the Board meeting.*

(05:03 | 10:09 am)

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. April 17, 2025
- B. June 30, 2025
- C. July 10, 2025
- D. August 21, 2025
- E. August 28, 2025

*Chair Kahele announces that the following minutes will be deferred: April 17, 2025 and June 30, 2025.*

10:09 a.m. Trustee Souza moves to approve the following:						
July 10, 2025 August 21, 2025 August 28, 2025						
Vote: 10:09 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT						
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes						

(7:01 | 10:12 am)

**Status of OHA Activities: Interim Administrator & Chief Operating Officer Update on OHA activities.**

- OHA's participation in Hawaiian Council Convention
- OHA's participation in Hawaiian Registry Program & ID Printing
- OHA's participation in Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Annual Convention
- OHA Human Resources Update/Staff Vacancies
- OHA New Staff Onboarding Process & Protocol

**OHA's participation in Hawaiian Council Convention**

**Summer Sylva, Interim Administrator** *summarized*. The speaker expresses deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve OHA and its beneficiaries, highlighting the professionalism, humility, and dedication of staff and leadership in advancing the organization's mission. They emphasize the importance of community engagement, including participation in the Hawaiian council convention, where workshops, panels, and advocacy sessions provided education and connection for beneficiaries, including Kanaka living in the diaspora. The speaker notes the positive impact of OHA's involvement in the Hawaiian registry program and ID printing,

achieving record-breaking results with 112 applications completed and 56 cards issued in three days. These efforts demonstrate OHA's commitment to meaningful service, outreach, and culturally informed programs that extend beyond the organization's corridors into the community. The success of staff and leadership in these initiatives reflects the organization's collective dedication to beneficiaries and the Hawaiian community.

### **OHA's participation in Hawaiian Registry Program & ID and OHA's participation in Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Annual Convention**

**Summer Sylva, Interim Administrator** *summarized.* OHA sponsored the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention with a \$15,000 contribution, supporting a large convening to strengthen partnerships and address policy-focused issues. Trustee Galuteria and Chief Advocate Lena Allay will lead a session on legislative engagement, highlighting OHA's mandates, 2026 legislative priorities, and actionable voter engagement strategies for civic club members. This sponsorship allows OHA to extend its work beyond its corridors, ensuring initiatives are informed by and aligned with community needs. The effort reflects OHA's ongoing commitment to supporting Hawaiian communities through advocacy, policy, and civic engagement. The director of human resources will also address staff and vacancy matters during the event.

### **OHA Human Resources Update/Staff Vacancies**

**Corey Nakamoto, HR Director** *summarized.* OHA's current vacancy rate is approximately 19%, with a goal of reaching 15% by the end of the year. This progress is attributed to the collective efforts of trustees, executive leadership, hiring leads, and HR staff. The organization remains on track to meet the 15% target if current efforts continue as planned. Signing bonuses have successfully filled 12 positions so far, contributing to this positive trend. Continued focus on recruitment strategies is expected to sustain progress toward the vacancy goal.

### **OHA New Staff Onboarding Process & Protocol**

**Summer Sylva, Interim Administrator** *summarized.* OHA has implemented a new onboarding protocol called the Welina mai Touchpoint, where employees are warmly welcomed by staff beyond HR. The process includes greeting new employees at the front steps with a traditional oli and presentation of handmade lei from staff and their 'ohana. This practice reflects the organization's values, legacy, and commitment to community. The lei worn by Keola, made from her mother's garden, exemplifies this tradition. Trustees are encouraged to attend and participate in these welcoming ceremonies whenever possible.

*Chair asks for unanimous consent to take the agenda out of order. There are no objections – the next item will community concerns.*

(24:52 | 10:28 am)

### **Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Kawehi Miller** *summarized.* The speaker highlighted the economic challenges facing Native Hawaiians, including high housing costs and limited family income, and noted that more Native Hawaiians now live outside Hawaii than in it. They proposed creating a Native Hawaiian venture capital fund to promote economic sovereignty and generational wealth, emphasizing that it would be self-sustaining within six years. The fund is intended as a strategic, Native-led initiative to extend OHA's investment efforts and support long-term community resilience.

(31:24 | 10:35 am)

**Pua Gora** *summarized*. The speaker highlighted their involvement with Aloha Mortuary, a Hawaiian-owned business providing affordable burial and cremation services, and expressed concern that many Hawaiians struggle to afford end-of-life expenses. They urged OHA trustees to meet and explore ways to support Hawaiians in covering these costs, ensuring dignified celebrations of life. The speaker emphasized the need for Hawaiian-operated services to be promoted and accessible to the community.

(35:47 | 10:40 am)

**Noel Shaw** *summarized*. Speaking on behalf of Hui Aloha ‘Āina. The speaker urged OHA to assert its role as a stakeholder in negotiations with the U.S. military to protect Hawaiian lands, waters, and resources from ongoing harm and desecration. They called for OHA to strengthen its commitment to demilitarization and uphold its fiduciary responsibility to Kanaka Maoli beneficiaries. The goal is to ensure a healthier, more just environment for future generations.

(40:31 | 10:44 am)

**Vickey Takamine** *summarized*. The speaker urged OHA to stand with the Lahui in protecting Hawaiian lands, particularly former military lands like Makua Valley, and to assert leadership in lease negotiations. They emphasized the community’s support and the need for transparency and accountability from the military regarding land and water stewardship. OHA was called upon to actively represent the community’s concerns and prevent further mismanagement under current administration policies.

(43:29 | 10:47 am)

**Davis Price** *summarized*. Emphasized the importance of OHA aligning with the community to protect Native Hawaiian rights, citing past successes like preserving public land trust claims and unifying communities in Malama Makua. He urged OHA to assert its autonomous fiduciary authority over public land trust lands, ensuring the governor and military comply with the law. He called on OHA to act decisively to safeguard Native Hawaiian sovereignty and enforce legal protections.

(49:16 | 10:50 am)

**County Council Keani Rawlins-Fernandez** *summarized*. The testifier expressed solidarity with previous speakers and noted that the Maui County Council adopted a resolution supporting Hawai‘i County’s call to halt bombing at Pōhakuloa, reject new lease proposals or land swaps, follow all legal processes, and complete required environmental and cultural reviews. They urged the OHA Trustees to assert their authority, protect the voices of the Lāhui, and speak strongly on this issue. They emphasized that both Maui and Hawai‘i County Councils stand behind OHA and asked the Board to prevent the Governor from exceeding his authority.

(51:29 | 10:55 am)

**Zhantell Lindo** *summarized*. The testifier highlighted work on Maui to address homelessness, noting that many affected are Native Hawaiian families and emphasizing the need for culturally grounded, affordable end-of-life services and solutions. They urged OHA to support studies and investments in these models while also calling for unity in efforts to regain lands from the military and foreign ownership. They closed by encouraging continued solidarity and cooperation, reflecting on a moment of collective unity witnessed at CNHA.

(54:59 | 10:59 am)

**Jojo** *summarized*. The speaker expressed frustration with OHA’s communication and follow-up regarding community concerns, including historic site visits, grant and training support, and safety issues near Kawaihai Harbor. They noted repeated failures to provide updates despite prior commitments and emphasized the need

for assigned staff to return with concrete actions to address these issues. They requested improved communication and accountability to ensure community needs are met.

(1:00:10 | 11:04 am)

**Craig Neff** *summarized*. The speaker, representing Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana and as a Native Hawaiian business owner, urged the removal of military presence and the cessation of lease renewals. They encouraged Kanaka participation in ceremonies to peacefully reclaim lands, citing the successful restoration of Kaho‘olawe after decades of activism. The speaker called on trustees to unite and take decisive action to prevent further military leases.

(1:03:40 | 11:04 am)

**Camile Kalama** *summarized*. Representing her organization and 39 others, urged OHA to ensure Kanaka participation in decisions regarding military-leased lands in Hawaii and to address long-standing environmental and trustee issues. She emphasized the need for cleanup, accountability, transparency, and adherence to the law, noting that current agreements leave Kanaka underrepresented. The community seeks OHA’s adoption of five principles to protect these lands for future generations.

(1:09:24 | 11:13 am)

**Brandon Makaawawa** *summarized*. The speaker supports reconciliation for the 1.8 million acres taken from Kanaka without compensation and criticizes the governor for bypassing this process. They advocate for empowering community-led stewardship, highlighting the Molokai Heritage Trust as a model for sustainable management and self-determination. They call on OHA to protect lands, halt desecration and military leases, and support Kanaka independence and infrastructure development.

(1:14:02 | 11:18 am)

**Luana Neff** *summarized*. The speaker, a long-time Hilo resident and member of the Protect ‘Ohana, emphasizes the urgent need for Kanaka to unite in protecting lands and ensuring accountability for military-held areas like Pohakua. They highlight the wisdom of kūpuna and past movements in guiding land stewardship, health, and well-being. They call for stronger communication and collective action to safeguard all lands, asserting that previous outreach to the governor has gone unanswered.

*Chair offers administration to respond to a community concern that was brought up earlier in the meeting.*

(1:19:11 | 11:24 am)

**Summer Sylva, Interim CEO** *summarized*. The speaker expresses gratitude to testifiers and acknowledges the legacy of past Hawaiian advocates. They highlight OHA’s efforts to improve community engagement through November Hawaii Island meetings, featuring roundtable discussions that allow extended dialogue between trustees and community members. They emphasize responsiveness, accountability, and follow-up with individuals like Jojo to address specific concerns.

(1:25:21 | 11:28 am)

#### **New Business - Committee on Budget and Finance**

- 1. Action Item BF #25-77: Approval of funding to American Savings Bank for the continued implementation of the Access to Homeownership (AHO) deposit-backed loan program for Fiscal Year 2026, transitioning the program authorized under RM 24-25 (June 19, 2024) from pilot to ongoing implementation. October 1, 2025**

**Trustee Alapa Your Committee on Budget and Finance, having met on October 1, 2025 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motions to the Board of Trustees:**

Approve funding to American Savings Bank for the continued implementation of the Access to Homeownership (AHO) deposit-backed loan program for Fiscal Year 2026, transitioning the program authorized under RM 24-25 (June 19, 2024) from pilot to ongoing implementation.

11:29 am Trustee Alapa moves to approve the following:						
Approve funding to American Savings Bank for the continued implementation of the Access to Homeownership (AHO) deposit-backed loan program for Fiscal Year 2026, transitioning the program authorized under RM 24-25 (June 19, 2024) from pilot to ongoing implementation.						
Vote: 11:30 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA	X		X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:26:48 | 11:30 am)

- Action Item BF #25-79: Approval to implement the Mālama Honua Home Improvement and Renovation Program identified in the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 OHA Biennium Budget through a competitive grants process to identify a third-party collaborator. October 1, 2025**

**Trustee Alapa Approval to implement the Mālama Honua Home Improvement and Renovation Program identified in the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 OHA Biennium Budget through a competitive grants process to identify a third-party collaborator.**

<b>11:30 am Trustee Alapa moves to approve the following:</b>						
<b>Approval to implement the Mālama Honua Home Improvement and Renovation Program identified in the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 OHA Biennium Budget through a competitive grants process to identify a third-party collaborator.</b>						
<b>Vote: 11:31 a.m.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:28:04 | 11:32 am)

- 3. Action Item BF #25-80: Approval of revisions to the Special Education Add-a-Teaching Field (SATEP) budget approval from the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 OHA Biennium Budget. October 1, 2025**

**Trustee Alapa Approval of revisions to the Special Education Add-a-Teaching Field (SATEP) budget proviso (line 7652) from the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 (line 7759) OHA Biennium Budget to read:**

**MiMO 1.2 Grant funding for SATEP (State-Approved Teacher Education Programs) and feeder programs for beneficiary teachers who: Work or intend to work in Immersion and/or Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools, and/or Work or intend to work in schools with high percentages of Native Hawaiian students.**

**Chair Emerita Lindsey ask to be clear this is an approval and not proviso.**

**Kuuleialoha Awo-Chun, Director of Education** *summarized.* Shares that the action item was for a revision to the proviso language. Funding was budgeted for what was listed as a special education at a teaching field. And the action item was to revise to have it reflect that we wanted the funding to go to state approved teacher education programs. there was a typo in what the money was going to be used for and then the proviso language that is proposed here also widens the reach so that it can go to state approved teacher education and feeder programs.

<b>11:32 am Trustee Alapa moves to approve the following:</b>						
<b>Approval of revisions to the Special Education Add-a-Teaching Field (SATEP) budget proviso (line 7652) from the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 (line 7759) OHA Biennium Budget to read:</b>						
<b>MiMO 1.2 Grant funding for SATEP (State-Approved Teacher Education Programs) and feeder programs for beneficiary teachers who: Work or intend to work in Immersion and/or Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools, and/or Work or intend to work in schools with high percentages of Native Hawaiian students.</b>						
Vote: 11:38 a.m.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:34:29 | 11:38 am)

4. **Action Item BF #25-97: Approve and authorize the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2026 OHA Biennium Budget Contracts account code #57110 (Services on a Fee Basis) to Grants account code #56530 (Grants in Aid – Community Grants) under Strategy & Implementation Program 7130 – Health Outcomes for a Board Directed Grant to Hui Malama o Kaneioulouma for ki'i and mea kapu. *October 15, 2025***

**Trustee Alapa Approve and authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from Contracts Account #57110 (Services on a Fee Basis) to Grants Account #56530 (Grants in Aid Community Grants) under Strategy & Implementation Program 7130 Health Outcomes for a Board Directed Grant to Hui Malama o Kaneioulouma for ki'i and mea kapu acquisition.**

11:38 am Trustee Alapa moves to						
Approve and authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from Contracts Account #57110 (Services on a Fee Basis) to Grants Account #56530 (Grants in Aid Community Grants) under Strategy & Implementation Program 7130 Health Outcomes for a Board Directed Grant to Hui Malama o Kaneioulouma for ki'i and mea kapu acquisition.						
Vote taken at 11:39 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:35:56 | 11:40 am)

**Executive Session**

**A. Briefing on available Moloka'i Property. The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS §§ 92-5(a)(3) to be briefed on and deliberate regarding the authority of persons designated to negotiate with respect to the property.**

**Trustee Souza** moves to recuse the Board into executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(2) and (4)

**The Board recuses into Executive Session at 11:40 am.**

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section§92-5						
Vote taken at 8:06 am	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN <b>AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
TRUSTEE KALEI <b>AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE KELI'I <b>AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE LUANA <b>ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD <b>GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU <b>LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE KEONI <b>SOUZA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE JOHN <b>WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
CHAIRPERSON KAI <b>KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ X ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and ONE (1) Excused</b>						

**Board returns to open session at 12:28 p.m**

*This second portion of the Board meeting can be viewed here on video 2*

(0:28 | 12:28 pm)

**Chair Kahele** I'd like to report uh that the board of trustees had a briefing on a available Moloka'i property and that no vote was taken.

**Announcements**

**Chair Kahele summarized.** OHA honors the 150th anniversary of Princess Victoria Kaiulani’s birth and is reviewing Alaka’i Award nominations for July through September 2025, with awardees to be announced around mid-November. Staff-wide survey responses have been received, totaling 47 so far. On October 24th, OHA staff will participate in full-day training covering core processes, recently approved governing documents, and the upcoming employee handbook.

On Wednesday, October 29th, following the Trustee Brickwood Galitaria advocacy workshop, OHA standing committees and the Board of Trustees will convene for the first time at the Association of H Civic Club Convention, with a luncheon presentation on Friday, October 31st, highlighting OHA’s mission and priorities. Hawaii Island site visits will follow from November 3rd to 6th in Kona and Hilo, led by Beneficiary Services and Community Engagement workshops, concluding with the Board of Trustees convening on November 6th. The Board recently adopted holiday observances from noon, December 24th, through January 4th, 2026, with the next Board meeting scheduled for October 27th.

(10:46 | 12:28 pm)

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Souza moves to adjourn the Board meeting.**

Adjournment – vote at 12:28m							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						X
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>							

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 27, 2025  
11:00 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali‘i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Carmen “Hulu” Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe‘e IV

BOT STAFF:

Alena Auyoung, Interim COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:

K.Sean Kekina, COO  
Everett Ohta, General Counsel  
Bill Brennan, Dir. of Comm. Engagement  
Royce Campbell, Operations Manager  
Dan Santo, Systems Engineer  
Kevin Chak, Communications Strategist

(0:26 | 11:13 am)

Call to Order

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** welcomes everyone to the Board of Trustees meeting. Mahalo nui for taking the time to be with us this evening. Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Monday, October 27, 2025, at 11:13 a.m., Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	<b>KAHELE</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **NINE (9)** Trustees are **PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

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(2:56)

*Chair Kahele calls upon K.Sean Kekina, COO to introduce administrative staff.*

(3:54 | 11:22 am)

**Organization of the Committee on Budget and Finance: Approval of the Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.**

**Testifier-Virtually**

(4:20 | 11:16 am)

**Germaine Meyers** *summarized.* The speaker thanks the Board and raises a concern about trustees holding multiple leadership roles, noting that this may create potential conflicts of interest or concentrate authority contrary to earlier intentions to broaden oversight. They question whether OHA has or needs a policy addressing such conflicts when trustees chair or vice-chair multiple committees with agenda-setting power. The remarks are offered in the interest of transparency, accountability, and fairness, with the speaker noting they will comment again under community concerns.

**Chair Kahele** *summarized.* The leadership transition within OHA and expresses appreciation to former Chair Luana Alapa and her staff for their work on the strategic plan and housing initiatives, including the upcoming home repair program. They emphasize that leadership changes are a normal part of governance and affirm the Board's unity and commitment to stewarding the trust with transparency and integrity. The appointment of a new chair is framed as an opportunity to strengthen fiscal leadership, support public confidence, and ensure sound decision-making for beneficiaries. The speaker notes that accountability and transparency remain central responsibilities as OHA continues its mission. In accordance with OHA bylaws, the Chair appoints Trustee John Waihe'e IV as Chair and Trustee Dan Ahuna as Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, and both have accepted pending Board approval. I want to thank them for their commitment to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

(9:47 | 11:22 am)

**Chair Kahele asks if there is a motion to approve the appointments.  
Trustee Souza moves the motion.**

(10:28 | 11:23 am)

**Discussion:**

**Trustee Akina summarized.** The speaker notes that OHA has undergone rapid and significant changes and requests context regarding Trustee Alapa’s departure as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and the appointment of new leadership. They explain that, due to Sunshine Law restrictions, trustees have not had the opportunity to discuss these transitions together. The speaker expresses that any clarification would be helpful for understanding the situation. Although the question is directed to the Chair, they also welcome input from Trustee Alapa.

**Trustee Alapa summarized.** After reflecting on the past year, they realized committee responsibilities have limited the time needed for initiatives they are most passionate about, particularly housing and health. They emphasize the importance of advancing the upcoming home repair program, noting strong community need and the tangible impact it will have on living conditions statewide. They stress that beneficiaries are eager for the grants to open and that ensuring this program moves forward over the next two years is essential. The speaker also highlights unmet needs in mental health and expresses a desire for OHA to advance support in this area more quickly. They describe seeing firsthand the urgency of these issues while meeting with beneficiaries. In addition, they note that more attention is needed for the MiMO strategic planning work, which requires careful review of priorities. The speaker expresses commitment to helping these initiatives reach fruition. They conclude by hoping their explanation addresses the concerns raised.

Approval of the New Appointment of Trustee John Waihe‘e IV as Chair and Trustee Dan Ahuna as Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee						
Vote: 11:28 am	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA					X	
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			

<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, One (1) Abstention.</b>						

**Chair Kahele summarized.** The essential work of staff supports trustees and contribute significantly behind the scenes. The staff of Trustees Ahuna and Waihe‘e will work diligently to ensure the Budget and Finance Committee succeeds. The Chair then recognizes the newly appointed Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

**Trustee Waihe‘e summarized.** Thanks everyone for having faith in him and thanks the former Budget and Finance Chair Luana Alapa for the many great things she was able to accomplish. He also thanks his staff.

(19:01 | 11:31 am)

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Germaine Meyers summarized.** The speaker expresses concern that while OHA participates in cultural events abroad, such as the RO Matai Festival in French Polynesia, not all trustees engage with Hawaiian communities at home, including Nanakuli. They highlight the lack of trustee visits to local organizations and schools, emphasizing the need for equal respect and engagement with beneficiaries in homestead communities. The speaker requests a summary report of the costs and justifications for OHA leadership travel to the festival.

(22:24 | 11:36 am)

**Announcements**

**Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele summarized.** OHA’s Board of Trustees and standing committees will convene on October 29, 2025, at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs annual convention in Kailua-Kona, marking the first time meetings are held at this event. The day includes an advocacy workshop led by Chair Brickwood Galuteria and Chief Advocate Leina‘ala Ley, followed by committee and Board meetings in the Keauhou Boardroom, concluding around 4:30 p.m. Attendees will also have the opportunity to receive their Hawaiian registry cards, highlighting engagement with beneficiaries and the Hawaiian community.

The Chair announced that immediately after the adjournment of the current open meeting, the OHA Board of Trustees will convene an emergency meeting at 11:30 a.m. This meeting has been properly agendized in accordance with Hawaii law.

(26:30 | 11:39 am)

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Souza moves to adjourn.**

Adjournment – vote at 11:39 am						
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TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>9</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXX

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Kaiali'i Kahele  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:  
 There are no attachments for this meeting.

**DRAFT**

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This meeting can be viewed at:

Video 1: <https://youtu.be/516kyY0ww3A?si=t5u1I8ro17HmByeX>

Video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/live/2AVrh8OEUcG?si=JUF3NTjIShzf3DQc>

**Minutes of the  
EMERGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 27, 2025  
11:30 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali‘i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Carmen “Hulu” Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe‘e IV

BOT STAFF:

Alena Auyoung, Interim COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:

K.Sean Kekina, COO  
Everett Ohta, General Counsel  
Bill Brennan, Dir. of Comm. Engagement  
Royce Campbell, Operations Manager  
Dan Santo, Systems Engineer  
Kevin Chak, Communications Strategist

(0:18 | 11:41 am)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele** welcomes everyone to the Emergency Board of Trustees meeting. Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Monday, October 27, 2025, at 11:41 a.m.

The chair has convened an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees under HRS 92-8, which allows the board to meet if it finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires a meeting in less time than is provided for in section 92-7. The board may hold an emergency meeting provided that the board states in writing the reasons for its findings, that two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the findings are correct and an emergency exists, and that an emergency agenda and the findings are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7B, filed with the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office, and posted in the board's office. The six-calendar-day requirement for filing an electronic posting shall not apply, and persons requesting notification are contacted by post, electronic mail, or telephone as soon as practicable.

This agenda was recently posted, and it is the chair's belief that six trustees, or two-thirds of the board, support convening this emergency meeting, which includes an executive session. The nature of this emergency meeting is the imminent potential peril for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries as it relates to the ending of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP), which will end nationally on November 1st. In Hawaii, 156,000 recipients receive SNAP benefits, many of whom are Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. This program is a critical lifeline that provides nutrition, prevents malnutrition, and supports beneficiaries in various ways. While the governor is working on a program to offset this, it is not meant to include all 156,000 SNAP recipients.

The second reason for calling the emergency meeting is that today, October 27th, we are in the 27th day of the government shutdown. There are 24,600 federal civil service employees across Hawaii who have been furloughed since October 1st or required to work under excepted status without receiving their normal paychecks. If the government continues to be shut down, they are scheduled not to receive their second full paycheck on November 7th. Many of these federal employees are beneficiaries, including 19,000 Department of Defense employees and others in Homeland Security, air traffic control, TSA, National Park Service, Social Security, and IRS positions. Some federal employees are also SNAP recipients, compounding the issue for our lāhui. OHA is taking a proactive role in addressing this crisis, which is the reason the chair has requested an emergency meeting.

(4:53)

We now need a roll call to establish a two-thirds quorum to convene this emergency meeting. Do we have any discussion on that? Do we have a motion to go into an emergency meeting?

**Trustee Souza** moves the motion.

<b>Motion to convene the emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees under HRS 92-8, which allows the board to meet if it finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires a meeting in less time than is provided for in section 92-7.</b>						
Vote: 11:00 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			

<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes.</b>						

(6:01 | 11:50 am)  
**Public Testimony**

**Germaine Meyers summarized.** The speaker has urged state legislators to convene a special session to address the impending SNAP program disruption, emphasizing the urgent need for solutions before November 1st. They highlight the potential domino effect on beneficiaries and local businesses, noting that many community members and employees rely on SNAP for food and planning. The speaker stresses the importance of creative, immediate measures, such as issuing temporary debit cards, to prevent hardship while awaiting federal program resumption.

(12:52 | 11:54 am)  
**Executive Session**

**Trustee Ahuna moves to move the Board into executive session pursuant to HRS Section 92-5.**

**The Board recesses into Executive Session at 11:54 a.m.**

<b>Motion to recess into executive session pursuant to HRS Section§92-5</b>
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		1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI	AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I	AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA	ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA				X			
TRUSTEE KEONI	SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAIALI‘I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>9</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>							
<b>Motion passes with NINE (9) YES votes, and Zero (0) NO vote.</b>							

**Board returns to open session at 2:12 p.m.**

(1:53 | 2:12 pm)

**Chair Kahele** *summarized.* The chair has reconvened the emergency session of the OHA Board of Trustees in response to the federal government shutdown and the potential discontinuation of SNAP benefits on November 1, 2025. OHA is mobilizing emergency resources to support Native Hawaiian beneficiaries who may be affected. This action demonstrates OHA’s commitment to ensuring that families have access to essential food and financial assistance during the crisis.

**Summer Sylva, Interim Administrator** *summarized.* The administration thanks the trustees for the opportunity to provide clear direction and reaffirm OHA’s leadership. With their guidance, a proposal will be finalized that is legally sound, fiscally responsible, and culturally aligned with the community. The administration accepts this charge wholeheartedly, aiming to exemplify Native Hawaiian governance that is collective, compassionate, and courageous.

(3:31 | 2:15 pm)

**Trustee Souza reads the following motion:**

Move to commit up to 6.1 million in emergency funding to support OHA beneficiaries who are negatively and directly impacted by the potential discontinuation of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits on November 1st, 2025, and by the ongoing federal government shutdown affecting federal civilian employees who are either furloughed or excepted. This commitment is subject to further approval by the board prior to execution. The administration shall investigate possible funding and administrative partnerships, eligibility criteria, and other program components for further consideration and action by the board of trustees on November 6, 2025, in Hilo. The administration is authorized to raise and secure the necessary funding to fulfill this commitment in order to expedite the distribution of emergency assistance effective November 6, 2025, or shortly thereafter.

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Vote: 2:16 pm	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY						Unable to vote due to Internet issues
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes.</b>						

**Chair Kahele summarized.** The Board informed the public that it met in executive session during its emergency meeting to consult with legal counsel on its powers and duties and to consider sensitive public safety matters related to the federal government shutdown. The discussion included issues involving delayed or suspended SNAP benefits and the impact on Native Hawaiian federal employees who have been furloughed or working without pay. The Board also received initial response options to support OHA beneficiaries affected by these disruptions.

Thank you to all trustees for participating in the unprecedented emergency session. The administration was directed to develop a robust program and allocate significant financial resources to support Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. The goal is for these resources to reach the community quickly and make the greatest possible impact.

**(7:05 | 2:19 pm)**  
**Adjournment**

**Trustee Souza moves to adjourn.**

Adjournment – vote at 2:19 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY						
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXX

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 Kaiali'i Kahele  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:  
 There are no attachments for this meeting.

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**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AT  
THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB  
DRAFT-MINUTES  
October 29, 2025  
3:30 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Carmen "Hulu" Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe'e IV.

BOARD STAFF:

Alena Auyoung, Interim COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Yvonne Ma  
helona, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

K. Sean, COO  
Everett Ohta, General Counsel  
Elena Farden, Senior Dir. of Strategy and Implementataion  
Lise Sekona-Vaughn, Dir. of Community Engagement  
Bill Brennan, Dir. of Communication  
Ku'uleianuhe Awo-Chun, Dir. of Education and Cultural Base Learning  
Ku'ikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo, Dir. of 'Oiwi Well-Being  
Ryan Lee, Interim CFO  
Leina'ala Ley, Dir. of Advocacy  
Grace Chen, Financial Analyst  
Nelson Gaspar, Multi-Media Designer  
Daniel Santos, Systems Engineer

(00:2:55 | 3:36 pm)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Welcomes everyone to the Board of Trustees meeting. Mahalo nui for taking the time to be with us this evening. Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

(00:3:10 | 3:37 pm)

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA		
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	LINDSEY	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA		Joins meeting at 3:38 pm
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	X	
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At the Call to Order, **eight (8)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Kahele announced a request for unanimous consent to take action item BT 2512 out of order, which concerns approval of a limited meeting at the Pohakuloa Training Area under HRS 92-3.1. The Board will conduct site visits across Hawaii Island next week, including due-diligence work at Pohakuloa, where public access is restricted due to military control. Because Sunshine Law requirements cannot be met at this site, a two-thirds supermajority vote is needed to authorize the limited meeting.

Chair Kahele briefly explains to the Board that a 2/3 vote is needed to pass the Board Action on holding a limited meeting to meet the Sunshine Law.

**Action Item BOT #25-12: Discussion and Board Action on Approval of a Limited Meeting Pursuant to HRS § 92-3.1 at Pōhakuloa Training Area, Hawai'i Island.**

(0:8:15 | 3:43 pm)

<b>Motion made at: 3:43 p.m. by: Vice Chair Souza</b>						
Approve the holding of a limited meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-3.1 at the Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA), Hawai'i Island, on November 5, 2025, based on a determination that an on-site inspection is necessary and that public attendance is impracticable due to federal access restrictions and safety and security limitations at the site, and take other necessary steps to hold a limited meeting under the state Sunshine Law.						
Vote: 3:43 pm	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			

TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

The Board meeting continues and ratifies the Budget and Finance Committee actions.

**A. Committee on Budget and Finance**

(9:11 | 3:44 pm)

**1. Action Item BF #25-78 (amended): Approval to implement the OHA Kūlana ‘Āina Food Systems & Workforce Pilot Program and authorize release of Fiscal Year 2026 funds for program execution, as amended to reflect Budget and Finance Committee discussion and motion adopted on October 1, 2025. October 1, 2025**

**Trustee Waihee moves the following:**

Approve implementation of OHA’s Kūlana ‘Āina program for mahi‘ai, food-systems, and culinary business and workforce development, as required by the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and 2027 Biennium Budget, and to authorize the release of FY 2026 funds totaling \$470,000 for program execution, as amended to reflect Budget and Finance Committee discussion and motion adopted on October 1, 2025. Release of FY 2027 funds shall be subject to further Board action following review of FY 2026 outcomes, procurement compliance, and adherence to proviso language.

**Motion:**  
 Approve implementation of OHA’s Kūlana ‘Āina program for mahi‘ai, food-systems, and culinary business and workforce development, as required by the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and 2027 Biennium Budget, and to authorize the release of FY 2026 funds totaling \$470,000 for program execution, as amended to reflect Budget and Finance Committee discussion and motion adopted on October 1, 2025. Release of FY 2027 funds shall be subject to further Board action following review of FY 2026 outcomes, procurement compliance, and adherence to proviso language.

Vote: 3:47 p.m	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(12:21 | 3:47 pm)

**2. Action Item BF #25-86: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Ka Molokai Makahiki, Inc. for the Ka Molokai Makahiki 2026 Event on January 22-24, 2026, in the amount of \$11,250.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Waihe'e moves the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Ka Molokai Makahiki, Inc. for the Molokai Makahiki 2026 Event on January 22-24, 2026, in the amount of \$11,250.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
	Ka Molokai Makahiki 2026	
<b>Motion:</b>	January 22, 2026 5:00 PM	
Ka Molokai Makahiki, Inc.	January 23-24, 2026 4:00 PM 90 Ainoa Street, Kaunakakai, HI 96748 (Moloka'i)	\$11,250*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$11,250*</b>

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Ka Molokai Makahiki, Inc. for the Molokai Makahiki 2026 Event on January 22-24, 2026, in the amount of \$11,250.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Ka Molokai Makahiki, Inc.	Ka Molokai Makahiki 2026 January 22, 2026 5:00 PM January 23-24, 2026 4:00 PM 90 Ainoa Street, Kaunakakai, HI 96748 (Moloka'i)	\$11,250*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$11,250*</b>

Vote: 3:49 p.m	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						X
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			X			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>	X		X			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(15:17 | 3:50 pm)

**3. Action Item BF #25-87: (revised): Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Ulu A'e Learning Center for the 2026 Makahiki Ma Kapolei Event on January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$5,500.00. October 29, 2025**

**Trustee Waihe'e move the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Ulu A'e Learning Center for the 2026 Makahiki Ma Kapolei Event on January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$5,500.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Ulu A'e Learning Center	Makahiki Ma Kapolei January 31, 2026 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM 1077 Manawai Street Kapolei, HI 96707 <b>(O'ahu)</b>	\$5,500*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,500*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Ulu A'e Learning Center for the 2026 Makahiki Ma Kapolei Event on January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$5,500.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Ulu A'e Learning Center	Makahiki Ma Kapolei January 31, 2026 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM 1077 Manawai Street Kapolei, HI 96707 <b>(O'ahu)</b>	\$5,500*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,500*</b>

Vote: 3:50 p.m	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			

<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(15:53 | 3:51 pm)

**4. Action Item BF #25-88: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to The Kohala Center, Inc. for the 2026 Lā Kalo Event on January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$11,250.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Waihe’e move the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to The Kohala Center, Inc. for the 2026 Lā Kalo Event on January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$11,250.\*

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Award Amount Recommendation</b>
The Kohala Center, Inc.	Lā Kalo January 31, 2026 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM 45-434 Lehua St. Honoka‘a, HI <b>(Hawai‘i Island)</b>	\$11,250*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$11,250*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to The Kohala Center, Inc. for the 2026 Lā Kalo Event on January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$11,250.\*

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Award Amount Recommendation</b>
The Kohala Center, Inc.	Lā Kalo January 31, 2026 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM 45-434 Lehua St. Honoka‘a, HI <b>(Hawai‘i Island)</b>	\$11,250*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$11,250*</b>

Vote: 3:51 p.m	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			

TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(16:36 | 3:51 pm)

**5. Action Item BF# 25-89: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Family Promise of Hawai‘i for the 2026 Brighter Futures Gala Event on February 12, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Waihe’e reads the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Family Promise of Hawaii for the 2026 Brighter Futures Gala Event on February 12, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Family Promise of Hawai‘i	Brighter Futures Gala February 12, 2026 5:30-8:30 PM Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Ho‘okupu Center 1125 Ala Moana Blvd Suite F, Honolulu, HI 96813 (O‘ahu)	\$10,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$10,000*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Family Promise of Hawaii for the 2026 Brighter Futures Gala Event on February 12, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Family Promise of Hawai'i	Brighter Futures Gala February 12, 2026 5:30-8:30 PM Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Ho'okupu Center 1125 Ala Moana Blvd Suite F, Honolulu, HI 96813 (O'ahu)	\$10,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$10,000*</b>

Vote: 3:51 p.m	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(17:16 | 3:52 pm)

**6. Action Item BF# 25-90: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'akoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Pacific Whale Foundation for the 2026 Mālama I Nā Koholā Event on February 14, 2026, in the amount of \$7,000.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Waihe'e moves the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Pacific Whale Foundation for the 2026 Mālama I Nā Koholā Event on February 14, 2026, in the amount of \$7,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Pacific Whale Foundation	Mālama I Nā Koholā February 14, 2026 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM 192 Mā‘alaea Rd. Wailuku, HI 96793 (Maui)	\$7,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$7,000*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Pacific Whale Foundation for the 2026 Mālama I Nā Koholā Event on February 14, 2026, in the amount of \$7,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Pacific Whale Foundation	Mālama I Nā Koholā February 14, 2026 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM 192 Mā‘alaea Rd. Wailuku, HI 96793 (Maui)	\$7,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$7,000*</b>

Vote: 3:53 p.m	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			

<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(18:08 | 3:53 pm)

**7. Action Item BF# 25-91: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Hui Makua O Kawaiāhao Inc for the 2026 Holo no ‘Olelo 5k Event on February 22, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Waihe’e moves the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Hui Makua O Kawaiāhao Inc for the 2026 Holo no Olelo 5k Event on February 22, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.\*

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Award Amount Recommendation</b>
Hui Makua O Kawaiāhao Inc (Ka ‘Aumanu)	Holo no ‘Olelo 5k February 22, 2026 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM Kapi‘olani Park (O‘ahu)	\$10,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$10,000*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Hui Makua O Kawaiāhao Inc for the 2026 Holo no Olelo 5k Event on February 22, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.\*

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Award Amount Recommendation</b>
Hui Makua O Kawaiāhao Inc (Ka ‘Aumanu)	Holo no ‘Olelo 5k February 22, 2026 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM Kapi‘olani Park (O‘ahu)	\$10,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$10,000*</b>

Vote: 3:54 p.m	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			

TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(19:17 | 3:54 pm)

**8. Action Item BF #25-92: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Nurture Cultivate Inc. for the 2nd Annual Panina Makahiki Event on February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$15,000.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Ahuna moves the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Nurture Cultivate Inc. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Panina Makahiki Event on February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$15,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Nurture Cultivate Inc.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Panina Makahiki February 28, 2026 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM The Ritz-Carlton, Turtle Bay, West-End lawn 57-091 Kamehameha Hwy Kahuku, HI 96731 (O‘ahu)	\$15,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Hui Makua O Kawaiahao Inc for the 2026 Holo no Olelo 5k Event on February 22, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Hui Makua O Kawaiahao Inc (Ka 'Aumanu)	Holo no 'Olelo 5k February 22, 2026 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM Kapi'olani Park (O'ahu)	\$10,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$10,000*</b>

Vote: 3:55 p.m	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						X
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			X			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>	X		X			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(19:57 | 3:55 pm)

**9. Action Item BF #25-93: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Friends of King Kaumuali'i for the 2026 Honoring Ancestors & Planting the Future Event on March 6-21, 2026, in the amount of \$14,400.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Ahuna moves the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Friends of King Kaumualii for the 2026 Honoring Ancestors & Planting the Future Event on March 6-21, 2026, in the amount of \$14,400.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Friends of King Kaumuali'i	Honoring Ancestors & Planting the Future March 6, 2026 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM March 7, 2026 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM March 21, 2026 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM Pā'ula'ula State Historic Site (Kaua'i)	\$14,400*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$14,400*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Friends of King Kaumualii for the 2026 Honoring Ancestors & Planting the Future Event on March 6-21, 2026, in the amount of \$14,400.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Friends of King Kaumuali'i	Honoring Ancestors & Planting the Future March 6, 2026 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM March 7, 2026 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM March 21, 2026 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM Pā'ula'ula State Historic Site (Kaua'i)	\$14,400*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$14,400*</b>

Vote: 3:55 p.m	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						X
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			X			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			X			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			X			

TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(20:38 | 3:55 pm)

**10. Action Item BF #25-94: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Hoolehua Homesteader's Association for the 2026 Prince Kuhio Day Ho'olaulea & Play "Ke Kauā o Ka Lāhui: The Life of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole" Event on March 14, 2026, in the amount of \$5,000.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Ahuna moves the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Hoolehua Homesteader’s Association for the 2026 Prince Kuhio Day Hoolaulea & Play “Ke Kauā o Ka Lāhui: The Life of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole” Event on March 14, 2026, in the amount of \$5,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Hoolehua Homesteader’s Association	2026 Prince Kuhio Day Hoolaulea & Play “Ke Kauā O Ka Lāhui: The Life of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaole” March 14, 2026 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Lanikeha Community Center 2200 Farrington Ave, Hoolehua, HI 96729 <b>(Moloka‘i)</b>	\$5,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Hoolehua Homesteader’s Association for the 2026 Prince Kuhio Day Hoolaulea & Play “Ke Kauā o Ka Lāhui: The Life of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana’ole” Event on March 14, 2026, in the amount of \$5,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Hoolehua Homesteader’s Association	2026 Prince Kuhio Day Hoolaulea & Play “Ke Kauā O Ka Lāhui: The Life of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaole” March 14, 2026 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Lanikeha Community Center 2200 Farrington Ave, Hoolehua, HI 96729 (Moloka’i)	\$5,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$5,000*</b>

Vote: 3:56 p.m	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A’OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI’I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE’E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI’I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(21:25 | 3:56 pm)

**11. Action Item BF #25-95: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Wai’anae Coast Community Foundation for the 7th Annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole Festival Event on March 21, 2026, in the amount of \$15,000.00. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Ahuna moves the following motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Waianae Coast Community Foundation for the 7<sup>th</sup> Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole Festival Event on March 21, 2026, in the amount of \$15,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Waiʻanae Coast Community Foundation	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaole Festival March 21, 2026 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Kalanianaole Beach Park – Nanakuli Hawaiian Homelands 89-598 Farrington Highway, Waianae, HI 96792 <b>(Oʻahu)</b>	\$15,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000*</b>

**Motion:**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Waianae Coast Community Foundation for the 7<sup>th</sup> Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole Festival Event on March 21, 2026, in the amount of \$15,000.\*

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Waiʻanae Coast Community Foundation	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaole Festival March 21, 2026 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Kalanianaole Beach Park – Nanakuli Hawaiian Homelands 89-598 Farrington Highway, Waianae, HI 96792 <b>(Oʻahu)</b>	\$15,000*
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000*</b>

Vote: 3:57 p.m	1	2	ʻAE (YES)	ʻAʻOLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELIʻI AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			

CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(22:08 | 3:57 pm)

**12. Action Item BF #25-96: Approval to add and incorporate the new federally funded Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Assessment Grant into the FY26 and FY27 OHA Biennium Budget as described in EPA Cooperative Agreement #4B-97T4060 awarded to OHA in June 2025. October 15, 2025**

**Trustee Ahuna moves the following motion:**

Approval to add and incorporate the new federally funded Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment Grant into the FY26 and FY27 budgets as described in EPA Cooperative Agreement #A4B-97T4060 awarded to OHA June 2025.

<b>Motion:</b>						
Approval to add and incorporate the new federally funded Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment Grant into the FY26 and FY27 budgets as described in EPA Cooperative Agreement #A4B-97T4060 awarded to OHA June 2025.						
Vote: 3:58 p.m	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			

TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(23:09 | 3:58 pm)

**13. Action Item BF #25-98: Approve awarding of OHA grant funding to E Ala E to support the administration of the Nā 'Elele Congressional Fellows Program in the amount of \$210,000 from FY2026 Budget Line Item 7674 and \$210,000 FY2027 Budget Line Item 7781. October 29, 2025**

**Trustee Ahuna moves the following motion:**

Approve awarding of OHA grant funding to E Ala E to support the administration of the Nā 'Elele Congressional Fellows Program in the amount of \$210,000 from FY2026 Budget Line Item 7674 and \$210,000 FY2027 Budget Line Item 7781.

(23:33 video)

**Trustee Souza** moves to amend the action item to change the name of Nā 'Elele Congressional Fellows Program to the Nā 'Elele o Kahikina Congressional Fellows Program

<b>Motion to amend:</b>						
to amend the action item to change the name of Nā 'Elele Congressional Fellows Program to the Nā 'Elele o Kahikina Congressional Fellows Program						
Vote: 4:01 p.m	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			

TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(25:51 | 4:02 pm)

Trustee Ahuna reads the action for final adoption:

**Approve awarding of OHA grant funding to E Ala E to support the administration of the Nā 'Elele o Kahikina Congressional Fellows Program in the amount of \$210,000 from FY2026 Budget Line Item 7674 and \$210,000 FY2027 Budget Line Item 7781.**

<b>As amended:</b>						
Approve awarding of OHA grant funding to E Ala E to support the administration of the Nā 'Elele o Kahikina Congressional Fellows Program in the amount of \$210,000 from FY2026 Budget Line Item 7674 and \$210,000 FY2027 Budget Line Item 7781.						
Vote: 4:02 p.m	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						

**Motion passes with EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes**

(26:54 | 4:03)

**Community Concerns**

(27:32 video)

**Malama Solomon** *summarized.* The speaker reaffirmed long-standing support for geothermal energy based on a 2011 resolution and emphasized the need for the Legislature to adopt the Native-to-Native model to ensure Native Hawaiian governance, cultural inclusion, and revenue rights. They noted that the project remains in early stages with no site selected, though a 50–100 MW plant is being considered. Past issues in Puna highlight the need for stronger oversight, and the Native-to-Native model would give host communities meaningful authority and establish equal partnership in future renewable energy development.

(37:06 video)

**Kamaka Gunderson** *summarized.* The speaker asked what advocacy structures OHA currently has in place within and beyond the Hawaiian community and what foundational pillars guide this work. They emphasized the need for effective communication to all groups, including those who may not share the same views or information, referencing lessons learned during the TMT discussions. The speaker expressed willingness to personally support OHA’s efforts and offered to help strengthen outreach and advocacy.

(44:37 video)

**Kalei Kailikini** *summarized.* The speaker urged OHA to focus more on the health and wellness of Kānaka Maoli, expressing concern about chronic illnesses and emphasizing the need to identify environmental, lifestyle, and structural factors that may contribute to poor health. They highlighted worries about geothermal safety, food security, and the rapid decline of farmers in Hawai‘i and nationwide, stressing the importance of supporting local agriculture. The speaker encouraged OHA to engage more deeply in addressing root causes of community health challenges and to advocate for sustainable farming and safe environmental practices.

(51:04 video)

**John McBride** *summarized.* The speaker described their long experience working on Mauna Kea and expressed concern that beneficiaries often have limited avenues for resolving issues, emphasizing the need for OHA to strengthen its influence alongside the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Legislature. They stressed that many legislators lack adequate understanding of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, leading to laws that unintentionally harm beneficiaries, and urged the creation of mandatory orientation or legal guidance for new lawmakers. The speaker asked OHA to help ensure legislative decisions respect Native Hawaiian rights and fiduciary obligations, noting the historical loss of trust in government and the need for stronger protections.

(57:38 video)

**Willie Kaupiko** *summarized.* The speaker described decades of advocacy to protect Native Hawaiian kuleana rights related to tropical fish harvesting and expressed frustration that state decisions continue to allow practices they believe harm ocean resources. They emphasized that past tropical fishing has

damaged local marine areas and that scientific reports warning of depletion have not been sufficiently considered. The speaker urged OHA to take the issue seriously and support the creation of laws prohibiting tropical fish collection to protect the ocean as a vital food source for Kānaka Maoli.

(1:03:36 video)  
**Announcement**

**Chair Kahele summarized.** The Board of Trustees convened an emergency meeting to address the anticipated loss of SNAP benefits and unpaid federal employees, approving \$6.1 million in financial assistance. Beneficiaries have since rushed to register with the Hawaiian Registry Program, which is required for aid, and OHA has created a dedicated email inbox and online tools to streamline registration. The board will finalize the disbursement plan at its next meeting, with the intention to quickly deliver food and financial support to those in urgent need.

**Trustee Galuteria summarized.** Trustee congratulated Trustee Hulu Lindsey on the success of the Hulu Lindsey Falsetto Contest, noting it has now run successfully for four years.

(1:08:02 | 4:43 pm)  
**Adjournment**

**Vice Chair Souza Moves to adjourn.**

Adjournment – vote at 4:43 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						Excused
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>			

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA)**

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
November 5, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele  
Trustee Akaka  
Trustee Ahuna  
Trustee Waihe‘e

BOT STAFF:

Alena Auyoung  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Jasmine Branco, Trustee Aide  
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide  
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:

Jason Lees, COMMS

GUEST:

LTC Tim Alvarado, U.S. Army Garrison-Pōhakuloa  
Training Area (PTA)  
CSM Daniel Cromer, PTA Garrison Command Sgt. Major  
Ikaika Mahoe

**I. Call to Order**  
Site visit starts at

**II. Site Visit**

**Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA)**

The site visit to Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) began with staff greeting the group and providing an escorted tour of several locations within the installation. The first stop included the greenhouse facility, where staff explained their work in propagating a variety of native plants and maintaining a seed lab to support long-term conservation efforts. The team described the processes used to cultivate native species and the environmental goals connected to these programs.

The group was then escorted to an archaeological site featuring a lava tube that contained a shelter, pictographs, and numerous cultural artifacts that have been recovered over time. Among the items observed were traditional bird-cooking stones and other materials that reflect the historical use of the area. Staff provided an overview of ongoing archaeological monitoring and preservation efforts intended to protect cultural resources within PTA.

PTA personnel also shared information about their partnerships with community organizations, including schools, neighborhood boards, local law enforcement, and agencies at the federal, state, and non-governmental levels. They described efforts to safeguard native species and natural habitats, limit live-fire activities in sensitive areas, and maintain open communication with the community. The purpose of the visit was to demonstrate that OHA remains engaged, aware of community concerns, and committed to participating in discussions to ensure that the voice of the lāhui is represented.

**III. Public Testimony**  
None

**IV. Announcements**  
None

**V. Adjournment**  
The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees



### III. Status of OHA Activities

#### A. Communications

1. Update on the redesign, redevelopment, and launch of OHA.org and Ka Wai Ola News by June 30, 2026.

2. Update on the Communications RFP for the 2026 Cross-Platform Mainstream Media Initiative to bring the voices, vision, and values of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Native Hawaiian community to a broader audience across Hawai'i and the diaspora.

3. Update on the one-time purchase of statewide newsstand racks for OHA's monthly print edition of Ka Wai Ola.

- There is no material for these agenda items.



### III. Status of OHA Activities

#### **B. Human Resources**

**1.** Update on OHA's position vacancy rate and compliance with the budget proviso to reduce OHA's vacancy rate below 15% and to fill key OHA positions.

- No handouts for this agenda item.



### III. Status of OHA Activities

#### C. Resource Management – Financial Assets

1. Update on the erroneous \$6,000,000 drawdown from the T-23-901 Public Land Trust Proceeds Account (Summary Warrant Vouchers dated 6/26/24 and 7/15/24) and the subsequent withholding of \$576,609 in Trust Fund Reimbursement to the Department of Accounting & General Services—actions executed by former CFO Ramona Hinck with the approval and authorization of Administrator Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira, and undertaken without BOT notification or approval.



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## **Resource Management – Financial Assets**

Update on the erroneous \$6,000,000 drawdown from the T-23-901 Public Land Trust Proceeds Account (Summary Warrant Vouchers dated 6/26/24 and 7/15/24) and the subsequent withholding of \$576,609 in Trust Fund Reimbursement to the Department of Accounting & General Services. Actions executed by former CFO Ramona Hinck, and approval of repayment by then-Administrator/CEO Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira, for which no Board of Trustees notification or approval has been identified in the records reviewed.

## **Summary**

This briefing provides the Board of Trustees with an overview and timeline of events related to the erroneous \$6,000,000 drawdown of State trust funds from the OHA–DAGS T-23-901 Public Land Trust Proceeds Account for FY2024 and FY2025 and the subsequent actions to return funds to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). The matter arose from an erroneous journal voucher that was not reversed despite State direction, reliance on unreconciled State account balances, and a misapplication of legislative matching requirements for Public Land Trust (PLT) and General Fund appropriations. Corrective actions included recording the obligation due to the State, partial repayment, and ongoing reconciliation. No Board of Trustees notification has been identified in the records reviewed regarding the error or the corrective actions taken. The events occurred under the OHA Administration and Finance leadership in place at the time, including execution by former CFO Ramona Hinck (with support from Jan China, RGP consultant) and approval of repayment actions by then-Administrator/CEO Stacy Ferreira; controls and Board visibility have since been strengthened.

## **Purpose and Scope**

This document is provided as a briefing timeline to support Board review and discussion. It documents the chronology of events, clarifies authorization and approval pathways, identifies contributing factors, and summarizes corrective actions implemented to prevent recurrence. This briefing is not a legal or investigative report.

## **Timeline of Key Events**

### **FY2023 – Erroneous Journal Voucher and Failure to Execute Reversal**

- July 2023: Former CFO Ramona Hinck recorded a \$16.125 million journal voucher (JV JT1973) in the State’s accounting system related to FY2023 PLT activity.
- October 16–19, 2023: DAGS Accounting Division issued email instructions directing OHA to reverse the JV.
- The JV was not reversed. No escalation or Board notification is identified in the records reviewed.

### **FY2024 – Reliance on Unreconciled Balances and Statutory Misapplication - (Background memo attached for supporting details)**

- Early FY2024: Former CFO Ramona Hinck, with support from Jan China (RGP consultant), relied on DAGS account summary reports for T-23-901 showing an apparent balance later determined to be materially overstated due to an unreversed \$16.125M JV (JT1973).
- Spring 2024: Jan China reported a discussion with DAGS regarding the reported balance; no contemporaneous written documentation of that discussion has been identified in the records reviewed.
- May–June 2024: Based on the summary balance and interpretation applied, OHA CFO and consultant applied an interpretation under which additional “matching” PLT funds were available, notwithstanding that the statute required use of already-appropriated PLT funds as the match.
- June 2024: Concerns were raised regarding reliance on summary-level balances and the need for transaction-level review given OHA-recorded activity in the account.
- Subsequent transaction-level review identified the unreversed JV (JT1973) as the source of the overstated balance, confirming the underlying basis for the subsequent unauthorized drawdowns.
- No Board of Trustees notification has been identified in the records reviewed during this period.

### **Erroneous Drawdowns (\$6 million total)**

- June 27, 2024: OHA received a \$3.0 million State check following an SWV dated June 26, 2024.
- July 16, 2024: OHA received a second \$3.0 million State check following an SWV dated July 15, 2024.
- SWVs were approved and submitted by former CFO Ramona Hinck, with support from Jan China (RGP), based on the unvalidated statutory interpretation and reliance on the unreconciled T-23-901 balance later determined to be overstated by the unreversed JV.
- Available records do not evidence a documented Legal review or written Legal interpretation supporting this approach.
- Available records do not confirm that Board of Trustees notification has been identified in the records reviewed prior to or immediately following the drawdowns.

### **Discovery and Accounting Recognition**

- July 2024: Transaction-level review identified the unreversed JV as the source of the inflated balance.
- The drawdowns were later determined to be unauthorized and treated as an error requiring correction.
- The \$6.0 million was recorded in Account #21500 – Obligations Due to the State of Hawai‘i.

### **Partial Repayment and Withholding**

- October 29–30, 2024: OHA returned \$5,423,391 to the State via check. The repayment was processed through OHA’s SharePoint Check Issuance workflow and issued by OHA Financial Services to the Director of Finance (DAGS).
- Requestor/approvals: The check request was submitted by Jan China (RGP), reviewed and approved by former CFO Ramona Hinck, and received final approval by then-Administrator/CEO Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira.
- The request included a note indicating the payment was to return funds erroneously withdrawn.
- Withholding: The remaining \$576,609 was withheld based on a netting rationale against PLT balances. Additional reconciliation confirms that no unfunded PLT balances existed, and the entire \$6.0 million should have been returned
- No Board of Trustees notification has been identified in the records reviewed in connection with the repayment.

### **Root Causes Identified:**

- Failure to execute explicit DAG instructions to reverse an erroneous journal entry
- Reliance on unreconciled State account summaries rather than transaction-level detail
- Deviation from established statutory interpretation without legal validation
- Reliance on verbal guidance without written confirmation
- Governance and oversight gaps, including the absence of documented escalation, timely Board notification identified in the records reviewed, and delayed resolution of known errors

### **Administrative Actions:**

Continued reconciliation of DAGS and OHA records, completion of repayment, and strengthening of internal accounting controls and procedures.

Current Status - Outstanding Balance: \$576,609 remains payable to the State

## **Corrective Actions and Forward-Looking Controls**

- **Mandatory Board visibility:** Non-routine trust fund drawdowns, repayments, netting activity, or adjustments involving State-administered trust accounts are now subject to explicit Board visibility and escalation protocols.
- **Under the BOT Executive Policy Manual Disbursements section,** requests for check issuance over \$2,500.00 are routed for applicable internal approvals and remain “pending FINAL BOT Chair Approval” prior to issuance.
- **Legal and statutory review:** Deviations from established statutory application or historical practice now require documented Legal review and written confirmation prior to execution.
- **Transaction-level reconciliation:** Reliance on summary-level account balances is no longer permitted for decision-making involving trust funds. Transaction-level detail and reconciliation are required before drawdowns or repayments are processed.
- **Immediate error containment:** Identified errors involving State or trust funds are required to be recorded promptly as liabilities (e.g., obligations due to the State) and addressed through corrective action absent Board direction to the contrary.
- **Documentation standards:** Significant trust-related transactions must include clear written justification, supporting documentation, and documented approvals sufficient to support audit, Board oversight, and public accountability.

## **Closing**

This briefing timeline is provided to support informed Board oversight and discussion and to reinforce the Administration’s commitment to transparency, rigor, and statutory compliance.

## **Background - Matching Funds \$6,000,000 Drawdown**

1. Mona maintained responsibility for maintaining recordkeeping with DAGS.
  - a. Many of the JV entries she prepared were rejected due to coding errors.
  - b. As a result, the DAGS records were not accurate and required reconciliation.
2. Jan C, RGP consultant, was tasked with reconciling the DAGS reporting and noted a cash balance in the Account Summary Report FY2023 T-901 account of \$10,701,609.
  - a. Jan C indicated that she had contacted Ladea Nash at DAGS and was told that those were available funds for OHA. No documentation of DAGS confirming the details of this discussion were obtained.
  - b. Jan C discussed with Mona and they concluded that this was related to “matching funds” that belonged to OHA, which could be drawn down. See excerpt from legislative act below.

### **PART II. PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS**

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for beneficiary advocacy.

General Fund appropriation

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of Hawaiian affairs for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the public land trust fund the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for beneficiary advocacy.

Matching PLT funds

3. The decision to draw-down “matching funds” from DAGS was discussed at an accounting meeting and it was pointed out to Mona and Jan C that their interpretation of the legislative act was inaccurate and that the act only provided for the \$3,000,000 general fund appropriation and required OHA to use \$3,000,000 of the PLT revenue to match. It did not provide for an additional \$3,000,000 of funds on top of the general and PLT funds it was already receiving.
  - a. Mona and Jan C countered that there was \$10,701,609 in the account, so OHA was entitled to it. It was pointed out to them that since OHA also records entries to the account, that the transaction detail should be reviewed instead of relying on the lump sum amounts in the Account Summary Report. Mona responded that they had



Since the University of Hawaii deposited their payments directly to OHA's operating account, it would need to be added to the total. PLT funds were previously tracked by separate State agency by Maria A in Financial Services. See below.

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Schedule of Ceded Land Revenues - Summary					
FY 2019					
State Department	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	FY 19 TOTAL
DAGS	4,521.00	10,642.00	11,682.00	10,930.00	37,775.00
DOA	72,323.36	122,651.04	146,676.97	136,357.37	478,008.74
DOE	26,769.12	26,062.00	26,363.00	44,595.00	123,789.12
DOT-HAR	2,520,720.59	2,509,150.26	2,500,061.87	2,470,067.28	10,000,000.00
DOT-HWY	40,423.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,423.20
DBEDT	145,874.05	105,528.15	96,475.30	199,256.92	547,134.42
DLNR	1,033,591.01	1,031,047.16	1,352,712.80	1,627,745.33	5,045,096.30
<b>UH</b>	<b>206,183.33</b>	<b>220,574.14</b>	<b>248,084.41</b>	<b>201,976.68</b>	<b>876,818.56</b>
DOD	337.60	474.80	350.00	381.20	1,543.60
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>4,050,743.26</b>	<b>4,026,129.55</b>	<b>4,382,406.35</b>	<b>4,691,309.78</b>	<b>17,150,588.94</b>
DLNR/Act 178	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Ceded Land Revenue</b>	<b>4,050,743.26</b>	<b>4,026,129.55</b>	<b>4,382,406.35</b>	<b>4,691,309.78</b>	<b>17,150,588.94</b>
Act 178 req	3,775,000.00	3,775,000.00	3,775,000.00	3,775,000.00	15,100,000.00
Balance due	<b>(275,743.26)</b>	<b>(251,129.55)</b>	<b>(607,406.35)</b>	<b>(916,309.78)</b>	<b>(2,050,588.94)</b>

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS					
Schedule of Ceded Land Revenues - Summary					
FY 2021					
State Department	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	FY 21 TOTAL
DAGS	6,139.00	6,081.00	6,301.00	7,610.00	26,131.00
DOA	64,397.77	96,921.70	99,904.95	117,242.95	378,467.37
DOE	5,509.00	4,530.00	3,684.00	6,045.00	19,768.00
DOT-HAR	2,499,939.14	2,500,091.47	2,500,082.57	2,499,886.81	9,999,999.99
DOT-HWY					
DBEDT	100,222.62	157,567.80	197,956.00	161,393.88	617,140.30
DLNR	1,268,465.09	992,726.85	1,443,136.12	2,419,375.37	6,123,703.43
<b>UH</b>	<b>181,743.69</b>	<b>91,439.13</b>	<b>163,652.49</b>	<b>119,951.87</b>	<b>556,787.18</b>
DOD	200.00	445.00	1,500.00	300.00	2,445.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>4,126,616.31</b>	<b>3,849,802.95</b>	<b>4,416,217.13</b>	<b>5,331,805.88</b>	<b>17,724,442.27</b>
DLNR/Act 178	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Ceded Land Revenue</b>	<b>4,126,616.31</b>	<b>3,849,802.95</b>	<b>4,416,217.13</b>	<b>5,331,805.88</b>	<b>17,724,442.27</b>
Act 178 req	3,775,000.00	3,775,000.00	3,775,000.00	3,775,000.00	15,100,000.00
Balance due	<b>(351,616.31)</b>	<b>(74,802.95)</b>	<b>(641,217.13)</b>	<b>(1,556,805.88)</b>	<b>(2,624,442.27)</b>

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS					
Schedule of Ceded Land Revenues - Summary					
FY 2023					
State Department	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	FY 23 TOTAL
DAGS					0.00
DOA					0.00
DOE					0.00
DOT-HAR					0.00
DOT-HWY					0.00
DBEDT					0.00
DLNR					0.00
<b>UH</b>	<b>319,350.72</b>				<b>319,350.72</b>
DOD					0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>319,350.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>319,350.72</b>
DLNR/Act 226	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Ceded Land Revenue</b>	<b>319,350.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>319,350.72</b>
Act 226 req	5,375,000.00	5,375,000.00	5,375,000.00	5,375,000.00	21,500,000.00
Balance due	<b>5,055,649.28</b>	<b>5,375,000.00</b>	<b>5,375,000.00</b>	<b>5,375,000.00</b>	<b>21,180,649.28</b>

The total payments received from the University of Hawaii for these 3 years amounted to \$1,752,956.46. If this is added to the PLT disbursements from DAGS of \$49,947,043.54, the total PLT funds received for the years noted amounts to \$51,700,000 and reconciles to the appropriated PLT funds of \$15,100,000 for FY2019, \$15,100,000 for FY2021 and \$21,500,000 for FY2023. Therefore, there were no unfunded PLT amounts for these years and the entire amount of the \$6,000,000 drawdown should have been returned.

## Wayne Tomita (Consultant)

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**From:** Nash, Ladea M <ladea.m.nash@hawaii.gov>  
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**Cc:** Finance Email List; Jan China (Consultant); Debra Sugimura (Consultant)  
**Subject:** RE: JV JT1973 dated 6/30/23

Hi Ramona,

Please know DAGS Accounting Division is here to assist with specific questions you might have. We do not have a formal training class to offer you, but we do have the accounting manual (linked here <https://ags.hawaii.gov/accounting/>) for you to reference all of the state's accounting procedures and forms with instructions. Please utilize this resource to familiarize yourself with the state's processes and forms.

Joe has given you the details below to reversing your JV, JT1973 that was posted incorrectly. Please submit this as soon as possible.

Thanks and have a great evening,

Ladea Nash  
Accounting System Administrator  
DAGS Accounting Division  
808-586-0606

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**From:** Ramona Hinck <ramonah@oha.org>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: JV JT1973 dated 6/30/23

Aloha Joe and team,

We need to understand DAGS accounting and I have asked repeatedly, for 2 years, for training. As you know, we are ineffectual and inefficient trying to process JV throughout the year. Isn't there anyone on this email that can assist in the training? And if not, please advise how we can obtain this training.

Thank you,  
Ramona



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**Subject:** RE: JV JT1973 dated 6/30/23

Hi Ramona,

We're very short handed so I cannot provide any training for you and your staff, but please feel free to email me if you have any questions.

To reverse JV JT1973, it should be:

011-T-23-901-Z1-0693	16,125,000.00 (R)
393-T-901-Z1	16,125,000.00 (R)

Thanks,  
Joe

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Aloha Joe,

As you can tell, I really don't understand the DAGS accounting and would like training for me and my staff. Please advise.

Mahalo,  
Ramona

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**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 9:47 AM  
**To:** Ramona Hinck <[ramonah@oha.org](mailto:ramonah@oha.org)>  
**Subject:** JV JT1973 dated 6/30/23

Hi Ramona,

You do not need to reclassify for in-state treasury accounts. Please submit a JV to reverse JT1973.

Thanks,  
Joe  
586-0636



### III. Status of OHA Activities

#### D. Interim Administrator

##### 1. Closing Out 2025: Key Highlights, Year-End Summary, and a Look Ahead to Spring 2026

- There is no material for these agenda items.