

**State of Hawai'i
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
4319 Hardy St.
Lihu'e, HI 96766**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Kaua'i Community Meeting
Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 6:30 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dan Ahuna called the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Kaua'i Community Meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Those present were as follows:

Attendance

Trustee Dan Ahuna, Vice Chair
Trustee Rowena Akana
Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

Excused

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair
Trustee Lei Ahu Isa

Trustee Peter Apo
Trustee Colette Machado

Staff Present

Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, CEO
Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel
Harold Nedd, Chief of Staff
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary
Jeremy Kama Hopkins
Lisa Victor
Crayn Akina
Claudine Calpito
Davis Price
Lady Garrett

Kawika Riley
John Rosa
Alice Silbanuz
Nathan Takeuchi
U'ilani Tanigawa
Keola Lindsey
Joseph Lewis
Liana Pang
Kaliko Santos
Noalani Nakasone

Others Present

Anela Pa
Rowena Pangan
Ted Blake
Makaala Kaaumoana

Heu'i Bandmann
Nathaniel Woolsey
Ihiihinui Kanealii Wahinekona

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Ahuna, all Trustees present and Dr. Crabbe introduced themselves. Trustees introduced their individual staff members and Dr. Crabbe also introduced all OHA Administration staff present.

III. CEO'S UPDATE ON HO'OULU LĀHUI ALOHA AND OHA ACTIVITIES

Dr. Crabbe reported that OHA's Ahahui events grant program will take applications through September 24. The next community grants program is coming up, for projects beginning in July 2017. He also reported that Papahānaumokuākea meetings were held on Kauai and the Federal government is now moving forward with Federal rules. He added that the Board of Trustees has adopted a position of conditional support, which includes a requirement that OHA be elevated to a co-trustee.

IV. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Ho'omana, Inc.

Anela Pa and Rowena Pangan reported on their program activities. They will start their 13th year of Hana Ka Lima program that teaches job and life skills to high school students. They also reported that they are working with OHA Land staff regarding their lease and holding up their end of the agreement, which has led them to pursue funding for a roof, electrical, and septic system improvements.

Lisa, manager of Safeway, expressed strong support for Ho'omana and its programs.

Chad Okino shared his work experiences with Ho'omana. He started his job training with Ho'omana in high school and obtained job skills that he also used at home. This later led to a job at Safeway Lihue. He was grateful for his experience with Ho'omana and Safeway.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey asked how much the program receives from the State. Ms. Pa responded that the cap is \$25,000 for vocational rehabilitation. She also stated that they received \$88,000 of their \$150,000 request.

Trustee Akana requested OHA Administration follow-up regarding the Hoomana lease and report to the Trustees at the next BOT meeting. Dr. Crabbe responded that they are waiting to hear from DLNR and when they do, the lease can move forward.

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/BENEFICIARY COMMENTS

Ihiihinui Kanealii Wahinekona stated OHA was established in the 1980s and did several registration efforts. She asked when OHA will be notifying people about self-determination. She added that kupuna are interested in this and brought up concerns. She criticized the recent Native Hawaiian Aha. She stated her opposition to a sanctuary and noted that turtles and whales cause problems.

Dr. Crabbe responded that all the previous registrations have been combined into a Hawaiian Registry maintained by OHA and is a continuation of previous efforts. He added that self-determination is about education and that is why OHA has published articles on governance. She recommended that Keola Lindsey speak to her about the difference between a sanctuary and a monument which is what Papahānaumokuākea.

Trustee Akana asked for an explanation of wanting to expand and not wanting to expand the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. She also asked what the timeline is for notification of OHA's co-trustee request.

Mr. Keola Lindsey responded there is a formal process to be involved in the management of Papahānaumokuākea. He noted that in order to visit, a permit is required, and OHA can assist with that. Regarding a timeline, he stated it is entirely up to the President, as well as the final decision. He added that the Trustees would have to decide what next actions are appropriate if the conditions of OHA's conditional support are not met.

Nathaniel Woolsey spoke on the many issues he encounters as a Hawaiian, including lack of lands, lack of money, lack of education, government cover-ups, and identity theft. He stated all these issues lead him to not trust the State.

Makaala Kaaumoana spoke on the many organizations she is involved with. She noted she is a strident supporter of Papahānaumokuākea, the move to expand the monument, and OHA's support of that expansion. She thanked OHA for its support of KUA and the 33 communities it supports.

Nani Rogers of Hookipa Network Kauai spoke on Papahānaumokuākea. She noted she recently found out about a partnership with OHA and US Homeland Security and FEMA; she was concerned about the transparency of such plans. She also noted concern that the State Commission on Water Resource Management is fining kalo farmers.

Dr. Crabbe responded that what has been distributed in the media did not accurately reflect the current situation. Mr. Keola Lindsey explained that Federal laws govern national historic and cultural sites, but that a system and relationships need to be developed on each island, which OHA supported. That programmatic agreement was made between OHA and FEMA.

Rowena Pangan spoke of her concerns as a caregiver, where she sees many frail kupuna and the challenges they face. She requested OHA's assistance in helping kupuna in Hawaii Public Housing.

Cristy Keale of Anahola Farmers and Ranchers Association shared that they received their 501 c 3 status which was supported by OHA and staff who stood by them through the process.

Wilma Holi spoke on Papahānaumokuākea and expressed concerns with management, NOAA, and WESPAC. She encouraged everyone to do their own research to find out what is happening in the world, both globally and locally.

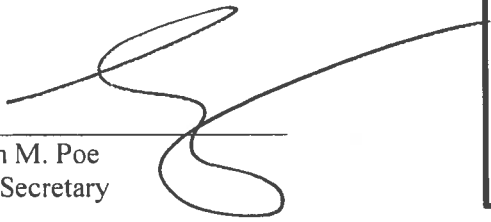
VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Ahuna announced the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 9:00 am at QLCC Kaua'i.

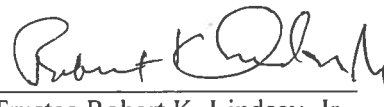
VII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Capsun M. Poe
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 22,
2016:


Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.
Chair, Board of Trustees