

**STATE OF HAWAII  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. Nimitz Highway, Suite 200  
Honolulu, HI 96817**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees  
Thursday, June 8, 2017  
10:00 am**

**ATTENDANCE:**

TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO  
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA  
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA  
TRUSTEE W. KELI‘I AKINA  
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA  
TRUSTEE PETER APO  
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E IV

LISA CATALDO, ESQ. BOARD COUNSEL

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

KAMANA‘OPONO CRABBE, CEO  
ALBERT TIBERI, CC  
DAVID LAEHA, CFO  
JOHN KIM, CTRLR  
KAI MARKELL, COMP  
KAWIKA RILEY, CHIEF  
MILES NISHIJIMA, LPD  
MOMI LAZO, SR. EA to CEO

**BOT STAFF:**

CAROL HOOMANAWANUI  
LADY GARRETT  
LOPAKA BAPTISTE  
DAVIS PRICE  
DAYNA PA  
ANI PANG  
MARIA CALDERON  
CLAUDINE CALPITO  
MAKANA CHAI  
LAURENE KALUAU-KEALOHA

**GUESTS:**

GERMAINE MEYERS  
MILILANI TRASK  
KAPUA KELIIOKA-KAMAI

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Colette Machado** Calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 10:02 am. Roll call is taken; Trustees Ahu Isa, Ahuna, Akana, Akina, Apo, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Robert Lindsey, and Machado are present; constituting a quorum of eight (8) trustees. Trustee John Waihe‘e is expected to arrive shortly.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Before we proceed, item V.B.1. BAE/RM #17-01 will be deferred to the next BOT. I would like a 72 Hour Waiver for item V.A. 2. RM #17-06.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna Moves for a 72 Hour Waiver for item V.A. 2. RM #17-06: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2017-2018 (FY 18) and 2018-2019 (FY 19).**

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey seconds the motion.**

**Chair Colette Machado** calls for a roll call vote.

Trustee Dan Ahuna Moves for a 72 Hour Waiver for item V.A. 2. RM #17-06: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2017-2018 (FY 18) and 2018-2019 (FY 19).

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey seconds the motion.

TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						Not present
CHAIR COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			1
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [x] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passed with eight (8) YES votes, and one (1) excused.						

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

- 1. May 10, 2017 (Community Meeting)**
- 2. May 11, 2017**

**Chair Colette Machado** - We will move on to the approval of the minutes for May 10, 2017 Community Meeting and May 11, 2017 BOT Meeting. These minutes are referring to our meetings on Kaua'i.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** moves to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes of May 10, 2017 and May 11, 2017.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** seconds the motion.

**Chair Colette Machado** calls for a roll call vote.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes of May 10, 2017 and May 11, 2017.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey seconds the motion.

TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA			x			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						Not present
CHAIR COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			1
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [x] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passed with eight (8) YES votes, and one (1) excused.						

### III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

**Chair Colette Machado** - We are now on III. Public Testimony. We have two people who have signed up. I would like to call former Trustee Mililani Trask, followed by Germaine Meyers.

**Ms. Mililani Trask** - Good morning Trustees I am addressing you on item VI.A. which is Mauna Kea.

*(Please see attached testimony of Mililani Trask.)*

**10:11 am Trustee John Waihee arrives.**

**Chair Colette Machado** - I wanted to add that your testimony was distributed to all the Trustees.

**Trustee Rowena Akana** - Based on your testimony yesterday, Mili, and also Germaine Meyers, the Chair has agreed to have an executive session with the Board of Trustees, just the Board of Trustees, to discuss these things that have been occurring within our offices. I think that we all agree that it's serious enough for us to look at what is going on within our offices and try to resolve it before it gets out of our control.

**Ms. Mililani Trask** - Thank you Trustees, I am really happy to hear that. Right now we are on a path of litigation. And I am telling you any little thing is going to windup either in a formal complaint with the regulatory agency or it will go into the courts. Why are we doing this? You know, I am so happy that you folks are going to look at it because I still think we have time to straighten things out than dragging everything through court. Thank you.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** - Thank you Trustee Trask. I want to say on behalf of our beneficiaries, or to our beneficiaries, that this Board has decided to include the LLCs in the upcoming special audit. Today's budget will be passed and it will include an amount that will cover that audit. Thank you for all of our input.

**Chair Colette Machado** - I'd like to call on Germaine Meyers.

**Ms. Germaine Meyers** - Good Morning Trustees. My name is Germaine Meyers I am an OHA beneficiary for Beneficiary Empowerment and Advocacy.

*(Please see attached testimony of Germaine Meyers)*

**Chair Colette Machado** - Thank you for your testimony and preparation of a handout.

#### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **A. CEO's 15-Minutes Update on Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha and OHA Activities**

**Chair Colette Machado** - We are going to move on to IV under Unfinished Business. I will call on the CEO with updates.

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** – Good Morning Trustees. Just a few updates. Last week, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs released the Kānehō'ālani Native Hawaiian Men's Health Report. It was a report that has been worked on by our research group and our health working group in collaboration with Department of Native Hawaiian Health. I want to acknowledge the special projects manager Carla Hostettler and her staff for consolidating and analyzing the information, as well as the work that our communications and media has put out. The result basically is a 45 page report. This is the first report that focuses on gender-specific health status. It's a collection of 10 years of health data on chronic disease, behavior health, behavior risk factors, that not just looks at the status, but actually sets up the report for potential policy considerations and programs. The immediate effect is that we have been receiving a number of calls from legislators for the report, for OHA to do a briefing. Last year there was a Native Hawaiian Health Task Force report that was completed and submitted to the Senate. I believe the health committees for the House and Senate are requesting a health briefing, as well as other organizations as well. It was picked up by Honolulu Associated Press, it's also reached the national level in terms of Associated Press. The Asian and Pacific Islander Health Forum, which is a national health forum that looks at specifically Asian, and Pacific Islanders, are also distributing the report at the federal level for potential policy and program consideration. For example, Papa Ola Lokahi receives federal funding of \$12-\$14 million. Somehow that report will be looked at as part of the discussion as well. Representatives from Hawai'i's delegation have also been requiring presentations. I believe a lot of the Trustees will be going to Washington, D.C. this week, and if you are in touch with the delegation, they might ask about it. It's also being pick up by the World Health Organization, so it has gone way beyond than we thought it would. But, probably for the near future, the work will begin actually in terms of crafting policies to actually address the Native Hawaiian men health status.

Next week Monday, we will have our Nā Mamo Makamae Living Treasures. I shared that last week. We have a really excellent response from the community. If you have not confirmed, or you wish to attend, there are still a few seats available. We are almost maxed in terms of the participation. If you need any information, we can redistribute the e-mail that we put out last month.

Lastly, next week we will have our BOT and Community meetings in Maui hosted by Maui Trustee, Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey. So we look forward to those meetings next week. Thank you.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** - I just want to add that they need to do one for the Native Hawaiian women.

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** Yes. Actually, because we have the raw data, the report is planned for next year, similar about May/June 2018, but it could be done even sooner. The intent is to do a separate report just on Native Hawaiian females and then another report in 2019 on Hawaiian families and communities.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Committee on Resource Management**

#### **1. RM #17-05: Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees Policy Amendment relating to the allocation of revenue from OHA's Kaka'ako Makai properties, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.**

**Chair Colette Machado** – Can we move on to V.A. under New Business. I will call on the RM Chair.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Moves to approve a Board of Trustees policy amendment to the Kaka'ako Makai Policy, Section 3.A.2), originally adopted on September 20, 2012, to state (new language is bold and underscored):

Allocate 10% of gross revenue for grants **and 30% of net revenue for OHA's Legacy Property Management (net revenue equals gross revenue minus direct operating expenses, excluding Kaka'ako Makai planning and development-related costs) (\*The 30 % allocation of net revenues to LPM shall terminate at the end of FY 2019)**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** seconds the motion.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Are there any questions?

**Trustee Peter Apo** - I do intend to cast an Aye vote with some reservations. Not specific to this item, but to the policy concept of earmarking funds.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** - I was going to say the same thing with Peter. We don't really have an 'aye with strong reservations,' we just have aye or 'a'ole.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – I would agree with Trustee Apo that there are some concerns about earmarking Kaka'ako funds. However, I do point out that they have indicated that there will be sunset date on doing so for this particular measure. This is only a stop-gap measure to provide some funding in the short term and certainly we are all looking for Kaka'ako revenues to increase significantly then we can come up with our policy.

**Trustee Rowena Akana** - I was going to say the same thing.

**Trustee Peter Apo** - Just to clarify my comment I don't have an objection to this specific use of this earmarking its just in general we need to have a larger discussion.

**Chair Colette Machado** – No further discussions, roll call vote.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Moves to approve a Board of Trustees policy amendment to the Kaka'ako Makai Policy, Section 3.A.2), originally adopted on September 20, 2012, to state (new language is bold and underscored):

Allocate 10% of gross revenue for grants and 30% of net revenue for OHA's Legacy Property Management (net revenue equals gross revenue minus direct operating expenses, excluding Kaka'ako Makai planning and development-related costs) (\*The 30% allocation of net revenues to LPM shall terminate at the end of FY 2019)

Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.

TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		X	X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ x ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passed with nine (9) yes votes.						

## 2. RM #17-07: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2017-2018 (FY 18) and 2018-2019 (FY 19)

Chair Colette Machado - I'll call on Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves that the Board of Trustees approves and recommends the Total Operating Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2017-2018 (FY18) and 2018-2019 (FY19) as outlined in Attachment #1**

Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado - Members are there any discussions?

**Trustee Rowena Akana** – Although there are parts in this budget that I absolutely agree with, especially with the appropriation for the audit which is very important, I want to state for the record for the following reasons I will abstain. I don't agree with the sponsorships for divisions and I was prevented from making a motion to put them in a lump sum to be housed in the finance department. I don't agree with paying for travel for non-OHA employees. I do not agree for paying for the LLCs. I do not agree with continuing to fund DHHL until they can fulfil their commitment to OHA, which is reporting and telling us what exactly our \$3 million is being used for. As we know from our own investigation with our consultants that if we continue to pay the \$3 million per year on their debt service over the 30-year period, OHA would have lost to the beneficiaries and the trust over \$400 million in interest. This is a real concern to us. We have not taken our budget out to the communities as requested by law. Lastly, because our budget is still not a line item budget, there are too many places where the administration can expend monies without the Board's knowledge. I have great discomfort with those things. For these reasons, I cannot support this budget.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Thank you for your thoughtful comments. Trustee Keli'i Akina.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** - I share many of the reservations of Trustee Akana however, I am going to vote in favor of the budget. I want to congratulate the administration and the Trustees on working very hard to provide about \$100 million over the next two years to meet the needs of our Native Hawaiians. I think most of this is good. But I do want to encourage us to be very careful in future budget and to begin working right away to remedy some defects. We really have to work hard to spend less out of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund. I am hoping that we will go down from 5% draw to an annual 4.5% draw. Secondly, as reflected by one of our beneficiaries today, we really need to be able to look at the budget and tell line item how effective each item was. We need to have that information at the Board. I've advocated for a PPBS system to be used. But finally, I do want to address a concern raised by one of our beneficiaries today, and that is funding the LLCs while there are many questions that have been raised. I'm going to go ahead and vote yes, although I do have many questions. To support this then, I have submitted to Chair of the RM Committee a proviso so that at a future meeting, should she agendaize it, we would be able to state what stipulations must be met in order for us to disburse the money to the LLCs for this biennium and I hope that you would support that. Otherwise, I do want to say that this budget had my support.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Are there any more questions, hearing none, call for a roll call vote.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves that the Board of Trustees approves and recommends the Total Operating Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2017-2018 (FY18) and 2018-2019 (FY19) as outlined in Attachment #1.

Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.

TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X		X (Kanalua)	
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		X	X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA					X (Abstain)	
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8		1	
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ x ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passed with eight (8) yes votes and one (1) abstention.						

**B. Joint Committee on Resource Management and Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment**  
**1. BAE/RM #17-01: Fiscal Biennium 2018-2019 Community Grant Recommendations**

*(Item was deferred to the next BOT meeting)*

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna motions to move into Executive Session Pursuant to HRS§92-5(a)(4).**

**Trustee John Waihee Seconds the motion.**

**Chair Colette Machado** - Calls for a roll call vote.

Trustee Dan Ahuna motions to move into Executive Session Pursuant to HRS§92-5(a)(4). Trustee John Waihee Seconds the motion.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E		X	X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			1
MOTION: [ X ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED Motion passed with nine (9) YES votes.						

**The Board resolved into Executive Session at 10:36 am.**

**A. Update by the Ad Hoc Committee on Mauna Kea Management by Trustee Dan Ahuna and members of the Committee in consultation with Committee counsels Kurt Klein and Jordan Inafuku. Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4).**

**B. Approval of Minutes**

**1. April 27, 2017**

**2. May 11, 2017**

**The Board reconvenes into Open Session at 11:41am**

## **VII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

*11:42 am Trustee Rowena Akana returns to the meeting.*

**Chair Colette Machado** – We are now on VII. Community Concerns, and our first speaker is Keali'i Makekau.

**Mr. Keali'i Makekau** – My comments are given the recent involvement one of the staffers here that I have been hearing the allegations. I know that he is on the audit committee, is this going to somehow inhibit the committee's effort in accomplishing their audit. Considering he, himself from what I have been hearing, may be subject to probes from the ethics commission and so forth. Now that one element seems to be impaired because he has his own controversy.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – First of all, the audit committee is almost pau. I mean just about there. Their commitment to do what they had to do is just about there and is almost pau. Who are we to judge when



there is no evidence on the table about anybody on staff or any Trustees? I'd just like to leave it there, I don't think it affects. The audit committee is not at risk of anything at this point forward.

**Mr. Makekau** – That is all, to hear a voice of confidence and stuff like that, that's all I want to hear. There was some kind of negative overtone that I am impeding, to defame or go after an individual, that is not my point. I'm making sure the performance that is here is going to do on.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – For the record Keali'i who are you talking about?

**Mr. Makekau** – Davis.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – So you agree to that. Thank you so much for saying that.

**Mr. Makekau** – That is all I wanted to say. To hear this is great.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – I want to say that while Davis served on the audit committee he never did try to block anything. That came from Trustee Akina so that is just a communication between he and I only on the audit committee.

**Chair Colette Machado** – I stand in agreement. We are moving forward, the main point is the compliance to the procurement procedures on the committee that will select the consultant and do a public RFP search.

**Trustee Rowena Akana** – I don't know if the questions should be address to you or the chair of the committee. The second group of people that will be selecting the contractor or whatever will not be the same group of people, is that correct?

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – That is correct.

**Trustee Rowena Akana** – So in other words.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – It will be professionals and probably outside of our agency.

**Trustee Rowena Akana** – So Davis will not be part of that group.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – I would like to affirm what you have said, and what Chair Lindsey of the RM Committee has said, that our beneficiaries would like to know and Keali'i has asked. What's the status of the audit? We are very pleased to report that the audit has been approved by majority vote of this Board that the proposal to seek a qualified auditor is complete, it's ready to be sent out to the public and that today our Board voted to approve the budget which includes the budget item to fund the audit. So the beneficiaries can rest assured that we have a very good process that we are about to launch soon. The next phase will be for the selection committee to be able to select the auditor.

**Chair Colette Machado** – I'd like to call on Germaine Meyers.

**Ms. Germaine Meyers** – My name is Germaine Meyers, I'm an OHA Beneficiary for Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and a Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead lessee. What I want to talk about today in community concerns what Keali'i mentioned. I heard that it was allegations, so nothing was proven and evidence regarding Mr. Price. Yet I was a witness on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to the boycotting and the signing of this to oust the Chair based on allegations. I was never provided evidence as a beneficiary to say this is the reason why. I was just provided this agenda with five signatures on it. So I just want to put on the record and to be considered when it comes to an elected official that we had elected that you had elected to be the Chair and then now we have a staff member who also has allegations but I am being told that it's ok for you to not take action on that. That is done on your conscience and your decision. But I'd just like to compare those things if we are talking about allegations.

The other thing I would like to talk about is regarding the audit. I had shared regarding my research on the procurement office statutes and the ethic policy regarding conflict of interest. That all conflict of interest should be eliminated and I provided testimony and I am hoping that those testimony are taken into consideration and that there will be delegation to remove, to eliminate, the word eliminate is very strong in that statement, to eliminate all conflicts of interest.

The last thing that I would like to talk about is that I received a telephone call with a voice message on my cell phone, actually there were a total of three, from Mona Bernardino, and I have saved the messages. She basically called me because she said that they were watching livestream regarding my testimony yesterday and she heard some of the things that I said about the LLCs. She wanted to have a conversation with me and talk story with me and answer any of my questions. I found that very, I didn't know what to think about it, because on April 6<sup>th</sup> I was told by Chair that on May 25<sup>th</sup> that there was going to be a workshop. And what I was lead to believe that we were also going to also be provided with information and details regarding the LLCs, something that I have never seen provided before since their conception regarding updates. But that also we potentially have an opportunity to provide questions and answers so that we would leave that meeting with all of our concerns addressed. At that time we were not given that opportunity. It went into executive session, we were asked to go outside. None of our questions were answered as far as what we were thinking about and there was never an opportunity. I found that very interesting that I received a call yesterday and wanting a private meeting with me. I never returned the call because I have made my position very clear that I want those LLCs as a beneficiary to be disbanded and that the things that they claim that they are doing to be brought back into OHA and that this agency should be responsible and these employees should be responsible to do those things. So I've made that very clear so I am not going to return her call because I feel that the body of authority lies with the Trustees. And then the Trustees are to inform and be informed by the administration. I've seen that, that process has not been working to me as a beneficiary. I have never received quarterly reports. I've asked for quarterly reports ever since then. All I was ever given was December fourth quarter and then first quarter and nothing more. So I made it very clear as far as I would like transparency and receive all of it. Ke Akua has blessed me with my mana'o and he has called me to look into these things and I am just following my prayers, I'm following my discernment, following his guidance so I've been obedient to that and I've asked for all quarterly reports. All transparency.

I took from the public records what is available. And what is available is the Ka Piko O Waimea lawsuit against Office of Hawaiian Affairs, not just the LLCs. It is false claim to say that you are exempt from lawsuits. There was a lawsuit and there was a settlement. The settlement wasn't disclosed to the beneficiary as far as what was settled, if money were settled, if allegations were settled. Nothing was settled and so what we were given though is 40 something pages, I can't remember how many pages, with relations to the details of what are those people, those 22 employees and the ex-owner who I got his articles of organization, he established his organization in 1993, I think. He has all this experience and he was for the coop for the employees. Unfortunately, on December 26<sup>th</sup> the day after Jesus' birthday, they were all given pink slips. I don't know these people. In January of 2013, they all started that new year without a job. So you guys get the nerve to have your LLCs, and if she is listening I want her to hear this. Mona Bernardino, you put 22 employees out of a job, and you get the nerve to take an ANA \$207,000 grant that you are going to sustain employment and build economic development. Are you serious? And if you read every point made by those employees, it was retaliation that they were not given the opportunity to provide their business plan, which according to the website, they help with business plans. Twenty-two employees, that is a lot of voices that you never sat down at the table with. Why did you guys have a problem, sitting down with them and working with them? Do I feel that the LLCs are effective, No, they took it from 22 employees whose babies never got fed because their parents were on unemployment. Then only for me to find out it went to Lehua Poi Company, then from Lehua it went to Aloha 'Āina Poi Company. So allegations you call them. I call them hewa. And I know my time is up and I mahalo. E hana kākou.

**Chair Colette Machado-** Our next speaker if Kapua Keli'ikoa-Kamai.

**Ms. Kapua Keliikoa- Kamai** – Aloha. ‘O wau Kapua Keli‘ikoa-Kamai. I am here as an individual beneficiary. I have several things that I wanted to discuss so I am just going to run off the line. I am a member of Hui Kūlike Kākou, a loose collaboration of friends that have come together to kāko‘o Mauna a Wākea, so we are strong advocates for them. I hate when the kanaka has to take the position of kū‘ē because we are actually protectors. That’s what you folks are, protectors of the Hawaiian trust of our lāhui. So we’re just trying to do our individual kuleana to what we believe is culturally appropriate, what is morally correct, and what is our job as kanaka. I ask you folks to consider that, that yes, our kanaka our kūpuna, we went forward and we incorporated technology, we incorporated advancement. But there comes a point in time where enough is enough and when it comes to Mauna a Wākea, we’ve passed that line already. That line has already been passed. I ask you as individuals, as kanaka to kanaka, to bear that in mind for our Mauna a Wākea.

Nā Hui Kūlike Kākou, we just recently held a cultural “education” weekend where we had multiple, wonderful speakers that had come and shared, and it just speaks to the wealth of our kanaka and all that we have to offer each other and the world. What the world has decided, is discovering today as scientific, our kūpuna knew it, they practiced it. They were already one with the ‘āina, one with the moana. So what they are saying scientific discovery phooey, it’s in our ‘ike. So we thank you for your financial support we also thank Trustee Apo for his personal account financial support. Because there are some kanaka that oppose asking for finances from this entity, Office of Hawaiian Affairs. This monies belong to all of us, it’s a trust for the lāhui regardless whether you are American patriot or a kū kanaka that waits for everyone to open their eyes, open their mind, open their heart to the reality that exists that has been covered for over 124 years. So open up, open up your purses, purse strings of this entity to allow the truth to be shared more openly just the way you folks have allowed and funded CNHA. As you know there is always more than one side of the story. There’s many other sides of our lāhui. With respect to you as saying enough to self-governance. No, that’s why OHA was created for the return of our government. So why should we stop funding educating the people on why we are in the situation that we are in.

I also did come for Kaka‘ako Makai, having heard this story for almost 20 years when it came out. Excuse me not Kaka‘ako Makai, that was the Akaka Bill. So Kaka‘ako Makai when we first opposed it when OHA wanted to do an agreement and sell out when it was the Hilo lands and as a homesteader lessee we totally bucked it because it would have been a total sell out. So when you folks came to the homestead and to Wai‘anae and other areas its like, yeah it sounded like something you folks were going to maka‘ala but I don’t think the full maka‘ala has been done. We can say that we done it but did we do it to a 100% or did we just go through the motions. We need to do less motion, more actions, sincere action. This audit we are talking about, we need 100 percent of the assets. If \$500,000 doesn’t cover it, we need more. Because the suspect is allegations are that there has been some misuse and abuse of funds. As has already been presented before you folks. Don’t you want to know the truth? Don’t you want the people to know the truth? Don’t we want the faith and the support of nā kanaka within in this office? That’s what you are elected for, it’s not about you retaining your job. It’s about you supporting the lāhui.

Regarding Hōkūle‘a, mahalo nui for the financial support given there. Mahalo nui for the community meetings we knew that it was coming up just like Makai, it would have been more advantageous to spend all the monies that you folks have spent in more advance notice so instead of coming out on the 17<sup>th</sup> that we are having a training session on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Wouldn’t it have been better to come out on the 1<sup>st</sup>, better yet in the newspaper? They say, ‘we are going to have these training sessions,’ so that perhaps more of our kanaka could come having gone to Kapolei and yesterday to Mā‘ili, yes I am disappointed that my kanaka couldn’t come. But they have schedules too, so its conflict of schedules where can you be feeding your kids or taking your kids to the beach. Had they have known they were going to have sandwich something to mea ‘ai, perhaps we would have more ‘ohana or even more people coming home from, when you are coming home from work, the sandwich might not cut it. So we do mahalo that there is refreshments, that is a wonderful thing, but if we are going to spend the money, let’s spend it more wisely and give more advance notice because on the other side. Even for the Makai meetings, wait you telling me now and I got two days to go to a meeting when I’ve already scheduled myself for something else. I’ve already made a commitment to something else. For people like me it causes me to do neither because I want to be at both places. Sometimes I just get stuck cause I can’t decide

which way to go because they are so important to me. Just more advance notice on that. Again stressing the importance of collaborations amongst the trust, amongst our other Hawaiian entities, protecting each other, protecting ourselves because we are being attacked, we are being attacked. Thank you for your time. Mahalo.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – Mahalo e Kapua. I wanted to compliment you in front of the Board on the excellent of the cultural 'aha in Mākaha a few weeks ago, it was a wonderful experience. I got a lot of out of the tour all the way through Wai'anae Coast and Lualualei just to see all of the culturally significant sites. You did a very good job it was very meaningful. Mahalo.

**Ms. Keliikoa-Kamai** – Thank you, again, that was a collaboration that was through our Waianae Environmental Justice and with the financial support of KAHEA. So again, working with other entities that support the community.

**Trustee Rowena Akana** – We've heard from the communities every place that we go that coordination between our CRCs and the community are sometimes lacking because the community doesn't have enough notice when we go into the communities. We need to do more by letting our administration know that they have to do something about communicating with the communities that we are going to be in their community, we have to more in the Ka Wai Ola, and help the communities along. So that they don't have conflicts and they can make our events and they don't have conflicts. I want to say mahalo for your input and hopefully we can do something about that. I don't want to just 'talk to talk,' I hope that we can actually do something about this, because people have complained about it before.

To Germaine's comments: I appreciate your comments and while people may not believe that, we were not friends since you started coming here. But I have to share that Germaine saw the meeting, the very cruel meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, on the taking out of myself as the Chair and how the Board behaved. She told me later that is what prompted her to start coming to the meetings, and started to do research because she thought it was so awful. Anyway, she's right about you know, the petition and all of the things that were used against me was nothing but trumped up charges, and it was really unfortunate that some of the Trustees and employees used this kind of tactics. So unbecoming of professionals. What people don't realize is that it comes back, it comes back in other forms, and so just know that for every action there is a reaction, and for some of those people, they are seeing some of that coming back to them now. And all I can say is that as people who are elected by our community, if we don't behave as professionals, we shouldn't be sitting at this table, we should not. If we can't be accountable for our actions, we shouldn't be here either; if we cannot protect our trust, and protect the oath that we take, we should not be at this table. And the people that work for us should be held to those standards. They should be held to those standards, and if they are not, they should be fired. That's how I feel and that's how I always felt. When I first became a Trustee, people said 'watch out for Akana because people don't last too long when they work for her.' It's true that I would let people go after a couple of months because I never allow my staff to gossip, I never allow them to engage in anything that is controversial, and if they pass on gossip, I fire them. Because confidence, and being responsible is very important it should be and office that you hold dear. Because the people who elected you respect that, hope that you will be a good representative to them. That is all I have to say.

## **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you Trustee Akana. I just want to make a few announcements. We will be on the island of Maui commencing with our community meeting in the evening and in the morning we will be visiting several areas including the Bailey House. Hulu has been able to arrange for us to meet with a carver in his home and he will prepare our lunches for us that day also. It is something that he invited us, and according to what Hulu indicated was that we are actually going home with something. We are still trying to arrange for a helicopter tour of Pu'ukukui. That is what is coming we will be meeting at the Kamehameha campus and the next day we are at the Maui College.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa Moves to adjourn the meeting**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna Seconds the motion.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

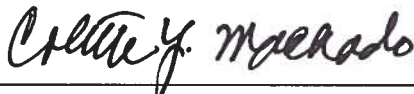
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Dayna P., Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on June 29, 2017.



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Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson  
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Attachment:

Testimony of Mililani Trask

Testimony of Germaine Meyers

**Mililani B. Trask  
Hawaiian Beneficiary  
P.O.Box 6377, Hilo Hawaii  
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**Testimony: Mililani B. Trask**

**6-7-2017**

**Date: Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Agenda Item: VI A - Update by the Ad Hoc Committee on Mauna Kea Management by Trustee Dan Ahuna Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4).**

Aloha Trustees,

For over a year the OHA Ad Hoc Committee on Maunakea has met behind closed door without providing briefings or open public meetings with Maunakea Protectors & Hawaiian beneficiaries. Initially, beneficiaries were told that the Ad Hoc Committee as being formed so OHA could work with beneficiaries & Protectors to come up with a plan for the sacred mauna. After it was created, we learned that it was a AD HOC COMMITTEE because OHA Trustees did not want to allow beneficiaries to attend its meetings and because OHA wanted to prevent any information from being made "Public".

Since that time:

1. No public minutes of the Committee have been posted;
2. No plan has emerged for protection of the Mauna, its cultural resources or natural resources;
3. OHA has been involved with the DLNR staff, the governors office and the University in 'negotiations' for a new governance regime and MOU for Maunakea with "OHA being given a seat at the table";
4. The overarching lease between the DLNR & University for the Mauna has been cancelled but no new lease has been awarded;
5. OHA CEO Crabbe has confirmed that OHA paid \$25,000.00, as its share for a contract awarded to the Kanakaole Foundation to prepare an annex to the draft MOU on a plan for Maunakea Development. According to Crabbe, a larger contract was awarded to the EKF with "other parties" contributing to a 'larger contract' but Crabbe has refused to state who posted the RFP if

- was posted, when it was awarded,) the total amount of compensation paid or the scope of the contract;
6. Following Trustee Rowena Akanas election as BOT Chair, CEO Crabbe sent her a letter which verified that OHA had an agreement with the other State parties that a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) was included as part of the closed MOU negotiations in order to prevent information about the disposition of these public trust lands from being leaked to the public & native beneficiaries & other elected officials on the OHA and BLRN boards;
  7. Trustee Akana as BOT Chair met with the Governor who confirmed to her that the Maunakea MOU was still part of the viable plan for facilitating the development of Maunakea;
  8. Finally, the public record reveals that OHA staffer Davis Price through his private company Aloha Aina Poi Company, (which took control & ownership of the POI Co-Op OHA funded for Kauai,) was a sponsor of the June 2015 concert at the Waikiki Shell "allegedly" to raise funds for Maunakea. Mr. Price was interviewed by local media as the event "promoter". He also owns HI Rise Entertainment LLC. Tickets were sold for \$20-\$50 dollars but no accounting was available on the monies made or disbursed.

Maunakea is ceded lands. The DLNR as well as OHA had a fiduciary obligation to ensure that the State law was followed when Maunakea Science Reserve took oversight of this trust asset. Over the years, several leases were awarded to commercial science developments WHO DID NOT PAY FAIR MARKET RENT AS REQUIRED BY LAW BUT WERE GIVEN THE LAND FOR FREE. OHA failed to ensure that these revenues were assessed and collected, and as a direct result OHA did not receive its 20% share of these revenues, amounting to millions of dollars over the last 40 years.

It's time for OHA to disclose on the public record what the Maunakea MOU says, what OHA's role in the Maunakea oversight is, what protocols will be utilized to protect Hawaiian rights under Article 12 section 7 of the State Constitution and to guarantee Hawaiian access to gather, worship & pursue cultural practice on the Mauna, and when these issues will be set on the OHA Bot Agenda so that beneficiary and public testimony can be taken for the record.

I am requesting that the OHA BOT take the following actions:

1. That the draft MOU be posted publically in the next edition of Ka Wai Ola for beneficiaries to read & see;
2. That the OHA BOT approve and fund informational briefing meetings on all islands to receive beneficiary input on the MOU, BEFORE TRUSTEES APPROVE OR ACCEPT THE DRAFT MOU,
3. That following the community briefngs, the OHA Chair set this item on the public agenda so that beneficiaries & Protectors may have the opportunity to comment and provide input on the Maunakea MOU.
4. That OHA Trustees review all OHA Research & other grants awarded by OHA , (including grants made by the OHA LLC's ) and all contracts to determine how much money OHA has disbursed to companies owned by staffer Davis Price

Attached hereto are 5 exhibits including corporate documents for OHA staffer Davis Price companies Aloha Aina Poi Company and Hi Rise Entertainment as well as media ads verifying the event and the sponsorship of Aloha Aina Poi Cmpany.

Mililani B. Trask  
OHA Beneficiary, Olaa, Hawaii



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The name of the company shall be:  
**HI Rise Entertainment LLC**

(The name must contain the words *Limited Liability Company*, *Limited Liability Law Company*, or the abbreviation *L.L.C.*, *L.L.L.C.*, *LLC*, or *LLLC*)

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The mailing address of the initial principal office is:  
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The company shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Hawaii an agent and street address of the agent for service of process on the company. The agent may be an individual resident of Hawaii, a domestic entity, or a foreign entity authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in this State, whose business office is identical with the registered office.

- a. The name of the company's initial agent for service of process is:  
**Davis Price**

(Name of Registered Agent)

(State or Country)

- b. The street address of the initial registered office in this State is:  
**1525 Pensacola ave #303, Honolulu, HI 96822 USA**

IV

The name and address of each organizer is:

**Davis Price**

**1525 Pensacola ave #303, Honolulu, HI 96822 USA**

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The period of duration is (check one):

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\_\_\_\_\_

We certify, under the penalties set forth in the Hawaii Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, that we have read the above statements, I am authorized to sign this Articles of Organization, and that the above statements are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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January 2010

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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**ALOHA AINA POI COMPANY LLC**

(The name must contain the words *Limited Liability Company* or the abbreviation *L.L.C.* or *LLC*)

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- b. The street address of the place of business of the person in State of Hawaii to which service of process and other notice and documents being served on or sent to the entity represented by it may be delivered to is:

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On June 27th, the Waikiki Shell will be the site of the Aloha 'Āina Music Festival, a historic concert event organized by a number of supporters of the effort to Protect Mauna a Wākea and all of Hawaii's land natural resources. The concert will feature an all-star line-up of some of Hawaii's most iconic musicians and performers. The list includes: The Rough Riders (John Cruz, Brother Noland, and Henry Kapon), Mark Keali'i Ho'omalu and the Academy of Hawaiian Arts Dancers, Fiji, Mana'o Company, Maoli, Amy Hanaiali'i, Hapa, Sudden Rush, Paula Fuga, Kaumakaiwa Kanakaole, Shawn Pimental, Weldon Kekauoha, plus much more.

Kumu Hinaileimoana Kalu-Wong will also lead all in attendance in the singing of her composition, "Kū Ha'aheo for a massive music video shoot during the event. Kū Ha'aheo has become an anthem for the protectors on the mountain and all supporters.

In addition to the music and performances, organization is taking place to make Saturday, June 27, 2015 the LARGEST SINGLE DAY VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE in Hawai'i history. There will be voter registration booths at the event and voter registration drives will be taking place that day on all islands. The goal is to begin a campaign to enhance the voting power of Native Hawaiians and all Aloha 'Āina in the 2016 elections and beyond.

We encourage all who have been watching the event surrounding Mauna a Wākea unfold to please attend with 'Ohana and friends, enjoy the music, learn more and the issues, and get engaged!



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Protecting the beautiful natural resources and landscapes of Hawaii is not always an easy thing. When you have a group of like-minded people working together, however, it makes for much more powerful, meaningful and personal impact.

On Saturday, an all-star local line up of musicians will come together at the Waikiki Shell to help spread conservation awareness through music at the Aloha Aina Music Festival.

Sponsored by Hawaii Finest Clothing, promoters Paulele Alcon and Davis Price said they wanted to create an event that would give people an opportunity to get involved in community matters.

“We pulled this together because we feel it is critical that people keep coming together to learn about the issues surrounding Mauna Kea as well as issues involving irresponsible management and exploitation to land, resources and culture throughout Hawaii,” said Davis.

“We need to protect and preserve our land and natural resources from further desecration... what better way to bring people together than a beautiful festival with amazing music,” added Alcon.

The all-star lineup includes artists such as The Rough Riders (Henry Kapono, Brother Noland and John Cruz), Fiji, Maoli, Mana’o Company, Weldon Kekauoha and more. Many of the artists participating in the concert want to both educate others about Hawaii’s sacred lands and why it is so important to make it a collaborative effort to preserve them.

Na Hoku Hanohano Award-winning musician Amy Hanaialii said Mauna Kea is seen in traditional Hawaiian history as the center of the Big Island and that it holds a lot of significance in birthing chants of Hawaiian royalty, like King Kamehameha III.

HAPA’s Kapono Nā’ili’ili said that since “a very good portion of Hawaii’s information that has been passed on has been filled with many misleading and falsified facts and information,” often times the truth about Hawaiian history is misconstrued.

“Issues such as Mauna Kea often times are seen as minuscule,” said Nā’ili’ili, “but it is the minuscule issues that if over looked will add up years upon years until they become a very big issue or problem.”

The peaceful protest atop Mauna Kea by self-described “protectors” of the land has lead to more than 30 arrests since April. In response to reports that construction of the \$1.4 billion dollar Thirty Meter Telescope project was scheduled to resume this week, Aloha Aina advocates indicated they will continue to be present atop the mountain. Proceeds from Saturday’s concert will go towards their mission to protect Hawaii’s land.



### 2015 ALOHA AINA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Featuring Amy Hanaialii (pictured), Mark Kealii Hoomalu, The Rough Riders, Fiji, Maoli, Mana’o Company and Weldon Kekauoha

» **Where:** Waikiki Shell

» **When:** 5 p.m. Saturday (gates open at 4 p.m.)

» **Cost:** \$20-\$50 (all ages welcome); free for keiki under 4

» **Info:** [www.hifinest.com/aloha-aina-music-festival](http://www.hifinest.com/aloha-aina-music-festival),  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)



COURTESY MARK KEALII HOOMALU

**Kumu hula Mark Kealii Hoomalu with his 3-year-old son, Charles Kaupu Hoomalu.**

Kumu hula Mark Kealii Hoomalu will travel to Hawaii from California this week to share his talents and show his support. He believes even though issues of Hawaii's natural land and resources may not directly affect a lot of residents on a daily basis, the costs of maintaining and creating new development eventually affect everyone.

"One issue for many Hawaiians is Mauna Kea, or Mauna a Wakea, is a sacred mountain, the genesis of Hawaiian people," said Hoomalu. "For others that cannot relate or identify with that belief, they should be able to understand that exploitation of land and resources has an impact on everyone."

Many involved with the concert believe music and dance is a universal language that can help create some common ground. Kumu hula Hinaleimoana Kalu-Wong will lead those in attendance in singing her composition, "Kū Ha'aheo." Many Aloha Aina advocates have used the song as an anthem; a live video shoot is also scheduled to take place during the concert.

"Music is the one thing that can heal this world we live in," said musician Shawn Pimental. "It's the most powerful tool that helps to spread love and affect change,"

"Music can bring people together and can inspire people like no other means of communication," added Price. "Our hope is that the music allows everyone to gather, feel the aloha amongst each other, and that it will be another catalyst in the larger movement for people to rise up and stand for what they believe in."

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1. My name is Germaine Meyers, I'm an OHA Beneficiary for Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and a Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Lessee.
2. I testify and offer my data, views and arguments regarding today's agenda item concerning the approval of the Biennium Budget for FY 2018 and FY 2019.
3. I would like the records to show that I'm once again expressing my disapproval and I ask our elected Trustees to deny and defer approval of the Biennium Budget for FY 18 and FY 19 as its been submitted for today's agenda, for a combined core and non-core budget of over \$100,000,000.00.
4. I've followed the process from the beginning and I've submitted numerous documented and verbal requests for compliance with H.R.S. Chapter 10. As of this moment, the Trustees have NOT taken the Biennium Budget to each of the Counties, as they are mandated to do so. However the schedule for this year shows that the Trustees are following the other HRS Chapter 10 mandate to have one community and Board meeting on each island, each year. However, the Trustees continue to ignore and violate the mandate to take the Biennium Budget to each County before its approval.
5. In addition, the Trustees have NOT provided the effectiveness of the programs to the Beneficiaries in each County as mandated in HRS Chapter 10. According to the figures I received for the previous Biennium Budget, FY16/FY17, OHA spent a total of \$72 million of OHA revenue. Upon reviewing OHA's published Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016, the report show data of how in general \$52 million were SPENT in FY 2016. However it does NOT provide an enumeration of the effectiveness of the programs.
  - a. Example: OHA disbursed almost \$11 million in Grants and Sponsorships in FY 2016. The Annual Report provides the purpose/intention for spending the funds, example Lunalilo Homes received a grant for \$597,468 to complete building infrastructure repairs to the existing Lunalilo Home facilities to maintain an environment of safety and comfort for residents, Oahu. What is the effectiveness of this program/expenditure? Did the grant recipient complete the infrastructure repairs? Or did the contractor mess up the job and now more monies are needed? Yet nothing is provided to the Beneficiaries in every County regarding the effectiveness of the \$11 million spent on Grants and Sponsorship.
  - b. And the Trustees have NOT provided to Beneficiaries in each County the effectiveness of programs for the \$52 million spent in FY 2016, and the \$??? Million spent in FY 2017 to date.
6. The LLC's budget request for FY 18 and FY 19 are a combined total of approximately \$2.1 million for the biennium (\$450K in special program available fund Table 36, and the Budget Deficit of \$1.6 million in Table 37.) The OHA Managers of the LLCs are asking for OHA Trustees to provide and approve all of the LLCs funding in full. Yet according to Federal and State grant reports that I've researched, the LLC's have already secured some funding. Also according to the LLC's attorney, the LLC's are self-sustaining with Federal and other grants. Yet OHA Administration is asking the Trustees to approve the full amount of the LLC's budget request. In my view, this is an egregious request and a breach of fiduciary duty if the LLC's budget request is approved by the Trustees.

7. Yesterday I heard the end of a conversation of which the Kauai Trustee spoke about "SANCTIONS." He's correct. If the Trustees approve the Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 biennium budget today in violation of HRS Chapter 10's mandates as I have stated in my testimony, the Beneficiaries may submit a complaint or lawsuit and the decision to approve the budget may be sanctioned.

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No attachments.