MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DATE: Thursday, April 1, 2021
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Virtual Meeting
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Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Eighteenth Supplementary Proclamation dated February 12, 2021 that suspends parts of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records to, among other things, enable boards to conduct business without any board members or members of the public physically present at the same location.

The OHA Board of Trustees will hold virtual meetings until further notice. The virtual meetings can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA’s website at www.oha.org/livestream or listen by phone: (213) 338-8477, Webinar ID: 949 2247 1484

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Public Testimony on Items Listed on the Agenda* (Please see page 1 & 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will not be accepted)

IV. New Business
   A. Action Item BOT #21-02: A Resolution of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of William “Billy” Punapaalakahalakenoi to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawai‘i
   B. Joint Meeting of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and the Committee on Resource Management
      1. Action Item BAE-RM #21-02: Approval to Reallocate the FY20 and FY21 Unspent Balance of Contract #3363 in the Amount of $838,332; and Reclassify FY21 Unencumbered Sponsorships of $205,921; for the Combined Purpose to Award a Grant of $1,044,253 for Emergency Financial Assistance to Hawai‘i Community Lending
   C. Committee on Resource Management (RM)

V. Community Concerns and Celebrations*(Please see pages 1 & 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will not be accepted)

VI. Announcements
VII. Adjournment

If you require an auxiliary aid or accommodation due to a disability, please contact Raina Gushiken at telephone number 594-1772 or by email rainag@oha.org no later than three (3) business days prior to the date of the meeting.

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†Notice: The 72 Hour rule, pursuant to OHA BOT Operations Manual, Section 49, shall be waived for distribution of new committee materials.

*Public Testimony on Items Listed on the Agenda 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, Public Agency Meetings and Records, prohibits Board members from discussing or taking action on matters not listed on the meeting agenda.

**Notice: Trustees may establish or revise an OHA position on ANY proposed bill / resolution / executive message currently moving through the state legislature or other relative elected body. The Matrices, which are available for public review in the meeting materials at this stated meeting, provide a brief description of each bill, the bill's number, the bill's title, the bill's intent, and the proposed and specific OHA position on each measure. However, the Trustees both in committee and as the Board of Trustees (BOT) reserve the right to discuss any and all bills on the Matrix, as well as those that time does not permit to be placed on the Matrix, in order to discharge their fiduciary obligations as Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony can be provided to the OHA Board of Trustees either as: (1) written testimony emailed at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, or (2) live, oral testimony online during the virtual meeting.

(1) Persons wishing to provide written testimony on items listed on the agenda should submit testimony via email to BOTmeetings@oha.org at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Any testimony received after this deadline will be late testimony and will be distributed-to the Board members after the scheduled meeting. Due to COVID-19, please do not fax, mail, or hand-deliver written testimony.

(2) Persons wishing to provide oral testimony online during the virtual meeting must first register at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1I6g16EGQzqyC6Fpz3m7kg

You need to register if you would like to orally testify. Once you have completed your registration, a confirmation email will be sent to you with a link to join the virtual meeting, along with further instructions on how to provide oral testimony during the virtual meeting. The registration page will close during the Public Testimony or Community Concerns agenda item. Oral testimony by telephone/landline will not be accepted at this time.

To provide oral testimony online, you will need:
   (1) a computer or mobile device to connect to the virtual meeting;
   (2) internet access; and
   (3) a microphone to provide oral testimony.

Oral testimony online will be limited to five (5) minutes. Once your oral testimony is completed, you will be asked to disconnect from the meeting, unless you are also signed up for oral testimony during Community Concerns and Celebrations. If you do not sign off on your own, support staff will remove you from the Zoom meeting. You can continue to view the remainder of the meeting on the livestream or by telephone, as provided at the beginning of this agenda.

Please visit OHA’s website for more detailed information on how to submit Public Testimony OR Community Concerns at: https://www.oha.org/how-to-submit-testimony-for-oha-bot-meetings/
STATE OF HAWAI'I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

3/25/2021
Date
IV. New Business

A. Action Item BOT #21-02: A Resolution of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of William “Billy” Punapaiialaikahala Kenoi to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawaiʻi
ACTION ITEM
Board of Trustees
April 1, 2021

BOT #21-02


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Mar 23, 2021

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Mar 23, 2021

Reviewed by:

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Ke Kauhuhu o ke KaupokuChairperson, Board of Trustees

Mar 24, 2021
Action Item BOT #21-02: Approval of “A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIAKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I”

I. Action

The OHA Board of Trustees approves “A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIAKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I” at Attachment A.

II. Issue

Should the OHA Board of Trustees approve the resolution at Attachment A.

III. Discussion

In light of the recent passing of former Hawai‘i County Mayor Billy Kenoi, Administration recommends to the Board of Trustees a resolution to honor:

- A Native Hawaiian 1996 graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa;
- A former law clerk for Judge Richard Perkins of the Eighth Division of the First Circuit;
- An attorney who fought for many Native Hawaiians in the judicial system and who practiced in the Appellate, Family Court, Juvenile Criminal, Adult Family Court and Public Defender’s Office;
- An executive assistant to former Hawai‘i County Mayor Harry Kim who was known for managing high-priority projects;
- A two-term Mayor of the County of Hawai‘i; and
- A gifted, charismatic orator who had a deep personal commitment to the Hawaiian people.

Mayor Kenoi was a passionate, beloved, civic leader who cared deeply about serving his community and who had a genuine love and aloha for not only Native Hawaiians but for all the people of Hawai‘i.

IV. Recommendation

Administration recommends the BOT approve “A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIAKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I” at Attachment A.
V. **Alternative Actions**

A. To not approve Administration’s recommended resolution; or

B. To approve an amended version of Administration’s recommended resolution.

VI. **Funding**

No funding is required.

VII. **Timeframe**

Immediate action is recommended.

VIII. **Attachment A - Resolution**
A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS 
HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIKAHALA KENOI TO THE 
NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi was born on November 9, 1968, to Clayton Philip and Nancy Kenoi in Kalapana, Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi graduated from Waiakea High School and attended both Hawai‘i Community College and the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo before graduating from the University of Massachusetts Amherst; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi worked as a Congressional intern to Hawai‘i Senator Daniel K. Inouye, attending the Democratic National Convention in New York City and establishing a lifetime friendship with the Senator; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa in 1996, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi passed the bar exam and then served as a clerk for Judge Richard K. Perkins of the Eighth Division of the First Circuit; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi then worked as a deputy public defender, representing many Native Hawaiians in the judicial system, where he served in the Appellate, Family Court, Juvenile Criminal and Adult Family Court divisions, before finishing his career at the Public Defender’s Office at the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2001, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi served as an executive assistant to Hawai‘i Mayor Harry Kim for seven years, managing high-priority county projects, including community grants, a multi-agency initiative combatting a crystal meth epidemic, and a program to control invasive species; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi ran for, and at the age of 39 was one of the youngest to ever be elected, mayor of the County of Hawai‘i where he served two consecutive terms leaving office in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor Kenoi, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi received praise for his efforts to unite the population, leading for two terms through a recession, maintaining services to its 198,000 residents, overseeing $630 million in capital improvement projects, strategically investing in economic development initiatives, and effectively managing 2,500 employees and a $463 million annual operating budget; and
WHEREAS, after his term as mayor ended, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi underwent several blood transfusions, bone marrow transplants and aggressive chemotherapy to treat his leukemia yet continued to serve his family, his friends and his community with guidance and advice; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi passed away at his home in Volcano, surrounded by his three children Justin, Liam and Mahina, and his wife of 25 years, Takako; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi will always be fondly remembered as a passionate civic leader who cared deeply for the community he served and who had a genuine love and aloha for all the families who resided in his island home; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi was gifted with charisma, intelligence, a deep personal commitment to the Hawaiian people and perhaps more than anything an exceptional mastery of the skill of public speaking, able to discuss and debate any issue as an orator with an inspiring eloquence rarely experienced; and

WHEREAS, it is said that William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi’s 2014 commencement speech to graduates of Hawai‘i Pacific University stands as one of the finest commencement speeches ever delivered in the Hawaiian Islands. In encouraging graduates to chase their dreams, he took the well-known Hawai‘i phrase of “If can, can. If no can, no can” and pleaded with graduates that “There is no such thing as no can...always can!”; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi spent his last days still inspiring his community, giving a stirring speech on overcoming crisis through opportunity to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai‘i’s 170th conference and virtual summit; and giving his last public speech at the inauguration of Hawai‘i County Mayor Mitch Roth in December 2020, stating to all that “by chasing perfection, we reach excellence.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned duly recognized as the Board Chair and Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on the 1st day of April 2021, do set forth their hand to recognize, honor, and memorialize the life of William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi.

ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2021, island of O‘ahu, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.
IV. New Business

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*The Committee Report for A.I. IV. B. 1 will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees once received from the Joint Committee of BAE and the RM.*
IV. New Business

C. Committee on Resource Management (RM)


• The Committee Report for A.I. IV.C.1 will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees once received from the RM Committee.
IV. New Business