

**State of Hawai'i  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
113 Nowelo St.  
Hilo, HI 96720**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 10:00 am**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. called the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 10:09 am. Those present were as follows:

**Attendance**

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair	Trustee Rowena Akana (departed at 12:00 pm)
Trustee Dan Ahuna, Vice Chair (departed at 2:25 pm)	Trustee Peter Apo (departed at 2:25 pm)
Trustee Lei Ahu Isa	Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona (departed at 2:25 pm)

**Excused**

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey	Trustee John Waihe'e IV
Trustee Colette Machado	

**Staff Present**

Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, CEO	Lehua Itokazu
Lisa Cataldo, Acting Board Counsel	Liana Pang
Harold Nedd, Chief of Staff	John Rosa
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary	Alice Silbanuz
Jeremy Kama Hopkins	Kay Watanabe
Kauikeaolani Wailehua	Sterling Wong
Claudine Calpito	Kamuella Bannister
Lady Garrett	Kamaile Puluole-Mitchell
Mehana Hind	

**Others Present**

Hannah Preston-Pita	Moanikeala Akaka
Iopa Maunakea	Mililani B. Trask
Kekuhi Kanahahele	Emily Naeole
Christian Giardina	Kepa Kaeo
Kaiulani Pahio	Ronald Kodani
Suzie Osbourne	Lākea Trask
Mapuana Pa	Puaena Ahn
Katie Benioni	Ku Ching
Kelii W. Ioane, Jr	Terry Kimokea
Kuulei Kealoha Cooper	Kehau Shintani

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Lindsey, all Trustees present, and Dr. Crabbe introduced themselves and the OHA staff present.

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

Dr. Crabbe reported the following:

- From September to December, OHA's grants program is putting out notices for education, health, culture, economic self-sufficiency, and land and water proposals. These are usually larger grants of \$100,000 or more. The deadline will be in December and information is available on OHA.org or at OHA's neighbor island offices.
- OHA staff is currently working on the OHA legislative package. It will be considered by the Board in October for final presentation to the Legislature in November.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools

Chair Lindsey made the following appointment, regarding the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools:

Aloha e Trustees:

In accordance with Article VI, Section A.2, and Article VIII, Section H, of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws, I am appointing the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools:

Trustee Lei Ahu Isa

*Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools*

Ms. Lisa Watkins-Victorino

*Vice Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools*

Ms. Monica Morris

*Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools*

This memorandum supersedes my August 22, 2016 regarding this Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee will have purview over identifying specific strategies and policies for OHA to assist charter schools overcome their unique challenges. It will deliberate and report its recommendation(s) on which option(s) to pursue and terminate when it issues its final report to the Board.

I look forward to us continuing to Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha together for the benefit of our Hawaiian people as we ensure our organization is well-managed.

Motion

At 10:25 am, Trustee Ahuna moved, seconded by Trustee Apoliona, to approve the Chair’s appointment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools, with Trustee Lei Ahu Isa as Chair, Ms. Lisa Watkins-Victorino as Vice Chair, and Ms. Monica Morris as Member.

TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A’OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	1		X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA		2	X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE’E						X
CHAIR ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6	0	0	3
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passed with six (6) YES votes, no (0) NO votes, no (0) abstentions, and three (3) excused.						

Trustee Ahu Isa distributed a copy of the Kamehameha Schools Strategic Plan concerning Educational Pathway Milestones. She thanked Chair Lindsey for his leadership in appointing this Ad Hoc Committee.

**V. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

Big Island Substance Abuse Council

Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita shared a PowerPoint presentation on Hawaii Island State of Affairs, including information on The Untold Story of Addiction, Voice of Addiction, factoids about BISAC, addiction, and Native Hawaiian statistics, as well as reasons and ways to help those with addiction.

BISAC provides the Hawai’i Island community with a tremendous safety net for folks dealing with substance abuse problems or struggling with mental health issues. They envision a community where everyone can be free to live an enriched life of health, happiness and overall well-being. Their mission is inspiring individuals to reclaim and enrich their lives by utilizing innovative resources and harnessing the strengths within each person.

Men of Pa’a

Mr. Iopa Maunakea shared a presentation about the work of Kanaka O Puna which got started with his family and friends from all over the islands. He believes they need today to be legacy oriented and intentional on how they are going to do this. One of the most important things is how they need to help change the Kane because they are the head of the household even if it doesn't always happen today.

Hālau ‘Ōhi’a

Kekuhi Kanahale and Christian Giardina spoke on the rapid 'ōhi'a death (ROD) and the two types of disease that affect 'ōhi'a trees on Hawai'i Island. They also shared a PowerPoint presentation that included photographic evidence of ROD.

They also discussed Hawai'i Stewardship Training, an initiative that held their first cohort in March-July 2016. It included over 90 hours of professional development for 80 steward participants in a 4-classroom session, 3-day weekend experience, and a hō'ike. Curriculum is based in the ka'ao or the stories of the Hawai'i life cycle and is enhanced by their personal ka'ao or experience of the Hawai'i universe.

### Nā 'Ōiwi Mauiola

Representatives were unable to attend due to health issues, so printed materials were distributed.

### KALO

Ka'iulani Pahi'ō of KALO shared information about the success of Na Lei Na'auao, the alliance of Hawaiian-focused charter schools and the 4,100 students they serve. Of these, 67% are Title I and 80% are Native Hawaiian. She thanked OHA for supporting their cultural curriculum and programs. She added that some of their high school seniors are enrolled in dual-credit programs, so they receive both high school and college credit at the same time. OHA support has helped KALO and other schools support the leadership of different schools.

Suzie Osbourne, Mapuana Pa, and Katie Benioni expressed support for the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools. Ms. Benioni also reported that there is now a four-month review of the Charter School Commission. As early as February, they expect the new authorizer of charter schools and that at the earliest, 2018-2019 would be the first year of a new authorizer.

### Recess

Chair Lindsey called a recess at 12:00 pm and reconvened the meeting at 1:05 pm.

## **VI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/BENEFICIARY COMMENTS**

Mr. Keli W. Ioane, Jr. spoke about many issues affecting Native Hawaiians including charter schools, TMT, and Hawaiian leaders. He encouraged Hawaiians to be bold.

Ms. Kuulei Kealoha Cooper of Kealoha Estate spoke on kupuna issues. She stated she is part of the last group of Hawaiians who have 500 acres of land. She asked how OHA can fund kupuna and keiki programs. She suggested OHA use the 20% geothermal royalties, which is approximately \$600,000 per year, to be recycled into the Hawai'i Island community. She also requested that those wishing to testify outside of Oahu be allowed to testify since they are already able to view livestreams of meetings.

Ms. Moanikeala Akaka of Aloha Aina Education Center spoke on Papahānamokuākea and Standing Rock. She complimented OHA for the position to protect Papahānamokuākea and the expansion of the monument. She was also very happy to see OHA's support for Native American brothers and sisters in Standing Rock, North Dakota. She encouraged OHA to send monetary support to Standing Rock. She stated her concern that OHA is not moving fast enough in its work to protect Mauna Kea. She requested a presentation on what is happening on Mauna Kea. She also commented that instead of spending \$250,000 on public relations, OHA could use the money to support Native Hawaiians. Ms. Akaka also stated concerns with the Na'i Aupuni Aha, which she stated was over-represented by OHA employees and others who support Federal Recognition and giving Native Hawaiians tribal status. She added that the proposed constitution does not guarantee public defenders.

Ms. Mililani B. Trask, of Na Koa Ikaika, spoke on several issues:

- Kupuna: Waimanalo Kupuna need help ASAP and by the end of December. The kupuna are stuck because the Federal rent standards have gone up. The manager is willing to work with OHA, but the Federal rate has increased. She has also met with Kali Watson on a similar program, where kupuna who cannot make the full rent payment are given stipends to make up the difference.
- Maunakea: She asked what deal OHA made with the State on Maunakea. She also asked what OHA has heard on the Culture regarding Maunakea. She stated Ad Hoc Committee meetings have no agenda, no minutes, and no report. She wanted to attend the Ad Hoc Committee meeting, but was told she would not be allowed to sit in. She requested consultation on this issue when there are many Hawaiians who have been arrested. She stated the contested case will likely result in appeals on both sides.
- Spending: Ms. Trask noted a PKF report that referenced impulse spending by Trustees. She stated her concerns that OHA is pushing grants when the policies have not been strengthened. She was incredulous at the \$500,000 OHA gave to IUCN, just for the emcee and opening ceremonies. She believes OHA needs to stop wasteful spending and should implement protective policies to prevent impulse spending habits that will bankrupt the trust in 10 years.
- She thanked Trustee Ahuna, Trustee Hulu Lindsey, and Trustee Ahu Isa for standing up for Mauna Kea. She also recognized Trustee Apo, even though she does not agree with him, for at least taking a stand.

Dr. Crabbe stated OHA pays an annual \$3 million for DHHL debt consolidation. This reduces the amount of grant money available. As far as OHA is concerned, he expected DHHL was going to handle the issue of the kupuna housing price increases. Regarding IUCN, OHA did support \$500,000, which was for an opening ceremony and was the first time IUCN had an indigenous group handle the opening ceremony. There were also other Hawai'i organizations who were allowed on the program. IUCN now wants to develop relationship with other Hawai'i organizations on conservation. UH is also looking to get away from conversation and move toward a culturally-grounded, 'āina-based management approach. OHA did not pay for services for a cultural consultation. Because it was under \$25,000, it goes through Administration and does not go through an RFP process. The Board looked at the current case in October 2015 and considered litigation, but wanted to exhaust mediation options first. Currently, the Board has agreed to meet with UH and others for a list of recommendations, but still maintains the option to proceed with litigation. One of the changes would give cultural practitioners a seat at the table in the management. OHA has not heard back from the State as of yet. The reason OHA has not responded to requests for information regarding Mauna Kea is that there was ongoing mediation with the State and UH.

Ms. Emily Nae'ole of Maku'u Farmer Association spoke on Wao Kele O Puna. She requested OHA assistance in obtaining a seat on the Wao Kele o Puna Rainforest Committee. She stated she has already met with Pua Ishibashi and this was a follow-up to that request. She was arrested in 1989 protecting Wao Kele o Puna against geothermal. She stated her continued willingness and desire to help serve on this committee. Ms. Nae'ole also submitted longer written comments.

Mr. Kepa Kaeo of Na Koa Kia'i spoke on several issues:

- He was shocked that no other students and teens were present to see what is going on.
- He expressed his mahalo to OHA for standing with Standing Rock.
- He is being targeted as a student who went to Mauna Kea.
- He gives OMKM an "F" for management of Mauna Kea.
- He requested to be part of the Ad Hoc Committee on Mauna Kea.
- He believes OHA should have a loan forgiveness program for beneficiaries.

- He believes UH is an obstacle to Mauna Kea protectors when they should be gathering those people to support Mauna Kea.

Mr. Ronald Kodani of Piihonua Hawaiian Homesteads spoke on access for youth accessing Papahānumokuākea. He also spoke on low income housing. He shared information about using trailer home parks for the benefit of low-income people. He recommended OHA could use some of its land in Puna to do this.

Mr. Lākea Trask of Aloha ‘Āina Education Society spoke on several issues, including:

- His belief that protectors of Mauna Kea are concerned about lip-service and secret deals.
- Lack of support for Kia‘i o Mauna a Wākea
- Lack of support/acknowledgement for Kanaka Maoli and Hawaiian Nationals
- University of Hawai‘i acts as culture police
- There is Americanization and education malpractice at UH
- Noting OHA’s failed “Nation Building” efforts and expenditures
- Questioning a FEMA deal with OHA
- There is electioneering and political instigation from OHA staff

He questioned the decision to cancel the Board meetings originally scheduled earlier in September, noting that OHA did not make accommodations or give assistance for other storms. He requested that he and others like him be included in the Mauna Kea conversation.

Mr. Puaena Ahn spoke on the Mauna Kea Ad Hoc Committee and asked what’s going on with the iwi on Mauna Kea. He noted there are iwi along the rail route and asked if OHA is taking a position. He also stated that one of the kia‘i from Mauna Kea is one of the people who got arrested at Standing Rock, Malia Hulleman, and could use assistance. He reminded the Trustees that someone needs to speak for the dead.

Dr. Crabbe added that the original ruling was that the rail had to do the whole study and should be reporting to SHPD regarding iwi. Some of the projections expect that as they get closer to downtown, they will see more iwi, but as of now, there are no reports. OHA’s compliance staff will be monitoring for reports of iwi discoveries.

Mr. Ku Ching noted that at this point in the meeting, there were more former Trustees in the audience than current Trustees present. He stated that mismanagement of Mauna Kea is the big item that many people are concerned with and has been unhappy with what has happened in the last year. He stated the Office of Mauna Kea Management is out of control. He was hoping to hear updates on the improvements on the mismanagement from the Ad Hoc Committee on Mauna Kea.

He also spoke on his Pohakuloa trial and is still waiting for the judge’s decision. He believes the UNDRIP can be used by OHA. He stated IUCN Motion 26 urges governments to respect all categories to protect infrastructure development. These are issues he believes OHA should be taking the lead on.

Ms. Terry Kimokea of Ke Aloha ‘Āina Civic Club spoke on Blueprint for Education and equitable and distance services and resources for two mediums of education. Her Civic Club’s goal is to get more youth involved in civic matters. She requested OHA support them and their efforts to ensure that the fact that there are two official languages in the state of Hawai‘i goes into the Blueprint for Education.

Dr. Crabbe responded that OHA has attended the meetings of the Governor’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) committee. He was not aware that the Blueprint was being included in the community meetings and noted he would take that back to staff and ask them to follow-up.

Ms. Kehau Shintani of ‘Aha Pūnana Leo spoke on Every Student Succeeds Act and that it is a parallel to Puerto Rico ESSA Section 3127. She thanked OHA for past support for Hawaiian language and education. She reported Pūnana Leo recently opened two new locations and have worked closely with Native Americans on assessments in the language of instruction.

Ms. Ka’iulani Pahi’ō spoke on Waipi’o Valley. She stated Bishop Museum announced they would sell 500 acres of Waipi’o Valley for \$10 million. She and others have requested key partners gather to discuss what can be done. They have been meeting monthly to come up with a solution. Kamehameha Schools is involved and they would like OHA to be involved as well. She added that Mauna Kea gets all the attention, but to many of the older generations, it is Waipi’o that is important and will be missed more.

Dr. Crabbe responded that OHA has been meeting with the interim Bishop Museum director on another matter, but would bring this up at his next meeting.

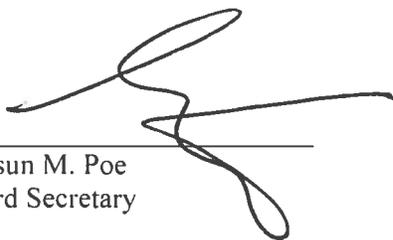
**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Lindsey thanked the Laupāhoehoe Hawaiian Civic Club for preparing the delicious meals. He also announced the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 9:30 am.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

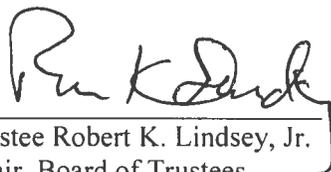
Having no further business, Chair Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Capsun M. Poe  
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees on October 6, 2016:



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