

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Joint Committees on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment  
and Resource Management  
November 20, 2019  
9:36 am**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Trustee Dan Ahuna, RM Chairperson  
Trustee Brendon Kaleiaina Lee  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Colette Machado  
Trustee John Waihe'e, BAE Chairperson

Trustee Robert Lindsey, RM Vice-Chair  
Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa

**EXCUSED**

Trustee Kalei Akaka, BAE Vice-Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Sylvia Hussey, Interim CEO  
Claudine Calpito  
Anuheia Patoc  
Lehua Itokazu  
Lopaka Baptiste  
Paul Harleman  
Maria Calderon  
Melissa Wennihan  
Brandon Mitsuda  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua  
Kama Hopkins  
Zuri Aki  
Lei Ann Durant  
Priscilla Nakama  
Nathan Takeuchi  
Jason Paloma  
Karlen Oneha  
Raina Gushiken  
Maile Luuwai  
Mehana Hind  
Miki Lene

**Guest and Community:**

Robert G. Klein, Esq.  
Kanoë Tjorvatjoglou-Cup Choy.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Ahuna** – Calls the Joint Committees on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and Resource Management to order at 9:36 am, noting for the record the following Trustees present:

		Present	Excused	Comments
TRUSTEE LEI	<b>AHU ISA</b>	X		
TRUSTEE KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>		X	
TRUSTEE KELI 'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X		
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI 'AINA	<b>LEE</b>	X		
TRUSTEE HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X		
TRUSTEE ROBERT	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X		
TRUSTEE COLETTE	<b>MACHADO</b>	X		
TRUSTEE JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X		
CHAIRPERSON <b>DAN</b>	<b>AHUNA</b>	X		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	
At the Call to Order, there are eight (8) Trustees present, one (1) excused.				

**Chair Ahuna** states that we have quorum to conduct business today and refers to next agenda item.

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None.

**Chair Ahuna** refers to next agenda item.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of Minutes  
1. November 6, 2019**

**Chair Ahuna** calls for a motion to approve the November 6, 2019 minutes.

**Chair Ahuna** asks for discussion on minutes of November 6, 2019. Hearing none calls for vote.

<b>Trustee HULU LINDSEY, MOVED, SECOND by Trustee Hulu Lindsey to approve minutes of November 6, 2019.</b>						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI			X			
<b>AHU ISA</b>						

TRUSTEE KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			<b>EXCUSED</b>
TRUSTEE KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI 'AINA	<b>LEE</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE ROBERT	<b>LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE COLETTE	<b>MACHADO</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>X</b>			
CHAIRPERSON DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> [ ] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED							
<b>Motion passes with eight (8) YES votes.</b>							

**Chair Ahuna** refers to next agenda item.

**B. Action Item BAE-RM #19-09: FB 20-21 Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Recommendation.**

**Chair Ahuna** calls on ICEO Sylvia Hussey.

**ICEO Sylvia Hussey** calls on Grants Program Manager, Maile Luuwai and references previously distributed memo and items for Action Item BAE-RM #19-09.

**Maile Luuwai** discusses November 8, 2019 memo which gives background information regarding the applicants and requests the committee's approval for us to provide the emergency financial assistance grant to CNHA. Maile asks if there are any questions.

**Chair Ahuna** calls on Trustee Hulu Lindsey.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** asks Maile how Maui is going to be serviced.

**Maile Luuwai** discusses how CNHA will partner with two organizations and Solutions Pacific will be providing the coverage for Maui County. They have offices in Kaunakakai and Kahului. They will also be servicing Hana by appointment.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** requests the address of the Kahului office.

**Maile Luuwai** states that she will get the information for trustee.

**Trustee Machado** requests that Kanoe from CNHA be called to the table and asks Kanoe for clarification on Solutions Pacific for Molokai and Maui and to elaborate.

**CNHA, Kanoe Tjorvatjoglou-Cup Choy** discusses the partnership with Solutions Pacific to provide service to Maui County. They also have additional partnerships that help them service the residents and communities to directly target populations in the lahui who can receive aid.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** asks for the parameters in which our beneficiaries will be able to access these funds as far as qualifications.

**Maile Luuwai** states that the qualifications are to be Native Hawaiian, 18 years or older, and they will have to be at or below 300% of the federal poverty line. Further information is provided in our solicitation. Examples are given.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** describes a situation regarding a family who didn't have sufficient funeral funds and didn't meet those salary requirements. What do we do then?

**Maile Luuwai** discusses that given the limited funding, the primary focus is housing, utilities, car repairs, etc. Funeral expenses may be considered, but has yet to be looked at. CNHA also has an additional loan program for those who may not fit into the categories where it is not considered an urgent circumstance.

**ICEO Sylvia Hussey** states that they may also be considered for OHA's consumer micro loan program.

**Maile Luuwai** states there are other services they can help the family with.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** asks where the services will be in Maui.

**CNHA, Kanoe Tjorvatjoglou-Cup Choy** reiterates that she will find and send the requested information, contact and location information for Maui County services.

**Maile Luuwai** states that the most critical point of access is the intake process. So there will be options for beneficiaries in this process.

**ICEO Sylvia Hussey** states that OHA offices will also be available for these appointments during the process.

**Chair Ahuna** asks if the members have any more questions.

**Trustee Machado** adds information regarding a process for funeral expenses and references a process on Molokai to accommodate families.

**Maile Luuwai** states there will be further discussion with CNHA regarding the conditions.

**Trustee Hulu Lindsey** asks that she share these with the board so they can address the community.

**Chair Ahuna** asks if the members have any more questions.

**Chair Ahuna** asks for motion.

**Trustee Waihee** moved.

**Trustee Robert Lindsey** seconded.

**Chair Ahuna** asks for discussion on Action Item BAE-RM #19-09.

**Trustee Robert Lindsey** offers remarks that administration has done a wonderful job in the November 8, 2019 memo and action item in terms of informing us.

**Chair Ahuna** thanks Trustee Robert Lindsey and calls on Trustee Lee.

**Trustee Lee** echoes what Trustee Robert Lindsey said and states that the grants department's selection of the grantee is refreshing.

**Chair Ahuna** asks if the members have any more to say.

**Trustee Machado** thanks the grants division.

**Chair Ahuna** asks to call for the vote.

<b>Trustee WAIHE'E, MOVED, SECOND by Trustee Robert Lindsey To approve and authorize the disbursement of \$830,000 from the fiscal Year 2020 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and \$830,000 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund the Emergency Financial Assistance grant to CNHA.</b>						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA						EXCUSED
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI 'AINA LEE			X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY		2				
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	1		X			
CHAIRPERSON DAN AHUNA			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> [ ] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						

Motion passes with eight (8) YES votes.

**Chair Ahuna** refers to next agenda item and asks for any announcements.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**None.**

**Chair Ahuna** refers to next agenda item and asks for motion to adjourn.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Waihe'e** moved to adjourn.

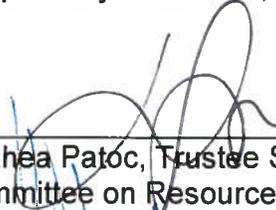
**Trustee Machado** seconded.

<b>Trustee WAIHE'E, MOVED, SECOND by Trustee MACHADO, motion to adjourn.</b>							
		1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI	<b>AHU ISA</b>			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>						<b>EXCUSED</b>
TRUSTEE KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI 'AINA	<b>LEE</b>			X			
TRUSTEE HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT	<b>LINDSEY</b>						
TRUSTEE COLETTE	<b>MACHADO</b>		2	X			
TRUSTEE JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	1		X			
CHAIRPERSON DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED							
<b>Motion passed with eight (8) YES votes.</b>							

**Chair Ahuna** adjourned meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Anuhea Patoc, Trustee Secretary  
Committee on Resource Management



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John Waihe'e IV, Chairperson  
Committee on Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment



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Dan Anuna, Chairperson  
Committee on Resource Management

Approved: BAE-RM Committee meeting - December 18, 2019

ATTACHMENT:

- 1) Excuse Letter – Kalei Akaka