

**State of Hawai'i
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2015, 10:00 am**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees was called to order by Vice Chair Dan Ahuna at 10:07 am. Those present were as follows:

Attendance

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

Trustee Peter Apo
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Colette Machado

Excused

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair

Trustee John Waihe'e IV

Staff Present

Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, CEO
Robert G. Klein, Esq., Board Counsel
Harold Nedd, Chief of Staff
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary
Kauikeaolani Wailehua
Dayna Pa
Davis Price
Claudine Calpito
Reynold Freitas
Bethann Ahsing
Jerome Yasuhara
Jocelyn Doane

John Matsuzaki
Jonathan Ching
Kai Markell
Kamoa Quitevis
Kawika Burgess
Kehau Abad
Mehana Hind
Momilani Lazo
Piliialoha Wong
Ryan Gonzalez
Sterling Wong

Others Present

Williamson Chang
Bo Kahui
Dan Purcell
Sherry Menor
Rupert Rowe
Mailani Neal
C. Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam
Roy Gal
Bumpy Kanahele
Gunther Hasinger
Ann Merchant Boesgaard
Ken Chambers
Rebecca Kakalia
Mehana Kihoi
Ku'uipo Freitas

Richard Wainscoat
Laiana Wong
Paul Coleman
Kamuela Werner
Joy Mills-Ferreu
Hualalai Keohulua
Kaho'okahi Kanuha
Glen Kila
Mehana Makainai
Ke'eaumoku Ka'iamia
Pilipo Souza
Nalani Balutski
Kekailoa Perry
Ku'uilei Freed
Bradley Wood-Ferren

Walter Ritte
 Leiana Marie Alejado
 Kamaha'ō Ka'ai
 U'ilani Hayes
 Kamali'i McShane Padilla
 P. Ka'ua Park
 Herring Kalua
 Tiare Lawrence
 Joshua Gaines
 Kalani Asam
 Richard Ha
 Eric Wahilani
 Moanikeala Akaka
 Hi'ilei Aiwohi-Koli
 Ho'oleia Ka'eo
 Joshua Noga
 Kalani Kaliuua
 Kau'i Onekea
 Peleke Flores

Tiffnie Kakalia
 Lanakila Mangauil
 Kyle Kaueahu Cockett Nahoi
 Sean George
 Kirstin Kahaloa
 Leimaile Quitevis
 Kaiulani Milham
 Kimo Kaleohano
 Lori Halemano
 Britany Edwards
 Kahele Clark
 Ernie Cruz, Jr.
 Clyde Hayashi
 Kepano Carvalho
 Shannon Crivello
 Maya Saffery
 Charlene Kema
 Tearanuimoana Motumanamana Kepo'okalani

Motion

At 10:10 am, Trustee Machado moved, seconded by Trustee Apo, to reorder the agenda to allow New Business first to precede Community Concerns/Beneficiary Comments, to allow Administration to present first.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA				X		
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA				X		
TRUSTEE PETER APO		2	X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA			X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO	1		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						X
VICE CHAIR DAN AHUNA			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			5	2		2
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passed with five (5) YES votes, two (2) NO votes, no (0) abstentions, and two (2) excused.						

III. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Crabbe called on Sterling Wong and Jocelyn Doane to present on the BOT position on siting of TMT on Mauna Kea.

Ms. Doane shared the following points:

- TMT Project is called the "Most advanced powerful ground-based observatory in the history of science" for astronomical research. TMT is a 184 foot dome (about 20 stories); has 18,000 square

foot supportive building, parking, and visitor platform; has a .6 mile access way; has personnel facilities; and has a 20,000-35,000 square foot office building at UH Hilo.

- OHA's Ho'okahua Waiwai and Ho'ona'auao strategic priorities are affected by TMT. The astronomy sector in 2012 estimated \$88.09 million in in-state expenditures, with a \$167.86 million ripple effect on in-state spending. TMT's direct impact creates 300 jobs; elevate the University of Hawai'i and the Institute for Astronomy; created the \$1 million THINK awards, with \$250,000 going to Ke Alii Pauahi Foundation and \$750,000 through Hawaii Community Foundation; and a workforce pipeline program. TMT's indirect impact includes Office of Mauna Kea Management spending; University of Hawaii receiving 7.5% viewing time, money for research grants and contracts; and visitor spending.
- Regarding 'Āina, TMT does have impacts to natural, biological, and water resources. Cumulative impacts include further substantial and adverse impacts to geological, cultural, archaeological, and historical resources and limited incremental impact. Species of concern including the Douglas bladderfern and wēkiu result in some impact to the not ideal habitat and monitoring for wēkiu and other bugs.
- Regarding wai, concerns include: Impact to aquifer, Lake Waiau, runoff, and spills. TMT expects runoff increase, not significant; Mitigation includes use of hazardous materials, not mercury, daily inspections, and zero-discharge wastewater; finally FEIS (Experts) & BLNR Determinations have concluded no significant impact
- Bigger Picture Concerns include Conservation District, UH's Past Management, and the Scale of Project
- Regarding Mo'omeheu, 'Āina, & Ea, which include Cultural Sites, Practices, and Connection to the Mauna: It is considered Sacred, Alter, Piko of Hawai'i, Papa & Wakea; Mitigation includes: Location, Cultural Observance days, Training, Access, Cultural Monitors, Design; The Critics Bottom Line is that TMT is a Massive, 200 story, 5-acre development project on sacred mountain; This will produce Short-term & long-term disturbances; and Specific cultural practices directly affected by TMT; finally there is the "Enough" sentiment"
- Regarding "Ceded" Lands, OHA has Consistent Advocacy, which includes a Formal Policy to Oppose Sales and an Informal Policy regarding Long-Term Leases; TMT Sublease ends 2033, with a possible extension to 2079; BLNR-UH Master Lease Extension = 110 Years; This requires Scrutiny of the Long Term Lease and Alternative Considerations
- Regarding Public Land Trust Lands, OHA's main Concerns are Sufficient Benefit to Native Hawaiians and Adequate Management; UH & BLNR have Fiduciary Obligations, including Reasonable Skill & Care to Make Trust Productive and Deal Impartially; Lease Rent = square foot management (\$870K), plus Native Hawaiians (\$216K) = \$1.08 Million; the Value of Telescope Time not considered; UH receives Substantial Benefit, \$22 Million in grants, 7.5% viewing time; Native Hawaiians receive \$250,000 via THINK Fund"
- Regarding Protect Mauna Kea Movement, which started in the 1990s & 2000s, has been concerned about construction debris, telescope proliferation, management concerns, suit by OHA over Keck; TMT opposition slowly grew; in March 2015, TMT groundbreaking halted; in April 2015, 31 arrested; this then resulted in Media Explosion and Massive Support of 53,000 signatures and \$75,000
- Regarding Revisiting OHA's Support for the Siting of TMT, on July 2, 2009 BOT supports siting of TMT on Maunakea; on January 3, 2013, BOT resolution urged BLNR to protect traditional and customary rights and mitigate adverse impacts; an currently, the BOT Revisits its Position.

Mr. Wong presented the following three options for the Board to take:

- Rescind Support
 - Opportunities/Positive Ramifications include:
 - Options to increase advocacy and ensure accountability on management and use

- May increase OHA’s ability to 1) continue to engage with both TMT supporters and Mauna Kea protectors, 2) be perceived as objective. Possibly resulting in better management
 - May demonstrate OHA’s responsiveness to changed circumstances, while recognizing the perspectives of pro-TMT; Results may prove beneficial to OHA initiatives & advocacy
 - May reflect OHA support of self-determination
 - May increase potential to harness collective “power” of Native Hawaiians to influence decision-making in Hawai‘i generally
 - Threats/Negative Ramifications include:
 - May risk damaging relationships that will impact potential support for OHA’s other initiatives and advocacy.
 - May risk damaging relationships with decision-makers.
 - May result in the perception of OHA as unable to take and maintain a hard stance, may affect OHA’s credibility and ability to work with either pro- or anti-TMT interests
 - May result in the perception of OHA as indecisive or unreliable, potentially reducing OHA’s credibility with public and with pro-TMT
- Oppose Siting
 - Opportunities/Positive Ramifications include:
 - Options to increase advocacy and ensure accountability on management and use.
 - May demonstrate OHA’s responsiveness to changed circumstances
 - Boosting OHA’s credibility and trust with protectors & supports may prove potentially beneficial or less detrimental to OHA’s advocacy efforts on other issues/areas.
 - May reflect stronger support for Native Hawaiian self-determination
 - May increase potential to harness unity, particularly protectors and supports, to influence decision-making in Hawai‘i generally.
 - Threats/Negative Ramifications include:
 - Likely risk damaging relationships that will impacting potential support for other OHA initiatives and advocacy
 - Likely risk damaging relationships with decision-makers
 - May reduce OHA’s ability to advocate for resolution on the Mauna Kea (OHA may be perceived by TMT supporters as being biased against UH/TMT)
 - May result in the perception of OHA as indecisive or unreliable, reducing OHA’s credibility with the broader public and particularly with pro-TMT individuals.
- Reaffirm Support
 - Opportunities/Positive Ramifications include:
 - Likely reinforces positive relationships with pro-TMT, UH, unions, businesses, decision-makers, and may facilitate potential support for other OHA initiatives and advocacy
 - May reflect OHA’s support of relevant business interests, UH, construction jobs, and the pro-TMT community benefits package.
 - May reflect the reliability of OHA positions on particular issues going forward, notwithstanding changes to the political context/landscape
 - Threats/Negative Ramifications include:

- Likely reduce OHA's ability to advocate for a resolution of Mauna Kea issues
- May damage OHA's credibility and relationships with a large group of Native Hawaiians; may reduce support for OHA initiatives & advocacy
- May limit OHA's ability to advocate for more appropriate management and use of Mauna Kea, and for the interests of OHA and its beneficiaries in the use of such lands and cultural resources
- May reflect OHA's unresponsiveness to beneficiary concerns and changed circumstances, and reflect a lack of support for Native Hawaiian self-determination

Dr. Crabbe called on Kehau Abad to discuss the results of a non-scientific OHA survey about Mauna Kea. Dr. Abad presented the following:

- Survey Results include Respondents' views on possible OHA stances regarding the planned TMT on Mauna Kea
- Why conduct an online survey?
 - Offer the Board useful information for consideration
 - Among many factors trustees consider in decision-making are the views of beneficiaries and others in our community.
 - OHA's success relies on OHA having the trust and confidence of its beneficiaries and the larger community. Their voices are valued.
 - Online survey benefits
 - Offers beneficiaries and other community members who want to convey a message to the Board, a convenient way to do so (and a convenient way for the Board to hear their message)
 - People who care about the issue and have formed an opinion about the issue
- The three stances under Board consideration
 - Maintain **support** for the TMT location on Mauna Kea
 - Take a **neutral** stance on the TMT location on Mauna Kea
 - Take a stance to **oppose** the TMT location on Mauna Kea
- The level of importance of this issue (The survey introduction and questions were reviewed and approved by Ka Pouhana, Public Policy, and the BOT Chief of Staff)
- Data Integrity
 - Responses were "scrubbed" to delete multiple responses from a single IP address/device.
 - Only one response per IP address was included in the analysis.
 - Large sample size (n=7,947) minimized the impact of any one individual responding multiple times using different devices.
- If OHA trustees were to reaffirm their stance **supporting** the location of the planned thirty-meter telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea, how would that affect your views regarding OHA's efforts to fulfill its mission to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians?
 - Conclusions:
 - A majority of Native Hawaiians (68%) see this stance as having a negative impact on OHA's mission; a minority (22%) see this stance as having a positive impact on OHA's mission.
 - A majority of non-Native Hawaiians (54%) see this stance as having a positive impact on OHA's mission; a minority of non-Native Hawaiians (29%) see this stance as having a negative impact on OHA's mission.

- If OHA trustees were to rescind their support for the location of the planned TMT on Mauna Kea (resulting in a **neutral**, neither “for” or “against” stance), how would that affect your views regarding OHA’s efforts to fulfill its mission to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians?
 - Conclusion: A majority of both Native Hawaiians (57%) and non-Native Hawaiians (59%) see this stance as having a negative impact on OHA’s mission.
- If OHA trustees were to take a stance to **oppose** the location of the planned TMT on Mauna Kea, how would that affect your views regarding OHA’s efforts to fulfill its mission to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians?
 - Conclusions:
 - A majority of Native Hawaiians (67%) see this stance as having a positive impact on OHA’s mission; a minority of Native Hawaiians (21%) see this stance as having a negative impact on OHA’s mission.
 - A majority of non-Native Hawaiians (58%) see this stance as having a negative impact on OHA’s mission; a minority (28%) of non-Native Hawaiians see this stance as having a positive impact on OHA’s mission.
- How important would OHA’s stance on the TMT/Mauna Kea issue be in shaping your overall views of OHA’s efforts to fulfill its mission to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians?
 - Conclusions:
 - A majority of both Native Hawaiians (76%) and non-Native Hawaiians (58%) see this issue as having a large impact in how they view OHA’s overall efforts to fulfill its mission.
 - This is a defining moment.

Trustee Akana asked if she can vote to rescind since she did not originally support the resolution. Mr. Klein responded that it would be allowable.

Trustee Machado added that Trustees Peter Apo, Dan Ahuna, and Hulu Lindsey were not part of the Board at the time it was originally passed.

Dr. Crabbe stated that one of his goals is focusing on OHA’s vision and mission.

Vice Chair Ahuna noted that testimony would be accepted until 1 pm, when the Board will evaluate the progress of the meeting.

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/BENEFICIARY COMMENTS

Written Testimony

Written comments were submitted by the following individuals:

Mr. Ka’ua Park, who wrote in support of TMT.

Mr. Tom Strickland, who wrote to support the TMT, which he believes would vastly expand man’s knowledge of the universe.

Ms. Mailani Neal, who wrote to support the TMT. She noted that her petition “We Support TMT” gained over 6,000 signatures, many of whom indicated they are Hawaiian and do support the telescope and benefits it will bring.

Mr. Gardner De Aguiar, who wrote in support of the TMT, which he endorses in the spirit of his ancestors, who were people of discovery, travelling the seas and using the stars to navigate. He concluded, “Let Hawaii be the beacon of knowledge and discovery that it should be.”

Ms. Alexis Acohido, who wrote in support of the TMT, which she notes funded opportunities for student in the local community and in STEM. She believes TMT has taken every measure to be a project that Hawaii can be proud of, which is why she thinks it is good for Hawaii's future. She asked the Trustees to reaffirm their support of the TMT.

Ms. Joy Yoshina, who wrote in support of the TMT. She believes OHA is setting a dangerous precedent by reconsidering and reversing its support of TMT. She called TMT a critical part of our knowledge-building process and creating momentum for innovative engineering from the brightest minds.

Mr. Steven Colon, who wrote in support of the TMT. He believed that if we are to ever diversify our business activities beyond tourism and military, we must embrace opportunities to support other industries, like science and astronomy.

Ms. Winona Ellis Rubin, who provided comments about TMT and Hawaiian culture.

HRH Princess Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawananakoa, who mentioned audits of Mauna Kea that show the University of Hawaii's management has been abysmal. She believes that when considering what Mauna Kea means to so many, we cannot allow abuse and neglect to continue.

Mr. Williamson Chang, who wrote about Mauna Kea and sovereignty. He believes it is sacred in the sense of precious and so important that nothing else counts. He also stated that Mauna Kea is about taking back sovereignty, so that people can protect their 'ohana when it cannot protect itself.

Ms. Leslie Ka'iu Kimura, who wrote in support of the TMT, which she argues is the first project on Maunakea to have completed the full legal review process, including engaging in community discussions. She asked that the Trustees recognize the historical and on-going efforts to protect Mauna Kea, and encouraged them to stand, and not waver from their current position of support.

Ms. Noe Kalipi, who wrote in support of the TMT on Maunakea. She believes TMT provides Trustees with an opportunity to demonstrate courage leadership resulting in collaborative solutions. She asked that the Trustees retain OHA's position in support of TMT and focus resources and attention to facilitate collaborative solutions that will demonstrate the importance of Native Hawaiian participation and involvement in all policy and development issues in Hawai'i.

Oral Testimony

Vice Chair Ahuna asked testifiers to limit their comments to five minutes and to allow those who have not testified previously to be allowed to speak before others who have already testified. The Board received oral testimony from the following:

Mr. Williamson Chang noted that TMT is not a matter of science, but a matter of heart. He believes it is love that is going on Mauna Kea. He also believes there is no compromise on this issue, just as there is no compromise on the Overthrow. He stated that the only islands that are claimed by the United States are those done via the Organic Act, which do not include the Big Island or Mauna Kea.

Mr. Bo Kahui addressed the Board about grants. His organization, Lai Opuu, was denied grant funding. He asked that the Trustees review the grants process and consider giving preference to organizations that work directly with beneficiaries, such as his. He also asked that small organizations that do not have professional grant writers be given technical resources so they can support their communities.

Dr. Crabbe responded that as a result of Mr. Kahui concerns, he was referred to Hiilei Aloha.

Mr. Dan Purcell addressed the Board and encouraged audience members to go to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. He believes because they do not broadcast their meetings, it allows shenanigans to go on. He stated that the passion and enthusiasm seen at OHA needs to go to BLNR.

Ms. Sherry Menor, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, spoke in support of the TMT. The Chamber is the largest business advocacy organization in the state, with over 1,000 member businesses. The Chamber supports TMT, after following a lengthy public review process, which recognized the significance of Mauna Kea. The Chamber believes that to stop the project now would be harmful to the economy. She mentioned that beyond economic factors are the research and education opportunities.

Mr. Rupert Rowe, poo of Kaneioulouma, spoke in opposition to the TMT, which he believes is opala on Mauna Kea. He believes that what is taking place is not about the money, but is about knowing who people are as Hawaiians.

Ms. Mailani Neal spoke in support of TMT because she is an aspiring astronomer and she hopes to return to Hawaii to work as an astronomer. She believes this is an opportunity to excel in science, technology, and math. She also noted TMT followed all legal requirements, which made her happy. She noted there has been a recent flood of opposition to TMT. The online petition she created in support of TMT received over 6,000 signatures. She believes there is strong support for TMT, but it has been overshadowed by the vocal opponents. In all her experiences with astronomers, she knows they are truly concerned about the environment. She hopes that all groups that revere Mauna Kea can share it.

Trustee Machado thanked Ms. Neal for her courage.

Mr. C. Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam spoke about the overall aim to recognize, restore, and advance the Kingdom of Hawaii, which he believes is what underlies the issue of Mauna Kea. He stated that if the five governments commit to sincerely help the actual recognition, restoration, and advancement of the Kingdom of Hawaii, then they can build the telescope atop Mauna Kea. If they do not, there should be no deal.

Mr. Roy Gal spoke about the TMT and shared a rendering of the TMT compared to the Subaru Telescope. He stated it is only 30% larger than the Subaru and he does not consider that a monstrosity. He realizes that will not appease those who want to see no telescopes on Mauna Kea. Regarding decommissioning of telescopes, CalTech has announced they will begin decommissioning next year.

Mr. Bumpy Kanahele spoke in opposition to the TMT. He believes our national sovereignty is on the line and we need to stop the TMT. He believes the Board has all the excuse to make things right. He stated that the Big Five is still here. He believes the people defending the mountain need to be supported. He also believes this issue is bringing Hawaiians together.

Dr. Gunther Hasinger asked that his written comments be considered and in the interest of time was not going to provide oral testimony.

Ms. Ann Merchant Boesgaard spoke in favor of the TMT. She noted there will be no telescopes on the actual summit of Mauna Kea and that scientists have gone through great lengths to protect the environment.

Mr. Ken Chambers spoke in support of TMT. He noted that some scientific discoveries, like global warming, was done via efforts of scientists and astronomers. He stated TMT will allow scientists to explore atmospheres surrounding other planets.

Ms. Rebecca Kakalia spoke in opposition to TMT. She believes this is part of her kuleana. She stated she does not need doctors, astronomers, or scientists, to tell her what is right. She does not believe desecration is not the reason we are placed here on earth.

Ms. Mehana Kihoi spoke in opposition to TMT. She believes the division and separation that is being imposed on us should not be here.

Ms. Kuuipo Freitas spoke in opposition to TMT. She believes the THINK fund established by TMT, because it is open to all, will not actually benefit Native Hawaiians. She feels that OHA needs to stop bowing down to the dollar. As one of 31 people arrested on Mauna Kea, she has also left her job to be there, losses she feels is her kuleana and also worthwhile. She feels that to rescind is not enough and OHA needs to oppose the TMT.

Mr. Walter Ritte spoke in opposition to TMT, which he relates to being similar to the struggle on Kahoolawe, when they took a position not to compromise on. He prefers that all of the telescopes come down from Mauna Kea because he believes it is a matter of principle. He stated the Trustees are not the leaders, it is the people, and they are leading right now. He believes OHA needs to rescind its support today and pass the baton to the next generation.

Ms. Leiana-Marie Alejado spoke in opposition to TMT. She described the telescopes on Mauna Kea as desecration. She considers the TMT another example of abuse by foreign superiors. She noted that she was joined today by many of her classmates. They also presented a Hoole TMT petition. She stated in the 40 years UH has managed Mauna Kea, they have had nine mercury spills.

Ms. Kamaha'o Ka'ai spoke in opposition to TMT. She described what is going on as hewa and that is why youth are taking a stand. She stated that there are many instances of desecration. She asked that the Trustees reconsider their support of the TMT.

Trustee Akana shared that she was proud of the youngsters who were testifying before the Board.

Ms. Uilani Hayes spoke in opposition to the TMT. She stated that Mauna Kea is a part of the inheritance of the Hawaiian people. She believes until the illegal occupation of Hawaii is addressed, issues like this will fester. She also shared a copy of the Declaration of Indigenous Youth and believes telescopes are desecration of the mountain.

Ms. Kamali'i McShane Padilla spoke in opposition to the TMT. She believes what is happening atop Mauna Kea is desecration. She stated even TMT workers themselves are being poisoned with chemicals. She also believes that kanaka should wake up and stand for what they believe in.

Mr. Ka'ua Park spoke in support of TMT. He believes it is hypocritical to say desecration is on Mauna Kea when we have our own homes and cars polluting our earth. He believes Hawaiians can be the shining beacon of natives by embracing science.

Mr. Herring Kalua spoke in support of TMT, but he leaves it to the hands of the Trustees to weigh the support and opposition and to decide what to do going forward.

Ms. Tiare Lawrence spoke in opposition of TMT. She asked OHA to consider holding additional meetings on neighbor islands or to participate via videoconference. For her, this is a matter of protecting, just like a mother does, which she considers her kuleana. She believes that over 40 years, UH has allowed desecration to occur on Mauna Kea and Haleakala. She noted that if OHA is worried about jobs, decommissioning the telescopes would provide those.

Recess

Vice Chair Ahuna called a recess at 1:04 pm and called the meeting back to order at 1:29 pm.

Vice Chair Ahuna announced that there is no way to go through all the testimony before the Board loses quorum, but he believes there is enough information to take the vote at this time. He asked everyone present in the room to waive their opportunity to speak so that they can get to the vote, but offered to let anyone who was extremely moved to provide testimony.

Mr. Joshua Gainey spoke in opposition to TMT. He represents non-kanaka who are involved with the movement. He stated that this cannot happen.

Mr. Kalani Asam spoke in opposition to TMT. He welcomed all of the present and future warriors.

Mr. Richard Ha spoke in support of TMT. He believes this is about the Big Island and the opportunity for youngsters to think big.

Mr. Kauwe spoke in opposition to TMT.

Mr. Eric Wahilani spoke in opposition to TMT. He commends those who support TMT and have publicly stated so. He stated that since the Overthrow, it is a matter of 'ike of the indigenous people, who understand that if you take care of the land, it will take care of you. He expressed love and aloha, even to those he disagrees with because we are all people, he just has different beliefs.

Ms. Moanikeala Akaka spoke in opposition to TMT. She is proud as one of the first 11 people to be arrested on Mauna Kea decades ago. She applauded the youth for taking on this kuleana. She stated that the Trustees have a duty to protect the Ceded Lands and that there have been decades of mismanagement of Mauna Kea, a conversation district. She believes TMT will be the largest building on Hawaii Island and will add to the desecration of Mauna Kea. She noted that the Chile telescope will be larger than TMT, so she believes now is the time to say enough is enough.

III. NEW BUSINESS

III. A. Office of Hawaiian Affairs Position on Mauna Kea and the Thirty Meter Telescope

Vice Chair Ahuna thanked the Public Policy staff for their work, as well as community members and leaders for their testimony.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey read a statement by HRH Princess Abigail Kawananakoa, which was previously distributed.

Motion (Original)

At 2:03 pm, Trustee Hulu Lindsey moved, seconded by Trustee Akana, that the Board of Trustees rescinds its support and oppose the selection of Mauneakea, Hawai'i, as the site for the proposed Thirty-Meter Telescope Project.

Motion (Amendment to Original)

At 2:05 pm, Trustee Apo moved, seconded by Trustee Machado, to amend the motion to include only “rescinds its support” and not “oppose the selection.”

TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA				X		
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO	1		X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA			X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO		2	X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E						X
VICE CHAIR DAN AHUNA				X		
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			5	2		2

MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Motion passed with five (5) YES votes, two (2) NO votes, no (0) abstentions, and two (2) excused.

Trustee Apo said he would rather do this and then still call for additional safeguards, including cultural training. He believes if OHA opposes outright, we will take ourselves out of the field of play.

Trustee Ahu Isa noted Chuck Gee, UH Regent, stated that some people are being confused by the EIS and Cultural Impact Assessment. He observed testimony on the day the issue was voted on by the BOR, it was four to one against.

Trustee Akana did not hear the “oppose the selection” in the original motion and believes this amendment is important. She believes when OHA rescinds its support of TMT, it will send a message that OHA will stand with its people.

Trustee Apoliona noted that when talking about Mauna a Wakea, we need to talk from the top to the bottom. She also feels that we should talk about all connected issues like Pohakuloa and Haleakala. She believes that a vote to rescind would keep OHA on the radar screen, while indicating the voices have been heard. She added that everyone has different kuleana, but we need to stand together.

Trustee Machado believes this will send a message to the UH BOR. She also believes another round of EIS should be considered. If we rescind, people will know; if we oppose, OHA will be excluded.

Trustee Akana gave her word to those in the audience that when she votes, she will stand with the opponents of TMT.

Trustee Apo categorized the current state as a matter of circumstance and opportunity. He does not believe we will ever have the opportunity to renegotiate the 1.8 million acres of Ceded Lands. He stated that the memory of the struggle from the 1970s has been lost. If we leave the field of play, we are done.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey stated her na‘au is where her motion was. She doesn’t believe she has the votes to pass opposition and instead wants to focus just on the rescind portion.

Recess

Vice Chair Ahuna called a recess at 2:28 pm and called the meeting back to order at 2:34 pm.

Motion (Final Amended Motion)

At 2:03 pm, Trustee Hulu Lindsey moved, seconded by Trustee Akana, that the Board of Trustees rescinds its support of the selection of Mauneakea, Hawai'i, as the site for the proposed Thirty-Meter Telescope Project. The motion was amended at 2:05 pm and a final vote taken at 2:27 pm.

TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA		2	X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA			X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY	1					X
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						X
VICE CHAIR DAN AHUNA					X	
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6	0	1	2

MOTION: UNANIMOUS PASSED DEFERRED FAILED

Motion passed with six (6) YES votes, no (0) NO votes, one (1) abstention, and two (2) excused.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

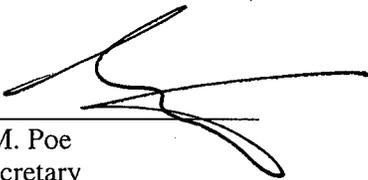
Trustee Machado thanked Vice Chair Ahuna for his leadership during today's BOT meeting.

Vice Chair Ahuna announced the Kaua'i Community Meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 pm and the Kaua'i BOT Meeting would be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 9:00 am.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Vice Chair Ahuna adjourned the meeting at 2:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Capsun M. Poe
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on May 14, 2015:

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