Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Maui Community Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
6:00 pm

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

ROBERT G. KLEIN, BOARD COUNSEL

BOT STAFF:
CAROL HOOMANAWANUI
CRAYN AKINA
NATHAN TAKEUCHI
LADY GARRETT
MAX MUKAI
LŌPAKA BAPTISTE
DAYNA PA
LEHUA ITOKAZU
DAVIS PRICE
PAUL HARLEMAN
ANI PANG

EXCUSED:
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:
KAMANA‘OPONO CRABBE, CEO
KAWIKA RILEY, ADV
MEHANA HIND, CE
ALICE SILBANUZ, DPM
JASON LEES, DPM
THELMA SHIMAOKA, COC
ROY NEWTON, COC
KUHIO LEWIS, OUTR

GUESTS
RICK RUTIZ
MAX TORMAI
PUNAHELE KRAUSS
ALAPAKE HANU
HOKUAO PELLEGRINO
CLARE APANA
KAPO KEKONA
MIKIALA PUA‘A-FREITAS
KE‘EAUMOKU KAPU
KUMU KEALI‘I REICHEL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colette Machado Calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:24 pm. Roll call is taken; Trustees Ahuna, Akana, Akina, Apo, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Waihe‘e and Machado are present; constituting a quorum of eight (8) trustees. An excuse memo was recieved from Trustee Robert Lindsdsey.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colette Machado Calls on Carol Ho‘omanawanui.
Carol Ho‘omanawanui introduces the Trustees and their staff that are present at the meeting. She also introduces Board Counsel Robert Klein.

Chair Colette Machado calls on Kamana‘opono Crabbe.

Kamana‘opono Crabbe introduces himself and greets the community. He introduces the staff that have traveled to Maui for the meeting and also the Maui office staff.

Chair Colette Machado turns the mic over to Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey. She states that Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey has made a request that item III.C. be moved up to the first presentation.

III. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

C. Hānau ka Ulu Lā‘au, Ola Mau nā Hua – Punaha Krauss

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey calls on Punaha Krauss from Hānau ka Ulu Lā‘au, Ola Mau nā Hua.

Kumu Keali‘i Reichel thanks the Trustees for coming tonight and also for the site visit this morning and clarifies that he is not Punaha Krauss. He explains to the Trustees the different kuahu, there are three basic kuahu for hula practitioners. One is the great kuahu which is the forest where inspiration comes from. The second kuahu is within the Hālau itself and connects directly to the great kuahu. The third is within the hula people that is why they adorn themselves in certain kinolau. He then goes on to explain the project that they are working on.

He shares that the Pi‘iholo area was real famous in ancient times. It was mentioned in many old Maui chants or songs they made some reference to Pi‘iholo. Along with their reforestation project, they want to reignite their connection to the greater kuahu. They have teamed up with Hoku Nui and the Hewahewa ohana to accomplish this.

Mr. Koa Hewahewa greets the Trustees and shares his geneology and introduces himself to the Trustees. He shares with the Trustees about the project Hānau ka Ulu Lā‘au, Ola Mau nā Hua. Translated the project name means “born is the forest, long live the seeds”. The project received a two year programmatic grant from Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The grant is for a project to reforest a six-acre native habitat along side its first permanent hālau facility. This is part of a larger 30-acre Native Habitat Corridor at Hōkū Nui Maui. The dedicated hālau facility will include a dance space, a resource center and an area to process pratitioner crops.

He shares pictures and the story of how they started and the birth of their project and how the grant from OHA has benefitted their project. Their style of planting includes hydrolic cycles, kaulana mahina and watershed restoration. When planting they have proven that planting items together benefits all plants and encourages growth of the native plants. He states that they started last July and has since been able to plant 3,591 trees and plants and approximately 813 volunteers have come out to help with the plantings. He shares that protocol, sharing ike kupuna and providing a sense of places has been important aspects to share with the volunteers. He thanks the Trustees for their time.
A.  Hana Ola Project with Community Partner, Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike – Rick Rutiz

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey calls on Rick Rutiz.

Lehua states that she works with the kids in the Malama Haloa program. She states that they have a ku‘i program along with a farming project. She shares that they have collaborated with teachers to provide a hands on learning environment. This program provides an connection to the DOE and shows that the children learn by putting their hands to work, by listening, doing and creating and not by reading a book. She shares that being part of this organization has been a blessing for her and more than a privellage. To see the students connect to something that they might not have been introduced to within the walls of the schools has been a great experience and an honor to see. She thanks the board for waht they do and for chosing the oragnzation to be part of this change that continues to guide the students.

Mr. Rick Rutiz Thanks the Trustees for the partnership. He states that this is a health grant. He shares that to him health is a 6 year old who wants the green beans, sweet potato and kalo. These are long term changes when they want to eat the food that is grown. He states that times are changing that the kids need to taste success so to him health is about success, experience of kokua, of helping the kupuna.

May Vawer thanks the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for their thoughtfulness and for partnering with Queens. She shares that their role is to celebrate their health in the Hana community. This program has been able to let the kids learn to live their culture. To come together to ku‘i together has been the corner stones of health. Being able to have the kalo, being able to go to the lo‘i and being able to reclaim their path to health through cultural traditional practices benefits everyone who has participated in the program.

Mr. Rutiz Thanks the Trustees again for their help again and offers their book to the Trustees to distribute to others who might be interested in their program.

B.  Habitat for Humanity Maui – Max Torna

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  Calls on Max Torna.

Mr. Max Torna  Thanks the Trustees and for the opportunity to share his program. He states that their misison is to build decent housing and to renovate substandard housing so that homeless housing and substandard housing on Maui and Lanai are eliminated.

The grant from OHA funds a program that provides Native Hawaiians Financial Literacy and Homeowner Education program about effective financial literacy strategies with the goals of long-term economic self-sufficiency and successful homeownership. This is a HUD-approved prgam that covers homeowner readiness, financial literacy, credit and credit scores, becoming pre-approved for a loan, undstrandring different loans and mortgages, shopping for a home, budgeting, keeping your home duringfficult financai times, saving, home mainetence ad enrgy efficiency. He states that the grant provides native hawaiians the opportunty for them to attend the class for free and it also provides personal case management who may want personalized credit counseling and individual
service plan. In addition to the OHA project he share the other projects that they provide for the community on Maui and on Lanai.

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Calls on Alapake Heanu.

Mr. Alapaka Heanu Greetsthe Trustees and shares where he is from. He states that he came here three years ago with the Aha Moku Wailuku to ask that a Hawaiian Language school be created in their moku. He asks of the status of this. He raises a concern about the Punana Leo school as well. There is a high demand for children to attend and they are not able to meet these demands. He asks what is the meant by the Year of the Hawaiian. He shares that 15 bills regarding olelo Hawai‘i died.

Bills included:
- HB950 to appropriate funds to UH Hilo to teach Hawaiian in Hawaiian
- HB1264 Hawaiian Language Mandatory for public acts and transactions
- HB1303 Translate Hawai‘i State Constitution into Hawaiian
- SB560 Funds to translate the Hawai‘i State Constitution
- SB643 Make all public transaction mandatory in Hawai‘i
- SB848 Hawaiian Language bill, the schools in Hilo to teach all subjects in Hawaiian
- HB2685 Appropriate of fund to the Department of Education for Hawaiian division and help Kula Kaliapuna help development teacher training.
- HB2864 Include Hawaiian language in DOT signages
- RESO35 Encouraging Hawaiian language in daily use
- HB910 Funds for Department of Education to Kula Kaliapu
- HB1304 Funds to translate constitution in Hawaiian and funds for courts to provide translators
- HB25643 Connect to HB2684
- HB863 To appropriate funds for 1303 translate the constitution
- SB2687 To Fund Bill 1303 provide services in the Judiciary system
- HB2438 Desirable qualification for State positions

He asks if there was any way that the State Department OHA could have prevented any of these bills from dying.

Kamanaʻopono Crabbe Thanks Alapake. He explains how bills are introduced. He states that OHA has their own package. Some of the bills come from the olelo Hawai‘i community and they go through a legislator. He clarifies that our Advocacy group tracks every single bill. The reso calling for the Year of the Hawaiian was introduced by the Senate and supported by Hawaiian Senators. There is a disconnect between the Senators and the Governor on what that really meant. He shares about the Year of Hawaiian from 20 years ago and how they elevated the native Hawaiian voice. He shares the different aspects as well as the dynamics at the Legislature regarding the Hawaiian language. He clarifies that it takes both time and support at both the House and Senate to move items forward.

Trustee Peter Apo Thanks Alapake and shares that when the subject came up in the Hawaiian caucus in pushing for the Year of Hawaiian the bottom line intent was to get Hawaiians out there and vote. That to make a difference the Hawaiian needs to come out and vote.
Trustee Leinaʻala Ahu Isa Shares that the signing of the bill Trustees did not have a seat or were not invited up as the Governor signed the bill.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey calls on Hokuao Pellegrino.

Mr. Hokuao Pellegrino greets the Trustees and introduces himself. He states that today he is speaking on behalf of Hui o Nā Wai ‘Ēhā. He is the current president. He thanks the Trustees for supporting the various projects that were mentioned today. He shares what Hui o Nā Wai ‘Ēhā has been doing for 15 years. They have been working to restoring the 4 streams that come down from mauna Kahalawai on the central plains, from Waikapu to Waihee. He thanks OHA for supporting their legal case from the beginning to now.

He shares that they received an ahahui grant this current year. He shares that the grant will be used to put on an event call Kaulana o Nā Wai ‘Ēhā. He shares details of the event that will be held on June 23, 2018. They hope to engage the community on water resources management initiatives and projects. They not only want to honor the streams and agriculture but to talk about how to get the people back on the lands that feed the community. (attached is a flyer from the event)

He shares that Kapua Sproat told them that the struggle will not be getting water back into the stream or restoring stream life. The struggle will be engaging the community, the la hui, our people on to the ʻaina that is going to be the greatest struggle. Because of this they are putting on this event and trying to grow their organization. They hope to educate people on how to get access to their kuleana lands, or how to get kuleana rights to the water. Just to engage with the community to get them on their lands. He invites the Trustees to the event.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thanks Hokuao for his work. She calls on Mikiala Puaa-Freitas.

Ms. Mikiala Puaa-Freitas greets the Trustees and introduces herself. She is on the Board of Hui Nā Wai ‘Ēha. She states that on Feb. 18 of this year that they experienced massive flooding in Waihee, Kahakuloa, Honokohau and Waiehu. They received some money from OHA to help with the restoration efforts and she is here to mahalo the Trustees for that.

She shares that in her lifetime, her parents or in the Kupuna’s lifetime, they have not see this magnitude of flooding in Waihee. In Waihee there was a pile up that redirected the river to their poʻo and wiped out 100 ft. of their auwai. All kalo operations on the North side of Waihee valley are on hold. There is no water feeding anyones loʻi. They have been having work days but flash flooding every other weekend has been hampering their efforts. It has been a long effort and there hasn’t been a guarated flow to some of the loʻi. She states that they could use whatever kind of manaʻo from the experts in the community to come in and to show them how to build something that will last. She thanks the Trustees again for all their help.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey calls on Keʻeaumoku Kapu.

Mr. Keʻeaumoku Kapu Greets the Trustees and introduces himself. He thanks the Trustees for coming to their island. There are several issues that he addresses. He shares the water issues in his valley. He wants his neighbors to get together to start cleaning piilani auwai to get water back in that
system. He has several cases regarding land issues that have been going on for years. He states that he believes in the mahele and has pursued his endeavors.

He states that he has solutions on how to get the people back on their kuleana land because the water is there for them. The simple remedy is to put together their avidavit, get it notorized, submit it to the bureau of conveyance and when you get the paper back with the stamp then you go home. He knows this works because he is a successor. This will only work if the individual takes the efforts and believes in this. He feels that this is OHA’s fiducairy duty to ensure that the people get the wits to follow through on the mahele and the information that is provided in the papakilo database to get our people going for the things that are rightfully theirs. He states that it will be fruitful for a lot of them and maybe disappointing to some. He states that its all about the koko.

He states that he sees this body going into the direction that he is uncomfortable about. A direction that tags the Hawaiian people as being the minority in the State of Hawai‘i. He asks where this body is going? He is concerned because he is kuleana and he doesn’t belong to this system. He states that the the Trustees don’t belong to this system. It is the Trustees’ job to be there for the beneficiaries. He asks why are the Trustees entering the ideas of all these other organizations that are now a part of this grassroot institute. Who asks what is this grassroot institute and questions what are they for? He wants to know if they are for the benefit for the beneficiaries. He states that knowing there is a Trustee that is amongst us, Keli‘i Akina and his so called affiliation on another institute. He wants to understand where are we going or where is Akina is going for the benefit of the Hawaiians. He feels that the beneficiaries are being short handed.

He states that he has done a lot of research into this matter and that Hawaiians are being sand bagged. He questions all those that are involved in the Grassroots organization. He states that the Trustees need to make a decision to figure out that we are not going to head to someplace that we really don’t want to be that we are going to be a minority more than the minorities. He states that he sees this happening because of the affiliation of the organizaitons. He asks what is the year of the Hawaiian and if we are going to belly up. He asks why is it that all of sudden there are corporates that are coming in that have no respect or regard for us Hawaiians. He sees all these affiliates coming in, they don’t want just Hawaiians to benefit they want everyone to benefit all of Hawaii and they are taking what little Hawaiians have. He brings these concerns forward to the Trustees and states that the Trustees will be watched and monitored and he asks them that what they do should be pono.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey calls on Clare Apana.

Ms. Clare Apana greets the Trustees and thanks them for coming to Maui. She invites the Trustees to come and see the sand mining sites next year. She inquires about the letter that OHA decided to send to Maui Lani. She states that to her knowledge the letter has not been written she has never seen the letter. She states that this is something that needs to be done because Maui Lani exemplifies the attitude of a corporation that has no regard for the Hawaiian people, our culture and our iwi kupuna. She asks for the letter to be written. She thanks the Trustees for sending Kai Markell to come to Maui and speak about the 6E laws and to share his experiences in dealing with burials. She shares that on May 25th they will be going into the second lawsuit. She hopes that OHA will stand up even stronger and not let the County of Maui, the State, the SHPD, DLNR push around this establishment.
She states that they are going to court because they were not able to get the Public Works Department to pull back the original permit for sand mining. They do not have zoning to do this extraction of sand. They have disregarded the fact that burials have been found when they were sand mining. They have a preliminary injunction on any earth moving on that site the Public Works Department saw fit to renew the permit. She hopes that OHA can help with laws that will help the iwi kupuna not only at Mauna Lani but at Kawaihao and other locations to get returned. She hopes that OHA will take the lead further to see that this is done.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** calls on Kaipo Kekona.

**Mr. Kaipo Kekona** Greets the Trustees and introduces himself and shares the different boards that he sits on. He comes today as a beneficiary and encourages the Trustees to continue the efforts and kuleana for their position that they hold as a Trustee. To support programs like with Hoku Nui and the Hewahewa ohana. He states that projects like that can be a template and the knowledge shared can be used and anyone can take on those projects and duplicate them. But it cannot be possible without having a native Hawaiian in the right position to be breathing the life into those types of projects. He thanks the Trustees for their efforts. He cautions the Trustees to keep the radar open, read and answer emails, look at the mail, read the letters, answer the phone calls, listen to the whispers in the wind and everyone has a voice, it is important for the beneficiaries to be heard. He asks the Trustee to uphold their duties of being a Trustee.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** mahalos all that have testified. She calls on Ka Pou Hana to share any Status of OHA activities.

**IV. STATUS OF OHA ACTIVITIES**

**A. Ka Pouhana/CEO’s 15-Minutes Update on Ho‘oulu Lāhui Aloha and OHA Activities**

**Kamana‘opono Crabbe** states that he has a couple of announcements. He states that OHA will be co-hosting an Aina Summit next month. This summit will bring different people from different areas together to discuss OHA’s role. He states that this is a partnership with Kamehameha Schools and Department of Land and Natural resources. Issues that will be covered include the restoration of wai in ahupuaa, aina sustainability, reforestation in cultural ways and other issues.

He also shares that last week OHA launched a Native Hawaiian Wahine Health and Well Being report. It is the first ever that they are aware of. It takes a board look at health, not just the physical and emotional well being but the report that really looks at economic status and wahine in the workforce and pay disparity. The report gives good recommendations and concrete solutions for community groups working with Hawaiian women or in the community who want to develop programs for wahine. He also shares that administration is working with Trustee Ahuna to address some of the issues regarding the flooding on Kauai. They will also been looking into the ohana who have been affected by the current lava situation. He calls on Kawika Riley for an East Maui Summary update.

**Kawika Riley** greets all those in attendance and addresses the different concerns that those that testified brought up. Regarding olelo Hawai‘i there is a demand but it is not being provided in the schools. He states that Trustees support olelo Hawai‘i and have taken positions that promote this.
He also addresses the sand mining issues and thanks Clare for her comments. He clarifies the motions that the Board took on this matter. There were three items that needed to take place. The County Public Works and Planning looked into whether or not things were done appropriately on the policy and legal implementation side, and third until SHPD and the burial council looked at this issue. He states that OHA has written letters to this effect and have provided guidance to these agencies but we have not seen the kind of action we wanted to see. He states that they are looking at the next step to take.

Lastly he addresses the water issues and shares that OHA is continuing to monitor the BLNR, the Commission on Water Resource Management, and the other types of measures that are happening at the legislature. He states and they have have concern over the A&B Holdover permit. Their concern is about the use of this public trust resource for profit by a corporation.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey thanks everyone that has attended tonight’s meeting. She extends and invitation to all to reach out to the Trustees and staff when they have problems. She states that tomorrow there is a Board Meeting and the Liliuokalani Trust annex room and invites those who want to attend to do so.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Asks for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee John Waihe'e IV Moves to adjourn the meeting

Trustee Dan Ahuna Seconds the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna Pa, Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on June 7, 2018.

Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson
Board of Trustees

Attachment:
1. Trustee Robert Lindsey - Excuse Memo
2. Kaulana 'o Nā Wai 'Ehā flyer
TO: Trustee Colette Machado  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
  
Trustee Dan Ahuna, IV  
Vice – Chair, Board of Trustees  
  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
  
FROM: Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
  
SUBJECT: Excused Absence from Maui Island Community Meeting on May 9, 2018  
  
Aloha e Chair Machado:  
  
I am unable to attend tomorrow’s Maui Island Community meeting at Kamehameha Schools Maui.  
  
Please extend my excused absence and sincere apologies to the board members.  
  
With sincere aloha,  

[Signature]  
Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
Hawai‘i Island, Board of Trustees
Kaulana 'o Nā Wai 'Ehā
Maui Tropical Plantation, Waikapū
June 23, 2018 • 9 AM – 4 PM

- HONOR -
15th year of the Nā Wai 'Ehā Water Rights Case and establishment of Hui 'o Nā Wai 'Ehā

- MELE & HULA -
Entertainment all day with emcees Shane Kahakaua, Nā Hōnua ʻKūkāi ʻO Pili ʻōlelo ʻOlelo and more

- PARTICIPATE -
Nā Kinilānai Kalo Contest: There will be judges and prizes for 1st, 2nd place and people's choice award. Also, learn ways in which to prepare kalo. Sponsored by Blue Zones Project Maui

- SHOP -
Craft vendors be there selling Hawaiian and Maui made products

- CARE -
Healthy Streams * Healthy Food Systems * Healthy Lāhui: Highlighting the many reasons why protecting Hawaiian water resources are so important to the health and well-being of our lāhui

- SUPPORT -
Kalo and diversified ag farmers within Nā Wai 'Ehā will be selling farm produce and value-added products showcasing the abundance of Nā Wai 'Ehā

- LEARN -
Speaker panels and presentations about Nā Wai 'Ehā streams, native aquatic species, value of water, kalo cultivation, and East and West Maui stream restoration efforts

- EAT -
Taste the bounty of Nā Wai 'Ehā prepared by food vendors: Maui Fresh, Strictly Pono, Mo'Ono Savage Kitchen, Hūlau Aina Hawaiian Plate, Crushed Akule Plate, Mill House Coffee

- ZERO WASTE -
Please bring your hydroflask, water stations will be available

- COLLABORATE -
Learn about the many environment, educational and community-based organizations doing good work in and around Nā Wai 'Ehā

‘Ono Eats, Farmers, Ku‘i ‘Ai, Presentations, Crafters