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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 6, 2020  
**TIME:** 10:00 am  
**PLACE:** OHA Board Room, Nā Lama Kukui  
560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. January 23, 2020†
- III. Public Testimony\*
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - A. OHA CEO's 15-Minute Update on Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha and OHA Activities
- V. New Business
  - A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment
    1. 2020 OHA Legislative Positioning – Matrix 2, January 29, 2020\*\*†
    2. 2020 OHA Legislative Positioning – Matrix 2, February 5, 2020\*\*†
  - B. Deliberation and decision making on the Report by the Permitted Interaction Group re: the investigation of the alignment and update of the existing Board of Trustees By-Laws for OHA's Board Governance Framework. *Pursuant to HRS § 92-2.5(b)(1)(C)*
- VI. Executive Session‡
  - A. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein, Esq. re: questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding Civil No. 17-1-1823-11 JPC, OHA v. State, et. al. *Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4)*.
  - B. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein, Esq. re: questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities relating to the State Auditor's request for confidential and Attorney-Client privileged materials and information in connection with the legislatively mandated audit per Act 37. *Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4)*.
  - C. Approval of Minutes
    1. January 23, 2020
- VII. Community Concerns\*
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment

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\*Notice: Persons wishing to provide testimony are requested to submit 13 copies of their testimony to the Chief Executive Officer at 560 N. Nimitz, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI, 96817 or fax to 594-1868, or email [BOTmeetings@oha.org](mailto:BOTmeetings@oha.org) 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Persons wishing to testify orally may do so at the meeting, provided that oral testimony shall be limited to five minutes.

\*\*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 room 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, current through 2/5/2020.

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

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

‡ Notice: This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to HRS § 92-5.

*Colette Y. Machado*

Trustee Colette Y. Machado  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

*1/30/2020*

Date

Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
February 6, 2020  
10:00 am

- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. January 23, 2020

**STATE OF HAWAII  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. Nimitz Highway, Suite 200  
Honolulu, HI 96817**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees  
Thursday, January 23, 2020  
10:00 am**

**ATTENDANCE:**

TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO  
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA LEE  
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA  
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA  
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA  
TRUSTEE W. KELI'I AKINA  
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE ROBERT K. LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E IV

ROBERT KLEIN, BOARD COUNSEL

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

SYLVIA HUSSEY, CEO  
RAINA GUSHIKEN, CC  
JIM MCMAHON, ADV

**BOT STAFF:**

CAROL HO'OMANAWANUI  
KAUIKEAOLANI WAILEHUA  
LAURENE KALUAU-KEALOHA  
MELISSA WENNIHAN  
LEIANN DURANT  
DAYNA PA  
BETHANN AHSING  
MARIA CALDERON  
LEHUA ITOKAZU  
ALYSSA-MARIE KAU  
NATHAN TAKEUCHI  
PAUL HARLEMAN  
ANUHEA PATOC

**GUESTS:**

GERMAINE MEYERS

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Trustee Colette Machado** Calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 10:02 am. Roll call is taken; Trustees Ahu Isa, Ahuna, Akina, Lee, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Robert Lindsey, Waihee and Machado are present, constituting a quorum. Trustee Akaka is expected to arrive shortly.

Members just a notification that the 72 Hour rule, pursuant to OHA BOT Operations Manual, Section 49, shall be waived for the following items:

- II. Approval of Minutes
  - C. December 19, 2019

With that said I would like to acknowledge that there has been some removal of items because of the lack of referral from the specific committees and they are as follows:

- V. New Business
  - A. Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee
    - 1. Kaka'ako Makai – Discussion on Land Use Entitlements and Possible Legislation
  - B. Resource Management Committee
    - 2. Presentation by Administration of its DRAFT Recommendations Implementation Plan on the recommendations contained in the final report prepared by CliftonLarsenAllen LLP (CLA).
- VI. Executive Session
  - A. Consultation with OHA Corporate Counsel attorney Everett Ohta, Esq. regarding questions and

issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, and liabilities related to Kaka’ako Makai Land Use Entitlements and Possible Legislation. Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4).

With that said we will proceed with II. Approval of Minutes.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. November 21, 2019
- B. December 5, 2019
- C. December 19, 2019

**Trustee Brendon Kalei’aina Lee moves to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes of November 21, December 5 and December 19, 2019.**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.**

**Chair Colette Machado** – It has been moved and seconded for the approval of minutes. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote please.

*10:04 am Trustee Kalei Akaka arrives to the meeting.*

Trustee Brendon Kalei’aina Lee moves to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes of November 21, December 5 and December 19, 2019. Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A’OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA’ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		x	X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI’I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI’AINA LEE	x		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE’E			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ x ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED Motion unanimously passes with nine (9) yes votes.						

**III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chair Colette Machado** – We are on public testimony. We have one individual that has signed up which is Germaine Meyers.

**Germaine Meyers** – Good morning Trustees. Happy New Year. For the record my name is Germaine Meyers and I am an OHA beneficiary for beneficiary advocacy and empowerment. I’m also a Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Lessee. I come before you to speak about today’s agenda items. I am grateful that you are up to date on your meeting minutes. And during community concerns I would like to come back up to address meeting minutes to all of you. I have emailed you yesterday so I hope that you know what I am speaking about.

In regards to item V.B.1. I came before you today because it's important to me that beneficiaries have the opportunity to be with the Trustees when you visit Kakaako Makai properties. It's been such a long time since OHA has obtained these properties. I just cannot reason in my mind that this day and age when we all have vehicles instead of horses, that we can all travel along and I think it can be done dutifully. The amount of time that our kupuna Trustees need to get to their vehicles can be the same amount of time that beneficiaries get to their vehicles and a convoy can be created. I know the property and the property is literally in the same zone. So, I don't see no obstacles in a convoy in that area of Kakaako. Its off of Ala Moana Boulevard. It is doable. I hope that the Trustees will approve today for beneficiaries to be able to see firsthand, eye to eye just like you and not be a mystery anymore. As far as the properties that OHA and the beneficiaries own and that was part of the settlement eons ago.

I also want to; I am looking forward to seeing the CLA report as far as the recommendations by Administration. And I'm looking forward to hearing the discussions on this table about what is important to you Trustees. Recommendation by legal and recommendations by Administration is just recommendations. I hope that you will find it in your heart and in your manao, most especially God given manao, to do what is right for the beneficiaries. Not by legal, not by administration but you were all elected by the beneficiaries of the State of Hawaii, every island. We all trust 9 of you that you will make the right decisions. Not for individuals, but for beneficiaries, for the lāhui and not for a hui. That is what is important most of all. The lāhui, and when I look at Hawaiian issues, I see that. A group of hui has gotten so far away from servicing the lāhui. I think Maunakea symbolizes that and if none of you have been reading the newspapers or watching videos and most of all going to Maunakea and seeing firsthand how painful it is for all of us not to be heard, not to be seen and for status quo to continue on and on with the State of Hawaii, but not only the State of Hawaii, but leaders, Hawaiian leaders in Hawaii that put priority over the State of Hawaii's agenda before the lāhui's agenda.

I hope that you will look at the recommendations and say to yourselves, is that something that we should do. Should we redact things? Should we ignore things that may be there that is redacted. Should we take the risk. We take a risk when we sued Rowena Akana for hundreds of thousands of dollars. But we are now going to be afraid of a lawsuit because redacted material, we don't even know what is under. For an LLC that was kept private from you for years. And only after I came here and protested, only after akua has protested to you through the eyes and ears and hearts of people, the lāhui. I hope you will do what is right. My time is up, ke akua pu. Thank you.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Mahalo Germaine. We will proceed to IV.

#### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **A. OHA CEO's 15-Minute Update on Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha and OHA Activities**

**Chair Colette Machado** – I would like to call on our CEO for any updates or any administration concerns that you may have.

**Sylvia Hussey** – Morning Trustees. Just a couple. Obviously, the Legislature is open so we are actively monitoring bills and engaging in observations, discussions and comments. The Board through the BAE Committee will begin to have those intense matrix meetings starting next week Wednesday.

On a separate note, one thing I did what to mahalo the Trustees in public is to thank you for your participation and support in this year's Aloha United Way Campaign. This year the collective effort of the organization with participation by a number of you, either by talent or by dollars. The organization realized approximately \$12,000. The goal this year was set at \$10,000 so it exceeds the goal. The Governor has extended the participation for that, but as far as our campaign we ended it on the last day in December with that final event. I wanted to thank a number of you for fried rice Friday, singing and karaoke and the dance and the get out of jail or leaving people in jail. It was a tremendous effort and very heartwarming honestly to have our Trustees participate with our organization. I think it's clear by the results the value of that. So approximately \$12,000. Just for reference in 2018 the goal was \$5,000. Already the goal this year was set at twice the amount and actually exceeded. In 2017,

there was nothing, it was zero. In 2016 it was \$5,000. Clearly the 2019 campaign and your participation clearly is among the reasons why it has exceeded and I think more importantly, the ano and the spirit in which it generated in working together as an organization was clearly as valuable as the actual dollars contributed to Aloha United Way. I thought it was important to acknowledge and thank the Trustees for supporting the organization in this event as well as supporting Laura Kamalani Paikai who spearheaded the entity with a large group of supporters including your own board staff for a number of activities that occurred. Weekly activities, very creative activities, fun delicious activities that occurred. I just wanted to at the table thank you for all that and encourage our 202 effort to be as inspiring. Thank you Chair.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you Sylvia. We will move on to V. New Business.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Chair Colette Machado** – We are on item B and I will call on Trustee Ahuna.

**A. Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee**

**1. Kaka’ako Makai – Discussion on Land Use Entitlements and Possible Legislation**

*Item removed from agenda, no referral was made from the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment.*

**B. Resource Management Committee**

**1. Request to hold a Resource Management Committee Limited Meeting on February 5, 2020 regarding Kaka’ako Makai properties.**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to approve the Committee on Resource Management holds a Limited Meeting, as defined in HRS § 92-3.1. on February 5, 2020 for the purpose of completing a site tour of OHA-owned Kaka’ako Makai parcels as listed below.**

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>TMK</u>
<b>A</b>	1100 Ala Moana Blvd	1-2-1-058:129
<b>B</b>	113/123 Ahui St	1-2-1-058:130
<b>C</b>	59 Ahui St	1-2-1-058:130
<b>D</b>	45/53 Ahui St	1-2-1-060:027 and; 1-2-1-058:048
<b>E</b>	919 Ala Moana Blvd	1-2-1-058-006
<b>F/G</b>	160 Ahui St/160Koula St/155 Ohe St	1-2-1-060:026
<b>I</b>	Ala Moana Blvd/Forrest Ave	1-2-1-015:061
<b>K</b>	40 Ahui St	1-2-1-060:028
<b>L</b>	200/220 Keawe	1-2-1-015:051

**Trustee Waihee seconds the motion.**

**Chair Colette Machado** – Members in discussion with our Board Counsel we would like to offer new language so we will need to amend the motion. I would like to call on Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel with the new language which is necessary for the Office of Information Practice.

**Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel** – I suggested the language in yellow.

**“In addition, the Board of Trustees specifically finds that it is necessary to hold the limited meeting and further specifies that public attendance is impracticable and one of the meeting locations is dangerous to the health and safety of the public.”**

Because the language in black that you passed as an RM Committee is not specific enough, I think to have consideration by OIP for the site visit. OIP has to approve the request to have a limited meeting under HRS § 92-3.1. And as I read that statute, the bases for the limited meeting needed to be more specific than the original motion. So I suggested adding the language in yellow in addition, “In addition, the Board of Trustees specifically finds that it is necessary to hold the limited meeting and further specifies that public attendance is impracticable and one of the meeting locations is dangerous to the health and safety of the public.” I think that would number one comply with the statute and number two give OIP a sufficient bases to consider your request for a limited meeting. So that is the bases for the amendment.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee moves to amend the motion to add additional language stated.**

**“In addition, the Board of Trustees specifically finds that it is necessary to hold the limited meeting and further specifies that public attendance is impracticable and one of the meeting locations is dangerous to the health and safety of the public.”**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna second the motion.**

**Chair Colette Machado** -Members we have an amended motion. Any discussion? Hearing none roll call vote.

Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee moves to amend the motion to add additional language stated. “In addition, the Board of Trustees specifically finds that it is necessary to hold the limited meeting and further specifies that public attendance is impracticable and one of the meeting locations is dangerous to the health and safety of the public.”						
Trustee Dan Ahuna second the motion.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA			X		X (1 <sup>st</sup> )	
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		x	X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA LEE	x		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion unanimously passes with nine (9) yes votes.						

**Chair Colette Machado** – We will go back to the original motion as amended.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – I wonder if we can just explain why we cannot have our beneficiaries with us so that they understand why this is a limited meeting. That would be helpful. We are on a bus, a small bus that accommodates only us. So, I mean, we cannot bring the whole public with us.

**Chair Colette Machado** – In addition I think the AAFES Building we are going to the top, the roof area, that is the dangerous area, the capacity to hold unlimited, unspecified number of people that may come up to that overlook when you look out to the corridor of the shoreline. Would you like to express more Sylvia?

**Sylvia Hussey** – No, the fifth floor in particular is outside, there are no railings. In fact, footwear, any kind of high heels, the roof top materials, we need to be sure that we don't have any of that so we don't puncture the roof. There isn't any railings so administration felt it is to protect the Trustees and the staff is a reasonable safety precaution. But to expect us to do that with a large public venue is something we were concerned with. Having to ensure the health and safety of the general public particularly on that fifth floor. As to the bus, together going through that that is a reason for the limited but particularly the fifth floor the start of the tour.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey**- Some of us have been on that fifth floor so I know what you are talking about. We had a visit once already and it is dangerous up there. I just wanted some explanation.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** – It should also be noted that the AAFES Building is a secured building so as to the impracticality to ask security to clear an unspecified amount of people to enter a secure building would be very, very difficult to do.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – So if our beneficiary shows up because they are going to see this. I assume it is agendzied, so they see limited meeting.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Once OIP Approves we will agendize.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – I was just wondering if they see it and they don't understand, like I wouldn't if I didn't know what limited meeting is. If they showed up, they can't join us. The building is secured so they can't go in. They see us going around can they talk to us or no?

**Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel** – It's a limited meeting, you are going to view the properties, you are going to view them from above then from the ground level. You are going to come back here to a meeting to discuss what you saw. That part they can come like a regular open meeting and sign up for public testimony. What you are doing is just viewing the properties. And its stipulated that you can't even talk to each other on this let alone to the public.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – Mahalo, livestream you know people are watching.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – What is the possibility, besides going into that AAFES building of them tagging on to the bus as we drive around. I understand we are not getting out of the bus. I am just trying to ask whatever questions maybe asked of us.

**Sylvia Hussey** – I think practically, everyone will be on the bus and it's a public, there is no preclusion, if people want to follow along, because you are not planning on getting on the bus. I think practically people can follow along. The plan is to view the properties and end up in a certain pattern. I think they are more than welcome to follow along.

**Chair Colette Machado** – I want to try to confirm that we are obligated to go videos in all the areas that we are visiting and that will be made available to the public also of what we are viewing.

**Sylvia Hussey** – That is what I understand that part of the limited parameters includes that kind of documentation. It also includes not having the discussion on the bus and coming back to a meeting to have that discussion in open session. Practically people follow along I don't see how we can stop that.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you for the discussion we will now move on to the vote. Roll call votes please.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to approve the Committee on Resource Management holds a Limited Meeting, as defined in HRS § 92-3.1. on February 5, 2020 for the purpose of completing a site tour of OHA-owned Kaka‘ako Makai parcels as listed below. In addition, the Board of Trustees specifically finds that it is necessary to hold the limited meeting and further specifies that public attendance is impracticable and one of the meeting locations is dangerous to the health and safety of the public.

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<b>C</b>	59 Ahui St	1-2-1-058:130
<b>D</b>	45/53 Ahui St	1-2-1-060:027 and; 1-2-1-058:048
<b>E</b>	919 Ala Moana Blvd	1-2-1-058-006
<b>F/G</b>	160 Ahui St/160Koula St/155 Ohe St	1-2-1-060:026
<b>I</b>	Ala Moana Blvd/Forrest Ave	1-2-1-015:061
<b>K</b>	40 Ahui St	1-2-1-060:028
<b>L</b>	200/220 Keawe	1-2-1-015:051

Trustee Waihee seconds the motion.

TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	x		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA LEE			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E		x	X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			9			
MOTION: [ x ] UNANIMOUS [ x ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion unanimously passes with nine (9) yes votes.						

**Chair Colette Machado** – Members we will move on to item V.C.

- 2. Presentation by Administration of its DRAFT Recommendations Implementation Plan on the recommendations contained in the final report prepared by CliftonLarsenAllen LLP (CLA).**

*Item removed from agenda; no referral was made from the Committee on Resource Management.*

- C. Report of the Permitted Interaction Group re: the investigation of the alignment and update of the existing Board of Trustees By-Laws for OHA’s Board Governance Framework, without discussion. Pursuant to HRS § 92-2.5(b)(1)(B)**

**Chair Colette Machado** – I will call on Trustee Lee for the distribution of the report of the Permitted Interaction Group re: the investigation of the alignment and update of the existing Board of Trustees By-Laws for OHA’s Board Governance Framework. If you have any comments.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee** – There are no comments Madame Chair. We are just distributing the report. Trustees as staff are passing out the report, what you are receiving is two copies of the By Laws, one is a redlined copy so that you can see what exactly were the edits and one is a clean version. The latest work from the PIG involved three reports that were given to the PIG off of the last presentation for comments and concerns and further edits that the first of the report of the PIG.

**Chair Colette Machado** – At the next agendized BOT meeting we will be able to have suggestions, recommendations and your input at that time. With that said we will move on to VI. Executive Session.

*(Copies of the Report of the Permitted Interaction Group re: the investigation of the alignment and update of the existing Board of Trustees By-Laws for OHA’s Board Governance Framework were distributed to all Trustees.)*

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Chair Colette Machado** – Members the Chair would like to entertain a motion for recuse ourselves into Executive Session pursuant to HRS 92-5 (a)(4).

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4).**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.**

**Chair Colette Machado** – It has been moved and seconded. Roll call vote please.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4). Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		x	X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA LEE			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY	x		X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ x ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED Motion unanimously passes with nine (9) yes votes.						

**Chair Colette Machado** – We are in executive session, prepare the room.

**The Board resolved into Executive Session at 10:25 am**

- A. Consultation with OHA Corporate Counsel attorney Everett Ohta, Esq. regarding questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, and liabilities related to Kaka‘ako Makai Land Use Entitlements and Possible Legislation. Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4).**

*Item removed from agenda, no referral was made from the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment.*

- B. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein, Esq. re: questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities relating to the State Auditor’s request for confidential and Attorney-Client privileged materials and information in connection with the legislatively mandated audit per Act 37. Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4).**
- C. Approval of Minutes**
  - 1. **October 17, 2019**
  - 2. **November 7, 2019**
  - 3. **November 21, 2019**
  - 4. **December 5, 2019**

**The Board reconvenes in open session at 12:03 am.**

**VII. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**Chair Colette Machado** – We did have an individual signed up to address the board, Germaine Meyers. But according to staff Germaine is not available to address the Board because she left to go to the State Capital.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Colette Machado** – Is there anyone else that would like to address the Board in community concerns? Hearing none, the Chair would like to entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves to adjourn the meeting.**

**Trustee Waihee seconds the motion.**

**Chair Colette Machado** – It has been moved and seconded. Roll call vote please.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey moves to adjourn the meeting Trustee Waihee seconds the motion.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA LEE			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY	x		X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E		x	X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ x ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED Motion unanimously passes with nine (9) yes votes.						

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dayna Pa, Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Report of the Permitted Interaction Group re: the investigation of the alignment and update of the existing Board of Trustees By-Laws for OHA's Board Governance Framework. (*Entire report will be attached to the final and approved minutes.*)

Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
February 6, 2020  
10:00 am

V. New Business

A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy  
and Empowerment

1. 2020 OHA Legislative Positioning –  
Matrix 2, January 29, 2020
2. 2020 OHA Legislative Positioning –  
Matrix 2, February 5, 2020\*

*\*- The committee report for this item will be distributed after  
the BAE Committee meeting on February 5, 2020.*

**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
**Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

January 29, 2020

The Honorable Colette Y. Machado, Chair  
Board of Trustees  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Chair Machado,

Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on January 29, 2020 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following action to the Board of Trustees:

**To approve Administration's recommendations on:**

**NEW BILLS (Items 1 - 195);**

**ADD bills:**

- **HB2011 as COMMENT;**
- **SB2076 as COMMENT;**
- **SB2387 as SUPPORT; and**

**CHANGE items:**

- **113, SB2249 from ~~Support with Amendments~~ to SUPPORT; and**
- **124, SB2417 from ~~Monitor~~ to OPPOSE;**

**on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated January 29, 2020, as amended.**

**\*\*\* NOTE:** *In an effort to save paper please refer to:*

*Attachment A – BAE Roll Call Vote Sheet - for a full detail  
of measures  
included in this  
motion*

Relevant attachments are included for your information and reference.

Attachment(s):

A) BAE Roll Call Vote Sheet – 2020 OHA LEGISLATIVE POSITIONING – Matrix 2\*\*†

Respectfully submitted:



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Trustee John Waihe'e, IV, Chair



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Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka, Vice-Chair



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Trustee Lei Ahu Isa, Member

EXCUSED

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Trustee Dan Ahuna, Member



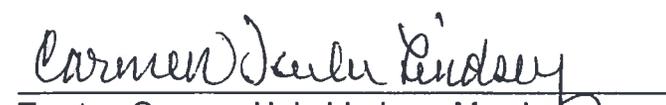
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Trustee Keli'i Akina, Member



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Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee, Member



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Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Member

EXCUSED

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Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Member

NOT PRESENT AT VOTE

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Trustee Colette Y. Machado, Member

Roll Call Vote Sheet

COMMITTEE ON  
BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT  
(BAE)

DATE: January 29, 2020  
MOTION: 11:26 a.m.  
VOTE: 11:26 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM:

V. New Business

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Bills that were discussed					
ITEM	BILL #	REPORT	DESCRIPTION	POSITION	IN BAE MEETING CHANGE
ADD	HB2011	RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT.	Establishes the governor's coordinator on Native Hawaiian advancement, who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Makes an appropriation.		COMMENT
ADD	SB2076	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.	Allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Division to delegate to the impacted counties the responsibility for historic preservation project reviews, provided that certain requirements are met.		COMMENT
ADD	SB2387	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Appropriates funds for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Office of Hawaiian Affairs as mandated by the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and Hawaii Revised Statutes.		SUPPORT
1	HB1121	RELATING TO WATER SECURITY.	Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to conduct an update of the statewide framework for the Hawaii water plan to provide guidance for Hawaii's future water plan. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)	MONITOR	
2	HB1611	RELATING TO SHORELINES.	Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to provide shoreline encroachment easements that do not exceed 10 years to landowners having structures that encroach on the shoreline. Requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules that establish a policy and procedure for the granting or renewal of shoreline encroachment easements. Requires the adopted policy to consider the impact of expected sea level rise on the encroaching structures. Prohibits the granting of any new shoreline encroachment easements until the new policy is adopted.	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
3	HB1681	RELATING TO SENTENCING.	Enhances the term of imprisonment for habitual violent felons. Defines "habitual violent felon."	MONITOR	

4	HB1688	RELATING TO THE ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR.	Requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources to offer to sell leasehold condominium boat slips at the Ala Wai boat harbor to certain tenants of the harbor and allocate the proceeds of these sales for deferred maintenance of the harbor. Allows for the establishment of a condominium association at Ala Wai boat harbor to serve as the landlord of all boat slips at the harbor. Exempts owners of leasehold condominium boat slips at the Ala Wai boat harbor from moorage fees.	MONITOR	
5	HB1700	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.	Specifies that each EUTF trustee, in addition to the EUTF board, shall administer health and other benefit plans for the sole and exclusive benefit of EUTF beneficiaries. Repeals provisions requiring health and other benefit plans to be provided at an affordable cost to both public employers and public employees.	MONITOR	
6	HB1716	RELATING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.	Provides to each county legislative body the ability to review and approve land use district boundary amendments for affordable housing projects on 15 acres or less.	HIGH MONITOR	
7	HB1717	RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.	Amends the allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues based upon the recommendations of the State-County Functions Working Group established by Act 174, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, to consider the distribution of duties and responsibilities for public services between the State and the counties and to recommend a model for the allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues.	MONITOR	
8	HB1748	RELATING TO WILDLIFE OFFENSES.	Provides that all firearms, animal parts, products, or items containing prohibited animal parts or products involved in the commission of wildlife trafficking or certain hunting offenses shall be considered contraband to be forfeited to and disposed of by the State.	MONITOR	
9	HB1763	RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS CODE.	Prohibits certain former State employees from representing any person or business in a legislative or administrative action before the State for twelve months after the termination of their employment.	HIGH MONITOR	
10	HB1769	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Extends to ninety days a legislative body's deadline to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an affordable housing project.	MONITOR	

11	HB1778	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Authorizes the counties to employ qualified archaeologists to perform necessary reviews under Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Provides for automatic approval of a project if the necessary archaeological review was not completed within 30 days.	OPPOSE	
12	HB1794	RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF.	Extends the lapse date of the appropriation for Kauai flooding disaster relief made by Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to June 30, 2021.	MONITOR	
13	HB1820	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.	Amends the nominating authority of the representatives of the He'eia community development district, Kalaeloa community development district, and Kaka'ako community development district on the Hawaii community development authority.	MONITOR	
14	HB1821	RELATING TO DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS.	Prohibits declaratory judgments when there is a cause of action and in other certain instances. Requires a plaintiff to show a personal stake in the actual controversy beyond a general disagreement or complaint by requiring a showing of an injury-in-fact.	HIGH MONITOR	
15	HB1848	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.	Requires new developments to plan for the impacts of projected sea level rise and restricts development in areas significantly affected by projected sea level rise. Amends policies and objectives related to coastal zone management to reduce residential exposure to coastal hazards and protect state beaches and public shoreline access. Defines "beach" and "coastal hazards." Increases the minimum shoreline setback.	HIGH MONITOR	
16	HB1860	RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION.	Adds the chemicals homosalate, octocrylene, and octisalate to the sale and distribution sunscreen ban beginning on 1/1/2021. Allows the Department of Health to adopt rules to add additional harmful chemicals to the sale and distribution ban.	MONITOR	
17	HB1862	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.	Prohibits DLNR from establishing or implementing bag limits for game mammals in public hunting areas.	MONITOR	
18	HB1875	RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Requires the governor to appoint the governor's coordinator on Native Hawaiian affairs to coordinate responses to issues that impact Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian culture across state departments and agencies.	SUPPORT	
19	HB1876	RELATING TO AQUATIC BIOSECURITY.	Requires DLNR to take specified actions to combat invasive and alien aquatic organisms. Appropriates funds for staffing and operating expenditures for aquatic biosecurity.	MONITOR	

20	HB1880	RELATING TO THE KAHOO LAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operations of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission and for 2 full-time equivalent positions on the Commission.	MONITOR	
21	HB1890	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Expands the permitted activities and uses within the state land use agricultural district to include livestock production.	MONITOR	
22	HB1901	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	Clarifies that the comprehensive offender reentry system provides programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when the minimum term, rather than the maximum term, has been served by the inmate.	SUPPORT	
23	HB1906	RELATING TO WIND POWER.	Establishes a two-year moratorium on the issuance of new permits or approvals for wind turbines capable of producing one megawatt or more of energy. Creates a task force to make recommendations on wind energy policies and permitting. Makes an appropriation. Repeals 6/30/2022.	MONITOR	
24	HB1908	RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE.	Establishes a state water and sewer surcharge for all water utility customers. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to establish the surcharge rate. Requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority to expend the revenues of the surcharge to award grants to the counties to assist in funding repair, maintenance, and construction of water and sewer infrastructure.	MONITOR	
25	HB1921	RELATING TO HUNTING.	Requires any hunting guide or hunter to obtain and submit to the Department of Land and Natural Resources written permission from any private landowner upon which the hunting guide or hunter is engaged in guide or hunting activities. Requires the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create and make available to the public a written permission form to be completed and filed by any hunting guide or hunter engaged in guide activities or hunting on private lands.	OPPOSE	
26	HB1922	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for efforts to substantially reduce and eradicate certain invasive species in the county of Maui.	MONITOR	
27	HB1925	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Requires the Auditor to conduct a financial and performance audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.	MONITOR	

28	HB1932	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Authorizes the counties to reclassify lands 15 to 100 acres in certain rural, urban, and agricultural districts in which at least 50 percent of the housing units on the land sought to be reclassified are set aside for persons and families with incomes at or below 140 percent of the area median income.	OPPOSE	
29	HB1935	RELATING TO THE MILITARY.	Establishes a task force to evaluate the economic impact of the military's presence in Hawaii.	MONITOR	
30	HB1944	RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.	Allocates funds from TAT revenue to the Hawaii Tourism Authority, rather than the Special Land and Development Fund, to improve certain state resources and services. Requires DLNR to submit an annual list to HTA of proposed projects for the HTA Strategic Plan.	MONITOR	
31	HB1945	RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.	Allocates TAT revenues into the tourism special fund and appropriates funds for the Hawaii tourism authority (HTA) and Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association to address homelessness in tourist and resort areas, subject to private matching funds. Requires HTA to report to the 2021 legislature.	MONITOR	
32	HB1946	RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.	Amends the amount of transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to the counties from a specified sum to capped reimbursements to the county for expenditures related to specified county public services.	MONITOR	
33	HB1952	RELATING TO WILDLIFE PRESERVATION.	Designates all currently undeveloped watercourses and lands unsuitable for development as wildlife reserve sanctuaries for which development is prohibited so that those lands may serve as a permanent refuge to wildlife. Establishes procedures to obtain a variance to construct a structure within a wildlife reserve sanctuary. Prohibits the construction of wind turbines on mountain slopes or hillsides if the location of the wind turbine is within 1,000 feet of the center of a wildlife reserve sanctuary.	MONITOR	
34	HB1972	RELATING TO MEDICAL RELEASE.	Creates a medical release program within the Department of Public Safety for certain ill, disabled, or impaired inmates who pose a low risk to public safety.	SUPPORT	
35	HB2013	RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN ART.	Requires that a certain percentage of the works of art acquired using the works of art special fund include native Hawaiian subject matter.	MONITOR	

36	HB2015	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Establishes a pilot program within the 'Āina Mauna legacy program of DHHL to remove and harvest gorse from Mauna Kea and develop it as a marketable product to expand economic opportunities for native Hawaiians. Requires reports to the legislature. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
37	HB2018	RELATING TO TRAINING.	Mandates OHA training for additional public officials, including certain state and county officials, state judges, and state legislators on native Hawaiian history, culture, and rights. Sets 12-month deadline for completion of training from time of enactment, or time of hire or appointment.	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
38	HB2028	RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX.	Adjusts conveyance tax rates for non-residents who are not active military members.	MONITOR	
39	HB2036	RELATING TO CORAL RESTORATION.	Establishes a pilot project to plan and design an expansion of the Hawaii Coral Restoration Nursery, including improvements to the sea urchin hatchery. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
40	HB2037	RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS COMMISSION.	Establishes the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission and the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission Trust Fund.	MONITOR	
41	HB2042	RELATING TO BAG LIMITS.	Prohibits the Department of Land and Natural Resources from imposing bag limits on deer, goats, and pigs.	MONITOR	
42	HB2081	RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Exempts DHHL projects from the Davis Bacon Act.	MONITOR	
43	HB2151	RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSION.	Establishes a cesspool conversion pilot grant project to assist low- and moderate-income property owners with the costs of upgrading or converting a cesspool. Applies to cesspools identified as failing by the Department of Health. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
44	HB2154	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.	Prohibits all harvesting of aquatic life for commercial aquarium purposes, regardless of the method of collection.	COMMENT	
45	HB2182	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Allows the HHFDC to enter into public private partnerships with private sector entities to build affordable housing and reserves a portion of the housing units for the exclusive use of the employees of the private sector entity partner.	MONITOR	

46	HB2184	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Amends the threshold for when a building, structure, object, district, area, or site, including heiau and underwater site, is considered historic property from over fifty years old to seventy-five years or older.	MONITOR	
47	HB2190	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES.	Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the department, to support and promote agriculture. Establishes the agricultural enterprise program. Establishes the Agricultural Enterprise Special Fund. Makes an appropriation. Effective 7/1/2020.	MONITOR	
48	HB2191	RELATING TO LEASE EXTENSIONS ON PUBLIC LAND.	Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to extend certain leases of public lands for commercial, industrial, resort, or government use upon approval of a proposed development agreement to make substantial improvements to the existing improvements. Sunsets on 6/30/2025.	OPPOSE	
49	HB2194	RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT.	Defines "coastal hazards" and "beaches" and includes specific references to "coastal dunes" to clarify CZM policies in chapter 205A, HRS, including special management areas, shoreline setbacks, and variances.	MONITOR	
50	HB2196	RELATING TO WATER QUALITY.	Establishes reporting requirements for onsite sewage disposal system (OSDS) servicers. Appropriates funds for DOH to conduct outreach regarding OSDS. Requires and appropriates funds for the cesspool conversion working group to compile an updated database of OSDS statewide.	MONITOR	
51	HB2198	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.	Allows bed and breakfast accommodations on class C, D, E, or U agricultural lands in a county with an area greater than 4,000 square miles.	COMMENT	
52	HB2199	RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.	Establishes an old government roads commission to address the issue of jurisdiction between the State and the counties over disputed roads. Appropriates funds.	HIGH MONITOR	
53	HB2211	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES.	Requires the DLNR to issue commercial marine licenses. Provides that a commercial marine vessel license satisfies an individual's licensure requirement if aboard a licensed vessel. Requires any person who provides fishing charter services to obtain a commercial marine license.	MONITOR	

54	HB2212	RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to: (1) recognize that game mammals and game birds are a sustainable food source and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean provides the opportunity to integrate the local fish and game industry into the State's food security profile; and (2) establish and maintain fish propagating facilities. Requires each department, office, or agency of the state to update its rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability strategies that department, office, or agency employs. Requires reports to Legislature.	OPPOSE	
55	HB2216	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Requires at least 5 Hawaiian Homes Commission members to be native Hawaiian or current Hawaiian homestead lessees; and at least 2 of those 5 to be on the waitlist for Hawaiian home lands. Authorizes commission members to elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. Creates the position of Director of Hawaiian Home Lands and separates the Director's responsibilities from those of the Chairperson of the Commission.	MONITOR	
56	HB2260	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Exempts certain low-density affordable housing projects from the State's land use district boundary amendment requirements.	OPPOSE	
57	HB2265	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Establishes the invasive species rapid response special fund. Establishes procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures. Appropriates money.	MONITOR	
58	HB2274	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES.	Establishes a new agricultural enterprise program within the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the department, to support and promote agriculture. Creates three new positions to implement the program. Establishes the agricultural enterprise special fund. Makes an appropriation. Effective July 1, 2020.	MONITOR	

59	HB2353	RELATING TO STATE BOATING FACILITIES.	Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease any existing state boating facility in part or in its entirety, and fast lands and submerged lands within any existing state boating facility, by public auction, request for proposals, or direct negotiation for private development, management, and operation. Clarifies that legislative approval is not required to award a lease. Repeals fast lands and submerged lands lease authorization for Ala Wai Boat Harbor under section 200-2.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	MONITOR	
60	HB2357	RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF WATER LICENSES BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	Clarifies the conditions and manner in which the Board of Land and Natural Resources may dispose water by license.	COMMENT	
61	HB2358	RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO LEASE PASTURE LANDS ON TERMS THAT PROMOTE COLLABORATIVE BENEFICIAL USE FOR FORESTRY, WILDLIFE, RECREATIONAL, AND FOOD PRODUCTION PURPOSES.	Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to amend and extend existing pasture leases and to issue new pasture leases by negotiation in furtherance of public purposes the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for promoting.	OPPOSE	
62	HB2382	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT LAW.	Requires a supplemental environmental assessment or supplemental environmental impact statement after the passage of 15 years from the date of the acceptance of the statement or the determination of a finding of no significant impact, if the proposed action is not completed.	MONITOR	
63	HB2386	RELATING TO PROPERTY ACCESS.	Extends the application of gathering rights to lands owned in fee simple and to landlords and landowners. Authorizes an action for easement by necessity for landlocked parcels not previously under a unity of title with the prospective subservient estate.	OPPOSE	

64	HB2390	RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COMMISSION.	Establishes an ecosystem restoration commission to identify lands for environmental remediation and return ownership and control of those lands to the State, a county, or other entity.	MONITOR	
65	HB2391	RELATING TO REDUCING PLASTIC PACKAGING WASTE.	Requires all retail food establishments using any food service ware for any food prepared or packaged on premises to use biodegradable, compostable, recyclable, or reusable food service ware.	MONITOR	
66	HB2393	RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.	Prohibits the board of land and natural resources from approving the disposition of public land to the United States military that would allow for or facilitate any military training.	MONITOR	
67	HB2414	RELATING TO SHARK PROTECTION.	Prohibits and establishes fines and penalties for knowingly capturing, taking, possessing, abusing, entangling, or killing any shark within state marine waters. Provides certain exemptions.	SUPPORT	
68	HB2416	RELATING TO KĀNE'OHE BAY.	Appropriates funds to create a full-time internship coordinator and cultural resource specialist positions with the Hawaii institute of marine biology at the He'eia estuarine research reserve.	MONITOR	
69	HB2436	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Requires a certain percentage of the transient accommodations tax to be allocated to provide funding for the Bishop Museum and 'Iolani Palace.	MONITOR	
70	HB2439	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.	Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to research and develop specialized equipment for the removal of plastic marine debris.	MONITOR	
71	HB2440	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Establishes the ALOHA homes program to develop low-cost homes on state-owned and county-owned land in urban redevelopment sites to be sold in leasehold by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation (HHFDC) to qualified residents. Exempts certain land from the definition of public lands. Requires HHFDC to develop an ALOHA homes demonstration project by July 1, 2025.	COMMENT	
72	HB2442	RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.	Prohibits any waste or disposal facility from being located in a conservation district except in emergency circumstances to mitigate significant risks to public safety and health. Requires no less than a one-half mile buffer zone for the construction, operation, modification, or expansion of a municipal solid waste landfill unit.	SUPPORT	

73	HB2443	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Makes it a civil and administrative violation for any person to engage in certain archeological activities without obtaining the required permission or approval from the department of land and natural resources.	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
74	HB2446	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Requires the State Historic Preservation Division to contract its review of proposed state projects, projects on privately owned historic property, and projects affecting historic properties to third-party consultants if the projects involve the development of affordable housing and the division will not be able to complete its review within 60 days.	HIGH MONITOR	
75	HB2468	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Requires at least 50% of all general funds appropriated to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs each fiscal year to be distributed directly to beneficiaries. Applies to budget preparation and submissions for fiscal year 2021-2022 and subsequent fiscal years.	COMMENT	
76	HB2475	RELATING TO CARGO CARRIERS.	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to expend funds from the harbor special fund to provide subsidies to cargo carriers to offset costs incurred by the cargo carriers as a result of providing cargo carrier services to ports serving counties within the State having a population of less than 500,000 and comprising three or more populated islands. Appropriates moneys.	MONITOR	
77	HB2512	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Authorizes DLNR to delegate to qualified archaeologists employed by the counties the authority to perform reviews of proposed projects under the historic preservation program, under certain conditions. Provides that proposed projects under the program are deemed automatically approved if the archaeological review is not completed within 30 calendar days. Provides that challenges to an archaeological review are subject to an expedited hearing before the supreme court.	OPPOSE	
78	HB2518	RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI.	Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to the County of Maui for the upgrade of that county's R-1 water delivery systems and the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the upgrade of certain water reservoirs located in the forest watershed areas on Maui.	MONITOR	

79	HB2520	RELATING TO THE STADIUM DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.	Repeals and reestablishes the stadium development district under the jurisdiction of the stadium authority. Establishes the stadium development special fund. Expands the powers and duties of the stadium authority. Appropriates funds.	COMMENT	
80	HB2542	RELATING TO LAND DEVELOPMENT.	Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to lease real property for a period not to exceed 99 years for the development of certain projects that include affordable housing. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to submit a report to the legislature that identifies all state lands that may be developed for multi-unit dwellings. Authorizes a state or county department or agency to petition the appropriate county land use decision-making authority, rather than the Land Use Commission, for a change in the boundary of a district involving land areas between 15 acres and 25 acres where the majority of the development will be for affordable housing. Authorizes the State Historic Preservation Division to delegate the responsibility of historic preservation project reviews to the impacted county. Establishes the Office of the Housing Ombudsman.	OPPOSE	
81	HB2555	RELATING TO THE NĀ WAI 'EHĀ WATERSHED.	Appropriates money out of the land conservation fund for the acquisition of 11,020 acres of the Nā Wai 'Ehā watershed in Wailuku, Maui.	MONITOR	
82	HB2557	RELATING TO COUNTIES.	Makes explicit the counties' authority to regulate hosting platforms providing booking services for short-term rentals. Includes swapping, bartering, or exchange of a residential dwelling, or portion thereof, in definition of "short-term rental" for this purpose.	MONITOR	

83	HB2585	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Requires all grants or contracts awarded by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to be approved by its board of trustees. Establishes a public land trust revenues negotiating committee to determine the increase to the annual amount of the income and proceeds from the public land trust that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall receive annually under the state constitution and other state law. Requires the Department of Budget and Finance to conduct a financial review of the amounts of revenue generated from the public land trust. Appropriates funds.	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
84	HB2586	RELATING TO HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.	Authorizes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to seek residential development of lands in Kaka'ako Community Development District owned by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Requires a public hearing prior to submission by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to the Hawaii Community Development Authority of any plan or proposal for any residential development.	SUPPORT	
85	HB2606	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Requires a county agency having jurisdiction over planning and permitting, in any county with a population of 500,000 or more, to determine whether certain affordable housing development projects shall be exempt from the State's environmental impact statement laws pursuant to chapter 11-200.1, subchapter 8, Hawaii Administrative Rules.	OPPOSE	
86	HB2619	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL VILLAGES.	Authorizes applicable county planning commissions to issue special permits for agricultural villages in the agricultural district, without the approval of the LUC.	MONITOR	
87	HB2620	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND.	Subject to certain restrictions, allows second dwellings on agricultural lands in a county with an area greater than 4,000 square miles. Takes effect 01/01/2021.	MONITOR	
88	HB2646	RELATING TO WATER.	Specifies that fire safety use is a beneficial use of water. Requires the department of land and natural resources to work with the county governments, Hawaii emergency management agency, and owners to use reservoir water for fire safety.	OPPOSE	
89	HB2663	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Authorizes the counties to employ qualified archaeologists to perform necessary reviews under chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	OPPOSE	
90	HB2677	RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS.	Clarifies the disposition of water rights made by lease.	OPPOSE	

91	HB2683	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF MAUNAKEA MANAGEMENT.	Appropriates funds to add 7 full-time equivalent positions to the Office of Maunakea Management.	MONITOR	
92	HB2688	RELATING TO LAND USE.	Prohibits the commercial operation of a landfill on or within 15 miles of any tract leased pursuant to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.	MONITOR	
93	HB2748	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Authorizes forfeiture of certain employees' retirement system benefits, pursuant to court order, for state or county employees and designated beneficiaries who are convicted of an employment-related felony. Makes ethics code violations a class A felony if the salary of the employee who commits the offense is subject to the recommendation of the Commission on Salaries. Increases the offense of bribery to a class A felony if the salary of the public servant who commits the offense to recommendation by the Commission on Salaries. Directs the Commission on Salaries to consider the deterrence of corruption and bribery by persons appointed to those positions. Creates a task force to investigate avenues to prevent corruption and bribery issues among public servants in positions of influence.	MONITOR	
94	SB594	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Establishes and appropriates funds for a school meal subsidy program within the department of education to provide school lunch subsidies to children whose families do not otherwise qualify for free lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program, subject to income eligibility. (SD1)	MONITOR	
95	SB737	RELATING TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE.	Requires the Judiciary to establish a 5-year pilot program for restorative justice. Requires the judiciary to inform various criminal attorneys of the existence of the pilot program. Appropriates funds.	SUPPORT	
96	SB2017	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Short form bill.	MONITOR	
97	SB2036	RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.	Clarifies that lands set aside to the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation by the governor or leased to the corporation by other state departments and agencies are excluded from the definition of "public lands".	COMMENT	

98	SB2043	RELATING TO LEASEHOLD CONDOMINIUMS ON STATE LAND.	Authorizes the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation and Hawaii community development authority to sell leasehold units in residential condominiums located on state lands.	COMMENT	
99	SB2053	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires a county to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an application for a permit necessary for a housing development project that uses moneys from the rental housing revolving fund. Provides for automatic permit approval if a county does not make a timely decision on an application. Exempts the foregoing projects from environmental impact statement requirements. Sunsets on 6/30/2027.	OPPOSE	
100	SB2059	RELATING TO WELL ABANDONMENT.	Establishes an income tax credit for taxpayers who are required to fill and seal abandoned wells on their real property. Requires sellers of real property to disclose the existence of abandoned wells. Tax credit sunsets on an unspecified date.	MONITOR	
101	SB2075	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.	To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2019-21 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs and to include appropriations from other departmental budget acts deemed necessary for program operations and capital improvements.	MONITOR	
102	SB2090	RELATING TO JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT.	Provides procedural requirements for judicial review of an agency's denial of access to a government record. Provides procedural requirements and standards of review upon appeal.	MONITOR	
103	SB2097	RELATING TO PROPERTY ACCESS.	Extends the application of gathering rights to lands owned in fee simple and to landlords and landowners. Authorizes an action for easement by necessity for landlocked parcels not previously under a unity of title with the prospective subservient estate.	OPPOSE	
104	SB2099	RELATING TO IRRIGATION.	Transfers to the Department of Agriculture operational authority over portions of the East Kauai Irrigation System operated and maintained by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative as of 7/1/2020. Provides a conditional extension to acquire required permits. Establishes staffing positions. Authorizes general obligation bonds for a statewide irrigation system capital improvement project. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	

105	SB2103	RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.	Authorizes the issuance of special number license plates for the Polynesian Voyaging Society for electric vehicles.	MONITOR	
106	SB2111	RELATING TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION.	Adds the chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the chairperson's designee to serve as an ex officio, voting member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.	SUPPORT	
107	SB2141	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the management of the axis deer population in the county of Maui.	MONITOR	
108	SB2160	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Extends to ninety days a legislative body's deadline to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an affordable housing project.	MONITOR	
109	SB2169	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Authorizes the counties to employ qualified archaeologists to perform necessary reviews under Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Provides for automatic approval of a project if the necessary archaeological review was not completed within 30 days.	OPPOSE	
110	SB2212	RELATING TO INCLUSIONARY ZONING.	Prohibits any law, ordinance, or rule from imposing an inclusionary zoning requirement on housing offered exclusively for sale in perpetuity to buyers who are residents of the State, are owner-occupants, and do not own any other real property.	OPPOSE	
111	SB2214	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires state or county agencies to issue ministerial permits for housing development projects that meet certain requirements within sixty days of receipt of a permit application deemed to be complete by the receiving state or county agency.	MONITOR	
112	SB2217	RELATING TO LAND USE.	Authorizes county land use decision-making authorities to amend district boundaries involving lands greater than fifteen but no more than one hundred acres if a proposed project consists of housing units where 50 per cent of the housing units are priced at or below 140 per cent of the area median income and are occupied by the owner at all times.	OPPOSE	
113	SB2249	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Makes it a civil and administrative violation for any person to engage in certain archeological activities without obtaining the required permission or approval from the department of land and natural resources.	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	Support with Amendments >>> SUPPORT
114	SB2287	RELATING TO CONSERVATION FUNDING.	Amends the distribution of revenues collected from the transient accommodations tax to allocate a greater portion to the special land and development fund.	MONITOR	

115	SB2297	RELATING TO LAND USE.	Establishes neighborhood revitalization boards, administered by the counties, to develop, advocate for, and implement neighborhood revitalization plans. Requires the counties to provide a percentage of matching funds for any revitalization plan or project for which the State provides funds.	MONITOR	
116	SB2313	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.	Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to enter into a nondisclosure agreement pertaining to sexual harassment or sexual assault. Prohibits an employer from retaliating against an employee for disclosing or discussing sexual harassment or sexual assault.	MONITOR	
117	SB2321	RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS.	Requires every employer to post and keep posted a notice, to be prepared and prescribed by the civil rights commission, of state fair employment laws.	MONITOR	
118	SB2370	RELATING TO KALAUPAPA MONTH.	Designates January as "Kalaupapa month."	MONITOR	
119	SB2373	RELATING TO HUNTING.	Requires any hunting guide or hunter to obtain and submit to the Department of Land and Natural Resources written permission from any private landowner upon which the hunting guide or hunter is engaged in guide or hunting activities. Requires the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create and make available to the public a written permission form to be completed and filed by any hunting guide or hunter engaged in guide activities or hunting on private lands.	OPPOSE	
120	SB2388	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Changes the maximum amount of public funds available to each candidate running for the Office of State Senator, State Representative, County Council, and the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to an unspecified per cent of the expenditure limit established for each election. Amends the amount each Office of Hawaiian Affairs candidate must raise in order to qualify for public funds.	COMMENT	

121	SB2393	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.	Requires that majority of the member of the Hawaiian homes commission be beneficiaries. Creates a separate director of the department of Hawaiian homes lands position. Allows the State to establish an inter-agency council to address the purposes of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Requires the department to conduct quarterly reports to beneficiaries. Allows the Hawaiian homes commission to retain separate counsel from the attorney general's office to provide service to the commission or beneficiaries. Requires an annual report to the Legislature and beneficiaries that includes a full accounting of the Act 14 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 1995 moneys.	MONITOR	
122	SB2410	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS' PRO RATA SHARE OF THE PUBLIC TRUST LAND.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to use certain reporting and accountability procedures in implementing the public land trust reporting requirements of Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to consult with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to ensure that the accounting and reporting is accurate and inclusive.	SUPPORT	
123	SB2414	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Amends ballot requirements to display candidates for the office of Hawaiian affairs, board of trustees, by residency and non-residency requirements and to randomize the order of candidate names within those groupings.	MONITOR	
124	SB2417	RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to: (1) recognize that game mammals and game birds are a sustainable food source and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean provides the opportunity to integrate the local fish and game industry into the State's food security profile; and (2) establish and maintain fish propagating facilities. Requires each department, office, or agency of the state to update its rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability strategies that department, office, or agency employs. Requires reports to Legislature.	MONITOR	Monitor >>> OPPOSE
125	SB2453	RELATING TO STATE BUILDINGS.	Requires the comptroller to cause any state building with air conditioning to set the operating temperature at no less than seventy-three degrees Fahrenheit, subject to certain exceptions.	MONITOR	

126	SB2463	RELATING TO PIGS.	Allows any person with a valid hunting license to take wild or feral pigs on Mauna Kea with no bag limitation and with dogs. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources to install one-way pig gates on the fencing surrounding the watershed on Mauna Kea.	MONITOR	
127	SB2464	RELATING TO GAME BIRD HUNTING IN THE MAUNA KEA WATERSHED.	Prohibits the use of firearms other than single shot long guns and rifles for the hunting of game birds in the Mauna Kea watershed and nearby hunting area.	MONITOR	
128	SB2536	RELATING TO LAY NETS.	Prohibits the abandonment of lay nets used for fishing. Authorizes DLNR to issue permits for the use and possession of lay nets. Requires DLNR to establish a comprehensive, statewide lay net education and enforcement program.	MONITOR	
129	SB2537	RELATING TO ACCESS TO PUBLIC PROPERTY.	Amends section 115-9 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to include beaches in the list of public property to which a person may not obstruct access and creates a one hundred dollar penalty for a first conviction of the section.	MONITOR	
130	SB2550	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Allows the HHFDC to enter into public private partnerships with private sector entities to build affordable housing and reserves a portion of the housing units for the exclusive use of the employees of the private sector entity partner.	MONITOR	
131	SB2555	RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.	Requires the fuel tank advisory committee to meet at least twice a year.	MONITOR	
132	SB2573	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS.	Requires all public meetings of the Board of Regents to be recorded in digital video format, webcast live, and archived and made available to the public.	MONITOR	
133	SB2663	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT LAW.	Requires a supplemental environmental assessment or supplemental environmental impact statement after the passage of 15 years from the date of the acceptance of the statement or the determination of a finding of no significant impact, if the proposed action is not completed.	MONITOR	
134	SB2667	RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS.	Provides that where public access is required as a condition of a subdivision, either the county must accept dedication of and maintain the access or identify an entity to own and maintain the access. Authorizes the county to require the subdivider to establish a stewardship fund for maintenance purposes.	MONITOR	

135	SB2680	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Authorizes the counties to employ qualified archaeologists to perform necessary reviews under chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	OPPOSE	
136	SB2692	RELATING TO THE NĀ WAI 'EHĀ WATERSHED.	Appropriates money out of the land conservation fund for the acquisition of 11,020 acres of the Nā Wai 'Ehā watershed in Wailuku, Maui.	MONITOR	
137	SB2745	RELATING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.	Establishes the west O'ahu community development authority. Designates the Kalaeloa community development district under the west O'ahu community development authority, rather than the Hawaii community development authority. Makes an appropriation.	MONITOR	
138	SB2755	RELATING TO PUEO RESEARCH.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct, in collaboration with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, a state-wide assessment of pueo conservation status.	MONITOR	
139	SB2774	RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.	Prohibits, beginning 1/1/2028, a person to operate an underground storage system with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, mauka of the underground injection control line.	MONITOR	
140	SB2775	RELATING TO THE FUEL TANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE.	Requires the fuel tank advisory committee to meet twice within a same calendar year at least six months apart.	MONITOR	
141	SB2779	RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COMMISSION.	Establishes an ecosystem restoration commission to identify lands for environmental remediation and return ownership and control of those lands to the State, a county, or other entity.	MONITOR	
142	SB2788	RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF.	Extends the lapse date of the appropriation for Kauai flooding disaster relief made by Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to June 30, 2021.	MONITOR	
143	SB2798	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Requires the State Historic Preservation Division to contract its review of proposed state projects, projects on privately owned historic property, and projects affecting historic properties to third-party consultants if the projects involve the development of affordable housing and the division will not be able to complete its review within 60 days.	HIGH MONITOR	

144	SB2799	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Requires a county agency having jurisdiction over planning and permitting, in any county with a population of 500,000 or more, to determine whether certain affordable housing development projects shall be exempt from the State's environmental impact statement laws pursuant to chapter 11-200.1, subchapter 8, Hawaii Administrative Rules.	OPPOSE	
145	SB2807	RELATING TO LEASE EXTENSIONS ON PUBLIC LAND.	Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to extend certain leases of public lands for commercial, industrial, resort, or government use upon approval of a proposed development agreement to make substantial improvements to the existing improvements. Sunsets on 6/30/2025.	OPPOSE	
146	SB2810	RELATING TO DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS.	Prohibits declaratory judgments when there is a cause of action and in other certain instances. Requires a plaintiff to show a personal stake in the actual controversy beyond a general disagreement or complaint by requiring a showing of an injury-in-fact.	HIGH MONITOR	
147	SB2828	RELATING TO WATER.	Specifies that fire safety use is a beneficial use of water. Requires the department of land and natural resources to work with the county governments, Hawaii emergency management agency, and owners to use reservoir water for fire safety.	OPPOSE	
148	SB2909	RELATING TO STATE BOATING FACILITIES.	Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease any existing state boating facility in part or in its entirety, and fast lands and submerged lands within any existing state boating facility, by public auction, request for proposals, or direct negotiation for private development, management, and operation. Clarifies that legislative approval is not required to award a lease. Repeals fast lands and submerged lands lease authorization for Ala Wai Boat Harbor under section 200-2.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	MONITOR	
149	SB2913	RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF WATER LICENSES BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	Clarifies the conditions and manner in which the Board of Land and Natural Resources may dispose water by license.	COMMENT	

150	SB2914	RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO LEASE PASTURE LANDS ON TERMS THAT PROMOTE COLLABORATIVE BENEFICIAL USE FOR FORESTRY, WILDLIFE, RECREATIONAL, AND FOOD PRODUCTION PURPOSES.	Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to amend and extend existing pasture leases and to issue new pasture leases by negotiation in furtherance of public purposes the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for promoting.	OPPOSE	
151	SB2935	RELATING TO AQUATIC BIOSECURITY.	Authorizes the department of land and natural resources management to co-enforce, with the United States Coast Guard, rules, standards, and requirements related to ballast-water, vessel biofouling, vessel hull in-water cleaning, and any other incidental discharges that may pose a risk for the introduction and spread of non-native aquatic organisms. Appropriates funds for staffing and operating expenditures for aquatic biosecurity.	MONITOR	
152	SB2939	RELATING TO CRIMES ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS.	Imposes extended terms of imprisonment for crimes committed on agricultural lands.	MONITOR	
153	SB2946	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Establishes the ALOHA homes program to develop low-cost homes on state-owned and county-owned land in urban redevelopment sites to be sold in leasehold by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation (HHFDC) to qualified residents. Exempts certain land from the definition of public lands. Requires HHFDC to develop an ALOHA homes demonstration project by July 1, 2025.	COMMENT	

154	SB2953	RELATING TO VESSELS.	Makes clarifications regarding removal of unauthorized vessels on state property. Makes clarifications regarding the definition of an abandoned vessel. Changes the time limit to claim an unauthorized vessel that is impounded by the department of land and natural resources from thirty days to ten working days. Changes the time limit to claim an abandoned vessel that is impounded by a state or county agency from twenty days to ten working days. Makes abandonment of a vessel on waters of the State or public property a petty misdemeanor. Makes clarifications to auction requirements regarding abandoned vessels. Sets the time limit for a vessel owner or operator to remove unauthorized, abandoned, and grounded vessels at twenty-four hours. Allows DLNR to charge an impound storage fee.	MONITOR	
155	SB2954	RELATING TO REDUCING PLASTIC PACKAGING WASTE.	Requires all retail food establishments using any food service ware for any food prepared or packaged on premises to use biodegradable, compostable, recyclable, or reusable food service ware.	MONITOR	
156	SB2963	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Exempts certain low-density affordable housing projects from the State's land use district boundary amendment requirements.	OPPOSE	
157	SB2971	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Requires a county agency having jurisdiction over planning and permitting, in any county with a population of 500,000 or more, to determine whether certain affordable housing development projects shall be exempt from the State's environmental impact statement laws pursuant to chapter 11-200.1, subchapter 8, Hawaii Administrative Rules.	OPPOSE	
158	SB2972	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Requires the State Historic Preservation Division to contract its review of proposed state projects, projects on privately owned historic property, and projects affecting historic properties to third-party consultants if the projects involve the development of affordable housing and the division will not be able to complete its review within 60 days.	HIGH MONITOR	
159	SB2976	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS.	Requires the department of agriculture to conduct preclearance quarantine inspections prior to direct travel to or from the State. Appropriates funds to implement a preclearance quarantine inspection.	MONITOR	

160	SB3020	RELATING TO TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN PRACTICES.	Protects native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.	COMMENT	
161	SB3023	RELATING TO KĀNE'ŌHE BAY.	Appropriates funds to create a full-time internship coordinator and cultural resource specialist positions with the Hawaii institute of marine biology at the He'eia estuarine research reserve.	MONITOR	
162	SB3049	RELATING TO CONSERVATION.	Requires habitat conservation plans to identify available funding from the applicants in an amount sufficient to transport, treat, rehabilitate, and reintroduce into its original habitat any endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species injured as a result of an authorized incidental take.	MONITOR	
163	SB3050	RELATING TO CONSERVATION.	Establishes a habitat conservation program manager position to be funded from fees charged to applicants for assistance provided to habitat conservation plan (HCP) applicants. Requires the habitat conservation program manager to draft rules that implement and clarify the intent of chapter 195D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, work with applicants for incidental take licenses, as part of a HCP, to develop their projects to minimize and mitigate incidental take of threatened and endangered species to the maximum extent practicable, effectively track and monitor funds and expenditures related to habitat conservation plans, conduct follow-up monitoring for development projects, and implement and manage mitigation and other projects that benefit the recovery of threatened and endangered species. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
164	SB3052	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL SHARK TOURS.	Prohibits commercial shark tour operations from operating without a permit. Requires the department of land and natural resources to adopt rules to regulate commercial shark tours, including dive cage requirements and adherence to a code of conduct.	MONITOR	
165	SB3061	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.	Amends the nominating authority of the representatives of the He'eia community development district, Kalaeloa community development district, and Kaka'ako community development district on the Hawaii community development authority.	MONITOR	

166	SB3094	RELATING TO THE KAHOO LAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operations of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission and for 2 full-time equivalent positions on the Commission.	MONITOR	
167	SB3096	RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS.	Reestablishes Lā Kū'oko'a a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday.	SUPPORT	
168	SB3104	RELATING TO LAND DEVELOPMENT.	Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to lease real property for a period not to exceed 99 years for the development of certain projects that include affordable housing. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to submit a report to the legislature that identifies all state lands that may be developed for multi-unit dwellings. Authorizes a state or county department or agency to petition the appropriate county land use decision-making authority, rather than the Land Use Commission, for a change in the boundary of a district involving land areas between 15 acres and 25 acres where the majority of the development will be for affordable housing. Authorizes the State Historic Preservation Division to delegate the responsibility of historic preservation project reviews to the impacted county. Establishes the Office of the Housing Ombudsman.	OPPOSE	
169	SB3112	RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.	Allocates funds from TAT revenue to the Hawaii Tourism Authority, rather than the Special Land and Development Fund, to improve certain state resources and services. Requires DLNR to submit an annual list to HTA of proposed projects for the HTA Strategic Plan.	MONITOR	
170	SB3178	RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Specifies that the office of Hawaiian affairs board of trustees may remove the administrator by majority vote, rather than by two-thirds vote.	COMMENT	
171	HCR10		URGING THE STATE TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC GOODS AND PLASTIC BAGS AND TO SET A SUSTAINABILITY EXAMPLE BY ELIMINATING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC TABLEWARE AT STATE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.	MONITOR	
172	HCR24		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KA'ALAWAI, HONOLULU, O'AHU, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	

173	HCR25		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIMĀNALO, KO'OLAUPOKO, O'AHU, FOR THE EXISTING PIER, SEAWALL, AND STEPS, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
174	HCR26		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KĀNE'OHE, KO'OLAUPOKO, O'AHU, FOR THE EXISTING PIER, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
175	HCR27		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MAUNALUA, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
176	HCR28		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KĀNE'OHE, KO'OLAUPOKO, O'AHU, FOR THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
177	HCR29		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT NĀPILI 2 AND 3, LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR AN EXISTING WALKWAY, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
178	HCR30		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIOHULI-KĒŌKEA, WAILUKU, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	

179	HCR31		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIOHULI-KĒŌKEA HOMESTEADS, KIHAI, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, ROCK REVETMENT, AND CONCRETE STEPS, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
180	HCR32		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIOHULI-KĒŌKEA HOMESTEADS AND BEACH LOTS, KIHAI, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL AND ROCK REVETMENT, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
181	SCR17		URGING THE STATE TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC GOODS AND PLASTIC BAGS AND TO SET A SUSTAINABILITY EXAMPLE BY ELIMINATING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC TABLEWARE AT STATE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.	MONITOR	
182	SCR22		URGING THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH AN UPDATED SUSTAINABLE YIELD FOR THE KUALAPUU AQUIFER SYSTEM THAT INCORPORATES THE FINDINGS OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY'S CENTRAL MOLOKAI GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AND AVAILABILITY STUDY TO PROTECT NATIVE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICES AND THE FUTURE WATER SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF MOLOKAI.	SUPPORT	
183	SCR27		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KA'ALAWAI, HONOLULU, O'AHU, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
184	SCR28		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIMĀNALO, KO'OLAUPOKO, O'AHU, FOR THE EXISTING PIER, SEAWALL, AND STEPS, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	

185	SCR29		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KĀNE'OHE, KO'OLAUPOKO, O'AHU, FOR THE EXISTING PIER, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
186	SCR30		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MAUNALUA, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
187	SCR31		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KĀNE'OHE, KO'OLAUPOKO, O'AHU, FOR THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
188	SCR32		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT NĀPILI 2 AND 3, LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR AN EXISTING WALKWAY, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
189	SCR33		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIQHULI-KĒŌKEA, WAILUKU, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
190	SCR34		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIQHULI-KĒŌKEA HOMESTEADS, KIHEI, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, ROCK REVETMENT, AND CONCRETE STEPS, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	

191	SCR35		AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIOHULI-KĒŌKEA HOMESTEADS AND BEACH LOTS, KIHEI, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL AND ROCK REVETMENT, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.	MONITOR	
192	HR8		URGING THE STATE TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC GOODS AND PLASTIC BAGS AND TO SET A SUSTAINABILITY EXAMPLE BY ELIMINATING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC TABLEWARE AT STATE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.	MONITOR	
193	SR18		URGING THE STATE TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC GOODS AND PLASTIC BAGS AND TO SET A SUSTAINABILITY EXAMPLE BY ELIMINATING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC TABLEWARE AT STATE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.	MONITOR	
194	GM506		Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Commission Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2022 (title amended to Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands by GM510).	MONITOR	
195	GM507		Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, TYLER I. GOMES, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022 (title amended to Deputy to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands by GM511).	MONITOR	

**AMENDMENT:**

**MEANS OF FINANCING:**

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA						EXCUSED
VICE-CHAIR KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	1		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY		2	X			
ROBERT	LINDSEY						EXCUSED
COLETTE	MACHADO						Not Present at Vote Departed at 11:00 a.m.
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				6	0	0	3

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

DISCUSSION:




Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
February 6, 2020  
10:00 am

V. New Business

B. Deliberation and decision making on the Report by the Permitted Interaction Group re: the investigation of the alignment and update of the existing Board of Trustees By-Laws for OHA's Board Governance Framework.

*Pursuant to HRS § 92-2.5(b)(1)(C)\**

*\*- Please insert the Report by the Permitted Interaction Group re: the investigation of the alignment and update of the existing Board of Trustees By-Laws for OHA's Board Governance Framework. This report was distributed at the January 23, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting.*



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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Interoffice Memorandum

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Date: January 23, 2020

To: Ke Kauhuhu Colette Y. Machado  
Ke Kua Leina‘ala Ahu Isa  
Ke Kua Dan Ahuna  
Ke Kua Kaleihikina Akaka  
Ke Kua Keli`i Akina  
Ke Kua Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Ke Kua Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
Ke Kua John Waihe‘e IV

From: Ke Kua Brendon Kalei`āina Lee

Cc: Sylvia M. Hussey, Ed.D., Ka Pouhana, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Transmittal of BOT By-Laws Permitted Interaction Group Report and Proposed Edits

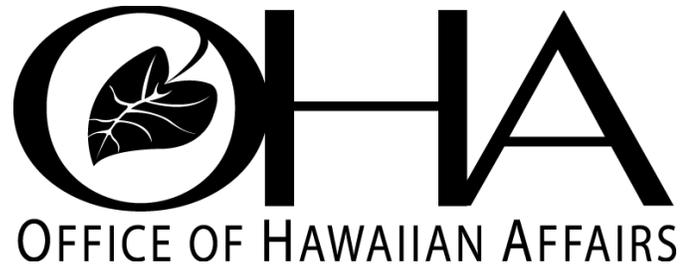
Attachments: (1)-Report on Proposed By-Laws Changes; (2)-8.30.18 FINAL By-Laws [AS IS]; (3) BOT By-Laws Proposed Edits-Redlined; (4)-BOT By-Laws Proposed Edits-Clean; (5) BOT By-Laws Appendices Proposed Edits-Redlined; and (6) BOT By-Laws Appendices Proposed Edits-Clean

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At the May 30, 2019 meeting, via Action Item BOT #19-07, the Board approved the formation of a new Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to continue the implementation of the Board Governance Framework elements. The purview of the new PIG was for the Board of Trustees (BOT), BOT staff and OHA Administration staff to work together to: (1) Investigate the alignment and update of existing BOT By-Laws and related documents; (2) Establish consistent format, review and update parameters, mechanisms and processes; and (3) Integrate the developed BOT By-Laws and related documents into the Board Governance Framework.

The membership of the Permitted Interaction Group was as follows, supplemented by Trustee Aides and Administration staff: Trustees Colette Machado, Brendon Kalei`āina Lee, Robert K. Lindsey, Jr, and Carmen Hulu Lindsey; and Sylvia M. Hussey, Ka Pouhana and Project Manager. I served as the Chair of PIG and Trustee Machado served as its Vice Chair.

An Action Item regarding the PIG’s work, report and proposed edits is anticipated to be on the February 20, 2020 Board agenda and entitled “Approve the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Trustees’ Updated By-Laws”; and all of these attachments will be a part of the Action Item attachments.



Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees Bylaws  
Executive Summary and Changes

January 2020

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## **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) was born of a collective and compassionate effort on the part of the delegates to the state Constitutional Convention of 1978. In accordance with Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 10-3 Purpose of the office, the purposes of the OHA include: (1) The betterment of conditions of native Hawaiians. A pro rata portion of all funds derived from the public land trust shall be funded in an amount to be determined by the legislature for this purpose, and shall be held and used solely as a public trust for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians; (2) The betterment of conditions of Hawaiians; (3) Serving as the principal public agency in this State responsible for the performance, development, and coordination of programs and activities relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; except that the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, shall be administered by the Hawaiian homes commission; (4) Assessing the policies and practices of other agencies impacting on native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, and conducting advocacy efforts for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; (5) Applying for, receiving, and disbursing, grants and donations from all sources for native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs and services; and (6) Serving as a receptacle for reparations. In the establishment of OHA, HRS § 10-4(1) states that the Board of Trustees (Board or BOT) shall have the power “to adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws governing the conduct of its business and the performance of the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by law.”

In January 2019, the Board of Trustees (BOT) adopted the formation of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)<sup>1</sup> to: Investigate various elements of governance frameworks and models, including but not limited to cultural, indigenous, native, national, and international contexts (aka the Board Governance Framework PIG). Subsequent to the completion of the Board Governance Framework PIG, on May 30, 2019, the Board formed a new PIG to continue the implementation of the Board Governance Framework elements. The purview of this PIG was for the Board, Board staff, and OHA Administration staff to work together in: (1) investigating the alignment and updating existing BOT Bylaws and related documents; (2) establishing consistent format and review and updating parameters, mechanisms, and processes; and (3) integrating the developed BOT Bylaws and related documents into the Board Governance Framework.

The BOT’s Bylaws act as the Board’s internal rules. The PIG’s goals in reviewing the bylaws included: (1) ensuring legal compliance with applicable state and federal laws; (2) ensuring legal compliance of internal governance practices; (3) ensuring the presence of sound governance procedures; (4) removing the presence of the potential grounds for unsound governance practices; (5) moving certain provisions to the Executive Policy Manual or the Operations Manual; (6) educating the board about its responsibilities in detailing the Board’s description of legal duties; and (7) guiding the Board in meeting its responsibilities.

The BOT Bylaws were last reviewed altogether in 2007. A draft in 2018 sought to collate edits that were made from 2008-2018 into one collective document. The collective changes provided in this updated version of the Bylaws seeks to update the existing Bylaws to come into conformance by incorporating appropriate statutes, case law, and references to higher authorities relevant to OHA; adding specificity and clarity and expressions of the Board within the purpose, powers, and duties of the Board and provisions of OHA; aligning the Bylaws to updated versions of the Board’s approved Lāhui policies and Strategic Plan 2020-2035; and providing consistency in citations and technical changes throughout the document.

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<sup>1</sup> Organized in accordance with HRS, CHAPTER 92, PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS §92-2.5

## II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

### A. Substantive Changes

Some substantive changes are being recommended after extensive deliberations, including:

- Adding in definition of a PIG to reflect OHA’s use of PIGs in areas of the document noting types of meetings;
- Providing an additional provision in Article VII (“Administration”) to offer clarification on the roles of the Administrator and the Chief Executive Officer;
- Amending Article VII(C) to reflect the Administrator’s legal right to a due process hearing if the Board votes to remove the Administrator;
- Updating Article IX (“Meetings”) to reflect information related to Act 244 (2019), which made minor changes to the state Sunshine Law relevant to OHA meeting notices;
- Reorganizing and clarifying sections of Article XV (“Conflict of Interest”) to further define what relationship would constitute a conflict of interest;
- Adding in Article XVI (“Confidentiality”);
- Revising Article XVII (“Trustee Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violation of the Code of Conduct”) considering Board Counsel’s concerns that the current wording of the Article is inconsistent with Sunshine Law requirements; and
- Eliminating Article XIX (“Unbudgeted Funding Request”).

Further explanations of these recommendations for changes are provided in Part III of this document titled “Substantive Changes.”

### B. Technical Changes

Most of the changes made to the Bylaws were largely stylistic and technical in nature. These technical changes included:

- Updating and consistency of legal citations;
- Moving all definitions to the definition section;
- Updating page numbering to follow the Arabic numeral numbering system;
- Consistent use of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i as required by HAW. CONST. art. XII, Section 4 and Article XIX of OHA BOT Bylaws; and
- Consistency in punctuation and formatting (e.g., eliminating extra spaces and line breaks and accidental punctuation).

### C. Ramseyer Format

Changes made to the OHA BOT Bylaws as reflected in this report seeks to comply with the Ramseyer format<sup>2</sup>. All matter to be deleted is enclosed in brackets and stricken and any new matter added to the section or subsection is underscored. The full text of an amended section or subsection is set out at length. No matter how small the proposed amendment and no matter how lengthy the amended part of the section or subsection in which the amendment is to appear, the whole section or subsection is set forth in its entirety.

<sup>2</sup> The Ramseyer format is the means by which the bill drafter shows the reader the changes being made to the existing law. [www.lrbhawaii.org/reports/draftwrk/begingdedraft.pdf](http://www.lrbhawaii.org/reports/draftwrk/begingdedraft.pdf), retrieved, December 29, 2019.

### III. SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

The PIG's goals in reviewing the bylaws included: (1) Ensuring legal compliance with applicable state and federal laws; (2) Ensuring legal compliance of internal governance practices; (3) Ensuring the presence of sound governance procedures; (4) Removing the presence of the potential grounds for unsound governance practices; (5) Moving certain provisions to the Executive Policy Manual or the Operations Manual; (6) Educating the board about its responsibilities in detailing the Board's description of legal duties; and (7) Guiding the Board in meeting its responsibilities. In achieving these goals, substantive changes were made to the following sections to ensure proper compliance.

#### A. CONFIDENTIALITY

##### 1. NEW PROVISION

A new article was added to the Bylaws addressing the need for confidentiality. The new Article XVI states:

#### ARTICLE XVI. CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. All information, data, and documents that are not public records, received or reviewed by a Member acting in the capacity as Member, shall be deemed confidential and shall not be released or utilized by any Member for any purpose other than OHA or Committee business.
- B. The unanimous vote of all Members of the Board after full consultation with Board Counsel shall be required before any confidential communication, proprietary, or otherwise privileged material received in an Executive Meeting convened may be publicly released, except for communications and materials deemed no longer confidential or redacted by Board Counsel and released under Board of Trustees Operations Manual, Rule 21 (July 2007).

##### 2. RATIONALE

Matters of a confidential nature frequently arise in BOT meetings and in the BOT's relations with Administration. Although a provision for confidentiality is present in the Operations Manual under Section 1.3.c-e, it is critical for the Bylaws to reflect the Members' collective duty of confidentiality, especially since the section alludes that a violation of the provision results in a Trustee being subject to censure imposed by Article XVII of the Bylaws.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, it is imperative that Board members agree to keep in confidence and to retain in the strictest confidence all information and records about the business and financial matters of OHA. It is imperative Trustees maintain a level of confidentiality regarding discussions surrounding documents received by which otherwise may compromise a situation.

Additionally, each Trustee owes a fiduciary duty of confidentiality to the BOT and shall avoid the disclosure and/or dissemination of confidential, propriety, or privileged information acquired by virtue of his or her position for his or her personal gain or for the benefit of anyone pursuant to Chapter 84 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes. Materials that are considered privileged include internal information (information acquired by virtue of their BOT position); executive session confidential materials; privileged materials (matters discussed with the BOT's attorneys); and those required under federal and state law. Only the affirmative vote of the full BOT may waive the privilege.

<sup>3</sup> This article refers to the 2008 version of the OHA Board of Trustees Bylaws.

## B. CODE OF CONDUCT

### 1. NEW PROVISION

A new article was added to the Bylaws addressing the need for confidentiality. The new Article XVIII states:

#### ARTICLE XVIII. TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

The professional conduct of a member of the OHA Board of Trustees shall be guided by the Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct, hereinafter referred to as the "Code of Conduct," which shall be created as a stand-alone executive policy of the Board of Trustees and made part of the OHA Board of Trustees' Executive Policy Manual as a stand-alone policy. The Sanctions for Violations of Code of Conduct shall contain procedures [~~which~~] that are fitting to the position of an elected Trustee and while ensuring that due process is afforded to a Trustee whose matter is being considered by the Board of Trustees.

~~[The Code of Conduct shall contain a discussion of fiduciary responsibilities of an OHA Trustee and laws application to a trustee's conduct. The Code of Conduct consists of three parts: (1) Fiduciary Responsibilities; (2) Board of Trustees' Executive Policies; and (3) Applicable Laws.]~~

~~[The Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct shall be reviewed at least annually to be kept current with changes to the Board of Trustees' Executive Policies and laws applicable to Trustee conduct.]~~

The purpose of this Article is to establish guidelines relating to the Trustee Code of Conduct, including standards for the ways in which members interact with one another, staff, and beneficiaries in the pursuit of setting OHA policy and managing its trust.

### 2. RATIONALE

In 2016, the Board of Trustees voted to (1) amend, approve, and ratify the OHA Board of Trustees Bylaw Article XVII, "Trustee Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct," and (2) to approve, adopt, and ratify a stand-alone policy which shall be titled "Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violation of the Code of Conduct." Action Item No. BR 16-1 states "the Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violation of the Code of Conduct would be presented to the BOT as a stand-alone policy to be incorporated by reference into BOT Bylaws Article XVII." These policies sought to establish procedures that would impose disciplinary sanctions when Board rules are violated to ensure that Board members meet "the high standards of ethics, transparency, and accountability that are expected from oversight responsibilities."

The previous draft of this Article left open questions of due process and compliance with Sunshine Law. The addition of the purpose of the policy hopes to ensure that Trustees that are subject to this Conduct are afforded due process in the hearing of their claim and conforms the new Article to be compliant with the Sunshine Law. This Article also resolves the long-standing question, asserting that the Board has the ability to engage in self-policing its own members for violations of the Trustee Code of Conduct.

## C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

### 1. NEW PROVISION

Article XV is amended to incorporate language in accordance to HRS § 84-14, the statute that governs over conflicts of interests. This measure also seeks to take further precautions in further defining a member's affiliation, provides criteria and procedures for disclosing a potential conflict, and reminds trustees of their fiduciary duties that also govern this section.

### ARTICLE XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members of the Board shall comply with the provisions of this Bylaw and are subject to the standards of conduct and financial interest disclosure requirements of HRS Chapter 84, as amended, (including HRS § 84-14) to include attending ethics training within a reasonable time upon taking office. For the purpose of this Bylaw Article:

- A. An 'affiliation' exists if a Board Member or a Member of the Board member's family is an owner, officer, director, trustee, partner, employee (which shall include legal counsel, consultant, contractor, advisor, or representative), or agent of such organization.
- B. [All information data, and documents that are not public records, received or reviewed by a Trustee acting in the capacity as Trustee shall be deemed confidential and shall not be released or utilized by any Trustee for any purpose other than OHA or committee business.]

All [~~trustees~~] Members must disclose to the Chairperson and the Board their membership(s) or affiliation(s) with any organizations or person(s) who are eligible to receive grants from, may be in competition with for resources or eligible to procure from or contract with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Members shall disqualify themselves any time an action is being considered by the Board which would affect the funding, procurement or contracts of that organization or person. Disclosure by declaration shall be made before Board action on the matter.

Board Members have a clear obligation to conduct all affairs of OHA in the best interest of beneficiaries. Members [~~of the Board~~] are expected to place the welfare of OHA above personal interests or the interests of family members or others who may be personally involved in affairs affecting OHA. All decisions of the Board are to be made solely [~~on the basis of~~] based on a desire to promote the best interest of OHA and its beneficiaries in alignment with a Board Member's fiduciary duties.

- C. [~~Disclosure. In the event the Board must consider any matter for OHA which also directly involves:~~
- ~~a Board or member of the Board's family (which shall be a spouse, parents, siblings and any household member);~~
  - ~~a public or private organization with which a Board member is a member or affiliated; or~~
  - ~~a Board member's personal financial interest as defined under Chapter 84, as amended~~

~~The affected Board member(s), at the first knowledge of the matter, shall disclose fully the precise nature of the interest or involvement to the Chairperson, or in the case of the Chairperson to the Vice Chairperson.~~

~~For the purpose of this Bylaw, affiliation exists if a Board member or a member of the Board member's family is an owner, officer, director, trustee, partner employee (which shall also include legal counsel,~~

~~consultant contractor, advisor or representative) or agent of such organization.~~

~~Matters covered under this Bylaw shall be reported initially to the Chairperson of the Board for appropriate action. Should the Chairperson be the Board member with a potential conflict, the matter shall be reported to the Vice Chairperson.~~

- D. Members violating this Article shall be subject to disciplinary action, as set forth in Article XVIII herein.

## 2. RATIONALE

OHA's stand-alone BOT executive policy on the "Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violation of the Code of Conduct" references a statutory standard of conduct for state employees including conflicts of interest governed under HRS § 84-14. This statute is not referenced under the Bylaws. This Article seeks to reflect the applicability of HRS § 84-14 to this section.

This Article seeks to define what constitutes an 'affiliation' at the start of the Bylaw to firmly enumerate what the Board considers an affiliation. The previous definition listed in subsection C appears to limit the disclosure to the three definitions posed by that definition. The new definition seeks to more broadly define what a potential 'affiliation' may constitute.

In the State Auditor's Report No. 18-03, the Auditor's office states that in their review of Trustee Allowances, there were "numerous instances where trustees made donations or purchases which directly or indirectly benefited them, a spouse, or an organization they were affiliated with." To correct further potential "conflicts of interest" violation, this policy seeks to define when a Board member has an "affiliation." New language ensures that a member follows their fiduciary duties and discloses that a Member must disclose to the Chairperson if they are faced with a potential conflict of interest.

## D. DEFINITION OF A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP

### 1. NEW PROVISION

Article II adds in a new definition of Permitted Interaction Group in accordance with HRS § 92-2.5.

### ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

"Permitted Interaction Group" or "PIG" means a group organized in accordance where no more than a simple majority of a Board may discuss between themselves matter relating to official board business to enable them to perform their duties faithfully, as long as no commitment to vote is made or sought, and the two members do not constitute a quorum of their board, as provided by HRS § 92-2.5, as amended.

### 2. RATIONALE

Permitted Interaction Groups provide another method to investigate matters relating to the official business of the board if two or more members of a board, but less than the number of members which would constitute a quorum for the board. Therefore, OHA's increasing reliance on the tool should be reflected in the Board's bylaws should an investigative nature come up for Board inquiry.

Although OHA has previously relied on tools like the Ad Hoc Committees to investigate specific subjects for a limited time as designated by the Board, the PIG allows for a greater number of Board members to take

part in the activities of the PIG. Members may communicate by interactive technology, solicit input from the public as part of an investigation, and consult others in furtherance of its investigation without being in violation Sunshine Law.

## E. CLARIFICATION BETWEEN ROLES OF CEO AND ADMINISTRATOR

### 1. NEW PROVISION

Section C provides a provision for due process for the removal of the Administrator. Section D in Article VII clarifies the function of the Administrator in their dual role as the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer of OHA.

## ARTICLE VII. ADMINISTRATOR

- A. **Appointment.** ~~[As required by Chapter 10, Section 10, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, the]~~ The Board, by a simple majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled, shall appoint an Administrator who shall serve a term to be determined by the Board as required by HRS § 10-10, as amended.
- B. ~~[Duties.] Staff.~~ ~~[As required by Chapter 10, Section 12, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, the]~~ The Administrator may employ and retain such employees as deemed necessary as required by HRS § 10-12, as amended.
- C. **Removal.** The Board, by a two-thirds vote (6) of all Trustees to which it is entitled, may remove the Administrator for cause at any time with a due process hearing, as required by HRS § 10-10, as amended.
- D. **Function.** The Administrator shall function as the chief executive officer.

### 2. RATIONALE

Section C. Per Board Counsel's characterization, the Administrator can only be removed for cause and with due process. HRS S 10-10 holds that an Administrator may be removed for cause at any time. Therefore, the due process amendment was added to reflect this characterization.

Section D. On December 17, 2009, the Board of Trustees voted to re-designate the title from "Administrator" to "Chief Executive Officer" and to approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to make technical changes to Chapter 10, HRS, OHA's governing documents, to include its Bylaws, Executive Policies and operational procedures, and to any other policies, procedures, documents and/or instruments as appropriate to reflect the re-designation of position title. The Trustees found that the Administrator is presently acting and performing as OHA's Chief Executive Officer, and a re-designation of the title corresponds to the Administrator's actual role in the organization. Article XII, Section 6 of the Hawai'i Constitution provides that the board shall have the power through its executive officer, the administrator of OHA. HRS § 10-5(6) states that the Board has the power to delegate to the Administrator, its officers and employees such powers and duties as may be proper for the performance of the powers and duties vested in the board. The Trustees found that OHA's Chief Executive Officer implements Board directives and continues to provide administrative direction and leadership to administrative staff to achieve strategic results. Therefore, the designation of Chief Executive Officer is more appropriate than that of Administrator by showing that the Chief Executive Officer maintains ultimate

responsibility for the success of Administration and carrying out the objectives of the Board. This new amendment clarifies that the Administrator as noted in HRS § 10-5(6) operates/functions as the Chief Executive Officer for OHA.

## F. ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

### 1. NEW PROVISION

Article VIII (1) adds in a section to establish the relationship of the Standing Committees to the Board, (2) updates the descriptions of the RM Committee description to be in alignment with HRS § 10-4, (3) updates the BAE Committee to reflect the latest Strategic Plan, and (4) adds in a description of the use of Permitted Interaction Groups, creating a new subsection F.

## ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

- A. Establishment of Standing Committees. To facilitate consideration of policy matters that must be approved by the Board, Standing Committees are established. Authority to act on all matters is reserved to the Board, and the functions of each Standing Committee shall be to consider and make recommendations to the Board.
- B. There shall be a minimum of two (2) Standing Committees of the Board. Each Committee shall be led by a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Board may increase the number of Standing Committees, but the membership of the Standing Committees shall be all nine (9) Trustees. The two (2) Standing Committees, subject to increase, shall consist of the Committee on Resource Management (RM) and Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE).
1. **Committee on Resource Management.** The Committee shall:
- handle all fiscal and budgetary matters and ensure proper management, planning, evaluation, investment and use of OHA's trust funds;
  - review, approve. or disapprove all acquisition expenditures that have a multi-year implication;
  - review and approve all acquisition expenditures that impact the OHA Debt Management, Economic Development, Investment and Spending policies;
  - [~~establish~~] develop policies that strengthen OHA's fiscal controls and financial management;
  - oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and execute policy for the proper use of such lands including land in which OHA shall have an interest;
  - develop policies on land use, native rights, and natural and cultural resources, including: the inventory, identification, analysis and treatment of land, native rights, and natural and cultural resources;
  - develop policies and criteria for OHA's land acquisitions, dispositions, development, management, and the use of real property in which OHA has an interest;
  - develop policies relating to OHA's real estate asset allocation, desired returns, and balancing OHA's real estate portfolio including legacy lands, corporate real property, programmatic lands and investment properties;
  - oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and develop policy for the proper use and stewardship of such real property;
  - develop policies and programs for OHA's ownership, financing and development of real property, including capital improvements, debt management, economic

development, investment and spending policies and forms of ownership for OHA's real property.

- k. ~~[with respect to real estate now owned by OHA in its own name but owned in one or more limited liability companies or other entities in which OHA, directly or indirectly maintains an ownership interest, oversee OHA's performance of its rights and obligations with respect to real estate under the terms and conditions of the applicable limited liability company agreement or other operating agreement]~~ oversee the performance of OHA's rights and obligations with respect to real estate not owned by OHA in its own name;
- l. review, approve, or disapprove appropriate grants that support OHA's overall mission;
- m. evaluate OHA programs to determine their effectiveness to decide whether to continue, modify, or terminate a program's;
- n. in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and other resources (e.g., Corporation Counsel, Ethics Commission), develop training and orientation programs for Trustees and staff, including materials relating to Trustees roles, fiduciary responsibilities, and ethical obligations, as provided by HRS Chapter 84, as amended;
- o. in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment carry out the recruitment and selection of the OHA Administrator; and
- p. provide oversight of Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.

2. **Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment.** The committee shall:

- a. plan, coordinate, and implement programs and activities that encourage Hawaiians to participate in governance;
- b. facilitate OHA's legislative agenda and advocacy efforts with federal, state, and county officials, private and community organizations, and groups involved in Hawaiian issues;
- c. ~~[draft, introduce,]~~ review and support the passage of legislation that benefits Hawaiians and supports Hawaiian issues, and work to defeat legislation which is contrary to the interest of OHA and its beneficiaries;
- d. review, ~~and approve,~~ or disapprove program grants that support OHA's legislative and advocacy efforts;
- e. develop programs ~~[which]~~ that focus on beneficiary health, human services, economic stability, education, and native rights;
- f. develop policies and programs relating to housing, land use, the environment, and natural resources;
- g. evaluate all OHA programs to ensure that the programs have a positive impact on beneficiaries, and;
- h. provide oversight of Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.

- C. Each Standing Committee shall consider all matters referred to it in accordance with Section ~~[F]~~ L, Article VIII, of these Bylaws and make appropriate recommendations to the Board in a timely manner, but no later than twelve (12) calendar days before a Board meeting, and shall make progress reports to the Board periodically or when requested by the Chairperson of the Board.

- D. Standing Committees may meet in joint session when subject matter falls under the purview of more than one of the Standing Committees. In the case of an unbudgeted funding decision, a joint ~~[committee]~~ meeting of the Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee and the Resource Management Committee, led by the Chairperson of the Resource Management Committee, shall be mandatory. ~~[An “un-budgeted funding decision is one in which the Board considers the reallocation of funds in the existing budget to meet an expenditure not appropriated in the existing budget.”]~~
- E. **Advisory Committees.**
1. Standing Committees may create Advisory Committees as necessary ~~[which shall]~~ to serve in an advisory capacity to the Standing Committees. Advisory Committees shall assist in the resolution or study of issues arising in the specific areas of concern assigned to their respective Standing Committee. To avoid duplication in the consideration of issues, the Standing Committees shall create only one Advisory Committee to study or undertake the resolution of a single subject or issue. Each Standing Committee shall have no more than three Advisory Committees at any one time. All communications and advice from an Advisory Committee shall be made to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, no later than twelve (12) calendar days before a Standing Committee Meeting. All communication and advice to an Advisory Committee shall be made by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee or designee.
  2. The Advisory Committee Chairperson and membership shall be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairperson, upon advice and counsel of Standing Committee members. The term of the Advisory Committees shall expire with the completion of the assigned task or at the discretion of the Standing Committee Chairperson. There shall be no less than three (3) members to each Advisory Committee, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who shall be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairperson. All
- F. **Ad Hoc Committees.**
1. From time to time, there shall be such Ad hoc Committees, as designated by the Chairperson, the members of which shall be appointed by the Chairperson, and subject to approval of the Board by a simple majority (5) vote. There shall be a minimum of three (3) members on each Ad hoc Committee, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board and who shall be the Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee.
  2. The term of the Ad hoc Committees shall expire at the completion of the assigned task or at a specific time that is determined for each Ad hoc Committee at the time of the appointment of said Committee or at the discretion of the Chairperson.
    - a. All communications and advice from an Ad hoc Committee shall be made to the Chairperson of the Board no later than ten days before a Board meeting.
    - b. All communications and advice to an Ad hoc Committee shall be made by the Chairperson of the Board.
    - c. In the event that three (3) or more Board members are appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee, HRS Chapter 92, as amended, will apply.
- G. **Permitted Interaction Groups**
1. The Chairperson may place on the agenda for Board consideration a request for the formation of a PIG in accordance with HRS § 92-2.5, as amended. The request shall set forth the title of the PIG, its scope, its suggested membership, and duration.

2. The purpose of the PIG shall be either to: (a) investigate a matter relating to the official business of the Board (“Investigative PIG”) or (b) to present, discuss, or negotiate any position that the Board has adopted (“Negotiating PIG”).
3. The membership, purpose, scope, and duration of the PIG shall be approved by the Board prior to the commencement of an investigation or presentation, discussion, or negotiation of any position adopted by the Board at a meeting of the Board.
4. Upon creation of an Investigative PIG, the members shall proceed to investigate the matter within their purview and prepare a report together with the PIG’s findings and recommendations that shall be presented to the Board for consideration by the Trustees. No discussion, deliberation, or decision making shall occur at the time that the report is presented.
5. A Negotiating PIG shall present the results of its negotiations to the Board for deliberation and decision making by the Trustees at the same time or subsequent meeting.
6. Deliberation and decision making on the matter investigated, if any, must occur only at a duly noticed meeting of the Board held subsequent to the meeting at which the finding and recommendations of the Investigative PIG were presented at the Board.
7. The report of any PIG may be accepted, rejected, recommitted subjected to the PIG for further consideration or dissolved at the deliberation and decision making meeting, upon majority vote of the Trustees.

**H. Permanent Special Councils or Commissions.**

1. There shall be such Special Councils or Commissions as the Board deems appropriate to create, including Permanent Special Councils. The Board shall designate a Standing Committee that shall exercise oversight of said Council or Commission. The Special Council shall determine the duration of said Council or Commission.
2. Council Members or Commissioners shall be appointed by the Standing Committee to which oversight authority is granted pending confirmation of the Board through a simple majority (5) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled.
3. Membership of each Council or Commission shall be composed of at least one (1) member of the Board of Trustees.
4. The subject matter and purview of said Councils or Commissions shall be clearly defined and limited to only those areas so recommended by the Standing Committee having oversight thereof and subject to the approval of the full Board by a simple majority (5) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled. Oversight by the appropriate Standing Committee shall include, but not be limited to, review of budgetary concerns for the operation of said Council or Commission, and affirmation of requests for actions by such Council or Commission for the continued operations of such Council or Commission.
5. Such Council ~~Members~~ Members of Commissioners with the exception of any Members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve terms as established by the Board and shall serve terms as established by the Board and shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses, such as travel, parking, and meals.

I. **Quorum and Voting for Committees, Councils and Commissions.**

1. For Advisory, Ad hoc, and Standing Committees, Councils and Commissions, a majority of the members of the Committee, Council or Commission shall constitute a quorum. Except for Ad Hoc Committees, three (3) members shall constitute a quorum to do business.
2. The concurrence of a quorum shall be required for any Committee (other than a Standing Committee), Council or Commission to make any recommendation to the Board or Standing Committee where appropriate, for Board or Standing Committee approval.
3. A majority of the Members present at a Standing Committee meeting shall be required for it to make any recommendation to the Board, provided that a quorum is present at the time of the vote.
4. When Standing Committees meet jointly, each Committee shall vote separately as individual Committees.

J. Authority to act on all matters is reserved to the Board and the functions of the Advisory and Ad hoc Committees, Councils, Commissions, and Permitted Interaction Groups shall be to investigate, consider, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Board, respectively.

K. **Staff Assignments.** The Administrator shall assign to each Standing, Advisory, and Ad hoc Committee, and to each Council, Commission and Permitted Interaction Group, appropriate Administration staff to conduct research, analyze data, draft findings, and report and provide project management and support for and to advise the respective Committee, Council, Commission or Permitted Interaction Group and to maintain records of the proceedings of same.

L. **Committee Recommendations.** The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees [~~is required to~~] shall place a Committee recommendation on a Board of Trustees agenda no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the recommendation. All Standing Committees shall do the same with respect to any matter referred to the committee by a Member.

M. Waiver of any matter by committee to the Board of Trustees shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Members to which the Board is entitled.

**2. RATIONALE**

The new provision explicitly establishes that actions taken at the standing committee level need to be approved by the Board of Trustees. This provision ensures that the Board reserves the final approval for all items while Standing Committees submit action items that make recommendations to the Board.

Under the “Committee on Resource Management” provision under A(1), language were edited to reflect the committee’s responsibility to develop policies on budgetary and fiscal matters. HRS § 10-4(2) states that OHA shall “acquire in any lawful manner any property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein...” (emphasis added) Changes were made to all phrases that used ‘real estate’ were changed to reflect ‘real property’ to expand OHA’s capacity to make investments in real property and to reflect its obligations in HRS § 10-4. Subsection (j) was substantially revised and is now found under subsection (k) to reflect OHA’s move away from limited liability companies so that OHA solely “oversee[s] the performance of OHA;s rights and obligations with respect to real estate now owned by OHA in its own name.”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> See Walden v. Hi‘ilei Aloha LLC, et al., Civ. No. SP 18-1-0301 (Haw. 1st. Cir. June 25, 2019) (Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law; Order).

Under the “Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment” provision under A(2), subsection (c) was changed to be in alignment with the priorities of the Strategic Plan for 2020+. Instead of focusing solely on “beneficiary health, human services, native rights and education,” the clause now read that the Committee will develop on programs that focus on “beneficiary health, human services, economic stability, education, and native rights” to reflect the order of priority that has been identified and approved by the Trustees.

Subsection F “Permitted Interaction Group” was inserted into Article VIII to reflect HRS § 92-2.5 and the statute’s language. A subsection is added because of OHA’s growing use of permitted interaction groups to address investigations posed before the board. Additional provisions require that Standing Committees must follow the same procedures as the Board and that when each committee meet jointly, each Committee shall vote separately as individual Committees.

## G. ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

### 1. NEW PROVISION

Article IX is updated to reflect information related to SB335 (2019), which made minor changes to the state Sunshine Law relevant to OHA meeting notices.

#### ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

- A. ~~[As required in Section 10-8, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended,]~~ Board meetings shall be convened at the call of the Chairperson or by a quorum, as often as may be necessary for transaction of the Board’s business as required in HRS § 10-8, as amended. The Board shall meet at least once annually on each of the islands of Hawai‘i, Maui, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, Kaua‘i, and O‘ahu. At each meeting, the Board may ~~[,at each meeting,]~~ fix the time and place for its next regular meeting.
- B. Board meetings may be convened by the Chairperson. In addition, upon written request of a majority of the members of the Board, the Administrator shall schedule a meeting of the Board to take place within twelve (12) calendar days after receipt of such request, provided that the notice requirement ~~[of Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes]~~ is met pursuant to HRS §§ 92-7, 41, as amended, is met.
- C. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairperson in accordance with ~~[Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes]~~ HRS §92-8, as amended.
- D. Committee meetings shall be called by the Committee Chairperson.
- E. The Board shall give written public notice of any regular, special, emergency or rescheduled Board or Standing Committee, at least six (6) calendar days before the meeting and in the manner as required by ~~[Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes]~~ HRS §§ 92-7, 41, as amended. All meetings of the Board or its Committees, excluding PIGS, shall be open to the public, except for executive session meetings permitted pursuant to ~~[Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes]~~ HRS § 92-4, as amended, as required by HRS § 92-3, as amended.
- F. Appearances before the Board, and/or Standing Committees, Councils or Commissions shall be in accordance with HRS Chapter 92, as amended.
  1. Any person who wants to appear before the Board or any Standing Committee, Council, or Commission, except for executive session, to present testimony on a matter before the Board or any Standing Committee, Council, or Commission, shall make a request and submit a written copy of such testimony to the Administrator at least ~~[forty-eight]~~ seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Board, or Standing Committee, Council or Commission meeting unless such requirement is waived by a simple majority of

the Board or Standing Committee, Council, or Commission. Any verbal presentation permitted by the Board or Standing Committee, Council or Commission shall be limited to five (5) minutes.

2. The Chairperson or Standing Committee Council or Commission Chairperson shall have the authority to extend, limit, or terminate any testimony, which the Chairperson determines to be repetitious, made solely for purposes of delay, or ~~[to be]~~ without any substantive purpose.
3. Any person who wants to submit written testimony, data, views, or arguments on any agenda item shall submit ~~[ten]~~ thirteen (13) copies of such testimony to the Administrator at least ~~[forty-eight]~~ seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Board or Standing Committee, Council, or Commission meeting unless waived by a majority vote of all Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission members present.
4. The Board or Standing Committee, Council, or Commission by a simple majority (5) vote may restrict the total time allowed per agenda item.
5. Unless a testifier's testimony is related to a specific agenda item, the testifier may only give testimony under "Community Concerns" if ~~[agendized]~~ the item is placed on the agenda.

G. **Minutes of Meetings.** The Board and each Standing Committee, Council or Commission shall keep written or recorded minutes of all meetings as required under ~~[Chapter 92, Hawai'i Revised Statutes]~~ HRS § 92-9, as amended. The Board shall adopt standardized forms for use in the recordation of minutes of meetings. Minutes of all preceding meetings shall be available as provided by ~~[Section]~~ HRS § 92-9(b), as amended. The minutes shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. the date, time, and place of the meeting;
2. the members of the Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission recorded as either present, absent, or excused;
3. a summary of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided; and a record, by individual member, of motions made, motions seconded, and votes taken to include dissenting votes and abstentions;
4. staff assignments for investigation and the date staff reports are due;
5. departure and arrival of members from meetings to show matters discussed before arrival, while there, or after departure; and
6. any other information that any member of the Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission requests be included or reflected in the minutes.

H. **[Board] Packet.** ~~[Pursuant to Section 92-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, at]~~ At the time the ~~[Board]~~ [P]Packet is distributed to its members, the Board shall also make the Board Packet available for public inspection in the Board's office, as required by HRS § 92-7.5. Additionally, ~~[T]~~the Board or Committee shall provide reasonably prompt access to the Board Packet to any person upon request. The Board shall provide notice to persons requesting notification of meetings, pursuant to ~~[Section]~~ HRS Section 92-7(e), ~~[Hawai'i Revised Statutes]~~ as amended. The Board is not required to mail board packets. As soon as practicable, the Board shall accommodate requests for electronic access to the Board Packet.

~~["Board packet" means documents that are compiled by the Board and distributed to board members before a meeting for use at that meeting, to the extent the documents are public under chapter 92F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. Section 92-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, shall not require disclosure of executive session minutes, license applications]~~

- I. **Referrals.** The Board shall adopt procedures for research, due diligence and analysis, and referrals to staff via the Administrator.
- J. In an unlikely event, [T]he Board may hold additional community meetings, informational meetings and public hearings, as needed.

## 2. RATIONALE

Because OHA Bylaws are subject to statutory changes, changes to the Sunshine Law concerning meeting notices should be incorporated to update the OHA Bylaws. The new Article references the HRS § 92-7 and § 92-41 which specifically outline the procedures to give proper public notice under the Sunshine Law. Subsection F(5) also distinguishes between public testimony and community concerns by stating that items that public testimony must relate to concerns that are on the agenda for a particular meeting. Because these items are agendaized for future discussion, Trustees may ask questions or clarifications during this period. On the other hand, the community concerns portion of the meeting is solely for items that are not on the agenda. Trustees may not solicit clarifications or ask questions during this portion for the meeting.

## H. RE-WRITING OF ARTICLE XII “AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS”

### 1. NEW PROVISION

The new provision clarifies the use of “reading” and “vote.”

## ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

~~[These Bylaws shall be amended only by two-thirds vote of all members to which the Board is entitled. Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing for consideration by the Board. Any Bylaw amendment shall require two readings by the Board. The board shall not vote on any bylaw amendment until a minimum of two readings by the Board.]~~

Proposed Bylaw amendments shall be submitted to the Board in writing. Before these Bylaws may be amended by a proposed Bylaw, it must be approved by a 2/3rd’s vote of all the members to which the Board is entitled (6 affirmative votes) at least twice.

## 2. RATIONALE

Per Board counsel, the term “reading” as used in the Bylaws means a vote is taken so a Reading under the definitions section is actually a vote. To amend the Bylaws, a proposed Bylaw must be approved by at least six members twice.

## I. BOARD OF TRUSTEE STAFF

### 1. NEW REVISION

Article XIV clarifies the options of job classifications for Trustees to select from.

#### ARTICLE XIV. BOARD OF TRUSTEE STAFF

The Board ~~[of Trustees will employ]~~ Chair shall appoint a Chief of Staff who will be responsible for coordinating Board staff functions and activities and shall act as a liaison between the Board staff and the Administrator.

Each Board Member shall be entitled to a maximum of two full time positions, ~~[with the flexibility in order]~~. To carry out the duties of their office, [in choosing their] each Trustee shall choose their staff positions from the following job classifications: Trustee Aide and Trustee Secretary. Each Board member shall have the sole discretion [in selecting] to select their staff positions from the job classifications listed above that best suit the needs of their office.

The Chairperson of the Board shall also be entitled to one additional staff position known as the BOT Private Secretary.

Changes to the type and number of staff positions shall require Board approval.

##### 2. RATIONALE

Per Board Counsel's suggestion, the new language deletes the provision of flexibility in carrying out the duties of the office, which could lead to potential Human Resource difficulties.

#### J. ELIMINATE ARTICLE XIX "UNBUDGETED FUNDING REQUEST"

##### 1. PROVISION REMOVED

The Article XIX in the 2018 version of the Bylaws provided for a definition of the "Unbudgeted funding requests. This article was eliminated.

##### 2. RATIONALE

The article was eliminated as this definition would have been more appropriate in the definitions section; however, more appropriately, unbudgeted funding requests would be more appropriately listed in the Operations Manual.

#### IV. TECHNICAL CHANGES

A majority of changes made to the Bylaws were technical in nature, including fixing stylistic errors and ensuring consistent grammar and structure. The points below are a summary of the majority of substantive technical changes that were made.

##### A. TRUSTEE TO MEMBER

Changes were made from “Trustee” to “Member.” There are members that are part of Trustee initiated actions that include those that are not Trustees, including Administration, staff, and consultants or other members of the public. To ensure that all members stay in compliance, it was made explicit that these provisions apply to members, not just Trustees.

##### B. ELIMINATION OF “SLANDER” IN SUBSECTION G OF ARTICLE XVII. ORDER AND DECORUM

Subsection G was previously titled “Defamation and Slander.” Because slander is a subcategory of defamation, titling the section “Defamation and Slander” would be considered repetitious and unnecessary. The subsection is now titled “Defamation.”

##### C. ‘ŌLELO HAWAI‘I

The document was updated to ensure consistency across the document in the usage of diacritical marks for Hawaiian words and diacritical marks are used when appropriate. ‘Okina were used to resemble an open single quotation.

##### D. LEGAL CITATIONS

The legal citations contained within the document were updated to match the 2019 version of the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes and to ensure that references properly cited the information the clause claimed to contain.

##### E. CLEAN-UP OF SPACING AND OTHER STYLISTIC ERRORS

There were several places where there were formatting errors, such as extra spaces, line breaks, and accidental punctuation. These issues were remedied. This document also ensured consistency in punctuation across the document.

##### F. PAGE NUMBERING

The page numbers on the proposed Bylaws were updated to follow Arabic numeral numbering. This reflects the recommendations of the FIG.

## V. CHANGES TO APPENDICES

The BOT By-Laws approved in August 2018 contained the following appendices:

### A. APPENDIX A

Appendix A is entitled “HISTORY AND REFERENCE RELATED TO THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD” and contains a table of detailed edits from 1981 to 2016. The PIG recommends that the entire Appendix A, as currently presented, be archived as a workpaper accessible each time the By-laws are reviewed; but not included in the actual BOT By-Laws document itself. **The PIG recommends that this appendix be eliminated from the By-Laws document and moved to the Operations Manual.**

### B. APPENDIX B

Appendix B is entitled “TABLE SHOWING EFFECTS ON BYLAWS and contains the following verbiage: The list of adopted/amended dates of BOT Bylaws, also known as “History of Board Actions on OHA Bylaws” and “Table Showing Effects on Bylaws” from the Board approved BOT Bylaws on November 8, 2007 have been replaced by a more fuller updated version of the history and explanation of the BOT actions with cited reference (digital object identifier) to KII to look up the expressed language and specific details of the action of the Board. The information that previously was Appendix B of this document (prior to 2018) has been deleted and replaced by Appendix A. History and Reference Related to the Bylaws of the Board; therefore, Appendix B as written should be deleted as it is no longer needed; therefore **the PIG recommends its deletion.**

### C. APPENDIX C

Appendix C is entitled ENUMERATION SYSTEM and contains the content and format of the Board of Trustees Bylaws is organized by a hierarchy from the most general concept that embodies all other concepts (i.e. title or chapter in this case the Board of Trustees Bylaws) to the most specific details. To maintain clarity especially with long and complicating documents, the following outline or enumeration system will be used through this document. **The PIG recommends that this appendix be eliminated from the By-Laws document and moved to the Operations Manual.**

### D. APPENDIX D

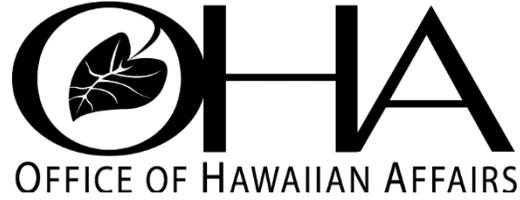
Appendix D is entitled TABLE OF AUTHORITIES and contains statutory and constitutional references. **The PIG recommends that this appendix be retained and incorporated into the main body of the By-Laws document.**

### E. APPENDIX E

Appendix E is entitled INDEX and contains key terms and concepts mapped throughout the document. **The PIG recommends that this appendix be retained, relabeled and remapped as Appendix A.**

## VI. NEXT STEPS

In anticipation of BOT action in February 2020, the PIG distributed three additional documents with the BOT By-Laws PIG report herein: 1) The existing BOT By-laws approved in August 2018; 2) Red-lined BOT By-Laws with the PIG recommended edits; and 3) Clean BOT By-Laws with the PIG recommended edits. This PIG report and related attachments will be distributed to the BOT at the January 23, 2020 meeting, however there will be no discussion. An Action Item will be brought forward in February 2020 at which time the Trustees will engage in discussion before acting on PIG recommended activities.



**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**BYLAWS**

**Approved by the Board of Trustees, August 30, 2018**

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## ARTICLE I. AUTHORIZATION

These Bylaws are adopted pursuant to Chapter 10, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes<sup>1</sup>, as amended.

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<sup>1</sup> **HRS §10-4(1) Office of Hawaiian Affairs; established; general powers.** “To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws governing the conduct of its business and the performance of the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by law.” (In general, bylaws include laws and/or rules established by OHA or community to regulate itself as allowed or provided for by a higher authority such as the legislature or other governmental entity).

**HRS §10-4(5) Office of Hawaiian Affairs; established; general powers.** “To execute, in accordance with its bylaws, all instruments necessary or appropriate in the exercise of any of its powers.”

## ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

As used herein:

**"Ad Hoc Committee"** means a committee created, by the Board, for a one-time purpose or to focus on examining a specific subject. Created with a deadline by which they must complete their work, or expire.

**"Administrator"** means the administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Advisory Committee"** means a committee which shall serve in an advisory capacity to a Standing Committee. Advisory Committees are established to assist in the resolution or study of issues arising in the specific areas of concern.

**"Agency"** means the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Board"** means the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Chairperson"**<sup>2</sup> means the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Committee"**<sup>3</sup> means a body of one or more Trustees, elected or appointed, as provided for under Article VIII of these Bylaws.

**"Committee Chairperson"** means the Chairperson of a Standing, Advisory, Ad hoc, or Commission of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Joint Committee"** means a body of two or more committees meeting in a joint session to discuss and decide an issue(s) that falls under the purview of more than one of the committees.

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<sup>2</sup> HRS §10-8 Organization; quorum; meeting. refers to Chair as Chairperson and subsequent sections refer to Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. For the purpose of clarity and uniformity "Chair" will mean Chairperson and "Vice-Chair" will mean Vice-Chairperson throughout the Board of Trustees Bylaws.

<sup>3</sup> June 28, 1985 defined the term Committee and incorporated it in Article II.

**"Meeting"** means the convening of a Board or committee for which a quorum is required in order to make a decision or to deliberate toward a decision upon a matter over which the Board or Committee has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

**"Member"** means a duly elected member of the OHA Board of Trustees.

**"Vice-Chairperson"** means the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Office"** means the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Officer"** means the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Official Business"** means an activity authorized by the Chairperson for members of the Board, or the Administrator for employees, and performed or conducted pursuant to the duties of the Board, committee, or Office. It includes, when authorized, the following: attending a meeting relevant to the work of the Board, board committee, or Office; participating in a seminar or conference sponsored in whole or in part by the Office; attending either as a representative of the Board, Office or as a participant, a meeting, seminar, or conference of a community, county, island, state, national, or international organization on a subject matter of direct concern to the Board, Committee, or Office; participating in any training program to maintain or improve the skills of Trustees or OHA employees in the performance of their duties; and/or conducting studies and investigations on matters before the Board, committee or Office.

**"OHA"** means the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Permanent Special Councils or Commission"** means a permanent council or commission established by the Board to address a specific subject matter.

**"Quorum"** means the minimal number of Trustees or members of a committee who must be present for valid transaction of business.

**"Simple Majority"** means more than half of the votes cast. It does not include abstentions or absent members.

**"Special Board Meeting"** means a special meeting of the Board called by the Chairperson or a majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled.

### **ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

The Board of Trustees shall exercise power as provided by Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i and Chapter 10, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended.

## ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

- A. The membership of the Board shall be as provided by Article XII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i and Chapters 10 and 13D, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended.
- B. Members of the Board shall be elected in accordance with Chapter 13D<sup>4</sup>, as amended, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Chapter 10, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended.
- C. Members of the Board shall be allowed compensation, travel, and expenses as provided by law.

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<sup>4</sup> **HRS §10-7 Board of Trustees.** The office of Hawaiian affairs shall be governed by a board to be officially known as the board of trustees, office of Hawaiian affairs. Members of the board shall be elected in accordance with chapter 13D, with reference to sections 11-15, 11-25, 12-5, 12-6, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with section 17-7. [L 1979, c 196, pt of §2]

## ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

- A. **Election and Certification.** As required in Chapter 10, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, the Board, at its first meeting after an election, shall elect from its own membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.<sup>5</sup> Their election shall be immediately certified by the Board to the Lieutenant Governor. The concurrence of a majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the Board valid, provided that due notice shall be given to all members.
- B. **Vote.** Vote for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall be by a method determined by a majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled.
- C. **Vacancy.** Vacancy in the Office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall exist under the following circumstances:<sup>6</sup>
1. When the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is removed<sup>7</sup> by the majority (5) of the members to which the Board is entitled; or
  2. when the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from the position held;<sup>8</sup> or
  3. in the case of illness or death of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.
- D. **Succession.** In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed as Chairperson until the following Board meeting at which time a Chairperson is elected by a majority of the members of

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<sup>5</sup> June 28, 1985, adopted "at the pleasure of the Board" in relation to Sunshine Law.

<sup>6</sup> June 28, 1985, amended "when such officer commits the following or is acted upon by the Board in the following ways" and added under the following circumstances;

<sup>7</sup> February 21, 1985, language expressed "...the Board may consider valid, provided that a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled, declares the office vacant." June 28, 1985, amended "...removed by the majority of the members of the Board."

<sup>8</sup> June 28, 1985, amended "When the chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from the position held and the resignation is accepted by the members of the Board."

the Board.<sup>9</sup> If the Vice-Chairperson is elected to become the Chairperson, the Board shall elect a Vice-Chairperson at the same meeting. The election(s) shall be immediately certified by the Board to the Lieutenant Governor.

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<sup>9</sup> June 28, 1985, amended and added “until another Chairperson is elected by a majority of the members of the Board.”

## ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

- A. **Chairperson.** The Chairperson in addition to presiding at all regular and special Board meetings shall:
1. Appoint the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and members of all Standing committees, subject to the approval of the Board;
  2. Appoint members of Ad hoc Committees and designate the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of such Committees;
  3. Acknowledge communications, petitions, requests, and proposals on behalf of the Board and refer same to the Administrator or appropriate Committee of the Board for action or recommendation;
  4. Serve as the primary liaison with the Governor, Congressional delegation, the Legislature, and other agencies and organizations to ensure that there are effective working relationships between all of the above and the Board;
  5. Approve all press releases and public announcements which state the official position of the Board;
  6. Approve agenda items for all meetings of the Board; and
  7. Perform such other duties as may be required by law or such as may properly pertain to such office.
- B. **Vice-Chairperson.** The Vice-Chairperson will assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and will undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.
- C. **Members.** The unanimous vote of all Members of the Board after full consultation with Board Counsel shall be required before any confidential communication, proprietary or otherwise privileged material received in an Executive Meeting convened under Hawai'i Revised Statutes §92-5 may be publicly released except for communications and materials deemed no longer

confidential or redacted and released under Board of Trustees Operations Manual, Rule 21 (July, 2007).<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> November 8, 2007, approved amendments of OHA Bylaws Article VI, by adding new section “C” and to approve creation of conforming with OHA Executive Policies. .

## ARTICLE VII. ADMINISTRATOR

The Board shall have the power to exercise control over the Office through its executive officer, the Administrator.

- A. **Appointment.** As required by Chapter 10, Section 10, Hawai'i Revised Statutes<sup>11</sup>, as amended, the Board, by a majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled, shall appoint an Administrator who shall serve a term to be determined by the Board.
- B. **Duties.** As required by Chapter 10, Section 12, Hawai'i Revised Statutes,<sup>12</sup> as amended, the Administrator may employ and retain such employees as deemed necessary to carry out the function of the Office.
- C. **Removal.** As required by Chapter 10, Section 10, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, the Board, by a two-thirds vote (6) of all members to which it is entitled, may remove the Administrator for cause at any time.

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<sup>11</sup> **HRS §10-10 Administrator; appointment, tenure, removal.** The board by a majority vote, shall appoint an administrator who shall serve without regard to the provisions of chapter 76 for a term to be determined by the board. The board, by a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled, may remove the administrator for cause at any time.

<sup>12</sup> **HRS §10-12 Assistant; staff.** The administrator may employ and retain such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the office. Such officers and employees may be hired without regard to chapter 76, and shall serve at the pleasure of the administrator. Officers and employees of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall be included in any benefit program generally applicable to officers and employees of the State. [L 1979, c 196, pt of §2; am L 1990, c 231, §1; am L 2000, c 253, §150]]

## **ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

A. There shall be a minimum of two Standing Committees of the Board. Each Committee will be led by a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Board may increase the number of Standing Committees, but the membership of the Standing Committees shall be all nine (9) Trustees. The minimum two Standing Committees shall consist of the Committee on Resource Management (RM) and Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE).

1. **Committee on Resource Management.** The committee shall:
  - a. handle all fiscal and budgetary matters and ensure proper management, planning, evaluation, investment and use of OHA's trust funds;
  - b. review and approve any and all acquisition expenditures that have a multi-year implication, and which impact the OHA Investment or Spending policies;
  - c. establish policies which strengthen OHA's fiscal controls and financial management;
  - d. oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and execute policy for the proper use of such lands including land to which OHA shall have an interest;
  - e. develop policy on issues of land use, native rights, and natural and cultural resources, including the inventory, identification, analysis and treatment of land, native rights and natural and cultural resources;
  - f. develop policies and criteria for OHA's land acquisitions, dispositions, development, management, and the use of real estate in which OHA has an interest;
  - g. develop policies relating to OHA's real estate asset allocation, desired returns, and balancing OHA's real estate portfolio

including legacy lands, corporate real estate, programmatic lands and investment properties;

- h. oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and develop policy for the proper use and stewardship of such real estate;
- i. develop policies and programs for OHA's ownership, financing and development of real estate, including capital improvements, spending policy and forms of ownership for OHA's real estate;
- j. with respect to real estate not owned by OHA in its own name, but owned in one or more limited liability companies or other entities in which OHA, directly or indirectly, maintains an ownership interest, oversee OHA's performance of its rights and obligations with respect to real estate under the terms and conditions of the applicable limited liability company agreement or other operating agreement;
- k. review and approve appropriate grants to programs that support OHA's overall mission;
- l. evaluate OHA programs to determine effectiveness in order to decide whether to continue, modify, or terminate funding of any of OHA's programs;
- m. develop training and orientation programs for Trustees and staff including materials relating to Trustees roles, fiduciary responsibilities, and ethics;
- n. in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment carry out the recruitment and selection of the OHA Administrator; and

- o. provide oversight over Permanent Special Councils or Commissions<sup>13</sup> as assigned by the Board.

2. **Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment.** The committee shall:

- a. plan, coordinate, and implement programs and activities which encourage Hawaiians to participate in governance;
- b. facilitate OHA's legislative agenda and advocacy efforts with Federal, State, and County officials, private and community organizations, and groups involved in Hawaiian issues;
- c. develop programs which focus on beneficiary health, human services, native rights and education;
- d. develop policies and programs relating to land use and housing, the environment and natural resources;
- e. evaluate all OHA programs to ensure that the programs have a positive impact on beneficiaries;
- f. review and approve program grants that support OHA's legislative and advocacy efforts;
- g. draft, introduce, and support the passage of legislation which benefits Hawaiians and supports Hawaiian issues, and work to defeat legislation which is not in the best interest of OHA and its beneficiaries; and
- h. provide oversight over Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.

- B. Each Standing Committee shall consider all matters referred to it in accordance with Section J, Article VIII, of these Bylaws and make appropriate recommendations to the Board, in a timely manner, but no later than twelve

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<sup>13</sup> February 28, 1992, approved to allow for the creation of councils and commissions to specify their organizational position within the Board structure and to specify appointment procedures and operational procedures of such councils and commissions.

calendar days before a Board meeting, and shall make progress reports to the Board periodically or when requested by the Chairperson of the Board.

- C. Standing Committees may meet in joint session when subject matter falls under the purview of more than one of the Standing Committees. In the case of an “un-budgeted” funding decision, a joint committee meeting with the Resource Management Committee, led by the Chairperson of the Resource Management Committee, shall be mandatory. An “un-budgeted” funding decision is one in which the Board considers the reallocation of funds in the existing budget to meet an expenditure not appropriated in the existing budget.

D. **Advisory Committee.**

- 1. Standing Committees may create Advisory Committees as necessary which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Standing Committees. Advisory Committees shall assist in the resolution or study of issues arising in the specific areas of concern assigned to their respective Standing Committee. To avoid duplication in the consideration of issues, the Standing Committees shall create only one Advisory Committee to study or undertake the resolution of a single subject or issue. Each Standing Committee shall have no more than three Advisory Committees at any one time. All communications and advice from an Advisory Committee shall be made to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, no later than twelve calendar days before a Standing Committee Meeting. All communication and advice to an Advisory Committee shall be made by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee or designee.
- 2. The Advisory Committee Chairperson and membership shall be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairperson, upon advice and counsel of Standing Committee members. The term of the Advisory Committees shall expire with the completion of the assigned task or at the discretion of the Standing Committee Chairperson. There shall be

no less than three members to each Advisory Committee, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who shall be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairperson. All Advisory Committee members, with the exception of the members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses such as travel, parking, and meals.

**E. Ad Hoc Committees.**

1. From time to time there shall be such Ad hoc Committees as designated by the Chairperson, the members of which shall be appointed by the Chairperson, and subject to approval of the Board by a simple majority vote. There shall be a minimum of three members on each Ad hoc Committee, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board and who shall be the Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee.
2. The term of the Ad hoc Committees shall expire at the completion of the assigned task or at a specific time that is determined for each Ad hoc Committee at the time of the appointment of said Committee or at the discretion of the Chairperson.
  - a. All communications and advice from an Ad hoc Committee shall be made to the Chairperson of the Board no later than ten days before a Board meeting.
  - b. All communications and advice to an Ad hoc Committee shall be made by the Chairperson of the Board.
  - c. All Ad hoc Committee members, with the exception of the members of the Board of Trustees shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses such as travel, parking, and meals.

- d. In the event that three or more Board members are appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee, Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records, of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, will apply.

**F. Permanent Special Councils or Commissions.**

1. There shall be such Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as the Board shall deem appropriate to create. The Board shall designate a Standing Committee that shall exercise oversight over said Council or Commission.
2. Council members or Commissioners shall be appointed by the Standing Committee to which oversight authority is granted pending confirmation of the full Board through a majority (5) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled.
3. Membership of each Council or Commission shall be composed of at least one member of the Board of Trustees.
4. The subject matter and purview of said Councils or Commissions shall be clearly defined and limited to only those areas so recommended by the Standing Committee having oversight thereof and subject to the approval of the full Board by a majority (5) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled. Oversight by the appropriate Standing Committee shall include, but not be limited to, review of budgetary concerns for the operation of said Council or Commission, and affirmation of requests for actions by such Council or Commission for the continued operations of such Council or Commission.
5. Such Council members or Commissioners with the exception of any members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve terms as established by the Board and shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses such as travel, parking, and meals.

**G. Quorum and Voting for Committees, Councils and Commissions.**

1. For Advisory, Ad hoc, and Standing Committees, Councils and Commissions, a majority of the members of the Committee, Council or Commission shall constitute a quorum. Except for Ad Hoc Committees, three members shall constitute a quorum to do business.<sup>14</sup>
2. The concurrence of a quorum shall be required for any Committee (other than a Standing Committee), Council or Commission to make any recommendation to the Board or Standing Committee where appropriate, for Board or Standing Committee approval.
3. A majority of the Members present at a Standing Committee meeting shall be required for it to make any recommendation to the Board, provided that a quorum is present at the time of the vote.

H. Authority to act on all matters is reserved to the Board and the functions of the Advisory and Ad hoc Committees, and Councils and Commissions shall be to investigate, consider, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Board, respectively.

I. **Staff Assignments.** The Administrator shall assign to each Standing, Advisory, and Ad hoc Committee, and to each Council and Commission staff to conduct research for and to advise the respective Committee, Council or Commission and to maintain records of the proceedings of same.

J. **Committee Recommendations.** The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees is required to place a Committee recommendation on a full Board of Trustees agenda no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the recommendation.

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<sup>14</sup> June 28, 1985, except for Ad Hoc Committee, amended to specify the minimum quorum size of three (3) members is required to vote and do business.

All Standing Committees are required to do the same with respect to action items referred to the committee by a Trustee.<sup>15</sup>

- K. Waiver of any matter by committee to the Board of Trustees shall require two-thirds vote of all members to which the Board is entitled.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> October 30, 2002, (second reading) added “All Standing Committees are required to do the same with respect to action items referred to the committee by a Trustee.”

<sup>16</sup> October 17, 2001, (second reading) requiring two-thirds vote to waive any matter by committee to the Board. (Source: OHA. Committee on Policy and Planning Action Item. doi: #PP-14. September 20, 2001). First reading was approved on 9/20/2001.

## ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

- A. As required in Section 10-8, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended, Board meetings shall be convened at the call of the Chairperson or by a quorum, as often as may be necessary for transaction of the Board's business and shall meet at least once annually on each of the islands of Hawai‘i, Maui, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, Kaua‘i, and O‘ahu. The Board may, at each meeting, fix the time and place for its next regular meeting.
- B. Board meetings may be convened by the Chairperson. In addition, upon written request of a majority of the members of the Board, the Administrator shall schedule a meeting of the Board to take place within twelve calendar days after receipt of such request, provided that the notice requirement of Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended, is met.
- C. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairperson in accordance with Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended.
- D. Committee meetings shall be called by the Committee Chairperson.
- E. The Board shall give written public notice of any regular, special, emergency or rescheduled Board, Standing Committee, Advisory Committee, Ad hoc Committee, Council and Commission meetings at least six calendar days before the meeting and in the manner as required by Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended.<sup>17</sup>
- F. All meetings of the Board or its Committees, Councils, or Commissions shall be open to the public, except for executive meetings permitted pursuant to Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended.
- G. Appearances before the Board, Committees, Councils or Commissions shall be in accordance with Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended.

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<sup>17</sup> The added language is recommended to be consistent with the changes in chapter 92, Hawai‘i, Revised Statutes, (“Sunshine Law”) that take effect July 1, 2018.

1. Any person who wants to appear before the Board or any Committee, Council, or Commission, except for executive meetings, to present testimony on a matter before the Board or any Committee, Council or Commission, shall make a request and submit a written copy of such testimony to the Administrator at least forty-eight hours prior to the Board, Committee, Council or Commission meeting unless such requirement is waived by a simple majority of the Board, Committee, Council or Commission provided further that any verbal presentation permitted by the Board, Committee, Council or Commission shall be limited to five minutes.
2. The Chairperson or Committee, Council or Commission Chairperson shall have the authority to extend, limit, or terminate any testimony, which the Chairperson determines to be repetitious, to be made solely for purposes of delay, or to be without any substantive purpose.
3. Any person who wants to submit written testimony, data, views, or arguments on any agenda item shall submit ten copies of such testimony to the Administrator at least forty-eight hours prior to the Board, Committee, Council, or Commission meeting unless waived by a majority vote of all Board, Committee, Council, or Commission members present.<sup>18</sup>
4. The Board, Committee, Council, or Commission by simple majority vote may restrict the total time allowed per agenda item.

H. **Minutes of Meetings.** The Board and each Committee, Council or Commission shall keep written or recorded minutes of all meetings as required under Chapter 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended. The Board shall adopt standardized forms for use in the recordation of minutes of meetings. Minutes of all preceding meetings shall be available as provided by Section 92-

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<sup>18</sup> June 28, 1985, amended to add to the bylaws and allow any person to submit written testimony, data, views, or arguments on any agenda item and the Administrator inform the Board or Committee members at least 48 hours prior to the Board or Committee meeting.

9(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes.<sup>19</sup> The minutes shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. The date, time, and place of the meeting;
2. The members of the Board, Committee, Council, or Commission recorded as either present, absent, or excused;
3. A summary of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided; and a record, by individual member, of motions made, motions seconded, and votes taken to include dissenting votes and abstentions;
4. Staff assignments for investigation and the date staff reports are due;
5. Departure and arrival of members from meetings so as to show matters discussed before arrival, while there, or after departure; and
6. Any other information that any member of the Board, Committee, Council, or Commission requests be included or reflected in the minutes.

I. **Board Packet.** Pursuant to Section 92-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, at the time the board packet is distributed to the trustees, the Board shall also make the board packet available for public inspection in the Board's office. The Board shall provide notice to persons requesting notification of meetings pursuant to Section 92-7(e), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, that the board packet is available for inspection in the board's office and shall provide reasonably prompt access to the board packet to any person upon request. The Board is not required to mail board packets. As soon as practicable, the Board shall accommodate requests for electronic access to the board packet.<sup>20</sup>

“Board packet” means documents that are compiled by the Board and distributed to board members before a meeting for use at that meeting, to the extent the documents are public under chapter 92F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

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<sup>19</sup> The following deletion and added language is recommended to be consistent with the changes in the Sunshine Law that take effect July 1, 2018. Section 92-9(b) of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes states, “The minutes shall be made available to the public by posting on the board's website or, if the board does not have a website, on an appropriate state or county website within forty days after the meeting except where such disclosure would be inconsistent with section 92-5; provided that minutes of executive meetings may be withheld so long as their publication would defeat the lawful purpose of the executive meeting, but no longer.”

<sup>20</sup> The added language is recommended to be consistent with the changes in the Sunshine Law that take effect July 1, 2018.

Section 92-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, shall not require disclosure of executive session minutes, license applications, or other records for which the Board cannot reasonably complete its redaction of nonpublic information in the time available before the public inspection required by Section 92-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.<sup>21</sup>

- J. **Referrals.** The Board shall adopt procedures for research referrals to staff via the Administrator.
  
- K. The Board may hold community meetings, informational meetings, and public hearings.

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<sup>21</sup> The added language is recommended to be consistent with the changes in the Sunshine Law that take effect July 1, 2018.

## ARTICLE X. QUORUM AND VOTING

As required by Section 10-8, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, a majority (5) of all the members to which the Board is entitled shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. The concurrence of a majority (5) of all the members to which the Board is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the Board valid provided that due notice shall be given to all members.

An abstention shall not be considered a positive or negative vote. A procedural motion may be passed by a majority vote of the members present. Upon the request of any member of the Board, the Board Secretary shall call the roll.

- A. Unless a member is excused from voting, such member's silence shall be recorded as an abstention.
- B. A member may use a "Kanalua" response when called upon to vote and if repeated when polled again, that vote shall be recorded as an "abstention", or when polled to vote again, the second time may either vote "yes" or "no".<sup>22</sup>

The Board Secretary shall record each vote in the minutes and report to the Chairperson, who shall announce the result to the Board.

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<sup>22</sup> June 3, 1997, defined the meaning, use and limit of Kanalua (abstain). "Unless a member is excused from voting, such member's silence shall be recorded as an abstention;" and sentence 6 to read "a member may use a 'Kanalua' response but once, and if repeated when polled again, that vote shall be recorded as an abstention, or a member may first respond with one 'Kanalua' vote, when polled to vote again the second time may either vote Yes or No." Second reading and the motion was carried unanimously June 24, 1997.

## ARTICLE XI. LEGAL COUNSEL

- A. Legal Counsel for the Board should be present at all regular meetings and certain committee meetings of the Board when requested by the Chairperson or Chairperson of the relevant Committee.
- B. The Chairperson or designee, subject to prior approval of the Board, may request any written or verbal legal opinion from the Department of the Attorney General or from any other legal counsel. Where a request is made in writing and a legal opinion is rendered by the Department of the Attorney General, or from any other legal counsel, such opinion along with a copy of the written request for such opinion shall be immediately distributed to all Board members in written form.<sup>23</sup>
- C. The Administrator of the Office Hawaiian Affairs or designee, subject to prior approval of the Board, may request any written or verbal legal opinion from the Department of the Attorney General, or from any other legal counsel. Where a request is made in writing and a legal opinion is rendered by the Department of the Attorney General or from any other legal counsel, such opinion along with a copy of the written request for such opinion shall be immediately distributed to all Board members in written form.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> September 30, 1988, amended the Bylaws add clarity and require the Chair or designee to receive prior approval of the Board to request for legal opinion.

<sup>24</sup> August 30, 1988, the expressed language was approved by the Board and included in the 2016 update.

## **ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order shall apply in situations not covered by these Bylaws or applicable statutes.

### **ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These Bylaws shall be amended only by two-thirds vote of all members to which the Board is entitled. Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing for consideration by the Board. Any Bylaw amendment shall require two readings by the Board. The Board shall not vote on any bylaw amendment until a minimum of two readings by the Board.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. BOARD OF TRUSTEE STAFF**

The Board of Trustees will employ a Chief of Staff who will be responsible for coordinating Board staff functions and activities and will act as a liaison between the Board staff and the Administrator.

Each Board member will be entitled up to two full time positions and will have the flexibility, in order to help carry out the duties of their office, in choosing their staff positions from the following job classifications: Trustee Aide and Trustee Secretary. Each Board member will have sole discretion in selecting from the job classifications listed above that best suit the needs of their office.<sup>25</sup>

The Chairperson of the Board will also be entitled to one additional position known as the BOT Private Secretary. Changes to the type and number of staff will require Board approval.

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<sup>25</sup> March 7, 2013 (first reading) and March 21, 2013 (second reading) amending Bylaws to correspond and conform to changes to OHA's Board of Trustees' Executive Policy Manual relating to options for staffing of each Board of Trustee office to "deal with increasingly complex and diverse OHA projects such as investments, land development and management, and partnership agreements."

## ARTICLE XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members of the Board shall comply with the provisions of this Bylaw and are subject to the standards of conduct and financial interest disclosure requirements of Chapter 84, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, to include attending ethics training within a reasonable time upon taking office.

- A. All trustees must disclose to the Chairperson and the Board their memberships or affiliations with any organizations or person(s) who are eligible to receive grants from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or who may be in competition with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for resources, and shall disqualify themselves any time an action is being considered by the Board which would affect the funding of that organization or person. Disclosure by declaration shall be made before Board action on the matter.

Board members have a clear obligation to conduct all affairs of OHA in the best interest of beneficiaries. Members of the Board are expected to place the welfare of OHA above personal interests or the interests of family members or others who may be personally involved in affairs affecting OHA. All decisions of the Board are to be made solely on the basis of a desire to promote the best interest of OHA and its beneficiaries.

- B. All information, data, and documents that are not public records, received or reviewed by a Trustee acting in the capacity as Trustee, shall be deemed confidential and shall not be released or utilized by any Trustee for any purpose other than OHA or Committee business.
- C. Disclosure. In the event the Board must consider any matter for OHA which also directly involves:
  - a. a Board or member of the Board's family (which shall be a spouse, parents, siblings, and any household member);
  - b. a public or private organization with which a Board member is a member of or affiliated; or

- c. a Board member's personal financial interest as defined under Chapter 84, as amended.

The affected Board member(s), at the first knowledge of the matter, shall disclose fully the precise nature of the interest or involvement to the Chairperson, or in the case of the Chairperson, to the Vice Chairperson.

For the purpose of this Bylaw, affiliation exists if a Board member or a member of the Board member's family is an owner, officer, director, trustee, partner, employee (which shall also include legal counsel, consultant, contractor, advisor, or representative) or agent of such organization.

Matters covered under this Bylaw shall be reported initially to the Chairperson of the Board for appropriate action. Should the Chairperson be the Board member with a potential conflict, the matter shall be reported to the Vice Chairperson.

- D. Trustees violating provisions A or B above shall be subject to disciplinary action, as set forth in Article XVII herein.

## **ARTICLE XVI. ORDER AND DECORUM**

- A. While the Chairperson is putting any question to, or addressing the Board, or when a person is speaking, all persons present are expected to conduct themselves with decorum and provide respect to the speaker. While a person is speaking, no one shall pass between such speaker and the Chairperson.
- B. When a Trustee or other person properly before the Board wishes to speak, the speaker shall address the Chairperson, be recognized before proceeding, and shall confine remarks to the question under discussion.
- C. If a Trustee or other person, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses these rules, any Trustee may raise a question of order. The Chairperson shall then decide the question of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Board. In addition, the Chairperson may call for the sense of the Board on any question of order.
- D. Whenever any person is called to order while speaking, such person shall be in possession of the floor after the question of order is decided and may proceed with the matter under discussion within the ruling made on the question of order.
- E. All persons attending Board meetings, including staff, witnesses, members of the media, and the general public, are expected to respect the dignity of the Board.
- F. Trustees who repeatedly violate any provision of any of the above sections of this Article shall be subject to disciplinary action, as set forth in Article XVII herein.
- G. Defamation and Slander. OHA is concerned that no defamatory material or statements are presented at OHA Board of Trustee and committee meetings. In the unlikely event that this situation should develop, it will be necessary to call this to the attention of the persons making those statements, and request that

they desist in their action. Such information will be stricken from the record, if necessary.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> October 25, 2000, (second reading) approved the motion to incorporate language on defamatory and slander in the Bylaws and adopt policy on defamatory and slander.

**ARTICLE XVII. TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS FOR  
VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The professional conduct of a member of OHA Board of Trustees shall be guided by the Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct, hereinafter referred to as “Code of Conduct”, which shall be created as a stand-alone executive policy of the Board of Trustees and made part of the OHA Board of Trustees’ Executive Policy Manual as a stand-alone policy.

The Code of Conduct shall contain a discussion of fiduciary responsibilities of an OHA Trustee and laws applicable to a trustee’s conduct. The Code of Conduct consists of three parts: (1) Fiduciary Responsibilities; (2) Board of Trustees’ Executive Policies; and (3) Applicable Laws. The Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct shall contain procedures which are fitting to the position of an elected trustee and while ensuring that appropriate due process is afforded to a Trustee whose matter is being considered by the Board of Trustees.

The Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct shall be reviewed at least annually to be kept current with changes to the Board of Trustees’ Executive Policies and laws applicable to Trustee conduct.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> March 15, 2016, (second reading), approved motion to amend, approve, adopt and ratify Bylaws Article XVII to create a stand-alone policy entitled “Trustee Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct”.

## **ARTICLE XVIII. HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE USAGE**

All Board members and staff are expected to use proper spelling of Hawaiian words and Hawaiian language<sup>28</sup> grammar when preparing official correspondence and documents for OHA.

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<sup>28</sup> HRS § 5-6.5, State language. “The Hawaiian language is the native language of Hawaii”.

## **ARTICLE XIX. UNBUDGETED FUNDING REQUEST**

An unbudgeted funding request is an item expenditure that is not included in the approved budget. All unbudgeted funding requests presented to the Board of Trustees, must include a source of funding and CFO certification and require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (6) of all members to which the BOT is entitled.

## APPENDIX A. HISTORY AND REFERENCE RELATED TO THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

### Board Action

HRS §10-4(1) mentioned three specific actions in relation to bylaws, they are 1) adopt, 2) amend and 3) repeal. Examples of adoption include but are not limited to incorporating a statute, case law or referencing a higher authority relevant to OHA (i.e. adopting Chapter 92 which requires governmental agencies to be transparent and to protect the public interest and encourage the public to participate in discussions, deliberations, decision and actions of OHA). Amendment adds specificity, clarity, flexibility, compliance or expressions of the Board within the purpose, powers and duties of the Board and provisions of OHA. Repeal may include chapters and/or sections that had been removed (i.e. HRS §10-14, HRS) or recodified in the statute or administrative rule or languages repealed by the Board of Trustees.

### Editing Style

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Delete	Strike through
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Comments	Within open and close parentheses

### Source Referencing Style

Modern Language Association (MLA) style is used to reference information source. All sources are within parentheses. The contents are in the following order. Starting from the organization (i.e. OHA) followed by a period, the document type (i.e. Board minutes), the page number or page range and finally the digital object identifier aka doi (i.e. BOT 81-11 file name from OHA's Ka Ipu O Ka `Ike (KI'I) system).

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<b>Adopted Bylaws</b>	February 13, 1981	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 6. doi: BOT 81-11).  Under the header "Signing of Bylaws", eight (8) of the Board members present (one left due to illness) approved the first adopted Bylaws. Attorney General staff Charlotte Libman created this document.
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	June 9, 1983	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2. doi: BOT 83-11).  <b>Relating to Standing Committee.</b> Under the header "Amendments to By-Laws". Ten (10) of the Board members present and unanimously approved the amendment of the Bylaws to change the number of standing committees from 6 to 5. The 5 standing committees were 1) Budget and Finance, 2) Culture, 3) Education/Human Services, 4) Resource development and 5) Planning and Development. Motion carried unanimously.
<b>Amended Article VIII and Article</b>	December 18, 1984	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 1-2. doi: BOT 84-22).  <b>Relating to Standing Committee.</b> Board minutes and page 2

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XI		<p>entitled “Amending the Bylaws – Article VIII. Committees of the Board”. Eight (8) of the Board members present, 5 approved the amendment and 3 members voted against efforts to consolidate committees. Motion was carried to consolidate committees to Budget and Finance, Culture/Education, Human Services, Resource Development and Planning and Development.</p> <p><b>Relating to Legal Counsel.</b> Amended Article XI. Legal Counsel to include “The Attorney General or his representative, in his capacity as Counsel of the Board, should be present at all regular and special meetings and certain committee meetings of the Board <u>when requested by the Chairman of the Board or Chairman of the relevant committee.</u> The Attorney General or his representative shall be designated as Counsel for the Board.</p>
Amended Article V	February 21, 1985	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 9-10. doi: BOT 85-05).</p> <p><b>Relating to Officers.</b> Board minutes and page 9 “Amendment to Bylaws of OHA, Article V. Officers”. Seven (7) of the Board present and 6 approved and 1 opposed the amended language "A vacancy in the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall exist when such officer commits the following or is acted upon by the Board in the following ways: 1) When the officer resigns from his position; and 2) For such other and further reasons as the Board may consider valid, provided that a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled, declares the office vacant.”</p>
Amended Article II, Article V and Article VIII	June 28, 1985	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 3. doi: BOT 85-14).</p> <p>“Amending OHA’s Bylaws”.</p> <p><b>Relating to Article II Definitions.</b> <u>Committee means a body of one or more trustees, elected or appointed as provided for under Article VIII of these By-Laws.</u></p> <p><b>Relating to Article V. Officers.</b> Delete a term of two years and add <u>at the pleasure of the Board.</u></p> <p><b>Relating to Article V. Vacancy.</b> Delete <del>when such officer commits the following or is acted upon by the Board in the following ways</del> and added <u>under the following circumstances:</u></p> <p>Delete <del>when the officer resigns from his position</del> and add <u>When the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is removed by the majority of the members of the Board.</u></p> <p>Delete <del>For such other and further reasons as the Board may consider valid, provided that a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled, declares that office vacant</del> and add <u>When</u></p>

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		<p><u>the chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from the position held and the resignation is accepted by the members of the Board.</u></p> <p>Related to Succession delete <del>for the unexpired term</del> and add <u>until another Chairperson is elected by a majority of the members of the Board.</u></p> <p><b>Relating to Article VIII. Committees of the Board.</b> Relating to Quorum and Voting for Committees add <u>Except for Ad Hoc Committees, three members shall constitute a quorum to do business.</u></p> <p><b>Relating to Article XI. Meetings.</b> Add <u>Any person who wants to submit written testimony, data, views, or arguments on any agenda item shall submit ten (10) copies of such testimony to the Administrator at least 48 hours prior to the Board or Committee <del>members present</del> meeting unless waived by a majority vote of all Board or Committee Members.</u></p> <p>Seven (7) of the Board members present and unanimously adopted the amendment.</p>
<b>Amended Article VIII and Article IX</b>	July 25, 1987	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 7-8. doi: BOT 87-05.)</p> <p>Attorney General suggested changes to Article VIII, Section C, Paragraph 2, Article VIII, Section D and Article IX, Section B.</p>
<b>Amended Article XI</b>	September 30, 1988	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 5. doi: BOT 88-10.) (OHA., Board minutes. BOT 88-07. 1988)</p> <p><b>Relating to Article XI Legal Counsel</b>  The Chair or designee, subject to <u>prior approval of the Board, may</u> request any written or verbal legal opinion from the Department of the Attorney General- <u>or from any other legal counsel.</u> Where a request is made in writing and a legal opinion is rendered by the Department of the Attorney General, <u>or from any other legal counsel,</u> such opinion along with a copy of the written request for such opinion shall be immediately distributed to all Board members in written form.”</p> <p><u>The Administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or designee, subject to prior approval of the Board, may request any written or verbal legal opinion from the Department of Attorney General, or from any other legal counsel. Where a request is made in writing and a legal opinion is rendered by the Department of Attorney General or from any other legal counsel, such opinion along with a copy of the written request for such opinion shall be immediately distributed to all Board members in written form.</u></p>

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		The Board unanimously approved of the motion.
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	April 29, 1989	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 3. doi: BOT 89-05.)  <b>Relating to Committee.</b> Committee on Operations and Development proposed bylaws amendment to reduce the number of members on Committee on Operations and development from nine to seven.  Amend to create a fourth standing Committee on Native Hawaiian Status and Entitlement.  The Board unanimously approved of the motion.
<b>Amended</b>	October 23, 1991	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 5. doi: BOT 91-18.)  Second reading of the revisions to OHA Bylaws Articles II, VII and X. 9 Trustees present with 7 yes and 2 no. Motion was carried.
<b>Amended Article VIII and IX</b>	February 28, 1992	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 8. doi: BOT 92-03.)  Approved amendment to Articles VIII and IX to allow for the creation of Councils and Commissions, to specify their organizational position within the Board structure, and to specify appointment procedures and operational procedures of such Councils and Commissions. Motion was carried.
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	December 16, 1992	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2. doi: BOT 92-32.)  1 <sup>st</sup> reading to Article VIII to reduce the number of committees from 9 to 6 and redefine the purviews of those committees.
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	December 18, 1992	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2. doi: BOT 92-33.)  2 <sup>nd</sup> reading to reduce the number of committees from 9 to 6 was approved with concerns. Motion was carried.
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	April 24, 1997	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 4. doi: BOT 97-13.)  1 <sup>st</sup> reading to reorganize committees to better understand and manage issues. Committees include 1) Budget and Finance; 2) Policy and Planning; 3) Program Management; 4) Land and Sovereignty; 5) Legislative Review; and 6) Ad Hoc Committee on Entitlement and Negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.
<b>Amended Article X</b>	May 21, 1997	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2. doi: BOT 97-17.)  Motion to incorporate 554A 1-6 HRS into Article II as stipulated by the Committee purview adopted by the Board to read; the BOT shall exercise Power as provided by Article XII Constitution of the State of Hawai`i and deleting Chapter X, and adding Chapter 554A 1-6 Uniform Trustees Powers Act HRS.

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Amended Article X	June 3, 1997	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 3. doi: BOT 97-19.)</p> <p>Amended Article X, sentence to read “Unless a member is excused from voting, such member’s silence shall be recorded as an abstention;” and sentence 6 to read “a member may use a ‘Kanalua’ response but once, and if repeated when polled again, that vote shall be recorded as an abstention, or a member may first respond with one ‘Kanalua’ vote, when polled to vote again the second time may either vote Yes or No. “ Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Amended Article X	June 24, 1997	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 6. doi: BOT 97-20.)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> reading clarifies the use of “Kanalua” in abstaining and voting. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Withdrawal	August 28, 1997	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 6. doi: BOT 97-29.)</p> <p>Relating to May 21, 1997 motion to incorporate 554 HRS into Article II was withdrawn because discussion regarding liability insurance for Trustees, which Trustees don’t have any insurance.</p> <p>Motion to add 5549(a) Trustees fiduciary Responsibility Second reading. Motion was defeated.</p> <p>Motion to amend Article XVIII Out of State Travel was defeated</p>
Amended Article VIII	December 8, 1998	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2. doi: BOT 98-53.)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> reading to amend the organization of the committee structure 1) Government Affairs and Sovereignty; 2) Government Affairs and Sovereignty; and 3) land. Motion carried.</p>
Amended Article VIII	January 13, 2000	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 7-10. doi: BOT 00-03.)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> reading, motion to amend committee purviews and individual assignment. Motion carried.</p>
Amended	October 17, 2000	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2-3 and 5-6. doi: BOT 00-41.)</p> <p>Motion to amend any <u>unbudgeted request for funding shall require the two-third vote of all members to which the Board Is entitled.</u> Motion carried.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> reading to add <u>OHA is concerned that no defamatory material or statements are presented at OHA Board of Trustee and OHA committee meetings. In the unlikely event that this situation should develop it will be necessary to call this to the attention of persons making those statements and request that they desist in their action. Such information will be stricken</u></p>

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		<u>from the record if necessary.</u> Defamation is communication when it tends to “harm the reputation of another as to lower him or her in the estimation of the community or deter a third from associating or dealing with him or her.” Motion carried unanimously.
<b>Adopted</b>	October 25, 2000	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2-3 and 5-6. doi: BOT 00-41.)  2 <sup>nd</sup> reading to adopt policy on defamation and slander. Motion carried.
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	April 19, 2001	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 33. doi: BOT 01-21.)  2 <sup>nd</sup> reading to amend time limit <u>to adopt an amendment to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs wherein the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees is required to place a committee recommendation on a full Board of Trustees agenda no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the receipt of the recommendation.</u>
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	October 17, 2001	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2. doi: BOT 01-45.)  (OHA. Committee on Policy and Planning Action Item. doi: #PP-14. September 20, 2001.)  2 <sup>nd</sup> reading to amend <u>To adopt an amendment to the OHA Bylaws wherein the waiver of any matter by committee to the Board of Trustees shall require two-thirds vote of all members to which the Board is entitled.</u> Motion carried unanimously.
<b>Bylaws Systematic Review</b>	May 29, 2002	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Action Item. doi : PP 02-04)  Amend policy and procedure manual to 1) integrate planning process such as setting program priorities with strategic planning, community input, program evaluation activities and performance and program budget and to 2) systematically review, update and publish the bylaws, OHA Policies and Procedures Manual and OHA Financial Manual of Guides.
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	October 10, 2002	<b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 22-32. doi: BOT 02-29.)  1 <sup>st</sup> reading to amend Article VIII, “The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees is required to place a committee recommendation of a full Board of Trustees agenda no later than 30 days after the receipt of the recommendation.  All standing committees are required to do the same with respect to action items referred to the committee by a Trustee.” Motion carried.  Committee on Policy and Planning recommend acceptance of the content of the OHA bylaws and policies and procedures manual that have systematically updated. Motion carried.

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<p><b>Amended Article VIII</b></p>	<p>October 30, 2002</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 8-9. doi: BOT 02-31.)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> reading to amend Article VIII “the Chairman of the Board of Trustees is required to place a committee recommendation on a full Board of Trustees agenda no later than 30 days after the receipt of such a recommendation to add the following: All standing committees are required to do the same with respect to the action items referred to the committee by a Trustee.” Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Action Item. doi: PP 02-21)</p> <p>Mentioned that this amendment is related to OHA Strategic Plan, Goal 7 – Policy, Strategy 7.2 “Assure an effective and efficient process of decision-making by the Board of Trustees and create the infrastructure to support their work.”</p> <p>Trustees’ action items are the major catalysts for organizational change. Mentioned that in practice, such “initiative are sporadic and at-the-will of the proponent(s) and not routine or set-in-schedule. Furthermore, the initiator(s) of an action may deem their initiative time-sensitive by belief or by information that only the initiator is privileged, with, unbeknownst to the rest of their peers on the Committee or the Board.”</p> <p>Such inefficiencies were also described in the 2001 Audit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of the Auditor, State of Hawai`i, page 29.</p> <p><b>Recommended Action:</b> All Chairpersons, Vice-Chairperson, and/or vested authorities of each standing committee and the Board of Trustees are required to place on their respective agendas any and all action items that are: submitted, referred, or recommended to their respective Committee or to the Board, no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of such an action item.</p>
<p><b>Amended Article VIII</b></p>	<p>December 10, 2002</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 4-6. doi: BOT 02-33.)</p> <p>Motion to amend Article VIII “Committees of the Board”, to simplify the structure of the Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees, to ensure each Trustee has the opportunity for full participation in Standing Committee deliberations, and to clarify the procedures required when matters are referred to a Standing Committee. This would be accomplished by adopting the language proposed in Appendices “II”, “III” and “IV”, attached hereto, which would: A. Delete and replace Article VIII.A with a new language, B. amend Article VIII.F to conform to the amendment of Article VIII.A and C. amend Article VIII.B to conform to the amendment of Article VIII.A.</p>

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		Delete “by the Chairperson of the Board” in Appendix III (in lines with 1 and 2).
<b>Amended Article VI</b>	October 24, 2007	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. ARM/BAE Action Item. doi: ARM-BAE 07-22)</p> <p>ARM/BAE joint committees amended Article VI to add a new section on members rename the Article title from “DUTIES OF OFFICERS” to “DUTIES OF OFFICERS <u>AND MEMBERS</u>”.</p> <p><b>Issue:</b> To add a new paragraph on Member to Duties of Officers. An amendment to the OHA Bylaws Article VI was recommended by the Board of Trustees Attorney. An amendment to conform the OHA BOT Executive Policy Subseries 1030 (Trustee Duties, Responsibilities, and Conduct) Manual to the Bylaw amendment is proposed to ensure consistency of meaning and substance between Bylaw and Executive Policy.</p> <p><b>C. Members.</b> The unanimous vote of all Members of the Board after full consultation with Board Counsel shall be required before any confidential communication, proprietary or otherwise privileged material received in an Executive Meeting convened under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes §92-5 may be publicly released except for communications and materials deemed no longer confidential or redacted and released under Board of Trustees Operations Manual, Rule 21 (July, 2007).<sup>29</sup></p> <p>Motion carried or passed.</p>
<b>Amended Article VI</b>	November 1, 2007	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 6-10. doi: BOT 07-23o.)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> reading. ARM/BAE met on October 24, 2007 recommend the following actions: <u>To simultaneously approve, adopt and ratify amendments to the OHA Board of Trustees’ Bylaws as shown in Attachment “B” and to approve and adopt changes to the OHA Board of Trustees’ Executive Policy Manual as shown in Attachment “C”.</u></p>
<b>Amended Article VI</b>	November 8, 2007	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 3-4. doi: BOT 07-25o.)</p> <p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. ARM/BAE minutes. Page 2-8. doi: ARM-BAE 07-10o)</p> <p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Action Item. Entire document. doi: ARM-BAE 07-22)</p> <p>Relating to Fiduciary Duty of Confidentiality.</p>

<sup>29</sup> **Source:** OHA. Board minutes. Page 6-10. doi: BOT 07-23o. Board of Trustees Operational Manual was last revised 11/15/2007.

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		<p>2<sup>nd</sup> reading <u>To simultaneously approve, adopt and ratify amendments to the OHA Board of Trustees’ Bylaws as shown in Attachment “B” and to approve and adopt changes to the OHA Board of Trustees’ Executive Policy Manual as shown in Attachment “C”.</u> Motion carried.</p> <p>A. <b>Chairperson.</b> The Chairperson in addition to presiding at all regular and special Board meetings shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appoint the <u>Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson</u> and members of all Standing committees, subject to the approval of the Board;</li> <li>2. Appoint members of Ad hoc Committees and designate the <u>Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson</u> of such Committees;</li> <li>3. Acknowledge communications, petitions, requests, and proposals on behalf of the Board and refer same to the <u>Administrator Chief Executive Officer</u> or appropriate Committee of the Board for action or recommendation;</li> <li>4. Serve as the primary liaison with the Governor, Congressional delegation, the Legislature, and other agencies and organizations to ensure that there are effective working relationships between all of the above and the Board;</li> <li>5. Approve all press releases and public announcements which state the official position of the Board;</li> <li>6. Approve agenda items for all meetings of the Board;</li> <li>7. [Reserved];</li> <li>8. [Reserved]; and</li> <li>9. Perform such other duties as may be required by law or such as may properly pertain to such office.</li> </ol> <p>B. <b>Vice-Chair.</b> The <u>Vice-Chairperson</u> will assume the duties and responsibilities of the <u>Chairperson</u> in the absence of the <u>Chairperson</u> and will undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the <u>Chairperson</u>.</p> <p>C. <b>Members.</b> The <u>unanimous vote of all Members of the Board after full consultation with Board Counsel shall be required before any confidential communication, proprietary or otherwise privileged</u></p>

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		<p><u>material received in an Executive Meeting convened under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes §92-5 may be publicly released except for communications and materials deemed no longer confidential or redacted and released under Board of Trustees Operations Manual, Rule 21 (July, 2007).</u></p> <p>D. Motion carried.</p>
<b>Amendment Article II</b>	December 17, 2009	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 11-13. doi: BOT 09-40.)</p> <p>The Board approved making technical change from Administrator to Chief Executive Officer and that the title change does not change the responsibilities to carry out the Board directives, governance functions and/or the requirements of the laws.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. BOT Action Item. Page 3-4. doi: BOT 09-05.)</p> <p>Issue: Whether or not to approve and authorize the re-designation of position title from OHA “Administrator” to OHA “Chief Executive Officer” and to approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to make technical changes to Chapter 10, HRS, OHA’s governing documents, to include Bylaws, Executive Policies and operational procedures, and to any other policies, procedures, documents and/or instruments as appropriate to reflect the re-designation of position title.</p> <p>To approve and authorize the re-designation of position title from OHA “Administrator” to OHA “Chief Executive Officer” and to approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to make technical changes to Chapter 10, HRS, OHA’s governing documents, to include its Bylaws, Executive Policies and operational procedures, and to any other policies, procedures, documents and/or instruments as appropriate to reflect the re-designation of position title.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
<b>Amendment Article XIV</b>	March 7, 2013	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Action Item. doi: ARM-BAE 13-01)</p> <p><b>Issue:</b> Whether or not the Board of Trustees’ Bylaws and the OHA Board of Trustees’ Executive Policy Manual should be amended to allow each Trustee to have options in the manner in which their officers are staffed while at the same time ensuring that the staff selected considering adequate and qualified staff to help them fulfill their fiduciary duties. An amendment to Article XIV of the OHA Bylaw is necessary to provide a uniform approach to exercising these options in the configuration of their respective offices. An amendment to</p>

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		<p>conform the OHA BOT Executive Policy Manual Subseries 3100 Personnel (BOT Staffing) to the Bylaw amendment is proposed to ensure consistency of meaning and substance between Bylaw and Executive Policy Manual.</p> <p>Amend the language of Article XIV to read, “The Board of Trustees will employ a Chief of Staff who will be responsible for coordinating Board staff functions and activities and will act as a liaison between the Board staff and the <del>Administrator</del> <del>Chief Executive Officer</del>. <del>Each Board member is entitled to one aide and one secretary to help carry out the duties of their office.</del></p> <p><u>Each Board member will be entitled up to two full time positions and will have the flexibility, in order to help carry out the duties of their office, in choosing their staff positions from the following job classifications: Trustee Aide and Trustee Secretary. Each Board member will have sole discretion in selecting from the job classifications listed above that best suit the needs of their office.”</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> reading, motion passed.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Executive Session minutes. doi: BOT ES Minutes 030713)</p> <p>ARM/BAE joint committees unanimously approved the motion to simultaneously approve, adopt and ratify amendments to the OHA Board of Trustees’ By-Laws as shown in Attachment “A” and to approve and adopt changes to the OHA Board of Trustees’ Executive Policy Manual as shown in Attachment “B” relating to options for staffing of each Board of Trustee Office.</p> <p>“This action item is part of an effort to enhance the capacity of Trustees to deal with increasingly complex and diverse OHA projects such as investments, land development and management, and partnership agreements.”</p>
<b>Amendment Article XIV</b>	March 21, 2013	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 1-2. doi: BOT 13-06.)</p> <p>Agenda VI.A. Executive Session ARM/BAE 13-01 (actually this is found in ARM/BAE 13-02, March 7, 2013) Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees Bylaws amendment and corresponding and conforming changes to OHA’s Board of Trustees’ Executive Policy Manual relating to options for staffing of each Board of Trustee office.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. doi: BOT ES 032113.)</p>

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		<p>To approve, adopt and ratify amendments the following language. “The Board of Trustees will employ a Chief of Staff who will be responsible for coordinating Board staff functions and activities and will act as a liaison between the Board staff and the <u>Administrator</u> <del>Chief Executive Officer</del>. <del>Each Board member is entitled to one aide and one secretary to help carry out the duties of their office.</del></p> <p><u>Each Board member will be entitled up to two full time positions and will have the flexibility, in order to help carry out the duties of their office, in choosing their staff positions from the following job classifications: Trustee Aide and Trustee Secretary. Each Board member will have sole discretion in selecting from the job classifications listed above that best suit the needs of their office.”</u></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> reading, motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p><b>Amended Article VIII</b></p>	<p>January 23, 2014</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 15-24. doi: BOT 14-02.)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> reading to amend Article VIII to add a standing committee to be called the “Committee on Land and Property” (LP) as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Concerns and clarification about the purview were discussed about land (purchasing and selling), water and natural resources and purview relationships with other standing committees. Specific revisions would be introduced and discussed during the second reading.</p> <p>“Committees of the Board</p> <p>A. There shall be a minimum of <del>two</del> <u>three</u> standing Committees of the Board. Each Committee will be led by a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Board may increase the number of Standing Committees, but the membership of the Standing Committees shall be all nine (9) Trustees. The minimum <del>two</del> <u>three</u> Standing Committees shall consist of the Committee on Asset and Resource Management (ARM), <del>and</del> Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE), <u>and the Committee on Land and Property (LP).</u></p> <p>1. Committee on Asset and Resource Management. The committee shall:</p> <p><u>a.</u> handle all fiscal and budgetary matters and ensure proper management, planning, evaluation, investment and use of OHA’s trust funds;</p> <p><u>b.</u> review and approve any and all acquisition expenditures that have a multi-year implication, and which impact the OHA</p>

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		<p>Investment or Spending policies, <u>including all decisions concerning the allocation and utilization of resources for the acquisition, development and/or disposition of real property;</u> which requires unbudgeted funding.</p> <p><u>c.</u> establish policies which strengthen OHA’s fiscal controls and financial management;</p> <p><del>d.</del> <u>oversee the use and condition of OHA’s real estate and execute policy for the proper use of such lands including land to which OHA shall have an interest;</u></p> <p><del>e.</del> <u>develop policy on issues of land use, native rights, and natural and cultural resources, including the inventory, identification, analysis and treatment of land, native rights and natural and cultural resources;</u></p> <p><del>f.</del> <u>d.</u> review and approve appropriate grants to programs that support OHA’s overall mission;</p> <p><del>g.</del> <u>e.</u> evaluate OHA programs to determine effectiveness in order to decide whether to continue, modify, or terminate funding of any of OHA’s programs;</p> <p><del>h.</del> <u>f.</u> develop training and orientation programs for Trustees and staff including materials relating to Trustees roles, fiduciary responsibilities, and ethics;</p> <p><del>i.</del> <u>g.</u> in consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment carry out the recruitment and selection of the <u>Administrator</u> <del>Chief Executive Officer</del>; and</p> <p><del>j.</del> <u>h.</u> provider oversight over Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.”</p> <p>Committee on Land and Property. The committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. develop policies and criteria for OHA’s land acquisitions, dispositions, development, management, and the use of real estate in which OHA has an interest;</li> <li>b. develop policies relating to OHA’s real estate asset allocation, desired returns, and balancing OHA’s real estate portfolio including legacy lands, corporate real estate, programmatic lands and investment properties;</li> <li>c. oversee the use and condition of OHA’s real estate and develop policy for the proper use and stewardship of such real estate;</li> <li>d. develop policies and programs for OHA’s ownership, financing and development of real estate, including capital improvements, spending policy and forms of ownership for OHA’s real estate;</li> <li>e. with respect to real estate not owned by OHA in its</li> </ol>

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		<p>own name, but owned in one or more limited liability companies or other entities in which OHA, directly or indirectly, maintains an ownership interest, oversee OHA’s performance of its rights and obligations with respect to real estate under the terms and conditions of the applicable limited liability company agreement or other operating agreement; and</p> <p>f. provide oversight over Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.</p>
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	February 6, 2014	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 3-4. doi: BOT 14-04.)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> reading related to BOT 14-01 amendment of the Board’s Bylaws and executive manual to create a Committee on Land and Property as a third standing committee of the Board. The motion to amend Article VIII of the OHA BOT Bylaws entitled, “Committee of the Board” to add a standing committee to be called “Committee on Land and Property” (LP) in accordance with the revised language changes to Exhibit “C” on January 23, 2014 BOT meeting.</p> <p>The first LP meeting commenced on February 26, 2014.</p>
<b>Information</b>	May 28, 2015	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 7-8. doi: BOT 15-16.)</p> <p>In accordance with Article VI, Section A.2 and Article VII, Section H Chair Lindsey appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Trustees’ responsibilities to consider options available to the Board when an individual Trustee breaches fiduciary responsibilities or commits other acts that may be prohibited in the OHA Bylaws and Executive Policy Manual. Report is expected and report to the Board August 15, 2015.</p>
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	July 23, 2015	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 2. doi: BOT 15-24.)</p> <p>Announcement to amend Article VIII to reorganize Standing Committee Structure of BOT to create the Committee on Resource Management mentioned on the agenda. Refer to BOT 15-03. Chair Lindsey announced (Action Item) BOT #15-03 be deferred to July 30 to give Trustees time to review and consider the action item.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board Action Item. doi: BOT 15-03)</p> <p>Issue: As part of a larger effort to help ensure that the Board of Trustees can perform and function in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort, this action item is designed to enhance the ability of the Board of Trustees to oversee, as effectively and efficiently as possible, OHA’s land assets to assure that those assets are well managed and that its</p>

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		<p>financial situation remains sound.</p> <p>At present, there are three Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees. This action item if approved will organizationally combine and consolidate the purviews of the Committee on Asset and Resource Management and the Committee on Land and Property into what will be entitled the “Committee on Resource Management.”</p>
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	July 30, 2015	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 4-5. doi: BOT 15-25.)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> reading to amend Article VIII to reorganize Standing Committee Structure of BOT to create the Committee on Resource Management. The action aims to help the Board to be more efficient and effective and save time and costs.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
<b>Amended Article VIII</b>	August 27, 2015	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 4-6. doi: BOT 15-29.)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> reading to amend Article VIII to reorganize Standing Committee Structure of BOT to create the Committee on Resource Management. The intent is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board in terms of timeliness and responsiveness around pressing issues and concerns related to Hawaiians and native Hawaiians; oversight around policies, planning and evaluation activities; fiscal and budgetary matter; investment and financial management; economic opportunities; land and property management; environmental and natural resources; grant review and approval and etc.</p> <p><b><u>1. Committee on Resource Management. The committee shall:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>handle all fiscal and budgetary matters and ensure proper management, planning, evaluation, investment and use of OHA's trust funds;</u></li> <li>b. <u>review and approve any and all acquisition expenditures that have a multi-year implication, and which impact the OHA Investment or Spending policies;</u></li> <li>c. <u>establish policies which strengthen OHA's fiscal controls and financial management;</u></li> <li>d. <u>oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and execute policy for the proper use of such lands including land to which OHA shall have an interest;</u></li> <li>e. <u>develop policy on issues of land use, native rights, and natural and cultural resources, including the inventory, identification, analysis and treatment of land, native rights and natural and cultural resources;</u></li> </ol>

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		<p>f. <u>develop policies and criteria for OHA’s land acquisitions, dispositions, development, management, and the use of real estate in which OHA has an interest;</u></p> <p>g. <u>develop policies relating to OHA’s real estate asset allocation, desired returns, and balancing OHA’s real estate portfolio including legacy lands, corporate real estate, programmatic lands and investment properties;</u></p> <p>h. <u>oversee the use and condition of OHA’s real estate and develop policy for the proper use and stewardship of such real estate;</u></p> <p>i. <u>develop policies and programs for OHA’s ownership, financing and development of real estate, including capital improvements, spending policy and forms of ownership for OHA’s real estate;</u></p> <p>j. <u>with respect to real estate not owned by OHA in its own name, but owned in one or more limited liability companies or other entities in which OHA, directly or indirectly, maintains an ownership interest, oversee OHA’s performance of its rights and obligations with respect to real estate under the terms and conditions of the applicable limited liability company agreement or other operating agreement;</u></p> <p>k. <u>review and approve appropriate grants to programs that support OHA’s overall mission;</u></p> <p>l. <u>evaluate OHA programs to determine effectiveness in order to decide whether to continue, modify, or terminate funding of any of OHA's programs;</u></p> <p>m. <u>develop training and orientation programs for Trustees and staff including materials relating to Trustees roles, fiduciary responsibilities, and ethics;</u></p> <p>n. <u>in consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment carry out the recruitment and selection of the Administrator Chief Executive Officer; and</u></p> <p>o. <u>provide oversight over Permanent Special Councils or Commissions<sup>30</sup> as assigned by the Board.</u></p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
<b>Information</b>	September 10, 2015	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 4-6. doi: BOT 15-32.)</p> <p>Approve Chair (John Waihe`e), Vice Chair (Lei Ahu Isa) and</p>

<sup>30</sup> February 28, 1992, approve to allow for the creation of councils and commissions to specify their organizational position within the Board structure and to specify appointment procedures and operational procedures of such councils and commissions.

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		<p>member of Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws review. On December 3, 2015, the Ad Hoc Committee review was extended to June 30, 2016.</p>
<p><b>Amendment Article XVII</b></p>	<p>February 25, 2016</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board Action Item. doi: BR 16-1)</p> <p><b>Issue:</b> This Action Item contemplates the amendment of OHA Bylaws Article XVII, the creation of a code of conduct for OHA trustees and sanctions for trustees for the violation of the code of conduct, and the concurrent approval, adoption and ratification of the code of conduct as a stand-alone policy to comport with the recommendation of the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>The modification to conform the OHA BOT Executive Policy Manual, Subseries 1030 (Trustee Duties, Responsibilities, and Conduct), to Bylaw amendment is proposed to ensure consistency of meaning and substance between Bylaw and Executive Policy.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 6-7. doi: BOT 16-04)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> reading to amend Article XVII.</p> <p>Chair Lindsey stated “this is second attempt to set standards for ensuring that we are all appropriately held accountable for our actions... We put our mission at risk when we act for the benefit of ourselves, rather than the good of our organization. Our lack of ability to policy ourselves is an irregularity in our operations that must be corrected. For the effective functioning of our Board, we must establish a procedure for imposing disciplinary sanctions when Board rules are violated and we need to approach this objective with urgency and unity...to meeting the high standards of ethics, transparency, and accountability that are expected from oversight responsibilities. I also must now ask for your vote to approve the First Reading of an amendment to our Bylaws that would help us better demonstrate that we are responsible stewards capable of exercising our authority in OHA’s best interest.”</p> <p>Motion to amend, approve, adopt and ratify OHA Board of Trustees’ Bylaws Article XVII, “Trustee Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct” and to approve, adopt and ratify a stand-alone policy which shall be titled “Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violation of the Code of Conduct”.</p> <p>Motion carried. 7 yes, 0 no and 2 excused.</p>
<p><b>Amendment Article XVII</b></p>	<p>March 15, 2016</p>	<p><b>Source:</b> (OHA. Board minutes. Page 4-6. doi: BR 16-05)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> reading to amend, approve, adopt and ratify OHA Board of</p>

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		<p>Trustees' Bylaws Article XVII, "Trustee Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct" and to approve, adopt and ratify a stand-alone policy which shall be titled "Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violation of the Code of Conduct", as amended. The stand-alone policy includes a number of actions that the Board can take.</p> <p>Motion carried. (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention and 1 excused.)</p>

## APPENDIX B. TABLE SHOWING EFFECTS ON BYLAWS

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The list of adopted/amended dates of BOT Bylaws, also known as “**History of Board Actions on OHA Bylaws**” and “**Table Showing Effects on Bylaws**” from the Board approved BOT Bylaws on November 8, 2007 have been replaced by a more fuller updated version of the history and explanation of the BOT actions with cited reference (digital object identifier) to KI’I to look up the expressed language and specific details of the action of the Board. Appendix B of this document has been deleted and replaced by Appendix A. History and Reference Related to the Bylaws of the Board.

## APPENDIX C. ENUMERATION SYSTEM

The content and format of the Board of Trustees Bylaws is organized by a hierarchy from the most general concept that embodies all other concepts (i.e. title or chapter in this case the Board of Trustees Bylaws) to the most specific details. To maintain clarity especially with long and complicating documents, the following outline or enumeration system will be used through this document.

Starting from the title or section description and capitalized followed by a unique number or alpha (i.e. SECTION 1. MASTER PLAN AND SCOPE OF SERVICES or CHAPTER 10, Hawai`i Revised Statutes or BOARD OF TRUSTEES BYLAWS) .

- I. **Subsection** is indicated by a roman numeral followed by a period. (i.e. ARTICLE I., ARTICLE II., ARTICLE III., ARTICLE IV. and etc.). Subsections are the principal divisions of a section and deal with discrete elements of a section.
  - A. **Paragraph** is indicated by a capital alphabet and period with or without a brief description. (i.e. A. or A. Chair., B., C. and etc.). Paragraphs are used to break down a subsection that covers a number of contingencies, alternatives, requirements, or conditions.
    - 1. **Subparagraph** indicated by a whole number and period. (i.e. 1., 2.)
      - b. **Clause** indicated by lower case alphabet and period.
        - (1) **Sub-Clause** indicated by an open and close parentheses.

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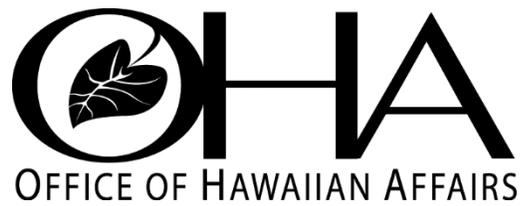
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**BYLAWS**

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## ARTICLE I. AUTHORIZATION

These Bylaws are adopted pursuant to ~~Chapter 10,~~ Hawai‘i Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 10-4(1), ~~HRS §10-4(5)~~,<sup>1</sup> as amended.

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<sup>1</sup> **HRS §10-4(1) Office of Hawaiian Affairs; established; general powers.** “To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws governing the conduct of its business and the performance of the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by law.” (In general, bylaws include laws and/or rules established by OHA or community to regulate itself as allowed or provided for by a higher authority such as the legislature or other governmental entity).

**HRS §10-4(5) Office of Hawaiian Affairs; established; general powers.** “To execute, in accordance with its bylaws, all instruments necessary or appropriate in the exercise of any of its powers.”

## ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

As used herein:

"**Ad Hoc Committee**" means a Committee created by the Board for a one-time purpose or to focus on examining a specific ~~subject. Created with~~ subject and subject to a deadline by which the work must be completed or ~~otherwise expires~~ else the Ad Hoc Committee is dissolved.

"**Administrator**" means the Aadministrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

~~"Advisory Committee" means a C~~ommittee established to assist Standing Committees in an advisory capacity ~~for the resolution or study of issues arising in the specific areas of concern on matters within the purview of a Standing Committee.~~

"**Agency**" ~~means any unit of government in this State, any county, or any combination of counties; department; institution; board; commission; district; council; bureau; office; governing authority; other instrumentality of state or county government; or corporation or other establishment owned, operated, or managed by or on behalf of this State or any county, but does not include the non administrative functions of the courts of this State, as provided by HRS § 92F-3, as amended. For the purposes of these Bylaws, "agency" as described and used in Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92~~ means the Office of Hawaiian Affairs ~~for purposes of these Bylaws.~~

~~Agency: means any department, authority, commission, council, board, committee, institution, legislative body, agency, or other establishment or office of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the State, and includes the office of Hawaiian affairs. See Hawaii Revised Statutes 304A-2170~~

"**Board**" means the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

~~**"Board Packet"** "Board Packet" means documents that are compiled by the Board and distributed to board Mmembers before a meeting for use at that meeting, to the extent the documents are public under chapter 92F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. Section 92-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, shall not require disclosure of executive session minutes, license applications, or other records for which the Board cannot reasonably complete its redaction of nonpublic information in the time available before the public inspection required by Section 92-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes as provided by HRS § 92-7.5, as amended.<sup>2</sup> A Board Packet may exclude certain non public information per HRS § 92-7.5, as amended.~~

~~**"Chair"** **"Chair"** or **"Chairperson"** means the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as stated in HRS § 10-8.<sup>3,4</sup>~~

~~**"CEO"** **"CEO"** means the Chief Executive Officer ~~function~~ of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.~~

~~**"Committee"** means a body of that includes one or more Trustees, ~~elected or appointed,~~ as provided for under ~~reestablished under~~ Article VIII of these Bylaws.~~

<sup>2</sup> ~~The added language is recommended to be consistent with the changes in the Sunshine Law that took effect July 1, 2018.~~

<sup>3</sup> ~~**HRS §10-8 Organization; quorum; meeting.** The Board, at its first meeting after an election, shall elect from its own membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. Their election shall be immediately certified by the board to the lieutenant governor. A majority of all members to which the board is entitled shall constitute a quorum to do business. The concurrence of a majority of all members to which the board is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the board valid; provided that due notice shall be given to all members. Meetings shall be called and held at the call of the chair or by a quorum, as often as may be necessary for transaction of the board's business. The Board shall meet at least once annually on each of the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Molokai, Lāna'i, Kaua'i, and O'ahu.~~

<sup>4</sup> ~~**HRS §10-8 Organization; quorum; meeting.** refers to Chair as Chairperson and subsequent sections refer to Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. For clarity and uniformity "Chair" will mean Chairperson and "Vice Chair" will mean Vice Chairperson throughout the Board of Trustees Bylaws.~~

"**Committee Chairperson**" means the Chairperson of a Standing Committee, Advisory Committee, Ad hoc Committee, Permitted Interaction Group, Council, or Commission of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"Majority" means more than half of the members to which the Board is entitled, in good standing, who ~~that~~ are both present and voting.

"**Meeting**" means the convening of a Board or Committee for which a quorum is required to consider, an agenda ~~is posted and matters listed~~ and to decide or to deliberate toward a decision on matters over which the Board or Committee has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

"Chance Meeting" ~~"Chance meeting"~~ means a social or informal assemblage of two or more ~~Members-Trustees~~ at which matters relating to official business are not discussed.

"Executive Meeting Session" means a ~~meeting session~~ closed to the public upon an affirmative vote ~~– taken at an open meeting~~, of two-thirds of the members present; provided the affirmative vote constitutes a simple majority of the members to which the board or committee is entitled, as provided by HRS § 92-4, as amended.<sup>5</sup> A ~~meeting session~~ closed to the public shall be limited to matters exempted by HRS § 92-5, as amended.<sup>6</sup> The reason for holding such a ~~meeting session~~ shall be publicly

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<sup>5</sup> HRS §92-4 Executive meetings. A board may hold an executive meeting closed to the public upon an affirmative vote, taken at an open meeting, of two-thirds of the members present; provided the affirmative vote constitutes a majority of the members to which the board is entitled. A meeting closed to the public shall be limited to matters exempted by section 92-5. The reason for holding such a meeting shall be publicly announced and the vote of each member on the question of holding a meeting closed to the public shall be recorded, and entered into the minutes of the meeting.

<sup>6</sup> HRS §92-5 Exceptions.

(a) A board may hold a meeting closed to the public pursuant to section 92-4 for one or more of the following purposes:

~~announced and the vote of each member on the question of holding a meeting session closed to the public shall be recorded, and entered into the minutes of the meeting. means a meeting closed to the public upon an affirmative vote, taken at an open meeting, of two thirds of the members present; provided the affirmative vote constitutes a majority of the members to which the board is entitled. A meeting closed to the public shall be limited to matters exempted by section 92-5. The reason for holding such a meeting shall be publicly announced and the vote of each member on the question of holding a meeting closed to the public shall be recorded, and entered into the minutes of the meeting~~

~~-"Open Meeting"<sup>22</sup> means a Meeting of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that is open to the public and all persons are permitted to attend any meeting unless otherwise provided in the constitution or as closed, as provided by HRS § 92-3, as amended.<sup>7</sup> pursuant to HRS sections 92-4 and 92-5.~~

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~~(1) To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;~~

~~(2) To consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved; provided that if the individual concerned requests an open meeting, an open meeting shall be held;~~

~~(3) To deliberate concerning the authority of persons designated by the board to conduct labor negotiations or to negotiate the acquisition of public property, or during the conduct of such negotiations;~~

~~(4) To consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities;~~

~~(5) To investigate proceedings regarding criminal misconduct;~~

~~(6) To consider sensitive matters related to public safety or security;~~

~~(7) To consider matters relating to the solicitation and acceptance of private donations; and~~

~~(8) To deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential pursuant to a state or federal law, or a court order.~~

~~(b) In no instance shall the board make a decision or deliberate toward a decision in an executive meeting on matters not directly related to the purposes specified in subsection (a). No chance meeting, permitted interaction, or electronic communication shall be used to circumvent the spirit or requirements of this part to make a decision or to deliberate toward a decision upon a matter over which the board has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.~~

~~<sup>7</sup> HRS § 92-3 Open Meetings. Every meeting of all boards shall be open to the public and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting unless otherwise provided in the constitution or as closed pursuant to sections 92-4~~

**"Limited Meeting Session"** means a Meeting Session of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that is held at a location that is dangerous to health or safety, or if the Board determines that it is necessary to conduct an on-site inspection of a location that is related to the Board's business at which public attendance is not practicable, and the Director of the Office of Information Practices concurs, as provided by HRS § 92-3.1, as amended.<sup>8</sup>

**"Meeting by interactive conference technology"** means a meeting that utilizes any form of audio or audio and visual interactive conference technology, as provided by HRS § 92-3.5(a).<sup>9</sup> ~~including teleconference, videoconference, and voice over~~

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and 92-5; provided that the removal of any person or persons who willfully disrupts a meeting to prevent and compromise the conduct of the meeting shall not be prohibited. The boards shall afford all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, in writing, on any agenda item. The boards shall also afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral testimony on any agenda item. The boards may provide for reasonable administration of oral testimony by rule.

<sup>8</sup> HRS § 92-3.1 Limited Meetings.

(a) If a board determines that it is necessary to meet at a location that is dangerous to health or safety, or if a board determines that it is necessary to conduct an on-site inspection of a location that is related to the board's business at which public attendance is not practicable, and the director of the office of information practices concurs, the board may hold a limited meeting at that location that shall not be open to the public; provided that at a regular meeting of the board prior to the limited meeting:

- (1) The board determines, after sufficient public deliberation, that it is necessary to hold the limited meeting and specifies that the location is dangerous to health or safety or that the on-site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impracticable;
- (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled vote to adopt the determinations required by paragraph (1); and
- (3) Notice of the limited meeting is provided in accordance with section 92-7.

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(c) At all limited meetings, the board shall:

- (1) Videotape the meeting, unless the requirement is waived by the director of the office of information practices, and comply with all requirements of section 92-9;
- (2) Make the videotape available at the next regular meeting; and
- (3) Make no decisions at the meeting.

<sup>9</sup> HRS § 92-3.5 Meeting by interactive conference technology; notice; quorum.

(a) A board may hold a meeting by interactive conference technology; provided that the interactive conference technology used by the board allows interaction among all members of the board participating in the meeting and all members of the public attending the meeting, and the notice required by section 92-7 identifies all of the locations where participating board members will be physically present and indicates that members of the public may join board members at any of the identified locations.

~~internet protocol, that facilitates interaction between the public and Members utilizes technology access, tools, application etc. that allows interaction among all members of the board participating in the meeting and all members of the public attending the meeting, and the notice required by section 92-7. The interactive conference technology used by the Board should allow for interaction among all members of the public attending the meeting, and the should meet the conditions for written public notice as required by HRS § 92-7, as amended.<sup>10</sup> The notice should identify all~~

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- ~~(b) Any board member participating in a meeting by interactive conference technology shall be considered present at the meeting for the purpose of determining compliance with the quorum and voting requirements of the board.~~
- ~~(c) A meeting held by interactive conference technology shall be terminated when audio communication cannot be maintained with all locations where the meeting by interactive conference technology is being held, even if a quorum of the board is physically present in one location. If copies of visual aids required by, or brought to the meeting by board members or members of the public, are not available to all meeting participants, at all locations where audio-only interactive conference technology is being used, within fifteen minutes after audio-only communication is used, those agenda items for which visual aids are not available for all participants at all meeting locations cannot be acted upon at the meeting.~~
- ~~(d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section to the contrary, a board member with a disability that limits or impairs the member's ability to physically attend the meeting may participate in a board meeting from a location not accessible to the public; provided that the member with a disability is connected to other members of the board and the public by both visual and audio means, and the member identifies where the member is located and who, if anyone, is present at that location with the member.~~

<sup>10</sup> HRS § 92-7 Notice.

- ~~(a) The board shall give written public notice of any regular, special, emergency, or rescheduled meeting, or any executive meeting when anticipated in advance. The notice shall include an agenda that lists all of the items to be considered at the forthcoming meeting, the date, time, and place of the meeting, and in the case of an executive meeting, the purpose shall be stated. If an item to be considered is the proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal of administrative rules, an agenda meets the requirements for public notice pursuant to this section if it contains a statement on the topic of the proposed rules or a general description of the subjects involved, as described in section 91-3(a)(1)(A), and a statement of when and where the proposed rules may be viewed in person and on the Internet as provided in section 91-2.6. The means specified by this section shall be the only means required for giving notice under this part notwithstanding any law to the contrary.~~
- ~~(b) No less than six calendar days prior to the meeting, the board shall post the notice on an electronic calendar on a website maintained by the State or the appropriate county and in the board's office for public inspection. The notice shall also be posted at the site of the meeting whenever feasible. The board shall provide a copy of the notice to the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office at the time the notice is posted, and the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate clerk's office shall post paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices in a central location in a public building; provided that a failure to do so by the board, the office of the lieutenant governor, or the appropriate county clerk's office shall not require cancellation of the meeting. The copy of the notice to be provided to the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office may be provided via electronic~~

locations where participating board members of the public may join board members at any of the identified locations.

"Special Board Meeting" means a special meeting of the Board called by the Chairperson or a simple majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled.

"Office" or "OHA" means the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"Officer" means the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"Official Business" means an activity or activities authorized by the Chairperson for members of the Board, ~~and includes these enumerated performed or conducted pursuant to the duties of the Board, committee, or Office.~~ It ~~These activities~~ includes, when authorized, the following:

1. ~~a~~Attending a meeting relevant to the work of the Board, ~~board~~ Committee, or Office;

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mail to an electronic mail address designated by the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office, as applicable.

- (c) If the written public notice is electronically posted on an electronic calendar less than six calendar days before the meeting, the meeting shall be canceled as a matter of law and shall not be held. The chairperson or the director shall ensure that a notice canceling the meeting is posted at the place of the meeting. If there is a dispute as to whether a notice was timely posted on an electronic calendar maintained by the State or appropriate county, a printout of the electronic time-stamped agenda shall be conclusive evidence of the electronic posting date. The board shall provide a copy of the time-stamped record upon request.
- (d) No board shall change the agenda, less than six calendar days prior to the meeting, by adding items thereto without a two-thirds recorded vote of all members to which the board is entitled; provided that no item shall be added to the agenda if it is of reasonably major importance and action thereon by the board will affect a significant number of persons. Items of reasonably major importance not decided at a scheduled meeting shall be considered only at a meeting continued to a reasonable day and time.
- (e) The board shall maintain a list of names and postal or electronic mail addresses of persons who request notification of meetings and shall mail or electronically mail a copy of the notice to the persons by the means chosen by the persons at their last recorded postal or electronic mail address no later than the time the agenda is required to be electronically posted under subsection (b).

2. ~~pP~~participating in a seminar or conference sponsored in whole or in part by the Office;
3. ~~aA~~attending either as a representative of the Board, Office or as a participant, a meeting, seminar, or conference of a community, county, island, state, national, or international organization on a subject matter of direct concern to the Board, Committee, or Office;
4. ~~pP~~participating in any training program to maintain or improve the skills of Trustees or OHA employees in the performance of their duties and/or;
- ~~1-5. and/or cC~~conducting studies and investigations on matters before the Board, Committee, or Office.

"Packet" means documents that are compiled by the Board or a Committee and distributed to Members before a meeting for use at that meeting, as provided by HRS § 92-7.5, as amended.<sup>11</sup> A Packet may exclude certain non-public information per HRS § 92-7.5, as amended.

~~"Special Councils or Commission" means a council or commission established by the Board to address a specific subject matter.~~

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<sup>11</sup> HRS §92-7.5 Board packet; filing; public inspection; notice. At the time the board packet is distributed to the board members, the board shall also make the board packet available for public inspection in the board's office. The board shall provide notice to persons requesting notification of meetings pursuant to section 92-7(e) that the board packet is available for inspection in the board's office and shall provide reasonably prompt access to the board packet to any person upon request. The board is not required to mail board packets. As soon as practicable, the board shall accommodate requests for electronic access to the board packet. For purposes of this section, "board packet" means documents that are compiled by the board and distributed to board members before a meeting for use at that meeting, to the extent the documents are public under chapter 92F; provided that this section shall not require disclosure of executive session minutes, license applications, or other records for which the board cannot reasonably complete its redaction of nonpublic information in the time available before the public inspection required by this section.

~~-"Permitted Interaction Group" or "PIG"~~<sup>2</sup> means a group ~~organized in accordance with HRS, CHAPTER 92, PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS §92-2.5 where two members~~ no more than a simple majority of a Bboard ~~may discuss between themselves matter relating to official board business to enable them to perform their duties faithfully, as long as no commitment to vote is made or sought, and the two members do not constitute a quorum of their board, as provided by HRS -§ 92-2.5, as amended.~~<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> HRS §92-2.5 Permitted interactions of members.

- a. If a board finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires a meeting in less time than is provided for in section 92-7, the board may hold an emergency meeting provided that:
- (1) The board states in writing the reasons for its findings;
  - (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the findings are correct and an emergency exists;
  - (3) An emergency agenda and the findings are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7(b); provided that the six calendar day requirement for filing and electronic posting shall not apply; and
  - (4) Persons requesting notification on a regular basis are contacted by postal or electronic mail or telephone as soon as practicable.
- b. If an unanticipated event requires a board to take action on a matter over which it has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power, within less time than is provided for in section 92-7 to notice and convene a meeting of the board, the board may hold an emergency meeting to deliberate and decide whether and how to act in response to the unanticipated event; provided that:
- (1) The board states in writing the reasons for its finding that an unanticipated event has occurred and that an emergency meeting is necessary and the attorney general concurs that the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting under this subsection exist;
  - (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting under this subsection exist;
  - (3) The finding that an unanticipated event has occurred and that an emergency meeting is necessary and the agenda for the emergency meeting under this subsection are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7(b); provided that the six calendar day requirement for filing and electronic posting shall not apply;
  - (4) Persons requesting notification on a regular basis are contacted by postal or electronic mail or telephone as soon as practicable; and
  - (5) The board limits its action to only that action that must be taken on or before the date that a meeting would have been held, had the board noticed the meeting pursuant to section 92-7.
- c. For purposes of this part, an "unanticipated event" means:
- (1) An event which members of the board did not have sufficient advance knowledge of or reasonably could not have known about from information published by the media or information generally available in the community;
  - (2) A deadline established by a legislative body, a court, or a federal, state, or county agency beyond the control of a board; or
  - (3) A consequence of an event for which reasonably informed and knowledgeable board members could not have taken all necessary action.

"**Quorum**" means the minimum number of Trustees or Mmembers of a Ccommittee who must be present for valid transaction of business.

~~"**Reading**" means a presentation of an action item or motion before the Board by the reading presentation of the bill action item, its title, or its number where the action is affirmatively voted upon. A formal procedure as outline by the Board's Operations Manual indicates a reading as a stage in the enactment process. Meeting at which a particular interpretation of something (e.g., policy, Board By Laws, Board Operations Manual) is affirmatively voted upon.~~

"**Simple Majority**" means ~~more than half of the five (5) of the nine (9) votes entitled~~ entitled to be cast by the Board. ~~It does not include abstentions or absent members.~~

~~"**Special Councils or Commission**" means a Council or Commission established by the Board to address a specific subject matter.~~

"**Super Majority**" ~~means six (6) of the nine (9) votes entitled to be cast by the Board.~~ means two more than half of the entitled votes cast. ~~It does not include abstentions or absent members a vote that must exceed the number of votes comprising a simple majority.~~

~~"**Special Board Meeting**" means a special meeting of the Board called by the Chairperson or a majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled.~~

**"Standing Committees"** means a constituted Committee of the Board as detailed in Article VIII of the Bylaws. ~~Committees of the Board.~~

**"Vice Chair"** or **"Vice-Chairperson"** means the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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### ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF THE BOARD

The Board shall exercise power as provided by Article XII, ~~§§ 5, 6~~ of the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i<sup>13</sup> and ~~Chapter 10, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes~~HRS, §§ 10-5, 10-6 as amended.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>13</sup> **Haw. Const. art. XII, § 5, Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Establishment of Board of Trustees.** “There is hereby established an Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall hold title to all the real and personal property now or hereafter set aside or conveyed to it which shall be held in trust for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. There shall be a board of trustees for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs elected by qualified voters who are Hawaiians, as provided by law. The board members shall be Hawaiians. There shall be not less than nine members of the board of trustees; provided that each of the following Islands have one representative: Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Molokai and Hawaii. The board shall select a chairperson from its members.”

**Haw. Const. art. XII, § 6, Powers of Board of Trustees.** “The board of trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall exercise power as provided by law: to manage and administer the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the lands, natural resources, minerals and income derived from whatever sources for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, including all income and proceeds from that pro rata portion of the trust referred to in section 4 of this article for native Hawaiians; to formulate policy relating to affairs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; and to exercise control over real and personal property set aside by state, federal or private sources and transferred to the board for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. The board shall have the power to exercise control over the Office of Hawaiian Affairs through its executive officer, the administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who shall be appointed by the board.”

<sup>14</sup> **HRS § 10-5. Board of Trustees; Powers and Duties.** ~~The board shall have the power in accordance with law to:~~  
~~(1) Manage, invest, and administer the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of lands, natural resources, minerals, and income derived from whatever sources for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, including all income and proceeds from that pro rata portion of the trust referred to in section 10-3;~~  
~~(2) Exercise control over real and personal property set aside to the office by the State of Hawaii, the United States of America, or any private sources, and transferred to the office for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~  
~~(3) Collect, receive, deposit, withdraw, and invest money and property on behalf of the office;~~  
~~(4) Formulate policy relating to the affairs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, provided that such policy shall not diminish or limit the benefits of native Hawaiians under article XII, section 4, of the state Constitution;~~  
~~(5) Otherwise act as a trustee as provided by law;~~  
~~(6) Delegate to the administrator, its officers and employees such powers and duties as may be proper for the performance of the powers and duties vested in the board;~~  
~~(7) Provide grants to individuals, and public or private organizations to better the conditions of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians consistent with the standards set forth in section 10-17;~~  
~~(8) Make available technical and financial assistance and advisory services to any agency or private organization for native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs, and for other functions pertinent to the purposes of the office of Hawaiian affairs. Financial assistance may be rendered through contractual arrangements as may be agreed upon by the board and any such agency or organization; and~~  
~~(9) Adopt and use a common seal by which all official acts shall be authentic~~The Board shall have the power in accordance with law to:

- (1) Manage, invest, and administer the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of lands, natural resources, minerals, and income derived from whatever sources for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, including all income and proceeds from that pro rata portion of the trust referred to in section 10-3;
- (2) Exercise control over real and personal property set aside to the office by the State of Hawaii, the United States of America, or any private sources, and transferred to the office for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;
- (3) Collect, receive, deposit, withdraw, and invest money and property on behalf of the office;

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- ~~(4) Formulate policy relating to the affairs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, provided that such policy shall not diminish or limit the benefits of native Hawaiians under article XII, section 4, of the state Constitution;~~
  - ~~(5) Otherwise act as a trustee as provided by law;~~
  - ~~(6) Delegate to the administrator, its officers and employees such powers and duties as may be proper for the performance of the powers and duties vested in the board;~~
  - ~~(7) Provide grants to individuals, and public or private organizations to better the conditions of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians consistent with the standards set forth in section 10-17;~~
  - ~~(8) Make available technical and financial assistance and advisory services to any agency or private organization for native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs, and for other functions pertinent to the purposes of the office of Hawaiian affairs. Financial assistance may be rendered through contractual arrangements as may be agreed upon by the board and any such agency or organization; and~~
  - ~~(9) Adopt and use a common seal by which all official acts shall be authenticated.~~

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HRS § 10-6. General Duties of the Board.:

~~(a) The general duties of the board shall be:~~

~~(1) To develop and continually update a strategic plan for the office that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (A) Compilation of basic demographic data on native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(B) Identification of the physical, sociological, psychological, and economic needs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(C) Establishment of long range goals for the office's programs and services for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(D) Establishment of priorities and alternatives for the office's program and service implementation; and~~

~~(E) Organization of the office's administrative and program structure, including the use of facilities and personnel;~~

~~(2) To assist in the development of state and county agency plans for native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs and services;~~

~~(3) To maintain an inventory of federal, state, county, and private programs and services for Hawaiians and native Hawaiians and act as a clearinghouse and referral agency;~~

~~(4) To advise and inform federal, state, and county officials about native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs, and coordinate federal, state, and county activities relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(5) To conduct, encourage, and maintain research relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(6) To develop and review models for comprehensive native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs;~~

~~(7) To act as a clearinghouse for applications for federal or state assistance to carry out native Hawaiian or Hawaiian programs or projects;~~

~~(8) To apply for, accept and administer any federal funds made available or allotted under any federal act for native Hawaiians or Hawaiians; and~~

~~(9) To promote and assist the establishment of agencies to serve native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(a) (b) The board shall have any powers which may be necessary for the full and effective performance and discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, and which may be necessary to fully and completely effectuate the purposes of this cha~~  
~~The general duties of the board shall be:~~

~~(1) To develop and continually update a strategic plan for the office that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:~~

~~(A) Compilation of basic demographic data on native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(B) Identification of the physical, sociological, psychological, and economic needs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(C) Establishment of long-range goals for the office's programs and services for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;~~

~~(D) Establishment of priorities and alternatives for the office's program and service implementation; and~~

~~(E) Organization of the office's administrative and program structure, including the use of facilities and personnel;~~

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- (2) To assist in the development of state and county agency plans for native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs and services;
  - (3) To maintain an inventory of federal, state, county, and private programs and services for Hawaiians and native Hawaiians and act as a clearinghouse and referral agency;
  - (4) To advise and inform federal, state, and county officials about native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs, and coordinate federal, state, and county activities relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;
  - (5) To conduct, encourage, and maintain research relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;
  - (6) To develop and review models for comprehensive native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs;
  - (7) To act as a clearinghouse for applications for federal or state assistance to carry out native Hawaiian or Hawaiian programs or projects;
  - (8) To apply for, accept and administer any federal funds made available or allotted under any federal act for native Hawaiians or Hawaiians; and
  - (9) To promote and assist the establishment of agencies to serve native Hawaiians and Hawaiians.
- (b) The Board shall have any powers which may be necessary for the full and effective performance and discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, and which may be necessary to fully and completely effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

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## ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

- A. The membership of the Board shall be as provided by Article XII, ~~§ Section 5~~ of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i<sup>15</sup> and ~~Hawaii Revised Statutes HRS § 10-7, as amended, Chapters 10 and 13D, as amended.~~<sup>16</sup>
- B. Members of the Board shall be elected in accordance with HRS Chapter 13D,<sup>17</sup> as amended, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with HRS § 17-7~~Chapter 10, Hawai'i Revised Statutes,~~ as amended.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Supra, note 13.

<sup>16</sup> HRS §10-7 Board of Trustees. The office of Hawaiian affairs shall be governed by a board to be officially known as the board of trustees, office of Hawaiian affairs. Members of the board shall be elected in accordance with chapter 13D, with reference to sections 11-15, 11-25, 12-5, 12-6, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with section 17-7.

<sup>17</sup> HRS §10-7 Board of Trustees. The office of Hawaiian affairs shall be governed by a board to be officially known as the board of trustees, office of Hawaiian affairs. Members of the board shall be elected in accordance with chapter 13D, with reference to sections 11-15, 11-25, 12-5, 12-6, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with section 17-7. [L 1979, c 196, pt of §2]

<sup>18</sup> HRS §17-7 Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

- (a) Whenever any vacancy in the membership of the board of trustees occurs, the term of which ends at the next succeeding general election, the vacancy shall be filled by a two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the board. If the board fails to fill the vacancy within sixty days after it occurs, the governor shall fill the vacancy within ninety days after the vacancy occurs. When island residency is required under section 13D-1, the person so appointed shall reside on the island from which the vacancy occurred, and shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term.
- (b) In the case of a vacancy, the term of which does not end at the next succeeding general election:
- (1) If it occurs not later than on the ninetieth day prior to the next succeeding primary election, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term at the next succeeding general election. The chief election officer shall issue a proclamation designating the election for filling the vacancy. All candidates for the unexpired term shall file nomination papers not later than the date and time specified in section 12-6 and shall be nominated and elected in accordance with this title. Pending the election, the board or the governor shall make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed under subsection (a). When island residency is required under section 13D-1, the person so appointed shall reside on the island from which the vacancy occurred, and shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term and shall serve until the election of the person duly elected to fill such vacancy.
- (2) If it occurs after the ninetieth day prior to the next succeeding primary election, the board or the governor shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed under subsection (a). When island residency is required under section 13D-1, the person so appointed shall reside on the island from which the vacancy occurred, and shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term.
- (c) All appointments made by the board or the governor under this section shall be made without consideration of the appointee's party preference or nonpartisanship.

## ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

A. Election and Certification. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall be governed by a Board to be officially known as the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs. As required in Chapter 10, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, ~~T~~the Board, at its first meeting after an election, shall elect from its own membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board as required HRS § 10-8, as amended.<sup>19</sup> —Their election shall be immediately certified by the Board to the Lieutenant Governor. —The concurrence of a simple majority (5) of all Trustees shall be necessary to make any action of the Board effective, provided that due notice shall be given to all members.

A.B. Vote. Voting for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall be determined by a method determined by a simple majority (5) of all Trustees to which a Board is entitled.

~~[10-7] Board of trustees. The office of Hawaiian affairs shall be governed by a board to be officially known as the board of trustees, office of Hawaiian affairs. Members of the board shall be elected in accordance with chapter 13D, with reference to sections 11-15, 11-25, 12-5, 12-6, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with section 17-7.~~

~~C. Vote. Vote for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall be by a method determined by a majority (5) of all Trustees to which the Board is entitled.~~

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<sup>19</sup> Supra, note 3.

~~D.C.~~ **Vacancy.** ~~A v~~ Vacancy in the Office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall exist under the following circumstances:

1. When the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is removed by the simple majority (5) of the members to which the Board is entitled; or
2. ~~W~~hen the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from the position held; or<sup>20</sup>
3. ~~I~~n the case of illness or death of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

D. **Succession.** In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed as Chairperson until the following Board meeting at which time a Chairperson is elected by a simple majority (5) of the members of the Board. ~~If~~ the Vice-Chairperson is elected to become the Chairperson, the Board shall elect a Vice-Chairperson at the same meeting. The election(s) shall be immediately certified by the Board to the Lieutenant Governor as provided by HRS § 10-8, as amended.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> ~~June 28, 1985, amended "When the chairperson or Vice Chairperson resigns from the position held and the resignation is accepted by the members of the Board."~~

<sup>21</sup> Id.

## ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

A. **Chairperson.** The Chairperson, in addition to presiding at all regular and special Board meetings, shall:

1. aAppoint the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and members of all Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the Board;
2. aAppoint members of Ad hoc Committees, Permitted Interaction Groups and designate the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of such Committees or Permitted Interaction Groups;
3. aAcknowledge communications, petitions, requests, and proposals on behalf of the Board and refer same to the Administrator, appropriate Committee of the Board and/or Permitted Interaction Group for action and/or recommendation;
4. sServe as the primary liaison with the Governor, Congressional delegation, the Legislature, and other agencies and organizations to ensure that there are effective working relationships between all of the above and the Board;
5. aApprove all press releases and public announcements which state the official position of the Board;
6. aApprove agenda items for all meetings of the Board; and
7. pPerform such other duties as may be required by law or such as may properly pertain to such office.

B. **Vice-Chairperson.** ~~\_\_\_~~—The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and shall undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

~~C. **Members.** The unanimous vote of all members of the Board after full consultation with Board Counsel shall be required before any confidential communication, proprietary or otherwise privileged material received in an Executive Meeting convened under Hawai'i Revised Statutes §92-5 may be publicly released except for communications and materials deemed no longer confidential or redacted and released under Board of Trustees Operations Manual, Rule 21 (July, 2007).~~

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## ARTICLE VII. ADMINISTRATOR

The Board shall have the power to exercise control over the Office through its chief executive officer, the Administrator.

- A. **Appointment.** ~~As required by Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 10-10,<sup>22</sup> as amended,~~ The Board, by a simple majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled, shall appoint an Administrator who shall serve a term to be determined by the Board as required by HRS § 10-10,<sup>23</sup> as amended.
- B. **DutiesStaff.** ~~As required by Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 10-12,<sup>24</sup> as amended,~~ The Administrator serves at the pleasure of the Board. ~~The Administrator may employ and retain such employees as deemed necessary to carry out the function of the Office as required by HRS § 10-12,<sup>25</sup> as amended.~~
- C. **Removal.** ~~As required by Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 10-10, as amended,~~ The Board, by a two-thirds vote (6) of all Trustees to which it is entitled, may remove the Administrator for cause at any time with a due process hearing, as required by HRS § 10-10, as amended.<sup>26</sup>.

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<sup>22</sup> ~~HRS §10-10 Administrator; appointment, tenure, removal.~~ The board by a majority vote, shall appoint an administrator who shall serve without regard to the provisions of chapter 76 for a term to be determined by the board. ~~The board, by a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled, may remove the administrator for cause at any time.~~

<sup>23</sup> ~~HRS §10-10 Administrator; appointment, tenure, removal.~~ The board by a majority vote, shall appoint an administrator who shall serve without regard to the provisions of chapter 76 for a term to be determined by the board. ~~The board, by a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled, may remove the administrator for cause at any time.~~

<sup>24</sup> ~~HRS §10-12 Assistant; staff.~~ The administrator may employ and retain such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the office. ~~Such officers and employees may be hired without regard to chapter 76, and shall serve at the pleasure of the administrator. Officers and employees of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall be included in any benefit program generally applicable to officers and employees of the State. [L 1979, c 196, pt of §2; am L 1990, c 231, §1; am L 2000, c 253, §150]]~~

<sup>25</sup> ~~HRS §10-12 Assistant; staff.~~ The administrator may employ and retain such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the office. ~~Such officers and employees may be hired without regard to chapter 76, and shall serve at the pleasure of the administrator. Officers and employees of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall be included in any benefit program generally applicable to officers and employees of the State. [L 1979, c 196, pt of §2; am L 1990, c 231, §1; am L 2000, c 253, §150]]~~

<sup>26</sup> Supra, note 23.

D. **Function.**- The Administrator shall function as the chief executive officer.

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## ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

A. **Establishment of Standing Committees.** To facilitate consideration of policy matters that must be approved by the Board, Sstanding Committees are established. Authority to act on all matters is reserved ~~for to~~ the Board, and the functions of each Sstanding Committee shall be to consider and make recommendations to the Board.

There shall be a minimum of two (2) Standing Committees of the Board. Each Committee shall be led by a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. ~~The Board may increase the number of Standing Committees, but the membership of the Standing Committees shall be all nine (9) Trustees. The~~ ~~minimum~~ two (2) Standing Committees, subject to increase, shall consist of the Committee on Resource Management ~~(RM)~~ and Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE).

1. **Committee on Resource Management.** The Committee shall:

- a. handle all fiscal and budgetary matters and ensure proper management, planning, evaluation, investment and use of OHA's trust funds;
- b. review, ~~and~~ approve, or ~~not~~ ~~dis~~approve ~~all~~ acquisition expenditures that have a multi-year implication;
- c. review and approve all acquisition expenditures that impact the OHA Debt Management, Economic Development, Investment and Spending policies;

- d. develop policies ~~which that~~ strengthen OHA's fiscal controls and financial management;
- e. oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and execute policy for the proper use of such lands including land ~~to in~~ which OHA shall have an interest;
- f. develop policies on ~~issues of~~ land use, native rights, and natural and cultural resources, including: the inventory, identification, analysis and treatment of land, native rights, and natural and cultural resources;
- g. develop policies and criteria for OHA's land acquisitions, dispositions, development, management, and the use of real ~~estate property~~ in which OHA has an interest;
- h. develop policies relating to OHA's real estate asset allocation, desired returns, and balancing OHA's real estate portfolio including legacy lands, corporate real ~~estate property~~, programmatic lands and investment properties;
- i. oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and develop policy for the proper use and stewardship of such real ~~estate property~~;
- j. develop policies and programs for OHA's ownership, financing and development of real ~~estate property~~, including capital improvements, debt management, economic development,

investment and spending policies and forms of ownership for OHA's real ~~estate~~property.

- k. oversee ~~OHA's~~the performance of ~~its~~OHA's rights and obligations with respect to real estate not owned by OHA in its own name;
- l. review, ~~and~~ approve, or ~~dis~~not approve appropriate grants that support OHA's overall mission;
- m. evaluate OHA programs to determine their effectiveness to decide whether to continue, modify, or terminate a ~~program's; funding of any of OHA's programs~~
- n. in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and other resources (e.g., Corporation Counsel, Ethics Commission), develop training and orientation programs for Trustees and staff, including materials relating to Trustees roles, fiduciary responsibilities, and ethical obligationss, as provided by HRS Chapter 84, as amended<sup>27</sup>;
- o. in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment carry out the recruitment and selection of the OHA Administrator; and
  - provide oversight ~~over~~of Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.

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<sup>27</sup> ~~Consistent with Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 84~~

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**2. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment.** The committee shall:

a. plan, coordinate, and implement programs and activities ~~which~~ that encourage Hawaiians to participate in governance;

b. facilitate OHA's legislative agenda and advocacy efforts with ~~f~~Federal, ~~s~~State, and ~~c~~County officials, private and community organizations, and groups involved in Hawaiian issues;

c. review and support the passage of legislation that benefits Hawaiians and supports Hawaiian issues, and work to defeat legislation which is ~~which is not in the best~~contrary to the interest of OHA and its beneficiaries;

b-d. review, approve, or disapprove program grants that support OHA's legislative and advocacy efforts

e-c. develop programs ~~which~~that focus on beneficiary health, human services, ~~native rights~~economic stability, ~~and~~education, and native rights;

d-f. develop policies and programs relating to housing, land use~~and~~ housing, the environment, and natural resources;

e-g. evaluate all OHA programs to ensure that the programs have a positive impact on beneficiaries, and;

~~f. review and approve or not approve program grants that support OHA's legislative and advocacy efforts;~~

~~g. review and support the passage of legislation which benefits Hawaiians and supports Hawaiian issues, and work to defeat legislation which is not in the best interest of OHA and its beneficiaries; and~~

~~h. provide oversight over of Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.~~

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B. Each Standing Committee shall consider all matters referred to it in accordance with Section ~~LJ~~, Article VIII, of these Bylaws and make appropriate recommendations to the Board, in a timely manner, but no later than twelve (12) calendar days before a Board meeting, and shall make progress reports to the Board periodically or when requested by the Chairperson of the Board.

C. Standing Committees may meet in joint session when subject matter falls under the purview of more than one of the Standing Committees. In the case of an ~~“un-budgeted”~~unbudgeted funding decision, a joint meeting of the Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee and the Resource Management Committee, led by the Chairperson of the Resource Management Committee, shall be mandatory.

**D. Advisory Committees.**

1. Standing Committees may create Advisory Committees as necessary to serve in an advisory capacity to the Standing Committees. Advisory

Committees shall assist in the resolution or study of issues arising in the specific areas of concern assigned to their respective Standing Committee. -To avoid duplication in the consideration of issues, the Standing Committees shall create only one Advisory Committee to study or undertake the resolution of a single subject or issue. -Each Standing Committee shall have no more than three (3) Advisory Committees at any one time. -All communications and advice from an Advisory Committee shall be made to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, no later than twelve (12) calendar days before a Standing Committee Meeting. -All communication and advice to an Advisory Committee shall be made by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee or designee.

2. The Advisory Committee Chairperson and membership shall be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairperson, upon advice and counsel of Standing Committee members. -The term of the Advisory Committees shall expire with the completion of the assigned task or at the discretion of the Standing Committee Chairperson. -There shall be no less than three (3) members to each Advisory Committee, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who shall be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairperson. All Advisory Committee members, with the exception of members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve on a

voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses, such as travel, parking, and meals.

**E. Ad Hoc Committees.**

1. From time to time, there shall be such Ad hoc Committees, as designated by the Chairperson, the members of which shall be appointed by the Chairperson, and subject to approval of the Board by a simple majority (5) vote. –There shall be a minimum of three (3) members on each Ad hoc Committee, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board and who shall be the Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee.
2. The term of the Ad hoc Committees shall expire at the completion of the assigned task or at a specific time that is determined for each Ad hoc Committee at the time of the appointment of said Committee or at the discretion of the Chairperson.
  - a. All communications and advice from an Ad hoc Committee shall be made to the Chairperson of the Board no later than ten days before a Board meeting.
  - b. All communications and advice to an Ad hoc Committee shall be made by the Chairperson of the Board.
  - c. All Ad hoc Committee members, with the exception of members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses, such as travel, parking, and meals.

e.d. In the event that three (3) or more Board members are appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee, HRS Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records, of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, will apply.

**F. Permitted Interaction Groups ("PIG")**

1. The Chairperson may place on the agenda for Board consideration a request for the formation of a PIG in accordance with HRS § 92-2.5, as amended.<sup>28</sup> The request shall set forth the title of the PIG, its suggested membership, and duration.
2. The purpose of the PIG shall be either to: (a) investigate a matter relating to the official business of the Board ("Investigative PIG") or (b) to present, discuss, or negotiate any position that the Board has adopted ("Negotiating PIG").
3. The membership, purpose, scope, and duration of the PIG shall be approved by the Board prior to the commencement of an investigation or presentation, discussion, or negotiation of any position adopted by the Board at a meeting of the Board.
4. Upon creation of an Investigative PIG, the members shall proceed to investigate the matter within their purview and prepare a report together with the PIG's findings and recommendations that shall be presented to the Board for consideration by the Trustees. No discussion,

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<sup>28</sup> Supra, note 12.

deliberation, or decision making shall occur at the time that the report is presented.

5. A Negotiating PIG shall present the results of its negotiations to the Board for deliberation and decision making by the Trustees at the same time or subsequent meeting.

6. Deliberation and decision making on the matter investigated, if any, must occur only at a duly noticed meeting of the Board held subsequent to the meeting at which the finding and recommendations of the Investigative PIG were presented at the Board.

7. The report of any PIG may be accepted, rejected, recommitted subjected to the PIG for further consideration or dissolved at the deliberation and decision making meeting, upon majority vote of the Trustees.

**F.G. Permanent Special Councils or Commissions.**

1. There shall be such Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as the Board deems appropriate to create. ~~including Permanent Special Councils or Commission~~—The Board shall designate a Standing Committee that shall exercise oversight ~~over of~~ said Council or Commission. The Special Council shall determine the duration of said Council or Commission.

2. Council ~~M~~members or Commissioners shall be appointed by the Standing Committee to which oversight authority is granted pending

confirmation of the Board through a simple majority (5) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled.

3. Membership of each Council or Commission shall be composed of at least one (1) member of the Board of Trustees.

4. The subject matter and purview of said Councils or Commissions shall be clearly defined and limited to only those areas so recommended by the Standing Committee having oversight thereof and subject to the approval of the full Board by a simple majority (5) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled. ~~Oversight by the appropriate Standing Committee shall include, but not be limited to, review of budgetary concerns for the operation of said Council or Commission, and affirmation of requests for actions by such Council or Commission for the continued operations of such Council or Commission.~~

4.5. ~~Such Council Members of Commissioners with the exception of any Members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve terms as established by the Board and shall serve terms as established by the Board and shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses, such as travel, parking, and meals.~~

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#### **H. Quorum and Voting for Committees, Councils and Commissions .**

1. For Advisory, Ad hoc, and Standing Committees, Councils and Commissions, a majority of the members of the Committee, Council or Commission shall constitute a quorum. ~~.-~~Except for Ad Hoc

Committees, three (3) members shall constitute a quorum to do business.<sup>29</sup>

2. The concurrence of a quorum shall be required for any Committee (other than a Standing Committee), Council or Commission to make any recommendation to the Board or Standing Committee where appropriate, for Board or Standing Committee approval.

3. A simple majority (5) of the Members present at a Standing Committee meeting shall be required for it to make any recommendation to the Board, provided that a quorum is present at the time of the vote.

4. When Standing Committees meet jointly, each Committee shall ~~and~~ vote separately as ~~as~~ individual Committees.

I. Authority to act on all matters is reserved to the Board and the functions of the Advisory and Ad hoc Committees, Councils, ~~and~~ Commissions, and Permitted Interaction Groups shall be to investigate, consider, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Board, respectively.

J. **Staff Assignments.** —The Administrator shall assign to each Standing, Advisory, and Ad hoc Committee, and to each Council, Commission and Permitted Interaction Group, appropriate ~~—~~Administration staff to conduct research, analyze data, draft findings, and report and provide project management and support for and to advise the respective Committee, Council, Commission or Permitted Interaction Group and to maintain records of the proceedings of same.

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~~**Committee Recommendations.** The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall place a Committee recommendation on a full Board of Trustees agenda no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the recommendation.~~

~~All Standing Committees shall do the same with respect to any matter referred to the committee by a Mmember.~~

K. Committee Recommendations. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall place a Committee recommendation on a Board of Trustees agenda no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the recommendation. All Standing Committees shall do the same with respect to any matter referred to the committee by a Member.

M.L. Waiver of any matter by committee to the Board of Trustees shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of all ~~M~~members to which the Board is entitled.

## ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

- A. ~~As required in Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 10-8, as amended,~~ Board meetings shall be convened at the call of the Chairperson or by a quorum, as often as may be necessary for transaction of the Board's business as required in HRS § 10-8, as amended.<sup>30</sup> ~~and The Board~~ shall meet at least once annually on each of the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaua'i, and O'ahu. At each meeting, ~~t~~The Board may ~~, at each meeting,~~ fix the time and place for its next regular meeting.
- B. Board meetings may be convened by the Chairperson. ~~In addition,~~ upon written request of a majority of the members of the Board, the Administrator shall schedule a meeting of the Board to take place within twelve (12) calendar days after receipt of such request, provided that the notice requirement is met pursuant to of HRS §§ 92-7, 41, as amended Chapter 92, 92-7 and 92-41 Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, is met.<sup>31</sup>
- C. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairperson in accordance HRS § 92-8, with Chapter 92, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92-8 as amended.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Supra, note 3.

<sup>31</sup> Supra, note 10; HRS § 92-41 Giving public notices. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all governmental agencies scheduling a public hearing shall give public notice in the county affected by the proposed action, to inform the public of the time, place, and subject matter of the public hearing. This requirement shall prevail whether or not the governmental agency giving notice of public hearing is specifically required by law, and shall be in addition to other procedures required by law.

<sup>32</sup> HRS § 92-8 Emergency meetings.

(a) If a board finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires a meeting in less time than is provided for in section 92-7, the board may hold an emergency meeting provided that:

(1) The board states in writing the reasons for its findings;

(2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the findings are correct and an emergency exists;

D. Committee meetings shall be called by the Committee Chairperson.

~~E.~~ The Board shall give written public notice of any regular, special, emergency or rescheduled Board ~~or~~ Standing Committee, at least six (6) calendar days before the meeting and in the manner as required by ~~Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92-7 and 92-41~~ HRS §§ 92-7, 41, as amended.<sup>33</sup> ~~as amended.~~

~~F.E.~~ All meetings of the Board or its Committees, ~~excluding PIGS,~~ shall be open to the public, except for executive session meetings ~~permitted pursuant to Chapter~~ HRS

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- (3) ~~An emergency agenda and the findings are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7(b); provided that the six calendar day requirement for filing and electronic posting shall not apply; and~~
- (4) ~~Persons requesting notification on a regular basis are contacted by postal or electronic mail or telephone as soon as practicable.~~
- (b) ~~If an unanticipated event requires a board to take action on a matter over which it has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power, within less time than is provided for in section 92-7 to notice and convene a meeting of the board, the board may hold an emergency meeting to deliberate and decide whether and how to act in response to the unanticipated event; provided that:~~
- (1) ~~The board states in writing the reasons for its finding that an unanticipated event has occurred and that an emergency meeting is necessary and the attorney general concurs that the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting under this subsection exist;~~
- (2) ~~Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting under this subsection exist;~~
- (3) ~~The finding that an unanticipated event has occurred and that an emergency meeting is necessary and the agenda for the emergency meeting under this subsection are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7(b); provided that the six calendar day requirement for filing and electronic posting shall not apply;~~
- (4) ~~Persons requesting notification on a regular basis are contacted by postal or electronic mail or telephone as soon as practicable; and~~
- (5) ~~The board limits its action to only that action that must be taken on or before the date that a meeting would have been held, had the board noticed the meeting pursuant to section 92-7.~~
- (c) ~~For purposes of this part, an "unanticipated event" means:~~
- (1) ~~An event which members of the board did not have sufficient advance knowledge of or reasonably could not have known about from information published by the media or information generally available in the community;~~
- (2) ~~A deadline established by a legislative body, a court, or a federal, state, or county agency beyond the control of a board; or~~
- (3) ~~A consequence of an event for which reasonably informed and knowledgeable board members could not have taken all necessary action.~~

<sup>33</sup> Supra, note 31.

~~§ 92-4, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, as required by HRS § 92-3, as amended.~~<sup>34</sup>

G.F. Appearances before the Board, and/or Standing Committees, Councils or Commissions shall be in accordance with HRS Chapter 92, ~~Hawai'i Revised Statutes~~, as amended.

1. Any person who wants to appear before the Board or any Standing Committee, Council, or Commission, except for executive meetings, to present testimony on a matter before the Board or any Standing Committee, Council, or Commission, shall make a request and submit a written copy of such testimony to the Administrator at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Board, or Standing Committee, Council or Commission meeting unless such requirement is waived by a simple majority of the Board or Standing Committee, Council, or ~~Commission~~ provided further that any Commission. Any verbal presentation permitted by the Board or Standing Committee, Council or Commission shall be limited to five (5) minutes.
2. The Chairperson or Standing Committee Council or Commission Chairperson shall have the authority to extend, limit, or terminate any testimony, which the Chairperson determines to be repetitious, ~~to be~~ made solely for purposes of delay, or ~~to be~~ without any substantive purpose.

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<sup>34</sup> Supra, note 7.

3. Any person who wants to submit written testimony, data, views, or arguments on any agenda item shall submit thirteen (13) copies of such testimony to the Administrator at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Board or Standing Committee, Council, or Commission meeting unless waived by a majority vote of all Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission members present.

4. The Board or Standing Committee, Council, or Commission by a simple majority (5) vote may restrict the total time allowed per agenda item.

4.5. Unless a testifier's testimony is related to a specific agenda item, the testifier may only give testimony under "Community Concerns" if agendizedthe item is placed on the agenda.

H.G. Minutes of Meetings. –The Board and each Standing Committee, Council or Commission shall keep written or recorded minutes of all meetings as required under ~~Chapter 92, Hawai'i Revised Statutes~~HRS § 92-9, as amended.<sup>35</sup> –The

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<sup>35</sup> HRS § 92-9 Minutes.

- (a) The board shall keep written or recorded minutes of all meetings. Unless otherwise required by law, neither a full transcript nor a recording of the meeting is required, but the minutes shall give a true reflection of the matters discussed at the meeting and the views of the participants. Written minutes shall include, but need not be limited to:
- (1) The date, time and place of the meeting;
  - (2) The members of the board recorded as either present or absent;
  - (3) The substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided; and a record, by individual member, of any votes taken; and
  - (4) Any other information that any member of the board requests be included or reflected in the minutes.
- (b) The minutes shall be made available to the public by posting on the board's website or, if the board does not have a website, on an appropriate state or county website within forty days after the meeting except where such disclosure would be inconsistent with section 92-5; provided that minutes of executive meetings may be withheld so long as their publication would defeat the lawful purpose of the executive meeting, but no longer. A written summary shall accompany any minutes that are posted in a digital or analog recording format and shall include:
- (1) The date, time, and place of the meeting;

Board shall adopt standardized forms for use in the recordation of minutes of meetings. ~~Minutes of all preceding meetings shall be available as provided by Hawai'i Revised Statutes~~ HRS § 92-9(b), as amended.<sup>36</sup> The minutes shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. ~~t~~The date, time, and place of the meeting;
2. ~~t~~The members of the Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission recorded as either present, absent, or excused;
3. ~~a~~A summary of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided; and a record, by individual member, of motions made, motions seconded, and votes taken to include dissenting votes and abstentions;
4. ~~s~~Staff assignments for investigation and the date staff reports are due;
5. ~~d~~Departure and arrival of members from meetings to show matters discussed before arrival, while there, or after departure; and
6. ~~a~~Any other information that any member of the Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission requests be included or reflected in the minutes.

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~~I. Board Packet. Pursuant to, Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 92-7.5, A~~ at the time the ~~B~~board ~~P~~packet is distributed to its members, the Board or

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- (2) The members of the board recorded as either present or absent, and the times when individual members entered or left the meeting;
  - (3) A record, by individual member, of motions and votes made by the board; and
  - (4) A time stamp or other reference indicating when in the recording the board began discussion of each agenda item and when motions and votes were made by the board.
- (c) All or any part of a meeting of a board may be recorded by any person in attendance by any means of reproduction, except when a meeting is closed pursuant to section 92-4; provided the recording does not actively interfere with the conduct of the meeting.

<sup>36</sup> Id.

Committee shall also make the ~~Board-P~~packet available for public inspection in the Board's office, as required by HRS § 92-7.5.<sup>37</sup> Additionally, the Board or Committee shall provide reasonably prompt access to the Board-Packet to any person upon request. —The Board shall provide notice to persons requesting notification of meetings, pursuant to, ~~Hawai'i Revised Statutes~~HRS Section 92-7(e), as amended.<sup>38</sup> ~~that the board packet is available for inspection in the board's office and shall provide reasonably prompt access to the board packet to any person upon request.~~ —The Board is not required to mail board packets. —As soon as practicable, the Board shall accommodate requests for electronic access to the Board Packet.

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L. **Referrals.** The Board shall adopt procedures for research, due diligence and analysis, and referrals to staff via the Administrator.

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N.J. In the unlikely event, ~~t~~The Board may hold additional community meetings, informational meetings and public hearings, as needed.

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<sup>37</sup> Supra, note 11.

<sup>38</sup> Supra, note 10.

## ARTICLE X. QUORUM AND VOTING

~~As required by Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 10-8, as amended, A~~ simple majority (5) of all the members to which the Board is entitled shall constitute a quorum to conduct business as required by HRS § 10-8, as amended.<sup>39</sup> The concurrence of a simple majority (5) of all the members to which the Board is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the Board valid provided that due notice shall be given to all members.

An abstention shall not be considered a positive or negative vote. A procedural motion may be passed by a majority (5) vote of the members present. Upon the request of any member of the Board, the Board Secretary shall call the roll.

- A. Unless a member is excused from voting, such member's silence shall be recorded as an abstention.
- B. A ~~M~~member may use a ~~"no"~~kanalua ~~"no"~~ response when called upon to vote and if repeated when polled again, that vote shall be recorded as an "abstention", or when polled to vote again, the second time may either vote "yes" or "no".

~~A Member may vote "Yes with Reservations" when called upon to vote.~~

The Board Secretary shall record each vote in the minutes and report to the Chairperson, who shall announce the result to the Board.

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<sup>39</sup> Supra, note 3.

## ARTICLE XI. LEGAL COUNSEL

- A. Legal Counsel ~~for the Board~~ shall be present at all regular meetings and certain committee meetings of the Board when requested by the Chairperson- or Chairperson of the relevant Committee.
- B. The Chairperson or designee, subject to prior approval of the Board, may request any written or verbal legal opinion from ~~the~~ OHA's Corporate Counsel, ~~the~~ Department of the Attorney General or from any other external legal counsel. Where a request is made in writing and a legal opinion is rendered by the Department of the Attorney General, or ~~from~~ any other external legal counsel, such opinion along with a copy of the written request for such opinion shall be immediately distributed to all Board members in written form.
- C. The Administrator of the Office Hawaiian Affairs or designee, subject to prior approval of the Board, may request any written or verbal legal opinion from the Department of the Attorney General, or ~~from~~ any other external legal counsel. Where a request is made in writing and a legal opinion is rendered by the Department of the Attorney General or ~~from~~ any other external legal counsel, such opinion along with a copy of the written request for such opinion shall be immediately distributed to all Board members in written form

## ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall apply in situations not covered by these Bylaws, ~~or~~ applicable statutes, or opinions of Board Legal Counsel, Corporation Counsel, or external counsel.

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### ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

~~These Bylaws shall be amended only by two thirds (2/3) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled. Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing for consideration by the Board. Any Bylaw amendment shall require two readings by the Board. The Board shall not vote on any bylaw amendment until a minimum of two readings by the Board.~~

Proposed Bylaw amendments shall be submitted to the Board in writing. Before these Bylaws may be amended by a proposed Bylaw, it must be approved by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote of all the members to which the Board is entitled (6 affirmative votes) at least twice.

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#### ARTICLE XIV. BOARD OF TRUSTEE STAFF

The Board Chair shall appoint a Chief of Staff who will be responsible for coordinating Board staff functions and activities and shall act as a liaison between the Board staff and the Administrator.

Each Board ~~M~~member shall be entitled ~~up~~ to a maximum of two full time positions. ~~-To carry out the duties of their office, each Trustee shall choose their staff positions from the following job classifications and shall have the flexibility, to help carry out the duties of their office, in choosing their staff positions from the following job classifications:~~ Trustee Aide and Trustee Secretary. ~~-Each Board member shall have~~ the sole discretion to select their staff positions in selecting from the job classifications listed above that best suit the needs of their office.

The Chairperson of the Board shall also be entitled to one additional staff position known as the BOT Private Secretary.

Changes to the type and number of staff positions shall require Board approval.

## ARTICLE XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members of the Board shall comply with the provisions of this Bylaw and are subject to the standards of conduct and financial interest disclosure requirements of ~~Hawai'i Revised Statutes, HRS~~ Chapter 84, as amended,<sup>40</sup> to include attending ethics training within a reasonable time upon taking office.<sup>41</sup> For the purpose of this ~~By Law~~ Bylaw Article:

- A. An 'affiliation' exists if a Board ~~Mm~~ember or a ~~Mm~~ember of the Board member's family is an owner (an ownership interest valued at more than \$5,000 or 10% or more ownership of the business), officer, director, trustee,

<sup>40</sup> ~~See HRS § 84-14 (2012).~~

<sup>41</sup> HRS § 84-14 Conflicts of Interest.

(a) No employee shall take any official action directly affecting:

- (1) A business or other undertaking in which the employee has a substantial financial interest; or  
(2) A private undertaking in which the employee is engaged as legal counsel, advisor, consultant, representative, or other agency capacity.

A department head who is unable to disqualify the department head's self on any matter described in paragraphs (1) and (2) will not be in violation of this subsection if the department head has complied with the disclosure requirements of section 84-17.

A person whose position on a board, commission, or committee is mandated by statute, resolution, or executive order to have particular qualifications shall only be prohibited from taking official action that directly and specifically affects a business or undertaking in which the person has a substantial financial interest; provided that the substantial financial interest is related to the member's particular qualifications.

- (b) No employee shall acquire financial interests in any business or other undertaking which the employee has reason to believe may be directly involved in official action to be taken by the employee.
- (c) No legislator or employee shall assist any person or business or act in a representative capacity before any state or county agency for a contingent compensation in any transaction involving the State.
- (d) No legislator or employee shall assist any person or business or act in a representative capacity for a fee or other compensation to secure passage of a bill or to obtain a contract, claim, or other transaction or proposal in which the legislator or employee has participated or will participate as a legislator or employee, nor shall the legislator or employee assist any person or business or act in a representative capacity for a fee or other compensation on such bill, contract, claim, or other transaction or proposal before the legislature or agency of which the legislator or employee is an employee or legislator.
- (e) No employee shall assist any person or business or act in a representative capacity before a state or county agency for a fee or other consideration on any bill, contract, claim, or other transaction or proposal involving official action by the agency if the employee has official authority over that state or county agency unless the employee has complied with the disclosure requirements of section 84-17.
- (f) Subsections (a), (b), and (d) shall not apply to a task force member or the designee or representative of that task force member whose service as a task force member would not otherwise cause that member, designee, or representative to be considered an employee, if the task force member or the designee or representative of that task force member complies with the disclosure requirements under section 84-17.

partner, employee (which shall also include legal counsel, consultant, contractor, advisor, or representative), or agent of such organization.

- B. All Members must disclose to the Chairperson and the Board their membership(s) or affiliation(s) with any organizations or person(s) who are eligible to receive grants from, may be in competition with for resources or eligible to procure from or contract with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.— Members shall disqualify themselves any time an action is being considered by the Board which would affect the funding, procurement or contracting of that organization or person. Disclosure by declaration shall be made before Board action on the matter.

Board members have a clear obligation to conduct all affairs of OHA in the best interest of beneficiaries. ~~Members of the Board~~ are expected to place the welfare of OHA above personal interests or the interests of family members or others who may be personally involved in affairs affecting OHA. ~~All decisions of the Board are to be made solely on the basis of~~based on a desire to promote the best interest of OHA and its beneficiaries and in alignment with a Board Member's fiduciary duties.

- C. ~~Members~~ violating this Article shall be subject to disciplinary action, as set forth in Article XVIII herein.

## ARTICLE XVI. CONFIDENTIALITY

~~A.~~ All information, data, and documents that are not public records, received or reviewed by a Member acting in the capacity as Member, shall be deemed confidential and shall not be released or utilized by any Member for any purpose other than OHA or Committee business.

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~~B. The unanimous vote of all Members of the Board after full consultation with Board Counsel shall be required before any confidential communication, proprietary, or otherwise privileged material received in an Executive Meeting convened may be publicly released, except for communications and materials deemed no longer confidential or redacted by Board Counsel and released under Board of Trustees Operations Manual, Rule 21 (July 2007).~~

## ARTICLE XVII. ORDER AND DECORUM

- A. While the Chairperson is putting any question to, or addressing the Board, or when a person is speaking, all persons present are expected to conduct themselves with decorum and provide respect to the speaker. ~~While a person is speaking, no one shall pass between such speaker and the Chairperson.~~
- B. When a Member ~~or other person properly before the Board~~ wishes to speak, the speaker shall address the Chairperson, be recognized before proceeding, and shall confine remarks to the question under discussion.
- C. If a Member or other person, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses these rules, any Member may raise a question of order. ~~The Chairperson shall then decide the question of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Board. In addition, the Chairperson may call for the sense of the Board on any question of order.~~
- D. Whenever any person is called to order while speaking, such person shall be in possession of the floor after the question of order is decided and may proceed with the matter under discussion within the ruling made on the question of order.
- E. All persons attending Board meetings, including staff, witnesses, members of the media, and the general public, are expected to respect the dignity of the Board.
- F. Members who repeatedly violate any provision of any of the above sections of this Article shall be subject to disciplinary action, as set forth in Article XVII herein.

G. **Defamation and Slander.** ~~The~~OHA is concerned that no defamatory material or statements are presented at ~~the OHA Board of Trustees~~Board and Committee meetings. ~~In the unlikely~~ event that this situation should develop, it will be necessary to call this to the attention of the persons making those statements, and request that they desist in their action. ~~Such information may be stricken from the record.~~

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**ARTICLE XVIII. TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS FOR  
VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The professional conduct of a member of the OHA Board of Trustees shall be guided by the Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct, hereinafter referred to as the “Code of Conduct,” ~~hereinafter referred to as “Code of Conduct,”~~ which shall be created as a stand-alone executive policy of the Board of Trustees and made part of the OHA Board of Trustees’ Executive Policy Manual as a stand-alone policy.

The Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct shall contain procedures that are fitting to the position of an elected Trustee and while ensuring that due process is afforded to a Trustee whose matter is being considered by the Board of Trustees.

The purpose of this Article is to establish guidelines relating to the Trustee Code of Conduct, including standards for the ways in which Members interact with one another staff, and beneficiaries in the pursuit of setting OHA policy and managing its trust.

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~~The Code of Conduct shall contain a discussion of fiduciary responsibilities of an OHA Trustee and laws applicable to a Trustee's conduct. The Code of Conduct consists of three parts: (1) Fiduciary Responsibilities; (2) Board of Trustees' Executive Policies; and (3) Applicable Laws. The Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct shall contain procedures which that are fitting to the position of an elected Trustee, and while ensuring that due process is afforded to a Trustee whose matter is being considered by the Board of Trustees.~~

~~The Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct shall be reviewed at least annually to be kept current with changes to the Board of Trustees' Executive Policies and laws applicable to Trustee conduct.~~

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~~ARTICLE XXII.~~ARTICLE XIX. HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE USAGE

All Members and staff are expected to use Hawaiian language and the proper spelling and grammar of Hawaiian words ~~and Hawaiian language and grammar~~ when preparing official correspondence and documents for OHA, as required by Article XV, § 4 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, as amended.<sup>42</sup>.

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<sup>42</sup> Haw. Const. art. XII, § 4 English and Hawaiian shall be the official languages of Hawaii, except that Hawaiian shall be required for public acts and transactions only as provided by law.(1978).

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**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**BYLAWS**

**Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 2020**

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## ARTICLE I. AUTHORIZATION

These Bylaws are adopted pursuant to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 10-4(1),<sup>1</sup> as amended.

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<sup>1</sup> **HRS §10-4(1) Office of Hawaiian Affairs; established; general powers.** “To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws governing the conduct of its business and the performance of the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by law.” (In general, bylaws include laws and/or rules established by OHA or community to regulate itself as allowed or provided for by a higher authority such as the legislature or other governmental entity).

**HRS §10-4(5) Office of Hawaiian Affairs; established; general powers.** “To execute, in accordance with its bylaws, all instruments necessary or appropriate in the exercise of any of its powers.”

## ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

As used herein:

"**Ad Hoc Committee**" means a Committee created by the Board for a one-time purpose or to focus on examining a specific subject and subject to a deadline by which the work must be completed or else the Ad Hoc Committee is dissolved.

"**Administrator**" means the Administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"**Advisory Committee**" means a Committee established to assist Standing Committees in an advisory capacity on matters within the purview of a Standing Committee.

"**Agency**" means the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"**Board**" means the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"**Chair**" or "**Chairperson**" means the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as stated in HRS § 10-8.<sup>2</sup>

"**CEO**" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"**Committee**" means a body that includes one or more Trustees established under Article VIII of these Bylaws.

"**Committee Chairperson**" means the Chairperson of a Standing Committee, Advisory Committee, Ad hoc Committee, Permitted Interaction Group, Council, or Commission of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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<sup>2</sup> **HRS §10-8 Organization; quorum; meeting.** The Board, at its first meeting after an election, shall elect from its own membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. Their election shall be immediately certified by the board to the lieutenant governor. A majority of all members to which the board is entitled shall constitute a quorum to do business. The concurrence of a majority of all members to which the board is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the board valid; provided that due notice shall be given to all members. Meetings shall be called and held at the call of the chair or by a quorum, as often as may be necessary for transaction of the board's business. The Board shall meet at least once annually on each of the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Molokai, Lāna'i, Kaua'i, and O'ahu.

**"Majority"** means more than half of the members to which the Board is entitled, in good standing, who are both present and voting.

**"Meeting"** means the convening of a Board or Committee for which a quorum is required to consider, an agenda and to decide or to deliberate toward a decision on matters over which the Board or Committee has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

**"Chance Meeting"** means a social or informal assemblage of two or more Trustees at which matters relating to official business are not discussed.

**"Executive Session"** means a session closed to the public upon an affirmative vote taken at an open meeting, of two-thirds of the members present; provided the affirmative vote constitutes a simple majority of the members to which the board or committee is entitled, as provided by HRS § 92-4, as amended.<sup>3</sup> A session closed to the public shall be limited to matters exempted by HRS § 92-5, as amended.<sup>4</sup> The

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<sup>3</sup> **HRS §92-4 Executive meetings.** A board may hold an executive meeting closed to the public upon an affirmative vote, taken at an open meeting, of two-thirds of the members present; provided the affirmative vote constitutes a majority of the members to which the board is entitled. A meeting closed to the public shall be limited to matters exempted by section 92-5. The reason for holding such a meeting shall be publicly announced and the vote of each member on the question of holding a meeting closed to the public shall be recorded, and entered into the minutes of the meeting.

<sup>4</sup> HRS §92-5 Exceptions.

(a) A board may hold a meeting closed to the public pursuant to section 92-4 for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;
- (2) To consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved; provided that if the individual concerned requests an open meeting, an open meeting shall be held;
- (3) To deliberate concerning the authority of persons designated by the board to conduct labor negotiations or to negotiate the acquisition of public property, or during the conduct of such negotiations;
- (4) To consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities;
- (5) To investigate proceedings regarding criminal misconduct;
- (6) To consider sensitive matters related to public safety or security;
- (7) To consider matters relating to the solicitation and acceptance of private donations; and

reason for holding such a session shall be publicly announced and the vote of each member on the question of holding a session closed to the public shall be recorded, and entered into the minutes of the meeting.

**"Open Meeting"** means a Meeting of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that is open to the public and all persons are permitted to attend any meeting unless otherwise provided in the constitution or as closed, as provided by HRS § 92-3, as amended.<sup>5</sup>

**"Limited Session"** means a Session of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that is held at a location that is dangerous to health or safety, or if the Board determines that it is necessary to conduct an on-site inspection of a location that is related to the Board's business at which public attendance is not practicable, and the Director of the Office of Information Practices concurs, as provided by HRS § 92-3.1, as amended.<sup>6</sup>

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(8) To deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential pursuant to a state or federal law, or a court order.

(b) In no instance shall the board make a decision or deliberate toward a decision in an executive meeting on matters not directly related to the purposes specified in subsection (a). No chance meeting, permitted interaction, or electronic communication shall be used to circumvent the spirit or requirements of this part to make a decision or to deliberate toward a decision upon a matter over which the board has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

<sup>5</sup> **HRS § 92-3 Open Meetings.** Every meeting of all boards shall be open to the public and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting unless otherwise provided in the constitution or as closed pursuant to sections 92-4 and 92-5; provided that the removal of any person or persons who willfully disrupts a meeting to prevent and compromise the conduct of the meeting shall not be prohibited. The boards shall afford all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, in writing, on any agenda item. The boards shall also afford all interested persons an opportunity to present oral testimony on any agenda item. The boards may provide for reasonable administration of oral testimony by rule.

<sup>6</sup> **HRS § 92-3.1 Limited Meetings.**

(a) If a board determines that it is necessary to meet at a location that is dangerous to health or safety, or if a board determines that it is necessary to conduct an on-site inspection of a location that is related to the board's business at which public attendance is not practicable, and the director of the office of information practices concurs, the board may hold a limited meeting at that location that shall not be open to the public; provided that at a regular meeting of the board prior to the limited meeting:

- (1) The board determines, after sufficient public deliberation, that it is necessary to hold the limited meeting and specifies that the location is dangerous to health or safety or that the on-site inspection is necessary and public attendance is impracticable;
- (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled vote to adopt the determinations required by paragraph (1); and

**"Meeting by interactive conference technology"** means a meeting that utilizes any form of interactive conference technology, as provided by HRS § 92-3.5(a).<sup>7</sup> The interactive conference technology used by the Board should allow for interaction among all members of the public attending the meeting, and the should meet the conditions for written public notice as required by HRS § 92-7, as amended.<sup>8</sup> The

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(3) Notice of the limited meeting is provided in accordance with section 92-7.

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(c) At all limited meetings, the board shall:

- (1) Videotape the meeting, unless the requirement is waived by the director of the office of information practices, and comply with all requirements of section 92-9;
- (2) Make the videotape available at the next regular meeting; and
- (3) Make no decisions at the meeting.

<sup>7</sup> HRS § 92-3.5 Meeting by interactive conference technology; notice; quorum.

- (a) A board may hold a meeting by interactive conference technology; provided that the interactive conference technology used by the board allows interaction among all members of the board participating in the meeting and all members of the public attending the meeting, and the notice required by section 92-7 identifies all of the locations where participating board members will be physically present and indicates that members of the public may join board members at any of the identified locations.
- (b) Any board member participating in a meeting by interactive conference technology shall be considered present at the meeting for the purpose of determining compliance with the quorum and voting requirements of the board.
- (c) A meeting held by interactive conference technology shall be terminated when audio communication cannot be maintained with all locations where the meeting by interactive conference technology is being held, even if a quorum of the board is physically present in one location. If copies of visual aids required by, or brought to the meeting by board members or members of the public, are not available to all meeting participants, at all locations where audio-only interactive conference technology is being used, within fifteen minutes after audio-only communication is used, those agenda items for which visual aids are not available for all participants at all meeting locations cannot be acted upon at the meeting.
- (d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section to the contrary, a board member with a disability that limits or impairs the member's ability to physically attend the meeting may participate in a board meeting from a location not accessible to the public; provided that the member with a disability is connected to other members of the board and the public by both visual and audio means, and the member identifies where the member is located and who, if anyone, is present at that location with the member.

<sup>8</sup> HRS § 92-7 Notice.

- (a) The board shall give written public notice of any regular, special, emergency, or rescheduled meeting, or any executive meeting when anticipated in advance. The notice shall include an agenda that lists all of the items to be considered at the forthcoming meeting, the date, time, and place of the meeting, and in the case of an executive meeting, the purpose shall be stated. If an item to be considered is the proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal of administrative rules, an agenda meets the requirements for public notice pursuant to this section if it contains a statement on the topic of the proposed rules or a general description of the subjects involved, as described in section 91-3(a)(1)(A), and a statement of when and where the proposed rules may be viewed in person and on the Internet as provided in section 91-2.6. The means specified by this section shall be the only means required for giving notice under this part notwithstanding any law to the contrary.

notice should identify all locations where participating board members of the public may join board members at any of the identified locations.

**"Special Board Meeting"** means a special meeting of the Board called by the Chairperson or a simple majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled.

**"Office" or "OHA"** means the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Officer"** means the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"Official Business"** means an activity or activities authorized by the Chairperson for members of the Board. These activities include, when authorized, the following:

1. attending a meeting relevant to the work of the Board, Committee, or Office;

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- (b) No less than six calendar days prior to the meeting, the board shall post the notice on an electronic calendar on a website maintained by the State or the appropriate county and in the board's office for public inspection. The notice shall also be posted at the site of the meeting whenever feasible. The board shall provide a copy of the notice to the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office at the time the notice is posted, and the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate clerk's office shall post paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices in a central location in a public building; provided that a failure to do so by the board, the office of the lieutenant governor, or the appropriate county clerk's office shall not require cancellation of the meeting. The copy of the notice to be provided to the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office may be provided via electronic mail to an electronic mail address designated by the office of the lieutenant governor or the appropriate county clerk's office, as applicable.
  - (c) If the written public notice is electronically posted on an electronic calendar less than six calendar days before the meeting, the meeting shall be canceled as a matter of law and shall not be held. The chairperson or the director shall ensure that a notice canceling the meeting is posted at the place of the meeting. If there is a dispute as to whether a notice was timely posted on an electronic calendar maintained by the State or appropriate county, a printout of the electronic time-stamped agenda shall be conclusive evidence of the electronic posting date. The board shall provide a copy of the time-stamped record upon request.
  - (d) No board shall change the agenda, less than six calendar days prior to the meeting, by adding items thereto without a two-thirds recorded vote of all members to which the board is entitled; provided that no item shall be added to the agenda if it is of reasonably major importance and action thereon by the board will affect a significant number of persons. Items of reasonably major importance not decided at a scheduled meeting shall be considered only at a meeting continued to a reasonable day and time.
  - (e) The board shall maintain a list of names and postal or electronic mail addresses of persons who request notification of meetings and shall mail or electronically mail a copy of the notice to the persons by the means chosen by the persons at their last recorded postal or electronic mail address no later than the time the agenda is required to be electronically posted under subsection (b).

2. participating in a seminar or conference sponsored in whole or in part by the Office;
3. attending either as a representative of the Board, Office or as a participant, a meeting, seminar, or conference of a community, county, island, state, national, or international organization on a subject matter of direct concern to the Board, Committee, or Office;
4. participating in any training program to maintain or improve the skills of Trustees or OHA employees in the performance of their duties and/or;
5. conducting studies and investigations on matters before the Board, Committee, or Office.

**"Packet"** means documents that are compiled by the Board or a Committee and distributed to Members before a meeting for use at that meeting, as provided by HRS § 92-7.5, as amended.<sup>9</sup> A Packet may exclude certain non-public information per HRS § 92-7.5, as amended.

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<sup>9</sup> **HRS §92-7.5 Board packet; filing; public inspection; notice.** At the time the board packet is distributed to the board members, the board shall also make the board packet available for public inspection in the board's office. The board shall provide notice to persons requesting notification of meetings pursuant to section 92-7(e) that the board packet is available for inspection in the board's office and shall provide reasonably prompt access to the board packet to any person upon request. The board is not required to mail board packets. As soon as practicable, the board shall accommodate requests for electronic access to the board packet. For purposes of this section, "board packet" means documents that are compiled by the board and distributed to board members before a meeting for use at that meeting, to the extent the documents are public under chapter 92F; provided that this section shall not require disclosure of executive session minutes, license applications, or other records for which the board cannot reasonably complete its redaction of nonpublic information in the time available before the public inspection required by this section.

**"Permitted Interaction Group" or "PIG"** means a group where no more than a simple majority of a Board may discuss between themselves matter relating to official board business to enable them to perform their duties faithfully, as long as no commitment to vote is made or sought, and members do not constitute a quorum of their board, as provided by HRS § 92-2.5, as amended.<sup>10</sup>

**"Quorum"** means the minimum number of Trustees or Members of a Committee who must be present for valid transaction of business.

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<sup>10</sup> HRS §92-2.5 Permitted interactions of members.

- a. If a board finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires a meeting in less time than is provided for in section 92-7, the board may hold an emergency meeting provided that:
  - (1) The board states in writing the reasons for its findings;
  - (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the findings are correct and an emergency exists;
  - (3) An emergency agenda and the findings are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7(b); provided that the six calendar day requirement for filing and electronic posting shall not apply; and
  - (4) Persons requesting notification on a regular basis are contacted by postal or electronic mail or telephone as soon as practicable.
- b. If an unanticipated event requires a board to take action on a matter over which it has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power, within less time than is provided for in section 92-7 to notice and convene a meeting of the board, the board may hold an emergency meeting to deliberate and decide whether and how to act in response to the unanticipated event; provided that:
  - (1) The board states in writing the reasons for its finding that an unanticipated event has occurred and that an emergency meeting is necessary and the attorney general concurs that the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting under this subsection exist;
  - (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting under this subsection exist;
  - (3) The finding that an unanticipated event has occurred and that an emergency meeting is necessary and the agenda for the emergency meeting under this subsection are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7(b); provided that the six calendar day requirement for filing and electronic posting shall not apply;
  - (4) Persons requesting notification on a regular basis are contacted by postal or electronic mail or telephone as soon as practicable; and
  - (5) The board limits its action to only that action that must be taken on or before the date that a meeting would have been held, had the board noticed the meeting pursuant to section 92-7.
- c. For purposes of this part, an "unanticipated event" means:
  - (1) An event which members of the board did not have sufficient advance knowledge of or reasonably could not have known about from information published by the media or information generally available in the community;
  - (2) A deadline established by a legislative body, a court, or a federal, state, or county agency beyond the control of a board; or
  - (3) A consequence of an event for which reasonably informed and knowledgeable board members could not have taken all necessary action.

**"Reading"** means a presentation of an action item or motion before the Board by the presentation of the action item, its title, or its number where the action is affirmatively voted on. A formal procedure as outline by the Board's Operations Manual indicates a reading as a stage in the enactment process.

**"Simple Majority"** means five (5) of the nine (9) votes entitled to be cast by the Board.

**"Special Councils or Commission"** means a Council or Commission established by the Board to address a specific subject matter.

**"Super Majority"** means six (6) of the nine (9) votes entitled to be cast by the Board.

**"Standing Committee"** means a constituted Committee of the Board as detailed in Article VIII of the Bylaws.

**"Vice Chair" or "Vice-Chairperson"** means the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

### ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF THE BOARD

The Board shall exercise power as provided by Article XII, §§ 5, 6 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i<sup>11</sup> and HRS §§ 10-5, 10-6 as amended.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> **Haw. Const. art. XII, § 5, Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Establishment of Board of Trustees.** “There is hereby established an Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall hold title to all the real and personal property now or hereafter set aside or conveyed to it which shall be held in trust for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. There shall be a board of trustees for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs elected by qualified voters who are Hawaiians, as provided by law. The board members shall be Hawaiians. There shall be not less than nine members of the board of trustees; provided that each of the following Islands have one representative: Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Molokai and Hawaii. The board shall select a chairperson from its members.”

**Haw. Const. art. XII, § 6, Powers of Board of Trustees.** “The board of trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall exercise power as provided by law: to manage and administer the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the lands, natural resources, minerals and income derived from whatever sources for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, including all income and proceeds from that pro rata portion of the trust referred to in section 4 of this article for native Hawaiians; to formulate policy relating to affairs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; and to exercise control over real and personal property set aside by state, federal or private sources and transferred to the board for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. The board shall have the power to exercise control over the Office of Hawaiian Affairs through its executive officer, the administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who shall be appointed by the board.”

<sup>12</sup> **HRS § 10-5. Board of Trustees; Powers and Duties.** The Board shall have the power in accordance with law to:

- (1) Manage, invest, and administer the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of lands, natural resources, minerals, and income derived from whatever sources for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, including all income and proceeds from that pro rata portion of the trust referred to in section 10-3;
- (2) Exercise control over real and personal property set aside to the office by the State of Hawaii, the United States of America, or any private sources, and transferred to the office for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;
- (3) Collect, receive, deposit, withdraw, and invest money and property on behalf of the office;
- (4) Formulate policy relating to the affairs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, provided that such policy shall not diminish or limit the benefits of native Hawaiians under article XII, section 4, of the state Constitution;
- (5) Otherwise act as a trustee as provided by law;
- (6) Delegate to the administrator, its officers and employees such powers and duties as may be proper for the performance of the powers and duties vested in the board;
- (7) Provide grants to individuals, and public or private organizations to better the conditions of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians consistent with the standards set forth in section 10-17;
- (8) Make available technical and financial assistance and advisory services to any agency or private organization for native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs, and for other functions pertinent to the purposes of the office of Hawaiian affairs. Financial assistance may be rendered through contractual arrangements as may be agreed upon by the board and any such agency or organization; and
- (9) Adopt and use a common seal by which all official acts shall be authenticated.

HRS § 10-6. General Duties of the Board.

- (a) The general duties of the board shall be:
  - (1) To develop and continually update a strategic plan for the office that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
    - (A) Compilation of basic demographic data on native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;
    - (B) Identification of the physical, sociological, psychological, and economic needs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;

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- (C) Establishment of long-range goals for the office's programs and services for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;
  - (D) Establishment of priorities and alternatives for the office's program and service implementation; and
  - (E) Organization of the office's administrative and program structure, including the use of facilities and personnel;
- (2) To assist in the development of state and county agency plans for native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs and services;
  - (3) To maintain an inventory of federal, state, county, and private programs and services for Hawaiians and native Hawaiians and act as a clearinghouse and referral agency;
  - (4) To advise and inform federal, state, and county officials about native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs, and coordinate federal, state, and county activities relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;
  - (5) To conduct, encourage, and maintain research relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians;
  - (6) To develop and review models for comprehensive native Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs;
  - (7) To act as a clearinghouse for applications for federal or state assistance to carry out native Hawaiian or Hawaiian programs or projects;
  - (8) To apply for, accept and administer any federal funds made available or allotted under any federal act for native Hawaiians or Hawaiians; and
  - (9) To promote and assist the establishment of agencies to serve native Hawaiians and Hawaiians.
- (b) The Board shall have any powers which may be necessary for the full and effective performance and discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, and which may be necessary to fully and completely effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

## ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

- A. The membership of the Board shall be as provided by Article XII, § 5 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i<sup>13</sup> and HRS § 10-7, as amended.<sup>14</sup>
- B. Members of the Board shall be elected in accordance with HRS Chapter 13D, as amended, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with HRS § 17-7, as amended.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> *Supra*, note 13.

<sup>14</sup> **HRS §10-7 Board of Trustees.** The office of Hawaiian affairs shall be governed by a board to be officially known as the board of trustees, office of Hawaiian affairs. Members of the board shall be elected in accordance with chapter 13D, with reference to sections 11-15, 11-25, 12-5, 12-6, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with section 17-7.

<sup>15</sup> HRS §17-7 Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

- (a) Whenever any vacancy in the membership of the board of trustees occurs, the term of which ends at the next succeeding general election, the vacancy shall be filled by a two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the board. If the board fails to fill the vacancy within sixty days after it occurs, the governor shall fill the vacancy within ninety days after the vacancy occurs. When island residency is required under section 13D-1, the person so appointed shall reside on the island from which the vacancy occurred, and shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term.
- (b) In the case of a vacancy, the term of which does not end at the next succeeding general election:
  - (1) If it occurs not later than on the ninetieth day prior to the next succeeding primary election, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term at the next succeeding general election. The chief election officer shall issue a proclamation designating the election for filling the vacancy. All candidates for the unexpired term shall file nomination papers not later than the date and time specified in section 12-6 and shall be nominated and elected in accordance with this title. Pending the election, the board or the governor shall make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed under subsection (a). When island residency is required under section 13D-1, the person so appointed shall reside on the island from which the vacancy occurred, and shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term and shall serve until the election of the person duly elected to fill such vacancy.
  - (2) If it occurs after the ninetieth day prior to the next succeeding primary election, the board or the governor shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed under subsection (a). When island residency is required under section 13D-1, the person so appointed shall reside on the island from which the vacancy occurred, and shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term.
- (c) All appointments made by the board or the governor under this section shall be made without consideration of the appointee's party preference or nonpartisanship.

## ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

- A. **Election and Certification.** The Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall be governed by the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Board, at its first meeting after an election, shall elect from its own membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board as required HRS § 10-8, as amended.<sup>16</sup> Their election shall be immediately certified by the Board to the Lieutenant Governor. The concurrence of a simple majority (5) of all Trustees shall be necessary to make any action of the Board effective, provided that due notice shall be given to all members.
- B. **Vote.** Voting for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall be determined by a method determined by a simple majority (5) of all Trustees to which a Board is entitled.
- C. **Vacancy.** A vacancy in the Office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall exist under the following circumstances:
1. When the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is removed by the simple majority (5) of the members to which the Board is entitled; or
  2. When the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from the position held; or
  3. In the case of illness or death of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
- D. **Succession.** In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed as Chairperson until the following Board meeting at which time a Chairperson is elected by a simple majority (5) of the

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<sup>16</sup> *Supra*, note 3.

members of the Board. If the Vice-Chairperson is elected to become the Chairperson, the Board shall elect a Vice-Chairperson at the same meeting. The election(s) shall be immediately certified by the Board to the Lieutenant Governor as provided by HRS § 10-8, as amended.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

## ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

A. **Chairperson.** The Chairperson, in addition to presiding at all regular and special Board meetings, shall:

1. appoint the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and members of all Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the Board;
2. appoint members of Ad hoc Committees, Permitted Interaction Groups and designate the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of such Committees or Permitted Interaction Groups;
3. acknowledge communications, petitions, requests, and proposals on behalf of the Board and refer same to the Administrator, appropriate Committee of the Board and/or Permitted Interaction Group for action and/or recommendation;
4. serve as the primary liaison with the Governor, Congressional delegation, the Legislature, and other agencies and organizations to ensure that there are effective working relationships between all of the above and the Board;
5. approve all press releases and public announcements which state the official position of the Board;
6. approve agenda items for all meetings of the Board; and
7. perform such other duties as may be required by law or such as may properly pertain to such office.

B. **Vice-Chairperson.** The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and shall undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

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## ARTICLE VII. ADMINISTRATOR

The Board shall have the power to exercise control over the Office through its chief executive officer, the Administrator.

- A. **Appointment.** The Board, by a simple majority (5) of all members to which the Board is entitled, shall appoint an Administrator who shall serve a term to be determined by the Board as required by HRS § 10-10,<sup>18</sup> as amended,
- B. **Staff.** The Administrator may employ and retain such employees as deemed necessary to carry out the function of the Office as required by HRS § 10-12,<sup>19</sup> as amended.
- C. **Removal.** The Board, by a two-thirds vote (6) of all Trustees to which it is entitled, may remove the Administrator for cause at any time with a due process hearing, as required by HRS § 10-10, as amended.<sup>20</sup>
- D. **Function.** The Administrator shall function as the chief executive officer.

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<sup>18</sup> **HRS §10-10 Administrator; appointment, tenure, removal.** The board by a majority vote, shall appoint an administrator who shall serve without regard to the provisions of chapter 76 for a term to be determined by the board. The board, by a two-thirds vote of all members to which it is entitled, may remove the administrator for cause at any time.

<sup>19</sup> **HRS §10-12 Assistant; staff.** The administrator may employ and retain such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the office. Such officers and employees may be hired without regard to chapter 76, and shall serve at the pleasure of the administrator. Officers and employees of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall be included in any benefit program generally applicable to officers and employees of the State.

<sup>20</sup> *Supra*, note 23.

## ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

- A. **Establishment of Standing Committees.** To facilitate consideration of policy matters that must be approved by the Board, Standing Committees are established. Authority to act on all matters is reserved to the Board, and the functions of each Standing Committee shall be to consider and make recommendations to the Board.

There shall be a minimum of two (2) Standing Committees of the Board. Each Committee shall be led by a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Board may increase the number of Standing Committees, but the membership of the Standing Committees shall be all nine (9) Trustees. The two (2) Standing Committees, subject to increase, shall consist of the Committee on Resource Management (RM) and Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE).

1. **Committee on Resource Management.** The Committee shall:
  - a. handle all fiscal and budgetary matters and ensure proper management, planning, evaluation, investment and use of OHA's trust funds;
  - b. review, approve. or disapprove all acquisition expenditures that have a multi-year implication;
  - c. review and approve all acquisition expenditures that impact the OHA Debt Management, Economic Development, Investment and Spending policies;

- d. develop policies that strengthen OHA's fiscal controls and financial management;
- e. oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and execute policy for the proper use of such lands including land in which OHA shall have an interest;
- f. develop policies on land use, native rights, and natural and cultural resources, including: the inventory, identification, analysis and treatment of land, native rights, and natural and cultural resources;
- g. develop policies and criteria for OHA's land acquisitions, dispositions, development, management, and the use of real property in which OHA has an interest;
- h. develop policies relating to OHA's real estate asset allocation, desired returns, and balancing OHA's real estate portfolio including legacy lands, corporate real property, programmatic lands and investment properties;
- i. oversee the use and condition of OHA's real estate and develop policy for the proper use and stewardship of such real property;
- j. develop policies and programs for OHA's ownership, financing and development of real property, including capital improvements, debt management, economic development, investment and spending policies and forms of ownership for OHA's real property.

- k. oversee the performance of OHA's rights and obligations with respect to real estate not owned by OHA in its own name;
- l. review, approve, or disapprove appropriate grants that support OHA's overall mission;
- m. evaluate OHA programs to determine their effectiveness to decide whether to continue, modify, or terminate a program's;
- n. in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and other resources (e.g., Corporation Counsel, Ethics Commission), develop training and orientation programs for Trustees and staff, including materials relating to Trustees roles, fiduciary responsibilities, and ethical obligations, as provided by HRS Chapter 84, as amended;
- o. in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment carry out the recruitment and selection of the OHA Administrator; and
- p. provide oversight of Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.

**2. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. The committee shall:**

- a. plan, coordinate, and implement programs and activities that encourage Hawaiians to participate in governance;

- b. facilitate OHA's legislative agenda and advocacy efforts with federal, state, and county officials, private and community organizations, and groups involved in Hawaiian issues;
- c. review and support the passage of legislation that benefits Hawaiians and supports Hawaiian issues, and work to defeat legislation which is contrary to the interest of OHA and its beneficiaries;
- d. review, approve, or disapprove program grants that support OHA's legislative and advocacy efforts
- e. develop programs that focus on beneficiary health, human services, economic stability, education, and native rights;
- f. develop policies and programs relating to housing, land use, the environment, and natural resources;
- g. evaluate all OHA programs to ensure that the programs have a positive impact on beneficiaries, and;
- h. provide oversight of Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as assigned by the Board.

B. Each Standing Committee shall consider all matters referred to it in accordance with Section L, Article VIII, of these Bylaws and make appropriate recommendations to the Board in a timely manner, but no later than twelve (12) calendar days before a Board meeting, and shall make progress reports to the Board periodically or when requested by the Chairperson of the Board.

C. Standing Committees may meet in joint session when subject matter falls under the purview of more than one of the Standing Committees. In the case of an unbudgeted funding decision, a joint meeting of the Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee and the Resource Management Committee, led by the Chairperson of the Resource Management Committee, shall be mandatory.

**D. Advisory Committees.**

1. Standing Committees may create Advisory Committees as necessary to serve in an advisory capacity to the Standing Committees. Advisory Committees shall assist in the resolution or study of issues arising in the specific areas of concern assigned to their respective Standing Committee. To avoid duplication in the consideration of issues, the Standing Committees shall create only one Advisory Committee to study or undertake the resolution of a single subject or issue. Each Standing Committee shall have no more than three (3) Advisory Committees at any one time. All communications and advice from an Advisory Committee shall be made to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee, no later than twelve (12) calendar days before a Standing Committee Meeting. All communication and advice to an Advisory Committee shall be made by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee or designee.

2. The Advisory Committee Chairperson and membership shall be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairperson, upon advice and counsel of Standing Committee members. The term of the Advisory

Committees shall expire with the completion of the assigned task or at the discretion of the Standing Committee Chairperson. There shall be no less than three (3) members to each Advisory Committee, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who shall be appointed by the Standing Committee Chairperson. All Advisory Committee members, with the exception of members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses, such as travel, parking, and meals.

**E. Ad Hoc Committees.**

1. From time to time, there shall be such Ad hoc Committees, as designated by the Chairperson, the members of which shall be appointed by the Chairperson, and subject to approval of the Board by a simple majority (5) vote. There shall be a minimum of three (3) members on each Ad hoc Committee, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board and who shall be the Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee.
2. The term of the Ad hoc Committees shall expire at the completion of the assigned task or at a specific time that is determined for each Ad hoc Committee at the time of the appointment of said Committee or at the discretion of the Chairperson.

- a. All communications and advice from an Ad hoc Committee shall be made to the Chairperson of the Board no later than ten days before a Board meeting.
- b. All communications and advice to an Ad hoc Committee shall be made by the Chairperson of the Board.
- c. All Ad hoc Committee members, with the exception of members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses, such as travel, parking, and meals.
- d. In the event that three (3) or more Board members are appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee, HRS Chapter 92, as amended, will apply.

**F. Permitted Interaction Groups ("PIG")**

1. The Chairperson may place on the agenda for Board consideration a request for the formation of a PIG in accordance with HRS § 92-2.5, as amended.<sup>21</sup> The request shall set forth the title of the PIG, its scope, its suggested membership, and duration.
2. The purpose of the PIG shall be either to: (a) investigate a matter relating to the official business of the Board ("Investigative PIG") or (b) to present, discuss, or negotiate any position that the Board has adopted ("Negotiating PIG").

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<sup>21</sup> *Supra*, note 12.

3. The membership, purpose, scope, and duration of the PIG shall be approved by the Board prior to the commencement of an investigation or presentation, discussion, or negotiation of any position adopted by the Board at a meeting of the Board.
4. Upon creation of an Investigative PIG, the members shall proceed to investigate the matter within their purview and prepare a report together with the PIG's findings and recommendations that shall be presented to the Board for consideration by the Trustees. No discussion, deliberation, or decision making shall occur at the time that the report is presented.
5. A Negotiating PIG shall present the results of its negotiations to the Board for deliberation and decision making by the Trustees at the same time or subsequent meeting.
6. Deliberation and decision making on the matter investigated, if any, must occur only at a duly noticed meeting of the Board held subsequent to the meeting at which the finding and recommendations of the Investigative PIG were presented at the Board.
7. The report of any PIG may be accepted, rejected, recommitted subjected to the PIG for further consideration or dissolved at the deliberation and decision making meeting, upon majority vote of the Trustees.

**G. Permanent Special Councils or Commissions.**

1. There shall be such Permanent Special Councils or Commissions as the Board deems appropriate to create. The Board shall designate a Standing Committee that shall exercise oversight of said Council or Commission. The Special Council shall determine the duration of said Council or Commission.
2. Council Members or Commissioners shall be appointed by the Standing Committee to which oversight authority is granted pending confirmation of the Board through a simple majority (5) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled.
3. Membership of each Council or Commission shall be composed of at least one (1) member of the Board of Trustees.
4. The subject matter and purview of said Councils or Commissions shall be clearly defined and limited to only those areas so recommended by the Standing Committee having oversight thereof and subject to the approval of the full Board by a simple majority (5) vote of all members to which the Board is entitled. Oversight by the appropriate Standing Committee shall include, but not be limited to, review of budgetary concerns for the operation of said Council or Commission, and affirmation of requests for actions by such Council or Commission for the continued operations of such Council or Commission.
5. Such Council Members or Commissioners with the exception of any Members of the Board of Trustees, shall serve terms as established by the Board and shall serve terms as established by the Board and shall

serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, other than reasonable expenses, such as travel, parking, and meals.

#### **H. Quorum and Voting for Committees, Councils and Commissions .**

1. For Advisory, Ad hoc, and Standing Committees, Councils and Commissions, a majority of the members of the Committee, Council or Commission shall constitute a quorum. Except for Ad Hoc Committees, three (3) members shall constitute a quorum to do business.
  2. The concurrence of a quorum shall be required for any Committee (other than a Standing Committee), Council or Commission to make any recommendation to the Board or Standing Committee where appropriate, for Board or Standing Committee approval.
  3. A simple majority (5) of the Members present at a Standing Committee meeting shall be required for it to make any recommendation to the Board, provided that a quorum is present at the time of the vote.
  4. When Standing Committees meet jointly, each Committee shall vote separately as individual Committees.
- I. Authority to act on all matters is reserved to the Board and the functions of the Advisory and Ad hoc Committees, Councils, Commissions, and Permitted Interaction Groups shall be to investigate, consider, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Board, respectively.
- J. **Staff Assignments.** The Administrator shall assign to each Standing, Advisory, and Ad hoc Committee, and to each Council, Commission and Permitted

Interaction Group, appropriate Administration staff to conduct research, analyze data, draft findings, and report and provide project management and support for and to advise the respective Committee, Council, Commission or Permitted Interaction Group and to maintain records of the proceedings of same.

K. **Committee Recommendations.** The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall place a Committee recommendation on a Board of Trustees agenda no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the recommendation. All Standing Committees shall do the same with respect to any matter referred to the committee by a Member.

L. Waiver of any matter by committee to the Board of Trustees shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Members to which the Board is entitled.

## ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

- A. Board meetings shall be convened at the call of the Chairperson or by a quorum, as often as may be necessary for transaction of the Board's business as required in HRS § 10-8, as amended.<sup>22</sup> The Board shall meet at least once annually on each of the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaua'i, and O'ahu. At each meeting, the Board may fix the time and place for its next regular meeting.
- B. Board meetings may be convened by the Chairperson. In addition, upon written request of a majority of the members of the Board, the Administrator shall schedule a meeting of the Board to take place within twelve (12) calendar days after receipt of such request, provided that the notice requirement is met pursuant to HRS §§ 92-7, 41, as amended.<sup>23</sup>
- C. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairperson in accordance HRS § 92-8, as amended.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> *Supra*, note 3.

<sup>23</sup> *Supra*, note 10; **HRS § 92-41 Giving public notices.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all governmental agencies scheduling a public hearing shall give public notice in the county affected by the proposed action, to inform the public of the time, place, and subject matter of the public hearing. This requirement shall prevail whether or not the governmental agency giving notice of public hearing is specifically required by law, and shall be in addition to other procedures required by law.

<sup>24</sup> HRS § 92-8 Emergency meetings.

- (a) If a board finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires a meeting in less time than is provided for in section 92-7, the board may hold an emergency meeting provided that:
- (1) The board states in writing the reasons for its findings;
  - (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the findings are correct and an emergency exists;
  - (3) An emergency agenda and the findings are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7(b); provided that the six calendar day requirement for filing and electronic posting shall not apply; and
  - (4) Persons requesting notification on a regular basis are contacted by postal or electronic mail or telephone as soon as practicable.

- D. Committee meetings shall be called by the Committee Chairperson.
- E. The Board shall give written public notice of any regular, special, emergency or rescheduled Board or Standing Committee, at least six (6) calendar days before the meeting and in the manner as required by HRS §§ 92-7, 41, as amended.<sup>25</sup> All meetings of the Board or its Committees, excluding PIGS, shall be open to the public, except for executive session meetings as required by HRS § 92-3, as amended.<sup>26</sup>
- F. Appearances before the Board, and/or Standing Committees, Councils or Commissions shall be in accordance with HRS Chapter 92, as amended.

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- (b) If an unanticipated event requires a board to take action on a matter over which it has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power, within less time than is provided for in section 92-7 to notice and convene a meeting of the board, the board may hold an emergency meeting to deliberate and decide whether and how to act in response to the unanticipated event; provided that:
- (1) The board states in writing the reasons for its finding that an unanticipated event has occurred and that an emergency meeting is necessary and the attorney general concurs that the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting under this subsection exist;
  - (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is entitled agree that the conditions necessary for an emergency meeting under this subsection exist;
  - (3) The finding that an unanticipated event has occurred and that an emergency meeting is necessary and the agenda for the emergency meeting under this subsection are electronically posted pursuant to section 92-7(b); provided that the six calendar day requirement for filing and electronic posting shall not apply;
  - (4) Persons requesting notification on a regular basis are contacted by postal or electronic mail or telephone as soon as practicable; and
  - (5) The board limits its action to only that action that must be taken on or before the date that a meeting would have been held, had the board noticed the meeting pursuant to section 92-7.
- (c) For purposes of this part, an "unanticipated event" means:
- (1) An event which members of the board did not have sufficient advance knowledge of or reasonably could not have known about from information published by the media or information generally available in the community;
  - (2) A deadline established by a legislative body, a court, or a federal, state, or county agency beyond the control of a board; or
  - (3) A consequence of an event for which reasonably informed and knowledgeable board members could not have taken all necessary action.

<sup>25</sup> *Supra*, note 31.

<sup>26</sup> *Supra*, note 7.

1. Any person who wants to appear before the Board or any Standing Committee, Council, or Commission, except for executive meetings, to present testimony on a matter before the Board or any Standing Committee, Council, or Commission, shall make a request and submit a written copy of such testimony to the Administrator at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Board, or Standing Committee, Council or Commission meeting unless such requirement is waived by a simple majority of the Board or Standing Committee, Council, or Commission. Any verbal presentation permitted by the Board or Standing Committee, Council or Commission shall be limited to five (5) minutes.
2. The Chairperson or Standing Committee Council or Commission Chairperson shall have the authority to extend, limit, or terminate any testimony, which the Chairperson determines to be repetitious, made solely for purposes of delay, or without any substantive purpose.
3. Any person who wants to submit written testimony, data, views, or arguments on any agenda item shall submit thirteen (13) copies of such testimony to the Administrator at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Board or Standing Committee, Council, or Commission meeting unless waived by a majority vote of all Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission members present.
4. The Board or Standing Committee, Council, or Commission by a simple majority (5) vote may restrict the total time allowed per agenda item.

5. Unless a testifier’s testimony is related to a specific agenda item, the testifier may only give testimony under “Community Concerns” if the item is placed on the agenda.

**G. Minutes of Meetings.** The Board and each Standing Committee, Council or Commission shall keep written or recorded minutes of all meetings as required under HRS § 92-9, as amended.<sup>27</sup> The Board shall adopt standardized forms for use in the recordation of minutes of meetings. Minutes of all preceding meetings shall be available as provided by HRS § 92-9(b), as amended.<sup>28</sup> The minutes shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. the date, time, and place of the meeting;

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<sup>27</sup> HRS § 92-9 Minutes.

- (a) The board shall keep written or recorded minutes of all meetings. Unless otherwise required by law, neither a full transcript nor a recording of the meeting is required, but the minutes shall give a true reflection of the matters discussed at the meeting and the views of the participants. Written minutes shall include, but need not be limited to:
  - (1) The date, time and place of the meeting;
  - (2) The members of the board recorded as either present or absent;
  - (3) The substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided; and a record, by individual member, of any votes taken; and
  - (4) Any other information that any member of the board requests be included or reflected in the minutes.
- (b) The minutes shall be made available to the public by posting on the board's website or, if the board does not have a website, on an appropriate state or county website within forty days after the meeting except where such disclosure would be inconsistent with section 92-5; provided that minutes of executive meetings may be withheld so long as their publication would defeat the lawful purpose of the executive meeting, but no longer. A written summary shall accompany any minutes that are posted in a digital or analog recording format and shall include:
  - (1) The date, time, and place of the meeting;
  - (2) The members of the board recorded as either present or absent, and the times when individual members entered or left the meeting;
  - (3) A record, by individual member, of motions and votes made by the board; and
  - (4) A time stamp or other reference indicating when in the recording the board began discussion of each agenda item and when motions and votes were made by the board.
- (c) All or any part of a meeting of a board may be recorded by any person in attendance by any means of reproduction, except when a meeting is closed pursuant to section 92-4; provided the recording does not actively interfere with the conduct of the meeting.

<sup>28</sup> *Id.*

2. the members of the Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission recorded as either present, absent, or excused;
3. a summary of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided; and a record, by individual member, of motions made, motions seconded, and votes taken to include dissenting votes and abstentions;
4. staff assignments for investigation and the date staff reports are due;
5. departure and arrival of members from meetings to show matters discussed before arrival, while there, or after departure; and
6. any other information that any member of the Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission requests be included or reflected in the minutes.

H. **Packet.** At the time the Packet is distributed to its members, the Board or Committee shall also make the Packet available for public inspection in the Board's office, as required by HRS § 92-7.5.<sup>29</sup> Additionally, the Board or Committee shall provide reasonably prompt access to the Packet to any person upon request. The Board shall provide notice to persons requesting notification of meetings, pursuant to HRS Section 92-7(e), as amended.<sup>30</sup> The Board is not required to mail board packets. As soon as practicable, the Board shall accommodate requests for electronic access to the Board Packet.

I. **Referrals.** The Board shall adopt procedures for research, due diligence and analysis, and referrals to staff via the Administrator.

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<sup>29</sup> *Supra*, note 11.

<sup>30</sup> *Supra*, note 10.

- J. In the unlikely event, the Board may hold additional community meetings, informational meetings and public hearings, as needed.

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## ARTICLE X. QUORUM AND VOTING

A simple majority (5) of all the members to which the Board is entitled shall constitute a quorum to conduct business as required by HRS § 10-8, as amended.<sup>31</sup> The concurrence of a simple majority (5) of all the members to which the Board is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the Board valid provided that due notice shall be given to all members.

An abstention shall not be considered a positive or negative vote. A procedural motion may be passed by a majority (5) vote of the members present. Upon the request of any member of the Board, the Board Secretary shall call the roll.

- A. Unless a member is excused from voting, such member's silence shall be recorded as an abstention.
- B. A Member may use a "kanalua" response when called upon to vote and if repeated when polled again, that vote shall be recorded as an "abstention", or when polled to vote again, the second time may either vote "yes" or "no".

The Board Secretary shall record each vote in the minutes and report to the Chairperson, who shall announce the result to the Board.

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<sup>31</sup> *Supra*, note 3.

## ARTICLE XI. LEGAL COUNSEL

- A. Legal Counsel shall be present at all regular meetings and certain committee meetings of the Board when requested by the Chairperson or Chairperson of the relevant Committee.
- B. The Chairperson or designee, subject to prior approval of the Board, may request any written or verbal legal opinion from OHA's Corporate Counsel, Department of the Attorney General or from any other external legal counsel. Where a request is made in writing and a legal opinion is rendered by the Department of the Attorney General, or any other external legal counsel, such opinion along with a copy of the written request for such opinion shall be immediately distributed to all Board members in written form.
- C. The Administrator of the Office Hawaiian Affairs or designee, subject to prior approval of the Board, may request any written or verbal legal opinion from the Department of the Attorney General, or any other external legal counsel. Where a request is made in writing and a legal opinion is rendered by the Department of the Attorney General or any other external legal counsel, such opinion along with a copy of the written request for such opinion shall be immediately distributed to all Board members in written form

## **ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall apply in situations not covered by these Bylaws, applicable statutes, or opinions of Board Legal Counsel, Corporation Counsel, or external counsel.

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### **ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

Proposed Bylaw amendments shall be submitted to the Board in writing. Before these Bylaws may be amended by a proposed Bylaw, it must be approved by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote of all the members to which the Board is entitled (6 affirmative votes) at least twice.

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#### **ARTICLE XIV. BOARD OF TRUSTEE STAFF**

The Board Chair shall appoint a Chief of Staff who will be responsible for coordinating Board staff functions and activities and shall act as a liaison between the Board staff and the Administrator.

Each Board Member shall be entitled to a maximum of two full time positions. To carry out the duties of their office, each Trustee shall choose their staff positions from the following job classifications: Trustee Aide and Trustee Secretary. Each Board member shall have the sole discretion to select their staff positions from the job classifications listed above that best suit the needs of their office.

The Chairperson of the Board shall also be entitled to one additional staff position known as the BOT Private Secretary.

Changes to the type and number of staff positions shall require Board approval.

## ARTICLE XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members of the Board shall comply with the provisions of this Bylaw and are subject to the standards of conduct and financial interest disclosure requirements of HRS Chapter 84, as amended, to include attending ethics training within a reasonable time upon taking office.<sup>32</sup> For the purpose of this Bylaw Article:

- A. An 'affiliation' exists if a Board Member or a Member of the Board member's family is an owner (an ownership interest valued at more than \$5,000 or 10% or more ownership of the business), officer, director, trustee, partner,

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<sup>32</sup> HRS § 84-14 Conflicts of Interest.

- (a) No employee shall take any official action directly affecting:
- (1) A business or other undertaking in which the employee has a substantial financial interest; or
  - (2) A private undertaking in which the employee is engaged as legal counsel, advisor, consultant, representative, or other agency capacity.

A department head who is unable to disqualify the department head's self on any matter described in paragraphs (1) and (2) will not be in violation of this subsection if the department head has complied with the disclosure requirements of section 84-17.

A person whose position on a board, commission, or committee is mandated by statute, resolution, or executive order to have particular qualifications shall only be prohibited from taking official action that directly and specifically affects a business or undertaking in which the person has a substantial financial interest; provided that the substantial financial interest is related to the member's particular qualifications.

- (b) No employee shall acquire financial interests in any business or other undertaking which the employee has reason to believe may be directly involved in official action to be taken by the employee.
- (c) No legislator or employee shall assist any person or business or act in a representative capacity before any state or county agency for a contingent compensation in any transaction involving the State.
- (d) No legislator or employee shall assist any person or business or act in a representative capacity for a fee or other compensation to secure passage of a bill or to obtain a contract, claim, or other transaction or proposal in which the legislator or employee has participated or will participate as a legislator or employee, nor shall the legislator or employee assist any person or business or act in a representative capacity for a fee or other compensation on such bill, contract, claim, or other transaction or proposal before the legislature or agency of which the legislator or employee is an employee or legislator.
- (e) No employee shall assist any person or business or act in a representative capacity before a state or county agency for a fee or other consideration on any bill, contract, claim, or other transaction or proposal involving official action by the agency if the employee has official authority over that state or county agency unless the employee has complied with the disclosure requirements of section 84-17.
- (f) Subsections (a), (b), and (d) shall not apply to a task force member or the designee or representative of that task force member whose service as a task force member would not otherwise cause that member, designee, or representative to be considered an employee, if the task force member or the designee or representative of that task force member complies with the disclosure requirements under section 84-17.

employee (which shall also include legal counsel, consultant, contractor, advisor, or representative), or agent of such organization.

- B. All Members must disclose to the Chairperson and the Board their membership(s) or affiliation(s) with any organizations or person(s) who are eligible to receive grants from, may be in competition with for resources or eligible to procure from or contract with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Members shall disqualify themselves any time an action is being considered by the Board which would affect the funding, procurement or contracts of that organization or person. Disclosure by declaration shall be made before Board action on the matter.

Board members have a clear obligation to conduct all affairs of OHA in the best interest of beneficiaries. Members are expected to place the welfare of OHA above personal interests or the interests of family members or others who may be personally involved in affairs affecting OHA. All decisions of the Board are to be made solely based on a desire to promote the best interest of OHA and its beneficiaries and in alignment with a Board Member's fiduciary duties.

- C. Members violating this Article shall be subject to disciplinary action, as set forth in Article XVIII herein.

## ARTICLE XVI. CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. All information, data, and documents that are not public records, received or reviewed by a Member acting in the capacity as Member, shall be deemed confidential and shall not be released or utilized by any Member for any purpose other than OHA or Committee business.
- B. The unanimous vote of all Members of the Board after full consultation with Board Counsel shall be required before any confidential communication, proprietary, or otherwise privileged material received in an Executive Meeting convened may be publicly released, except for communications and materials deemed no longer confidential or redacted by Board Counsel and released under Board of Trustees Operations Manual, Rule 21 (July 2007).

## ARTICLE XVII. ORDER AND DECORUM

- A. While the Chairperson is putting any question to, or addressing the Board, or when a person is speaking, all persons present are expected to conduct themselves with decorum and provide respect to the speaker. While a person is speaking, no one shall pass between such speaker and the Chairperson.
- B. When a Member or other person properly before the Board wishes to speak, the speaker shall address the Chairperson, be recognized before proceeding, and shall confine remarks to the question under discussion.
- C. If a Member or other person, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses these rules, any Member may raise a question of order. The Chairperson shall then decide the question of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Board. In addition, the Chairperson may call for the sense of the Board on any question of order.
- D. Whenever any person is called to order while speaking, such person shall be in possession of the floor after the question of order is decided and may proceed with the matter under discussion within the ruling made on the question of order.
- E. All persons attending Board meetings, including staff, witnesses, members of the media, and the general public, are expected to respect the dignity of the Board.
- F. Members who repeatedly violate any provision of any of the above sections of this Article shall be subject to disciplinary action, as set forth in Article XVIII herein.

G. **Defamation.** OHA is concerned that no defamatory material or statements are presented at Board and Committee meetings. In the event that this situation should develop, it will be necessary to call this to the attention of the persons making those statements, and request that they desist in their action. Such information may be stricken from the record.

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**ARTICLE XVIII. TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS FOR  
VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The professional conduct of a member of the OHA Board of Trustees shall be guided by the Code of Conduct and Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct, hereinafter referred to as the “Code of Conduct,” which shall be created as a stand-alone executive policy of the Board of Trustees and made part of the OHA Board of Trustees’ Executive Policy Manual as a stand-alone policy.

The Sanctions for Violations of the Code of Conduct shall contain procedures that are fitting to the position of an elected Trustee and while ensuring that due process is afforded to a Trustee whose matter is being considered by the Board of Trustees.

The purpose of this Article is to establish guidelines relating to the Trustee Code of Conduct, including standards for the ways in which Members interact with one another staff, and beneficiaries in the pursuit of setting OHA policy and managing its trust.

## ARTICLE XIX. HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE USAGE

All Members and staff are expected to use Hawaiian language and the proper spelling and grammar of Hawaiian words when preparing official correspondence and documents for OHA, as required by Article XV, § 4 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i, as amended.<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>33</sup> Haw. Const. art. XII, § 4 English and Hawaiian shall be the official languages of Hawaii, except that Hawaiian shall be required for public acts and transactions only as provided by law.(1978).

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## APPENDIX A. ENUMERATION SYSTEM

The content and format of the Board of Trustees Bylaws is organized by a hierarchy from the most general concept that embodies all other concepts (i.e. title or chapter in this case the Board of Trustees Bylaws) to the most specific details. To maintain clarity especially with long and complicating documents, the following outline or enumeration system will be used through this document.

Starting from the title or section description and capitalized followed by a unique number or alpha (i.e. SECTION 1. MASTER PLAN AND SCOPE OF SERVICES or CHAPTER 10, Hawai'i Revised Statutes or BOARD OF TRUSTEES BYLAWS).

- I. **Subsection** is indicated by a roman numeral followed by a period. (i.e. ARTICLE I., ARTICLE II., ARTICLE III., ARTICLE IV. and etc.). Subsections are the principal divisions of a section and deal with discrete elements of a section.
  - A. **Paragraph** is indicated by a capital alphabet and period with or without a brief description. (i.e. A. or A. Chair., B., C. and etc.). Paragraphs are used to break down a subsection that covers a number of contingencies, alternatives, requirements, or conditions.
    - 1. **Subparagraph** indicated by a whole number and period. (i.e. 1., 2.)
      - b. **Clause** indicated by lower case alphabet and period.
        - (1) **Sub-Clause** indicated by an open and close parentheses.

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Board of Trustee Meeting  
February 6, 2020  
10:00 am

VI. Executive Session\*

- A. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein, Esq. re: questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding Civil No. 17-1-1823-11JPC, OHA v. State, et. al. *Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4).*
- B. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein, Esq. re: questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities relating to the State Auditor's request for confidential and Attorney-Client privileged materials and information in connection with the legislatively mandated audit per Act 37. *Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4).*
- C. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. January 23, 2020

***\*- Any material that is relevant to this section will be distributed at the table during Executive Session.***