

**STATE OF HAWAI'I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Lāna'i Elementary and High School Cafeteria  
555 Fraser Ave.  
Lāna'i City, HI 96763**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees  
Thursday, July 12, 2018  
10:30 am**

**ATTENDANCE:**

TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO  
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA  
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA  
TRUSTEE W. KELI'I AKINA  
TRUSTEE PETER APO  
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY

ROBERT K. KLEIN, ESQ. BOARD COUNSEL

**EXCUSED:**

TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA  
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E IV

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

KAMANA'OPONO CRABBE, CEO  
EVERETT OHTA, CC  
KAWENA CARVALHO-MATTOS, DPM  
MISTI PALI-ORIOLO, OUTFIELD  
ANTHONY PACHECO, COORDINATOR

**BOT STAFF:**

CAROL HO'OMANAWANUI  
LADY GARRETT  
LŌPAKA BAPTISTE  
KAMA HOPKINS  
CRAYN AKINA  
DAYNA PA  
LIANA PANG  
MARIA CALDERON  
NATHAN TAKEUCHI

**GUESTS:**

ROSELANI KAHALEANU  
WINIFRED BASQUES  
RON MCOMBER  
KELLI GIMA  
NATALIE ROPA  
DIANE PREZA  
PAM ALCONCEL  
ROBIN KAYE  
ROSELANI KAHALEANU

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Colette Machado** Calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 10:45am. Roll call is taken; Trustees Ahu Isa, Ahuna, Akina, Apo, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Waihe'e and Machado are present; constituting a quorum of seven (7) trustees. Excuse memos were received from Trustee Rowena Akana and Trustee Robert Lindsey.

We will not move on to the approval of minutes.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. June 20, 2018 (Community Meeting)
- B. June 21, 2018
- C. June 26, 2018

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** moves to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting minutes for the following dates; **June, 20, 2018, June 21, 2018 and June 26, 2018.**

**Trustee Peter Apo** seconds the motion.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call please.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting minutes for the following dates; June, 20, 2018, June 21, 2018 and June 26, 2018. Trustee Peter Apo 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 ROWENA AKANA						Excused
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO		X	X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY						Excused
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						Excused
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6			3
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ x ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED Motion passed with Six (6) yes votes and three (3) excused.						

**Chair Colette Machado** – Before we move on I'd like to begin with introductions from the Trustees. We will start with Trustee Keli'i Akina on my right.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – Madame Chair thank you very much and aloha to all of you here on Lanai. I'm Trustee Keli'i Akina, Trustee At-Large and I am looking forward to learn more about your concerns today. I have with me one of my Trustee Aides, Ms. Maria Calderon. Thank you for joining us, aloha.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – Aloha mai kakou. Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey from the island of Maui. Thank you for being with us this morning. We look forward to hearing your concerns, your interest, your mana'o. Thank you again.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – Aloha mai, Leina'ala Ahu Isa Trustee At-Large from Oahu but representing all of you. My Trustee aide is here Lady Garrett.

**Trustee Peter Apo** – Aloha mai kakou. It's always wonderful to be on Lanai. But you know I am really bummed. We used to come to Lanai as a board and be able to stay the night and spend time in the community and get to know people and to talk about issues. But the cost of coming to Lanai, the hotel rooms are so expensive, it kind of really bums me out that we have to limit our stay to one day because otherwise we are probably going to get a call from the ethics commission on why we are spending that much. I miss you guys, I miss having to spend nights here. Mahalo it's good to be back to see all of you.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Aloha. I just want to thank all you guys for being here. I am excited, the reason why I am excited is first of all my staff didn't make it on this trip and I might be staying here tonight. I am in love with afterschool programs and football is one. I just wanted to come help your players out. I see a lot of your students from Lanai on Oahu attending clinics and stuff like that. I just want to see your football team do well this year. I have a prediction this year, this is going to be the first year they are going to win the championship. Thank you.

**Chair Colette Machado** – I am your Trustee for the island of Lanai and Molokai. Because of the high cost of travel, not so much the airfare but the high cost of residing overnight I have not done my due diligence to attend some of your activities on island. My favorite was the Aloha Week parade. One of my most memorable experience was walking with the students from the program here and we chanted up by the housing, they did the lanai chants all in Hawaiian. That was my most memorable experience because ‘ōlelo was not spoken as publicly I recall as at the parade. I know we see sister Roselani and she will probably give us an update. I’d like to introduce my staff, I have the board secretary Dayna Pa, my aide Lōpaka Baptiste, and Chief of Staff Carol Hoomanawanui. We also have our Board attorney Lisa Cataldo. Thank you Lisa. I’ll call on Kamana’opono Crabbe.

**Kamana’opono Crabbe** – Mahalo, welina kealoha. I am Kamana’opono Crabbe, CEO for administration. I’d like to introduce the staff that are present this morning. From Lanai, our Lanai Community Outreach Coordinator Anthony Pacheco. We have our Community Neighbor Island outreach assistant manager, I really want to thank her, Misti Pali-Oriol. We have our Corp Counsel, particularly for environment, land issues to hear your concerns today, Everett Ohta. And operating our livestream camera is Kawena Carvalho-Mattos. That is our staff for admin Chair.

**Chair Colette Machado** – I wanted to take the time to introduce Anthony Pacheco our OCC on Lanai all of you know him. In addition to that he prepared us a summary of the issues prevalent on the island called “Hot Topics” and some of those issues we will be talking about. With that said I’d like to call on our first community presentation. Is Natalie Ropa here?

### **III. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Lāna‘i High and Elementary School Foundation – Natalie Ropa**

**Ms. Natalie Ropa** – Hello and welcome back to Lanai. I hope that you guys had a smooth and on time flight. My name is Natalie Ropa, I am the director of the Lāna‘i High and Elementary School Foundation, it’s a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to engage students, parents and the community into our school community. We also have made a huge effort into bringing higher education opportunities that enhance the learning that happens in the school. We are very connected to our only school on the island.

The Lanai High and Elementary School and the Foundation would like to express a huge mahalo for the support that you guys have given us this year. For the two major events in our community. The first one was a College and Career Fair in November 2017. Our 587 pre K thru 12 grade students were able to participate. We were able to bring over from Lanai and the outer island 70 representatives from University, Community Colleges, Industry professionals and the military.

It was a great event. It was extra exciting to see our pre K and elementary students, they did a walkthrough of the event and they were so amazed to see all the people in uniform. We had the Army, National Guard, Coast Guard, Maui Police Department and the Fire Department. It was super exciting for them. Our mission is that it is never too early for them to start thinking about what they want to do when they grow up. That was a huge experience for our students and we were able to have everyone benefit from it.

The second event that we had was in March 2018 we began cultural workshops that were in line with our May Day programs in our schools. So we ran hula workshops, we ran lei making workshops and we also ran sewing workshops so that the kids could sew their own pau skirts. We were able to have the community participate, we had elementary, middle high school and also adults and kupuna. It was a series that started in

March from Spring Break and then ended with the May Day program being the hoike to present everything that was done. It provided a beautiful, cultural experience within our school, especially for our native Hawaiian community as well. Thank you again for all your support and we hope to continue this relationship with your folks. Mahalo.

**Chair Colette Machado** – The foundation is a 501 (c)(3)?

**Ms. Ropa** – Yes.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Have you applied to OHA other than this one time for any kind of grant?

**Ms. Ropa** – No but I am meeting with Anthony, we've been talking story about applying for a OHA program. The foundation wasn't really active in providing direct services until a few years ago. We are starting to really get our grant efforts going and being able to provide the support for our school that it was intended for. We are going to start doing it and we hope to get lucky this year or next year.

**Chair Colette Machado** – I want to encourage you because in spite of the intermittent activities you have you may want to invest in a long term kind of funding. If you qualify for our community grants you will be eligible for 2 years and that's what would provide you some stability to ensure the students that they get continuity with some of the priorities that you set forth with your board. Just I want to encourage you to do all that you can.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – The two year grants, so you have to like a plan for two years and apply for next year? Is there a cut off when they apply?

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** – I'd like to call Misti Pali-Oriol.

**Misti Pali-Oriol** – So the current year Fiscal 19 is the second year of our biennium. So our next round of community grants should come out later this year and be for Fiscal Years 20 and 21.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Let me explain the Kūlia Process. We will be recommending the approval of the Kūlia grant that would provide for 1 year because that is all the funding we had. That would be for 12 months because that is the extent of the funding. That is not approved yet although we have allocated it in our budget. WE are coming up with the details and the solicitation procedures. When that gets approved the Trustees will make their decisions. How did you guys do on Molokai with the minors?

**Ms. Ropa** – We lost the first two games but we had a vacation afterwards.

**Chair Colette Machado** – They just fell in love with you guys. The next presenter is Lanaians for Sensible Growth, we have Kelli Gima today.

### **B. Lanaians for Sensible Growth – Kelli Gima**

**Ms. Kelli Gima** – Hi good morning Trustees, thank you so much for being here and giving us this opportunity to present and share with you. I think our board president did a presentation last year when you folks were here. Unfortunately, he could not be here today. I was tasked with giving you guys a few updates, things that Lanaians for Sensible Growth are involved in.

Just a little background for those who are not familiar. LSG has been around for about 30 years. With Mr. McOmber being one of our founding members. Currently we are a small board, still tacking various

community issues, some long term issues that we are still tackling. That is where the president of our board is today currently on Oahu in appellant court appealing LUC's decision and order last year. Questions?

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** – No but Everett maybe you can comment and give an update.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Do you have a summary?

**Everett Ohta** – I don't have a summary or a current status of their case we are not involved in it.

**Ms. Gima** – We are currently in court right now so I don't really have any updates. Basically what happened is the LUC had ruled that the Castle and Cook resorts now Pulama Lanai did not utilize potable water from our high level aquifer. That was their decision and order and LSG with our attorneys from Native Hawaiian Legal Corp decided to appeal. That is where we are at right now. Hopefully we get some updates. I haven't heard anything yet. He apologizes he isn't able to be here today. That is one that we have been battling that has been ongoing for decades.

Some other new and exciting things LSG has been doing is actually this weekend we will be hosting a County of Maui Mayoral forum. We a really sat down that thought what we as LSG do something good for the community. Often times we are looked at as something adversarial and always fighting against the company. That is not always the case we are looking out for our community members. So one thing was how can we get our residents more informed voters so we reached out to all the County of Maui mayoral candidates, 6 out of the 7 have committed to being here this weekend and we are going to do a forum, we have pre-selected questions for them, we are going to have random and audience questions. It will be really great Lanai residents please come out for that. It's just getting our residents more involved with that whole political process and we are hoping closer to the general election we will also do a forum for our council member spot as well.

We are still involved in advocating the County of Maui affordable housing project. That has also been an ongoing issue for decades. It's been about 4 years now since we have really tried to reach out to the Count of Maui and be the squeaky wheel and question where are we. Housing is an issue here on Lanai, we need affordable housing. The county has lands. There have been a few community meetings since you guys were here. Although there seems there is more planning and some slight direction it doesn't look like it will be happening any time soon. There is a lot of issues of having to go back and get that Federal thing for affordable housing part of it. It's still in the works, LSG is still advocating that we get this housing project that was promised to our residence here on Lanai.

Another thing that we are always involved with is our Hulupoe beach park council. That is our beach park down at Manele bay. That is what sparked the formation of LSG with the MOA that went into effect to keep that beach public access for our residents. We have three seats on the Hulupoe Beach Park Council, we are still very active in that to make sure that our residents have access to our beach park. We are also involved with the Lanai Archeological Committee. One of our board members is still the interim Chair, attempted to transfer \$140,000 to their board for more autonomy and authority instead of having to ask Pulama Lanai to transfer that money. They fund various different projects and they have put money.

With our Lanai water advisory committee. They are contemplating in pursuing an ordinance to institutionalize this LWAC committee for the same reason. We would like to make LWAC like any other County or State Board or commission that would need to be consulted on in every application before the planning department, LWAC is comprised of people who are so knowledgeable about our water on Lanai. So we really wanted to

see that get having ordinances to get that more formal. That is a brief overview of the various things that LSG is participating in. Any questions?

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Can you tell me who owns the beach?

**Ms. Gima** – Not the beach itself is the State of Hawaii. The beach park is Pulama Lanai. So what happened was back when Murdock was going to build the hotel down Manele Bay he wanted to try and privatize the beach. Which is our only beach accessible by paved road. So that was when LSG formed, and MOA was made to ensure that it will always be accessible to the public and there is a beach park council that is comprised of different members of the community.

**Chair Colette Machado** – I am reading the hot topics that was prepared by Anthony. It says that the land use commission in the opinion that was render by the hearing officer dated April 5, 2017 regarding condition 10 of the 1991 ruling. It allows the Lanai Company to continue to use potable water for irrigation of the golf course rather brackish.

**Ms. Gima** – Yes, they are appealing that. He might be better to answer those specific questions because he has been around this entire time. But it has still been an ongoing battle that LSG believes that our potable water should not be used for irrigating a golf course period. That is why we are not giving up this fight and we will continue to move forward with the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, they have been amazing to LSG.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Would you like to add before I call up Mr. McOmber, Everett.

**Everett Ohta** – Aloha Trustees and everyone. As I understand the matter that was heard before the land use commission it fell in the determination on what is potable water for the terms of the Land Use Commission's 1991 order. The parties have been in ins issue for quite a while. It was previously decided on by the land use commission back in 96, appealed at the Supreme Court which issued a decision saying that it really was a determination on whether or not the water being pumped for golf course irrigation was potable or not. That was sent back to the land use commission for further determination and fact finding. So that is the decision that was issued by a hearings officer and adopted by the land Use Commission last year and that's really the determination on what I believe are chloride levels and the like that are what constitutes potable water. I think there was various experts brought in to determine what is potable and what is non- potable and that is what the decision was based on. That is what is being appealed at the Hawaii Supreme court and that is based on the land use commission's order that allowed the development from Lanai Company to move forward. I am not particularly family with the current status of the appeal as it is ongoing today. I think that maybe shed further light on that issue that is currently pending right now.

**Chair Colette Machado** – There is a note there that LSG may seek OHA's inclusion in their appeal. Is this something that you had some discussion with Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation?

**Everett Ohta** – I think in terms of what was before the land use commission, OHA previously was a party to those proceedings before the land use commission back in the early 90s so OHA was a part along with LSG and also represented by Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation at the time. Following the order that was issued in 1991 there were further proceedings. But those later motions, really the order to show cause before the Land Use Commission to try and get them to enforce that condition that OHA wasn't a part of those further proceedings to try and get that conditions enforced. So we have not been a party to any of the proceedings before the Land Use Commission since approximately since 1991.

We are also signatory for the Memorandum of Agreement with LSG, Castle and Cook, so that something that is outstanding that OHA is a party to and there is a similar provision within the MOA that discusses the use of the High level ground level aquifer and the use for gold course irrigation. That might be something that OHA can look at further. The Trustees can make a latter decision on whether or not to involved OHA in anything further.

**Ms. Gima** – Mahalo and thank you for your time.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – What is considered potable water?

**Ms. Gima** – This is what has been the confusion, when you think about potable you think drinkable water. What came down to the LUC is the chloride levels, and what not. I can't really answer that for you specifically.

**Everett Ohta** – I am sorry I am not a hydrologist. As I understand it chlorides are really a measure salinity, so how salty water is and understanding the ground water aquifer, the fresh sits on top of a deeper salt ocean water. There is some level of salt water and that is how much can be drawn from the aquifer without affecting people's ability to drinking or domestic uses. So chloride really is not like a pool water but is a matter of measuring salt content for drinking and domestic use purposes.

**Trustee Peter Apo** – I understand how the island works in terms of its economy. What is the project in being able to maintain a labor pool to service the industry if they don't take care of affordable housing, things where the labor pool, and the service sector can afford to live here.

**Ms. Gima** - Couldn't comment on what the projections are but I think that is one of the valid concerns, that yes do we have enough housing for people working and sustaining the economy on Lanai. I don't have those numbers or projections but it is a huge concern.

**Trustee Peter Apo** – But someone is working on it?

**Ms. Gima** – I would hope so. Anything else? Thank you so much.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Ron is that anything you want to add?

**Mr. Ron McOmber** – Aloha, my name is Ron McOmber and I am one of the original LSU members. There were seven of us that meet at Martha Evans Home. It all started with the protection of Hulupoe. Hulupoe is a beautiful beach. Hulopo'e is the marine life conservation district the third one in the State. Hulupoe and the Manele area is corner stone of this island. Its proven day after day, the boats come in from Maui, they come to Hulupoe because it's the only beach in Maui County who let people come in. Kaanapali you can't go to their beaches.

The problem with the water has been going on since Jesus was a private. We have one single source aquifer. No matter what these other people tell you, it comes from one source. The last time we had a community plan change this company brought in experts and started drilling holes out in Manele to treat salt water. Why are you doing that you get all the water you need from above. They know as well as I am sitting here right now, there is a limited amount of water on this island. Potable water, drinking water. They drilled holes, they must have spent millions of dollars drilling holes. They were going to take salt water and desalinization it and pump it back in the ocean. As soon as the community plan was done they stopped it. Because what they were doing

to us, they were throwing a puck shot. They were saying they were going to do all this stuff, Ellison's got more money than Gods got little people, it's amazing what is going on over here.

Maui news yesterday reported that shocked me, Molokai has a problem with vacation rentals. Everything is based on it, the same thing happened on Lanai. This whole thing, water, housing, we are in a really unkind spot. We have plenty of water on this island if they do it right and manage it right. Go look Koele, it is one of the neatest places on this island. Look at what they are doing to it, they are destroying Koele, they are going to have a zip line, this is BS folks, they are taking Lanai and turning it into a vacation land for rich people. And the local people can't even get housing here. All the housing is being swept up by some corporation on Maui which rent them as vacation rentals. All the houses that are up right now are being incorporated by some outfit in Maui. All these people who bought up the homes and want to vacation once a month the rest of time they are using it for vacation rental. This is what is happening. We are in court today about this water issue. I been here seems like forever and this is very special place and thank God for people like you and thank God for Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. We have support and please keep supporting Native Hawaiian Legal Corp because they are a great organization. There is no other place like Lanai. We need affordable housing; we have the land that was given over 30 years ago but there is no housing on there. They can't make up their mind, the County doesn't have money. We have the COO of Pulama but doesn't have the to stand up for his own island. I am so disappointed about this. Please support Native Hawaiian Legal Corp and the Hawaiians on this island.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Can you please summarize?

**Mr. McOmber** – Thank you, I appreciate what you guys do and don't stop coming to Lanai, please.

## **V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY/COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**Chair Colette Machado** – We have one individual that has signed up, we have Diane Preza she is a board member with the Lanai Cultural and Heritage Center.

**Ms. Diane Preza** – Aloha I am representing the Lanai Heritage and Cultural Center today. Kapa wishes he could have been here.

**Chair Colette Machado** – We have received his email and we did distribute it.

**Ms. Preza** – Thank you for being here. Basically I just wanted to thank you and mahalo for all of your support all these years. The programs that we do. I wanted to keep you abreast on how those programs are continuing. Kapa moved to Hilo however he is still the Executive Director. The last few months we lost our sole employee. With the help of Pulama Hawaii we have been able to keep the doors open. We offer staffing and out expertise up there through Pulama Hawaii. The cultural center continues to work alongside with the community, with the schools, with Pulama Hawaii, Four Seasons and visiting groups. Some things that we did this past year is the Ike Hou program the cultural literacy program with students from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year this program is going on. We also hosted 2 state conferences this year. The State Loko Ia conference and also the Aha Kupuna, the DOE resource teacher conference here.

The cultural center works alongside Pulama Hawaii and different groups within the community to help carry out these kinds of program. It is kind of a big thing when you have 80 people camping down at Waiopae fishpond. We try to go together and work to accomplish these things. The cultural center is also involved in archival workshops so through a GIA grant we are able to bring over an archivist to do community workshops on the weekend. We are trying organize our archives. It is a big job. We are assisting with Four Season, them embark program which is like an orientation for their new workers. We've done cultural exchanges with

groups that come. We've done incentive groups, sharing the culture and doing different types of activities with them. We try to reach out to not only the community here but people that come from outer islands. Sometimes we get involved with supervising photo shoots and making sure the sites don't get upset. At the school they are trying to get their staff involved in space learning things on our island. What we've done through a grant through Hawaii Community Foundation and NOAA, we contract the Pacific American Foundation to develop Aloha Aina curriculum specific to Lanai.

As much as possible through the course of the year we try to bring the kids out to the 'āina. We feel that it is so important that these kids understand the history of this place and their culture. For all kids not just if you are native Hawaiian but all these children, this place is so special. The center works very hard to get the children involved in learning. That's very important for us. We also work with the Lanai archeological committee, we do community workshops, lei making, kapa making, oli. We try our best to be involved. The struggle right now is funding it's hard to get money and we are exploring options.

**Chair Colette Machado** – We have a question and it's part of the hot topics issue, there is a statement in here that says Pulama Lanai is relocating your folk's current location?

**Ms. Preza** – The Cultural Center?

**Chair Colette Machado** – Yes.

**Ms. Preza** – No in fact they gave us additional space to house our artifacts for the archives but we are not moving anywhere. Not that I know of.

**Chair Colette Machado** – You folks have not had any discussion with Pulama Lanai seeking relocation of the current location.

**Ms. Preza** – Pulama donates.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Pulama Lanai is considering a relocation of Lanai Cultural and Heritage Center from its current location which OHA contributed \$750,000 to construct in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 the current location is owned by Pulama Lanai. The Lanai Community Outreach Coordinator will monitor the progress. This is what I am reading on this notification for hot topics for this island.

**Ms. Preza** – As far as I know the only thing I can think of is that they are planning to expand the center but I haven't heard of us moving from that place we now occupy.

**Chair Colette Machado** – I think it's a little more deep than that. I think because we provided \$750,000 for the actually reconstruction to get ready the facility with the climate control rooms. We don't want to see the money mina mina if they are going to relocate your folks and I don't know what they will provide you folks.

**Ms. Preza** – I have not been told anything so far.

**Chair Colette Machado** – That is very enlightening.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – Perhaps Ka Pouhana and address this question we are reading from a Memo from Kawika Riley.

**Chair Colette Machado** – May I ask Anthony because you are part of the consult with this Hot Topics. We don't want you folks to be left high and dry.

**Anthony Pacheco** – Aloha Trustees, I originally prepared some of that info that you folks are reading. It went through several of the folks before it got to you. All I was really sharing was, what I had heard through the grapevine and then followed up with some Board member of the Cultural and Heritage Center. It sounds a little more like that it is going to happen in that memo. What I had originally written out was a little more like something that was thrown out there. So as opposed to that there are many plans or any real discussion about the center moving at all. I wanted to give you guys a heads up because there is some talks and not there is anything more concrete than that.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you I just wanted to assure the board of the cultural center, because of our initial commitment to where you guys are at I know that it is difficult to sustain yourself. You may want to rely on Pulama Lanai to provide some support. I wanted to let you folks know and Pam if that changes please notify the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Because we have a stake as well because of our initial investment.

**Ms. Preza** – That is understood. Right now the doors can stay open because of Pulama Lanai.

**Ms. Pam Alconcel** – Lanai Cultural and Heritage Center has been going through a lot this year and we really are thankful for Pulama for stepping in, providing us with daily coverage so that we can keep the center open. We have been very fortunate to get some smaller grants to keep many of our programs going and we will look into the next round with you folks. Mahalo.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you.

**Trustee Peter Apo** - With all these things going on and separating the public sector and the private sector what is the scenario in terms of your council person and any connections that you may have to Maui and the power group over there, is there any attempt at intervention to help you folks here from where in terms of public issues and all of that growth models and all of that. Is there any kind of center of gravity outside of Lanai, or some kind of advocacy effort that is coming from higher levels in economic issues?

**Mr. Robin Kaye** – The short answer is No. I is very difficult to get our elected officials to come. It has been very challenging. I would like to throw one long term issue at you. It's very hard to die on this island. We have wonderful senior center, we need hospice but there is nothing between that, we don't have an adult day care facility, we have no assisted living facility. When this community, 20% of our community is over 60 faces health care needs, there is no place for care here. If you go into the hospital it is \$30,000 a month because it's a hospital. So many of our seniors have to go to Maui or Oahu. One of the things we hope to see is a miracle collaboration between State, County, Pulama Lanai, OHA and perhaps DHHL to have a place here where there is care for Seniors as they age. I have not specific request to you but I just wanted to put into your thoughts it is going to be an issue for this community.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you.

**Trustee Peter Apo** – I am very saddened by what little I know about the growth model here it does seem that Lanai seems to be a money pit and is going to end up being a theme park.

**Mr. Kaye** – It's a very unique situation here. You have people from Maui who come over and sit at our park and take benches away from the resident to use. I shared this with someone from off island and she looked at me and said have you been to Ala Moana beach park, and Waikiki. So it's also relative for us there is a very significant increase in tourism and people who are not from here and it's hard to make that argument to folks.

*(conversation indiscernible)*

**Chair Colette Machado** – Do we have questions for Diane, if not Mahalo Diane, Ron did you want to speak?

**Mr. Ron McOmber** – If it wasn't for the Ferry boat between Lahaina and Lanai we would have not transportation off this island. The airline suck they can never be on time. When they are coming in they are two hours late. In the last deer draw we had 2900 applicants. That many people coming to Lanai in a 9-week period and we have to help find housing, trucks for these people. Because it is an asset to this community, the stores benefit, stores benefit and restaurants benefit for it. The people who come in to the Four Season they don't care. They don't have the curtesy to let Dollar rent a car to rent jeeps to them because they buy their own fleet. This is BS, this is not helping the community. We can't get cars, if you run out of gas you are SOL. This is controlled by a few select people. We are controlled by someone who has more money than God got. You need to understand the underlying things that are going on Lanai. Mahalo.

**Chair Colette Machado** – We doing livestream so its Statewide.

**Mr. McOmber** - I know that.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Mahalo nui.

**Ms. Winifred Basques** – Good morning. My name is Winifred Basques I have lived here for 56 years. Talk about water there was a big fight in palawai, they couldn't use the potable water so here come the helicopters with the big tank throwing water and peel. Fine. Talking about hunting, I'm a hunter I been hunting on this island for 54 years. The thing is we live here sustainability we take care of people. When you have family and you have deer you give your family and friends. We don't ask for anything back because ke akua is watching for what we doing to the people here.

I want to talk about the water. They pump the water out down Manele, it's called a desalinization water tank. 6 million water per day. Golf course you cannot use salt water. They want to use our potable water and that is our drinking water, but who going tell him that straight to his fact. I seen it and been there. (conversation indiscernible) The people on this island is surviving. The Lanai water company belongs to him and he can do whatever he wants with the water.

This thing doesn't cut it. I am an advocate; people ask me I tell them straight. I go to all the organizations and legislators. I never lie, I tell the truth, it tells I am doing something. Pulama Lanai, they penalize you, you get fired form your job you have to get out of his house. Controlling, the man up there he control more. Thank you very much.

*(conversation indiscernible)*

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you aunty.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – I'd like to address comments to my fellow Trustees. Mahalo to all who came here today. To my Trustees, perhaps you are asking the same questions that I am asking, what can OHA do, what specifically can OHA do so that when we return in a year from now there will be a remarkable difference with the people of Lanai. As I think about we can do, one of the issues is pretty clear today is that just giving grants to particular nonprofits which is very good for those particular nonprofits and their work may not address the issue clearly all issues are related whether they are water or tourism or housing or development or growth and transportation as we learned today. And also all people are related, it's not going to be easy just say we are going to help one group of people this island is so small it has the same water system the same land. I am thinking that now is a very good time on how we do our Strategic Planning process and how we strategize in giving of our grants. As you know on your calendar we are on that process right now. A couple of things may be very helpful. Number one the development of a specific island plan for each of the islands. Lanai is different from all other islands it has specific needs all issues are integrated and if we can find people who are already doing that work where we can come up with a blue print that can guide the strategy for our grants,

against some goals that are measureable, if this can be worked in somehow in the bottom level of our strategic planning process that can be good.

In addition to having a clear island plan I think the second thing would be very good and that is to ask the question what role should OHA play. Is OHA primarily the provider of money, is OHA the provider of technical expertise. My suggestion is that there is a role that we can play that has somehow eluded to today but it has not been played. We can use our influence to collaborate with Government, Corporations, with community groups and nonprofits. That is an area of expertise we can grow. Just to summarize my comments. I have been inspired today and what inspires me is to ask the question on what can OHA do and I think there are two things. Number one, incorporate an island plan into our strategic planning as well as our grant strategy that really focuses on what Lanai needs. Number two define where we have the greatest mana or power. I don't think that is in giving money, I don't think that is in doing things on the ground necessarily because there are great groups that can do it, I think our power is in our ability to collaborate, influence and bring together different organizations, Government agencies, nonprofits and community groups. I want to plant those ideas with you. They are not original many of you have thought about them but I think that is a good direction for our strategic planning.

*(conversation indiscernible)*

**Chair Colette Machado** – Kamana'opono can you explain our role with Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation.

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** – Aloha, for a number of year the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has been a principle financial supporter for the continuation of legal services for the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation. We do every biennium year to request funding from the State to match those funding. We have a good relationship with Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation. They address a number of key areas that have been discussed today. Water rights for the community, they recently won a major land mark decision for East Maui irrigation which restored instream flow to a number of streams. They also work on land issues with respect to development or encroachment on cultural sites. That's been our principal support for legal support for the community. They have been supporting you folks as well as well and Lanaians for Sustainable Growth. That is why we have our corp counsel who works collaboratively with them.

One of the roles we play is the funder for legal services, but we also collaborate legally across these matters of land, water. I think land and water are principle areas, not just community lifestyle, but it's also a well-being and a governance issue. Even though he is a private owner, there are access issues that are legal issues as well but also for the welfare of the community residences as well. We will regroup with our counsel and see how we can advocate even further beyond just the legal case you have against Pulama.

**Chair Colette Machado** – We do provide with the legislature and dollar for dollar match and I don't see that changing unless the Legislature redirects their priorities and removes their support.

**Trustee Peter Apo** – You need to figure out a way to create a situation where the community has leverage for high level engagement. The reason they ought to be talking to you directly. That choke point is water. So I was thinking if there were a save Lanai fund, so the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation I don't know what they can do above and beyond by providing legal resources, so that they have NHLC or some legal entity through the help of OHA can provide you with the best legal services focus on the water issue. But the water issue is the trigger to get them to come to table to talk about other things. So if you want to talk about water we need to talk about affordable housing. You create that choke point. *(conversation indiscernible)*

**Trustee Peter Apo** – They don't need to let the attorneys do it, water attorneys that helps people who can't speak up.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Any other testimony? Come up Roselani.

**Ms. Roselani Kahalenau** – Mahalo for coming. We still do not have Hawaiian Immersion on Lanai. I would like to reiterate Ron’s invitation for you folks to take a short drive up Koele you will get a better idea of why many of the residents of what is going on. There is desecration going on up there, desecration of pōhaku that is being imported. After using the pōhaku from Manele they started bringing them in on the barge. I have pictures of boulders on trailers that say Young Brothers on it each of the boulders were strapped down individually. I’ll be very interested in knowing where they are coming from so I can inform my friends from wherever they came from. This is very disturbing. I am very affected by what I can hear. The machines that cut these stones in half. I urge you to and see what they are doing to us here on Lanai. Mahalo.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – How recent have you seen these trucks with pōhaku?

**Ms. Kahaleanu** – As recent as this morning I went up to see. I’ve been making daily trips up there to learn what they are doing with those pōhaku. They are still baskets of pōhaku next to the machines. Those big boulders were on the ground yesterday this morning they are gone.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – You don’t know where the barge came from?

**Ms. Kahaleanu** – No, I’ve asked several personnel but no one wants to share.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – The reason I am concerned is during the storm on Maui many pōhaku were taken from Iao Valley and put in a holding area by the concrete company, some of them were crushed before our people were aware and stopped it. I just wondering if it’s the same rocks. Mahalo.

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

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

**Kamana‘opono Crabbe** – Yes twice a year in our grants we provide Aha Hui Grants they go up to \$10,000 it can be for a community event, festival, a health fair, anything community related. You are welcome to apply it goes up to \$10,000. We are moving to an online application system. You can go to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs website and go to Community grants and fill out the application. They will review for a couple months and usually by November we will have an indication whether or not you are funded. I strongly encourage organizations and communities to take a look at that grant.

Second, in May the board approved for disaster relief funding for the Kauai floods as well as for the situation in Puna in respect to the lava flow and loss of homes and the disbursement of families. Last month the Board held a community meeting in Waipa and disbursed funding. We just received word that the contract for relief funding in Puna was just signed so we will be going by next week to the community to disburse funding there.

Lastly, we would invite you. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is part sponsor of the Year of Hawaiian, it is a gathering at Aloha Stadium on August 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be hula, music, food booths and crafts all day until the evening. In the past they had it a long weekend. This year we are just having it for a day. It’s at Aloha Stadium on August 4<sup>th</sup>, the Year of the Hawaiian. That is it Madame Chair.

#### **VI. Announcements**

*None*

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Colette Machado** - Anything else Trustees, if not I would like to entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna Moves to adjourn the meeting.**

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Seconds the motion.**

**Chair Colette Machado – Is there any opposition for the adjournment, roll call please.**

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey seconds the motion.						
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TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA						Excused
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY						Excused
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						Excused
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
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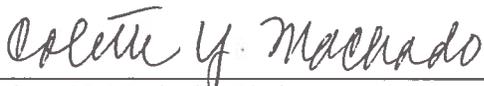
The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dayna Pa Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on August 30, 2018.



Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

Attachment:

1. Excuse Memo – Trustee Rowena Akana
2. Excuse Memo – Trustee Robert Lindsey
3. Excuse Memo – Trustee John Waihe'e IV
4. Letter from Bob Hera dated May 26, 2018
5. Email from Kepa Maly dated July 11, 2018.



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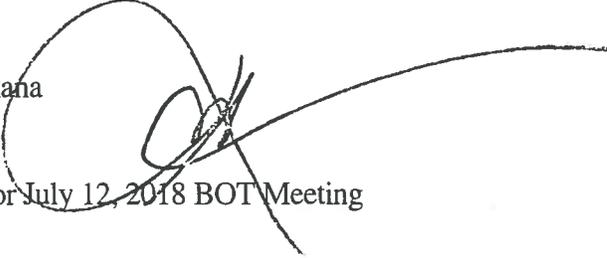
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To: Chairperson Colette Machado  
Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Rowena Akana

Date: July 12, 2018

Re: Excused Absence for July 12, 2018 BOT Meeting



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I am unable to attend today's meeting on Lanai and apologize for this late notice.

Mahalo.



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
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July 5, 2018

TO: Trustee Colette Machado  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Trustee Dan Ahuna, IV  
Vice – Chair, Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.

SUBJECT: Excused Absence from Lānaʻi Island BOT Meeting

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Aloha e Chair Machado:

I am unable to attend the Lānaʻi Island BOT meeting at Lānaʻi Elementary & High School on Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Please extend my excused absence and sincere apologies to the board members.

With sincere aloha,

  
Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
Hawaiʻi Island, Board of Trustees

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Trustee Colette Y. Machado, Chair  
Board of Trustees (BOT)

FROM: Trustee John Waihe'e, IV, Member / At-Large

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Waihe'e", written over a horizontal line.

DATE: July 11, 2018

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FOR TOMORROW'S 07/12 BOT MEETING ON LĀNA`I

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This morning I became aware of an unexpected conflict in schedule that will keep me from travelling to Lāna`i for tomorrow's 07/12/18 Board of Trustees meeting.

Attached is also an email I sent out earlier, to notify your staff and Travel Services.

Please EXCUSE my absence and extend my apologies to the rest of the Board of Trustees.

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Mahalo.

May 26, 2018

Lanai City, Hi

Alison and To Whom It May Concern

In early 2000, The Nature Conservancy Maui Unit terminated all employees on island and moved their operation to the Maui office. Not much was lost, except for the work done clearing invasive plants from 1990 to 1994. It is with regret and disappointment that we need to go through this crisis again. Our organization 'ike 'Aina tried to negotiate the management of Kanepu'u but was rejected because we did not meet the standards of TNC. In 2005, we managed a year by year contract and the future of Kanepu'u looked great when TNC went into a six year contract with the NAPP program in 2011 with a renewal in 2017. I understand that TNC has invested much in the three fencing projects and the nursery project. But it is still regrettable and disappointing when you let the invasive plants take over all the hard work that volunteers have done. Even a week makes a difference with all the precipitation we have had this past year.

Since then, with the help of our partners 'Ike 'Aina, Hui Malama 'O Lana'i, Castle and Cooke, Pulama Lanai, DLNR Maui unit, Hank Oppenheimer from the Endangered Species Program, OHA, The Yoshimoto Foundation and many others who have supported our efforts, we have brought water to Kanepu'u, built iki fences, refurbish some existing fences to make them deer proof, replanted endangered species back into the preserve and dedicated two interpretive trails to our Kupuna. Attached are photos of endangered species plantings and other native forest plants taken two weeks ago

Historically the Hawaiian community have had access to Kanepu'u since the ranch days to malama the native plants. We have much to lose now if we abandon our progress even for a few months. So we are asking written permission to continue our work without funding until you decide to put people on the ground again. We have much concern for the Self Guided Interpretive Trail which was dedicated in March of 2014 to honor our remaining Kupuna on Lanai. It is open 24/7 and has many of our endangered species located there. We can also be your eyes on the ground to monitor any vandalism, poaching and any breaks in the fences that will let the ungulates enter and become established in the iki units. We can also report liability situations when it occurs at all entry and exits to public roads.

With your permission we can also coordinate volunteer groups who have been coming in from off island to help malama the aina at Kanepu'u. I will be forwarding this letter to all our partners, supporters and organizations who have been involved at Kanepu'u and asking for their continued support. We will be waiting for your reply before we start moving our equipment. Mahalo..

Bob Hera

'Ike 'Aina

## Lopaka Baptiste

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**From:** Kepa Maly, Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Jerome K. Yasuhara; Colette Machado; Nancy King; Sterling Wong  
**Cc:**

Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center;

Anthony Pacheco;

**Subject:** RE: PRESS RELEASE: OHA BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET ON LĀNA'I

Mahalo nui nō... 'ohana will share message. Unfortunately, our E 'Ike Hou iā Lāna'i Cultural literacy program is in full gear, and they are scheduled to be out in the field that day. I'm sorry, but I will be off island as well.

Lāna'i CHC is always working to promote pono and stewardship of the honua ola (bio-cultural landscape), and any consideration of support for future programs will be most appreciated. We are always mindful of the great support that OHA provided Lāna'i CHC in the first four years of our initiative, and could never have gotten to where we are without the aloha and support of Trustees and staff.

Of course being an isolated island community, we are always seeking ways to fund programs that will build succession and capacity of future generations as stewards of our Hawaiian landscape.

Ke Akua pū a hui hou,

Kepā



Kepā Maly,  
Executive Director  
Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center

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***Hanohano Lāna'i i ke kauna'oa,  
Kohu kapa 'ahu'ula kau po'ohiwi...!***