

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Waipā Foundation  
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Hanalei, Kauaʻi

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees**  
**Kauaʻi Island Community Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**  
**5:30 pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO  
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA  
TRUSTEE LEINAʻALA AHU ISA  
TRUSTEE W. KELIʻI AKINA  
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHEʻE IV

**EXCUSED:**

TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA  
TRUSTEE PETER APO  
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

KAMANAʻOPONO CRABBE, CEO  
KAWIKA RILEY, ADV  
JASON LEES, DPM  
JOCELYN DOANE, PP  
KAWENA CARVALHO-MATTOS, DPM  
MISTI PALI-ORIOLO, OUTR  
NOALANI NAKASONE, CO  
KALIKO SANTOS, CO

**BOT STAFF:**

CAROL HOOMANAWANUI  
CRAYN AKINA  
LŌPAKA BAPTISTE  
LADY GARRETT  
DAYNA PA  
CLAUDINE CALPITO  
KAY WATANABE  
LEHUA ITOKAZU  
MARIA CALDERON  
DAVIS PRICE  
KAMA HOPKINS  
ANI PANG

**GUESTS**

K. HŌKŪ CABEBE  
LOUISE SAUSEN  
KILIPAKI VAUGH  
KAELO BRADFORD  
WILLIAM PUULEI  
WAYNE HARADA  
GEORGE COSTA

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Colette Machado** Calls the Kauai Island Community Meeting to order at 5:50 pm. Roll call is taken; Trustees Ahuna, Ahu Isa, Akina, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Waiheʻe and Machado are present; constituting a quorum of six (6) trustees. Excuse memos were received from Trustee Rowena Akana, Trustee Peter Apo, and Trustee Robert Lindsey.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**Chair Colette Machado** Begins with the introductions of the Trustees.

Each Trustee that is present is called to introduce themselves and their staff that are present. They also greet the beneficiaries that are present at the meeting.

She shares with those present the ground rules for tonight due to time constraints of the facility as well as the road access for those traveling back to Wainiha. She states that the road will open at 8:30 pm and we want to accommodate everyone so that they may make the 8:30 pm access so they will not need to wait till the 11:00 pm access.

She then turns the mic over to Trustee Dan Ahuna to conduct the meeting this evening.

### **III. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** states that there will be two agencies presenting tonight.

#### **A. Kauai Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce – John Kaohelaulii**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** calls on John Kaohelaulii.

**Mr. John Kaohelaulii** greets the Trustees and introduces himself. He thanks OHA for their support that enabled them to put together their online directory. He states that there are 20 businesses online and they have 25 members in their organization.

He shares an event they will be putting on and will be happening on August 22<sup>nd</sup> called the Summer Slam. Their website is KNHCC.com for more information.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** states that if you need to get in contact with them you can call the Kauai office and they will be able to help to make contact with Mr. Kaohelaulii. He thanks Mr. Kaohelaulii for all his hard work. He calls on Hui Maka‘āinana o Makana.

#### **B. Coco Palms – Noa Mau-Espirito**

*Organization was not present at the meeting and did not present.*

#### **C. Hui Maka‘āinana o Makana – Presley Wann**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** calls on Presley Wann.

**Mr. Presley Wann** greets the Trustees. He states that his project is located in Hā‘ena. He shares that they didn’t suffer much damage compared to others in the community. The community in Hā‘ena has come together through this disaster and they have put aside differences and come together as a community to help each other. He mahalo the Trustees for standing by the community of Hā‘ena and Wainiha and their taro project.

He states that their taro is going good and thanks the Trustees again for their support especially the community based subsistence area.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** asks Mr. John Kaohelaulii to briefly share how the disaster has impacted Native Hawaiian owned business, what type of business have been hurt.

**Mr. John Kaohelaulii** states that he honestly doesn't know. He shares that he is a type of person that if he doesn't belong in an area he doesn't want to "plug that area up". He knows that the community has struggled quite a bit and the community doesn't need other communities coming in. He states that from his personal business side, he sells shoes. They did get a donation from his vendor and through mālama Kaua'i did funnel slippers for the community on this side of the island. He states that on his side many of the families are struggling.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** states that in this area there are a lot of tourist businesses here. He shares that those affected are mostly those that ran the paddle ride rentals or those that cleaned TDR and Timeshares. The tourist aren't coming back so they are still not working. The tourist industry has impacted a lot of jobs in the area. He thanks uncle Presley and his group, after the disaster they provided the Trustee with an opportunity to see and do an assessment of the areas affected by the flooding.

## **V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** Calls on Hoku Cabebe.

**Ms. Hoku Cabebe** introduces herself to the Trustees and thanks them for being on Kauai. She shares what they have been doing as a community and how OHA could further support them as a community. She shares that the reason why they are so successful as a community in coming together to mālama the people in the area is because their kupuna taught them how. She emphasizes that they can use all the help that they can get.

(she reads an email that was sent to Mehana, email has been attached to the minutes, it also has been distributed to the Board)

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** states that before we have the next community concern we will hear from Kamana'opono Crabbe if he has updates.

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** greets the community. He addresses Ms. Cabebe's concern and mentions that they have been updated by Mehana. Administration is currently collecting information to compile it into a report that will provide an update to the Board. He states that the current funding is for the immediate need. He states that after Kaua'i they will go to Puna to address their needs. Hopefully the report will be compiled soon as to what the next steps will be forward in the longer term. He offers several suggestions to reach out to the Department of Business and Economic Development, Small Business Administration, OHA Mālama Loan which can help out with small businesses as well as community economic development and house renovations. He states that they will continue to address her issues.

## **IV. STATUS OF OHA ACTIVITIES**

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

**Kamana‘opono Crabbe** states that he would like to call Misti Pali-Oriol up as a quick update on the situation on the assessment of Kaua‘i. He mentions that several weeks ago staff was sent to Kaua‘i to gather information. With information gathered the Board approved funding for Kaua‘i as well as the Puna relief. OHA has been working with Catholic Charities and have participated in several events on Kaua‘i. He mentions that they have done an intake of 70 native Hawaiian households, they have approved 50 families to receive disaster relief funding and they have started distribution today. He thanks Catholic Charities, Misti and her group, Mehana Hind, Phyllis who handles procurement.

He mentions that if the community is aware of any families who have not sought funding to please spread the word and that there is still available funding. He shares other assistance that OHA has been participating in especially with kalo cultivation. He implores the community for help to identify potential lands that could be used for kalo redevelopment. He calls Misti Pali-Oriol to give a quick update on activities they have been involved in.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** asks Kamana‘opono Crabbe to have Misti explain to the beneficiaries how to qualify to get this funding.

**Misti Pali-Oriol** clarifies that this funding is available to families who were affected by the flood. She outlines the specific requirements and give examples of those who might qualify. She states that those who apply need to live in the area, be native Hawaiian. Funding is available to not only those who suffered damages to their house but those who were not able to get to work, could not get child care, she states that there are all types of losses that people suffered and they are willing to help. She states that if you are interested to please call the Kauai OHA office and they will be able to assist and walk them through the intake form.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** shares that OHA participated in a fair this past Friday and Saturday. They did intake at these fairs. He asks where can others interested go to get help.

**Misti Pali-Oriol** clarifies that they can go to Catholic Charities on Kaua‘i or come in to the OHA office. She asks beneficiaries to call the Kaua‘i office to get more information.

**Ms. Cabebe** offers her site as a potential place where others can get more information. She suggests that they would like to focus on the loi they already have.

**Misti Pali-Oriol** states that they have intake forms available tonight and mentions that they are providing for kalo farmers separately and they should contact Stacy at Waipā.

**Trustee Keli‘i Akina** asks about the process, when an individual submits an intake form who evaluate the form?

**Misti Pali-Oriol** states that either OHA or Catholic Charities is able to verify the form. OHA is verifying native Hawaiian ancestry at the time of intake.

**Trustee Keli‘i Akina** asks who makes the decision on whether the grant is given.

**Misti Pali-Oriol** states that is a joint decision. She clarifies they have been working with Catholic Charities.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** asks for clarification, that an OHA staff and Catholic Charities together decide whether to approve one of the requests.

**Misti Pali-Oriol** confirms yes that they have been working closely on this.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** asks about Phyllis.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** confirms that yes, they have procurement handling all of that it goes through a process.

**Chair Colette Machado** acknowledges Mason Chock's involvement in this request to OHA. She asks Jocelyn Doane to give an update.

**Ms. Jocelyn Doane** greets the community and introduces herself. She gives an update on what her team has been up to and shares bills and measures at the legislature that has affected and would affect the native Hawaiian community. She states that his past session has been really challenging. She shares that OHA was successful in that all the bills OHA opposed did not pass. She explains the issue of public land trust that they are supposed to benefit native Hawaiians and OHA should be receiving 20% of the revenue generated but currently this is not happening. She explains that for the last 6 years or so they have been gathering data and information so that they can sit at the table with legislature and the Governor to negotiate what we should be getting. She explains that this year OHA was not successful in this effort but they will continue to move forward and see what can be done.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** shares that the legislature might go into special session.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** states that we will now move on to community concerns.

## V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** calls on Louise Saucen.

**Ms. Louise Saucen** greets the Trustees and thanks them for coming tonight. She thanks OHA for the money and shares that there were only two groups that handed out money. It was one fundraiser and that from OHA. She shares that with the road closure and the limited time of access it doesn't really work the communities time schedule. She goes on to share her experiences so far regarding the flooding. She is proud of the next generation that has stood up and helped everyone in the community and did what needed to be done.

She shares that they have been fighting the vacation rentals for years. That the kids have nowhere to go and that rent is \$2,803. She shares that her daughter had to work 5 jobs. She states that there were over 500 tourists that were airlifted out. She states the tiny homes work, that is the only way to help them. She asks OHA to take the forefront in any actions to help the Hawaiians.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** calls on Kilipaki Vaughn.

**Mr. Kilipaki Vaughn** greets the Trustees and introduces himself. He shares his experience as an emergency responder regarding the events of the flooding in Hanalei. He states that there was 49.69 inches over a 24-hour period in this valley. He shares the resilience of this community and how the members stepped up and helped each other. He thanks the 7 fire fighters and ocean safety workers who live in Wainiha. He thanks OHA for their funding and support.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** calls on Kaeo Bradford who is the executive director of the County of Kauai Workforce Development.

**Ms. Kaeo Bradford** greets the board and introduces herself. She shares with the Trustees and the Community that they are working with business and individuals in this area that need help, especially in workforce development, education and training. But they also have other resources that they shared with the community. She mentions the various agencies also available to help and that she is working with. She shares that all the community's stories are similar and people are in dire need. She states that the tourism industry is a big component on the island. She offers to help everyone and is available to provide information on different organizations that are out there.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** calls on William Pu'ulei.

**Mr. William Pu'ulei** greets the Trustees and introduces himself. He thanks Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the support. He shares his experience regarding the flood. He thanks all the members of the community that came out to help.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** calls on Wayne Harada.

**Mr. Wayne Harada** greets the Trustees and thanks Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the opportunity for the opportunity for the community to come out and for them to regain Trust in OHA. He shares that he is a teacher and his experience of the flood. He thanks the young member of the community that has stepped up and provided for the kupuna. He asks if OHA could open an educational facility out in Hā'ena. He shares the concern of students being bussed out of the area to attend school and what will happen if there is another emergency. Access in and out of the area is a concern for residents in the area.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** shares his experience on Kauai. That when it rains the Hanalei kids have to go home. It makes sense to have a school on this side. He calls on Misti Pali-Oriol, Kaeo Bradford and George Costa.

**Mr. George Costa** thanks the Board for inviting this evening and apologizes for being late. He introduces himself and shares his experience with the flooding. He worked at the Emergency Operations Command Center and for three weeks they were trying to direct this out in this area but had no clue what was going on. He shares that he will be working with Volunteers Organizations During Disasters. With that entity they have all the non-government organization who stepped up to the plate and came to the aid of the community. He feels that they can be more of a liaison with government, because of his experience in the EOC was government was trying to get infrastructure going but was really hard to coordinate with the community.

He shares that every week he has a call with the North Shore Realtors. Their complaint is when will the tourist be able to come back in because vacation rentals are losing money. I have to remind them that we are in a disaster and today someone hinted that things are good in Wainiha. He states that he still sees the suffering that is still happening out there. He is welcome to any information that people are willing to provide. He shares a contact number to get more information.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** inquires of any changes in the accessing of the area.

**Mr. Costa** states that it's a State Highway and DOT controls everything. He shares that in the latest press release that it was mentioned in October is when they plan to be finished and the highway will be open. He states that he has been advocating for that late shift because of people trying to get home. He clarifies he doesn't have an answer and they are relying on the Department of Transportation to give them updates.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** calls on Misti Pali-Oriol.

**Misti Pali-Oriol** provides the community with OHA's number and Catholic Charities' number. She clarifies something that she mentioned earlier. She states that OHA is working very closely with Catholic Charities, but our role has been on the outreach portion of it. Giving beneficiaries access to the service. Catholic Charities is making the decision on who gets funded. She clarifies that they are helping the beneficiaries fill out forms and helping them get what they need to verify ancestry but they are not making the decision.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** states that is the end of Community Concerns. He asks Kamana'opono Crabbe to introduce his staff here tonight.

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** introduces the administration staff that has travel here and also the Kauai Office staff. He inquires with George and Hoku the coordination between community, County and State. Because you are coming up with a plan and the best way to leverage the funding that you request from the State would be good to coordinate it.

**Ms. Cabebe** states that is a tough question. She asks Koral McCarthy is she might weigh in and introduces her. She states that she is at the Court House every morning at 7:30 so that would be the best place to come down.

**Ms. Koral McCarthy** introduces herself and shares their work that they have been doing. She states that she has made contact with DOT and has reached out that they should communicate with the community and do things correctly rather than quickly. She also shares with the Trustees the issues that the communities are facing.

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI**

**None**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** thanks everyone for attending and all the families. He asks for a motion to adjourn.

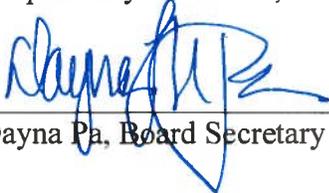
**Trustee John Waihe'e IV Moves to adjourn the meeting**

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

**Trustee Dan Ahuna adjourns the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

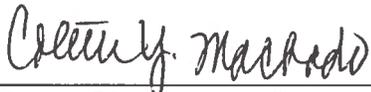
Respectfully submitted,



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Dayna Pa, Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on July 12, 2018.



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Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

**Attachment:**

1. Trustee Rowena Akana – Excuse Memo
2. Trustee Peter Apo – Excuse Memo
3. Trustee Robert Lindsey - Excuse Memo
4. Email from Hoku Cabebe



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**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM**  
*Mea ho'omana'o a ke Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i*

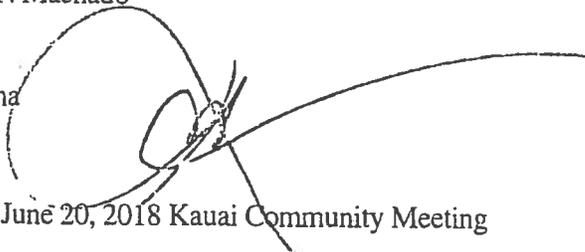
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To: Chairperson Colette Y. Machado  
Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Rowena Akana

Date: June 19, 2018

Re: Excused Absence for June 20, 2018 Kauai Community Meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rowena Akana', is written over the 'From' and 'Date' lines. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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I am unable to attend tomorrow's Community Meeting in Hanalei but will attend Thursday's BOT Meeting at Kauai Community College.

Mahalo.

  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Trustee Colette Machado, BOT Chair  
Trustee Dan Ahuna, BOT Vice-Chair

**FROM:** Trustee Peter Apo

**DATE:** June 19, 2018

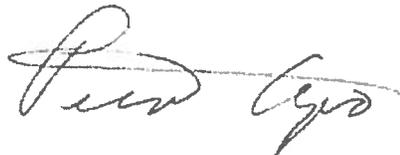
**RE: BOT Meeting Absence on June 20, 2018**

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I am unable to attend the BOT Community Meeting on June 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Hanalei, Kaua'i. Please excuse my absence and extend my apologies to the members of the Board.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 594-1879.

Mahalo.





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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 Kaua'i Island Community Meeting on June 20, 2018

Aloha e Chair Machado:

I am unable to attend tomorrow's Kaua'i Island Community meeting at Waipā Foundation Keanolani Hale.

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

With sincere aloha,

  
Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
Hawai'i Island, Board of Trustees

**Dayna Pa**

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**From:** Hoku Cabebe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018 6:16 PM  
**To:** BOT Meetings  
**Subject:** Fwd: Halele'a 'ohana Kako'o

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Hoku Cabebe  
Date: Tue, May 29, 2018, 3:21 PM  
Subject: Halele'a 'ohana Kako'o  
To:  
Cc: Mehana

Aloha nui e Mehana,

Hope all is well and you don't mind me contacting you! Wanted to update you as a few of us in our community who have been working together to help rebuild and restore after our historical floods have had a few meetings since you were on island with OHA staff. We have put together proposals for funding of crews that we have put together in hopes that you can assist. These crews are made of people who have been working non stop since the floods and are also affected and many are Hawaiian ohana members from Ha'ena and Wainiha. Jobs we have been doing and will continue to do and need to be done are Natural Resource Management, removing flood generated debris, 'auwai restoration, out-planting of natives, trail restoration, beach park (Hanalei, Wainiha, Maninihola and Ha'ena) cleanups, Ha'ena State Master Plan implementation, assisting with clean up of coastal areas, reefs, streams and other areas.

We also have teams assisting with human services issues doing outreach, support and counseling and 'ohana based services to those hardest hit. We have been visiting kupuna to bring them food and check on their living situations, medical help, yard services and companionship. We have helped organize schools, provided child care for children of those working to assist in recovery and rebuild efforts. We have been providing meals in a wide arrange of ways from school children to work crews to soup kitchens and even feeding the National Guard and different service men and women.

We have been assisting with carpentry and home repairs and could really use OHA's help with repairing, restoring or even building homes for generational Hawaiian families from that area. We are looking at using tiny homes or other green, low impact, modular or movable models.

We are working with kupuna in the area with expertise on planning (assisting families with learning to navigate rebuilding and permitting efforts), documentation and research (to guide future rebuilding and permitting).

We would like to train community work forces in key areas such as cultural knowledge, law and policy, natural resource management, mapping and other skills.

We have been working on visitor management.

We are supporting our kalo farmers and other agricultural workers.

We are working to assess and address existing infrastructure and to replace cesspools and septic systems with options that will not contaminate our streams and ocean.

We humbly ask for your support through funding that would be awarded to Hale Halawai O Hanalei, Hui Maka'ainana O Makana, Malama Kua'aina and Waipa. These non profits were started by esteemed kupuna of Halele'a, most of whom are no longer with us and are currently sustained by highly respected 'ohana members of Halele'a.

I know you know the value of the people of this area and aina kaulana and pule that you are able to kokua in this great time of need.

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
Hoku Cabebe  
Halele'a 'ohana