

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Hānau ka Ulu Lā‘au, Ola Mau nā Hua  
186 Pi‘iholo Rd.  
Makawao, HI 96768**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Site Visit  
May 9, 2018  
10:30 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO  
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA  
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY

**EXCUSED:**

TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA  
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA  
TRUSTEE PETER APO  
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E IV

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

KAWIKA RILEY, ADV  
MEHANA HIND, CE  
JASON LEES, DPM  
ALICE SILBANUZ, DPM

**BOT STAFF:**

CAROL HOOMANAWANUI  
LOPAKA BAPTISTE  
LEHUA ITOKAZU  
DAYNA PA  
MAX MUKAI  
CRAYN AKINA

**GUESTS:**

KUMU KEALI‘I REICHEL  
PUNAHELE KRAUSS  
KOA HEWAHEA  
KA‘AWA HEWAHEWA  
KEPA HEWAHEWA  
CARREN FROSTK  
KAHAKUILAILA HEWAHEWA

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Colette Machado** Calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 10:35am with no quorum. Trustees present are Trustee Dan Ahuna, Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, and Chair Colette Machado. Excuse memos were recieved from Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa, Trustee Rowena Akana, Trustee Keli‘i Akina, Trustee Peter Apo, Trustee Robert Lindsey, and Trustee John Waihe‘e IV.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Trustees along with staff participate in protocol to enter into the complex. Trustees were greeted by the individuals from the project and gathered to be briefed on Hānau ka Ulu Lā‘au, Ola Mau nā Hua.

**III. SITE VISIT**

**A. Hānau ka Ulu Lā‘au, Ola Mau nā Hua**

**Kumu Keali‘i Reichel** Briefs Trustees on the histoty of the project. He explains to the Trustees the differents area names and also the different aspects of natures to these areas.

Hānau ka Ulu Lā‘au, Ola Mau nā Hua (Born is the forest, long live the seeds): Under the leadership of Kumu Hula Keali‘i Reichel, Hālau Ke‘alaokamaile is spearheading an effort to create a 30-acre Native

Habitat Corridor on Maui, starting with a 6-acre kīpuka in Makawao that will provide a permanent hālau facility. The Hālau will study chants, Hawaiian language newspapers and firsthand accounts to identify plants that are native to the area. Then, in collaboration with six Hālau and Hawaiian immersion programs, Hālau Ke‘alaokamaile will begin restoring native flora to the Makawao ahupua‘a using traditional Hawaiian practices and natural farming.

They have removed the line of farming the land and dancing hula. They have had to work with the County to build a Hālau on ag zoned land. The OHA grant has been a catalyst for the County to see that hula as well as farming go hand in hand. They have gotten permission to build their hālau and it is providing a template for other hālau.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Asks Keali‘i to contact our staff to see how OHA can advocate for the change in zoning to allow such us for the Hālau.

**Kumu Reichel** States that it can happen at the County level but it would better at the State level. There needs to be some kind of checks and balance to be considered Hālau. He also goes into detail the different aspects of the law that allow for an exemption for building things such as churches.

**Chair Colette Machado** Asks of the land situation with the land owner.

**Kumu Reichel** Clarifies that it is at a long term lease because of County issues.

**Carren Frost** States that this is part of a 60 acre parcel that we don’t have the right to divide that so we will need to condominiumized.

**Chair Colette Machado** Suggests that all the equity put into the land it is not uncommon for a land gift. They do it a lot in State with legacy lands. They take a percentage of the real property tax that goes to the lands.

**Ms. Carren Frost** Asks what Department is this?

**Chair Colette Machado** Clarifies that it is with the Department of Natural Resources, Legacy Lands. She shares the project on Molokai, the Molokai Land Trust.

**Ms. Carren Frost** shares her story of her brother and the progress of obtaining the current land parcel. She also shares their work with trying to help get this project going.

**Koa Hewahewa** shares background on himself. His background is sustainable science management with Horticulture Native Hawaiian Plants. He share with Trustees his knowledge of the project and states that he is trying to make these things cool again to normalize protocol, tradiitions, a lot of this mentality of western way of farmingin is not new. Our people have been doing it a long time. Sustainability is not new our people did it. They are incorporating old ways in farming and in the restoration techniqes and fusing them with modern technology and techniques.

He shares their style of farming is agriforestry. Planting densely and lot of plants. They plant family style, so that people feel they are included in it. They plant with no pesticides or amending the soil. He shares that outside of the 6 acres for the OHA project they have 19.6 acres they are working with the Forestry on a project.

He explains the concept of AgriForestry. He states that our native plants are very social they like to mingle. Unlike the evasive trees that like to grow on their own. Native plants grow better together, there is maintenance but they grow well. He shares an example of how they planted a single koa tree by its self and in 6 months it grew maybe a foot. But planting a koa tree with other native trees and canoe crops that tree grew eight feet in 6 months. He shares that 6 weeks ago the entire Forestry board was there to see the progrees of their AgriForestry.

He takes Trustees on a tour of the garden area. They are incorporating a lot of hula plants, and canoe crops, which are kalo, maia, a lot of those things grow quick and provide a windbreak for native trees. Planting in this style is also a good way to manage pests. This has turned into a great educational opportunity for all involved not only the growing of plants but also the culture.

(Trustees go on a tour of their fields that was planted 7 months ago)

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

NONE

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NONE

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Having no further business Chair Colette Machado adjourns the meeting at 12:22 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dayna Pa, Board Secretary

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

  
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Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

#### Attachments:

- Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa Excuse Memo
- Trustee Rowena Akana Excuse Memo
- Trustee Keli'i Akina Excuse Memo
- Trustee Peter Apo Excuse Memo
- Trustee Robert Lindsey, Jr. Excuse Memo
- Trustee John Waihe'e IV



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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Interoffice Memorandum

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DATE: May 9, 2018

TO: Trustee Colette Machado, Chairperson

FROM: Trustee ~~Leina'ala Ahu'isa~~

RE: **Board of Trustee Maui Island Site Visit – Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

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Aloha,

Please excuse my absence for the upcoming Board of Trustee Maui island site visit scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2018 due to previously scheduled commitments. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office staff.

Mahalo.



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**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM**

*Mea ho'omana'o a ke Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i*

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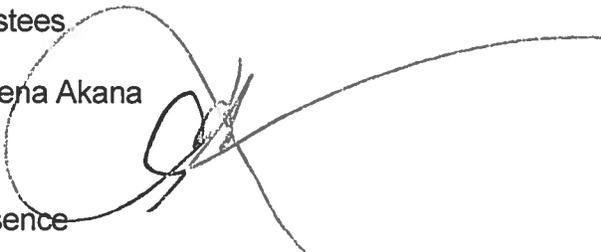
To: Chairperson Colette Y. Machado

Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Rowena Akana

Date: May 9, 2018

Re: Excused Absence



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Please be advised that I am unable to attend the Board of Trustees Maui Site Visit on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 10:30 A.M.

Mahalo!



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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Interoffice Memorandum

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Date: May 16, 2018  
To: Chair Colette Machado  
Cc: RM Chair Hulu Lindsey  
From: Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Subject: Request to be excused from May 9 Site Visit of the Board of Trustees

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Dear Chair Machado,

Please excuse my absence from the May 9, 2018 site visit. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keli'i Akina', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Trustee Akina



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Trustee Peter Apo

**DATE:** May 9, 2018

**RE:** BOT Meeting Absence on May 9, 2018

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I am unable to attend the BOT Meeting/Site Visit on May 9, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. on Maui Island. 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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May 8, 2018

OFFICE OF  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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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 Site Visit of the Board of Trustees on May 9, 2018

Aloha e Chair Machado:

I am unable to attend tomorrow's Site Visit of the Board of Trustees at Hānau ka Ulu Lā'au, Ola Mau nā Hua.

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

With sincere aloha,

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



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**Office of Trustee John Waihe'e IV**  
**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 9, 2018

To: Chairperson Colette Y. Machado  
Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Waihee

Subject: **BOT Site Visit on Wednesday May 9, 2018**

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I am sorry to inform you that I am unable to attend the BOT Site Visit to Hānau ka Ulu Lā'au, ola Mau nā Hua scheduled for Wednesday May 9, 2018. Please excuse my absence and extend my sincere apologies to the organization.

Mahalo.