

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
MINUTES  
March 11, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Vice-Chairperson Leina'ala Ahu Isa  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee  
Trustee Keola Lindsey  
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

**BOT STAFF:**

Colin Kippen  
Amber Kalua  
Kanani Iaea  
Lehua Itokazu

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO  
Casey Brown, Pou Nui / COO  
Ramona Hink, CFO  
Sterling Wong, Chief Advocate  
Raina Gushiken, CC  
Everett Ohta, CC  
Kurt Klein, Counsel  
Kevin Chak, IT Support  
Erin Nakama, IT Support  
Robert Klein, Counsel  
Kevin Chak, IT Support  
Erin Nakama, IT Support

**Call to Order**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, March 11, 2021 to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair Hulu calls for a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA 'ALA	AHU ISA	x	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	x	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	x	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	x	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	x	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE	x	
TRUSTEE	KEOLA	LINDSEY	x	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E		10:03 a.m.
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	x	
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At the Call to Order, **Eight (8)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chairperson Hulu Lindsey** Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Eighteenth Supplementary Proclamation dated February 12, 2021 that suspends parts of Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records to, among other things, enable boards to conduct business without any board members or members of the public physically present at the same location.

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Before we begin, I would like to note that items:

1. IV.A. 1 and 2 were received under the 72 hour deadline.

Please mute your mics when you are not speaking. Trustees and our CEO, please enable your cameras if you are able to do so. All other OHA staff please enable your camera and mic when addressing the board. If you get disconnected, we will pause the meeting for one minute and wait for you to log back on. After one minute we will proceed with the meeting. If you need to leave the meeting, please inform the Chair by announcing that you are leaving the meeting.

We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting. Joining the Trustees today is Sylvia Hussey our CEO and Assistant Legal Counsel-Everett Ohta. We also have Colin Kippen-Chief of Staff, Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu, Kanani Iaea and Amber Kahlua. I would also like to introduce my staff, Colin Kippen, Lehua Itokazu, Kanani Iaea, and Amber Kalua.

I would like to call upon our Ka Pouhana Sylvia to announce the administrative staff that is present.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Thank you Chair and good morning Trustees. Today we have Casey Brown-Chief Operating Officer, Ramona Hink-Chief Financial Officer, Raina Gushiken-Senior Legal Counsel, Everett Ohta-Assistant Legal Counsel, and our IT team for support.

**Chairperson Hulu Lindsey** Thank you. I will move on to approval of minutes. Can I get a motion to accept the minutes for February 11, 2021?

**Approval of Minutes**

**Trustee Akaka** I so move.

**Trustee Akina** Seconds the motion.

**Chairperson Hulu Lindsey** Roll call

<b>Minutes: February 11, 2021</b>						
	1	2	'AE (YES )	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI <b>AHU ISA</b>			X			
TRUSTEE DAN <b>AHUNA</b>			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI <b>AKAKA</b>	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I <b>AKINA</b>		X	X			
TRUSTEE LUANA <b>ALAPA</b>			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON <b>LEE</b>					X	
TRUSTEE KEOLA <b>LINDSEY</b>			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN <b>WAIHE'E</b>			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU <b>LINDSEY</b>			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) YES votes and one (1) ABSTENSION vote.</b>						

**Public Testimony**

**Chairperson Hulu Lindsey** I would like to move on to Public testimony on the agenda, do we have anyone signed up?

**Board Secretary** No

**New Business**

**Chairperson Hulu Lindsey** At this time I would like to move on New Business and call upon Trustee Akaka on the referral from the BAE Committee for March 10, 2021.

**A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment**

- 1. 2021 OHA Legislative Positioning – Matrix 2\*\*†, March 10, 2021**
- 2. OHA Federal Legislative Positioning - Matrix† - Advocacy (Washington, D.C. Bureau)**

**Trustee Akaka Madam Chair, your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on March 10, 2021 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:**

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

**NEW BILLS (Items 1-24) and BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION (Items 25-29), along with the following revisions:**

**ADD Measures**

- GM688, as SUPPORT**
- GM689, as SUPPORT**
- GM691, as SUPPORT**
- HCR76, as SUPPORT**
- HR64, as SUPPORT**
- SCR55, as SUPPORT**
- SR37, as SUPPORT**

**CHANGE Measures:**

- Item 329, HCR9, from MONITOR to SUPPORT**

**On the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated March 10, 2021**

**Trustee K. Lindsey Seconds the motion.**

Trustee Akaka moves to approve Administration’s recommendations on:

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Trustee K. Lindsey seconds the motion.

		1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI	AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I	AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA	ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON	LEE			X			
TRUSTEE KEOLA	LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU	LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>9</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>							
<b>Motion passes with nine ( 9 ) YES votes and zero (0) EXCUSED vote.</b>							

**Trustee Akaka to approve Administration's recommendations on:**

**OHA Federal Legislative Positioning Matrix presented by the OHA Advocacy Washington D.C. Bureau:**

- **OHA FED 1 through OHA FED 4 all as SUPPORT**

**Trustee K. Lindsey Seconds the motion.**

Trustee Akaka moves To approve Administration's recommendations on: NEW BILLS:							
OHA Federal Legislative Positioning Matrix presented by the OHA Advocacy Washington D.C. Bureau:							
• OHA FED 1 through OHA FED 4 all as SUPPORT							
Trustee Waihee seconds the motion.							
		1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI	AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I	AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA	ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON	LEE			X			

TRUSTEE KEOLA	LINDSEY			X		
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E			X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU	LINDSEY		X	X		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>9</b>		
<b>MOTION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
<b>Motion passes with Nine ( 9 ) YES votes and zero (0) no vote.</b>						

Trustee Lee Madame Chair, may I have a point of personal privilege please?

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Yes.

Trustee Lee I would like to note the presence of Board Counsel, Robert Klein.

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Mahalo Trustee, Aloha Counsel.

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Do we have anyone signed up?

Board Secretary There is no one signed up.

**Announcements**

*No announcements are made.*

**Adjournment**

Trustee Akaka moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Ahuna seconds the motion.

Chairperson Lindsey calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA		X	X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	X		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			

TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9		0	0
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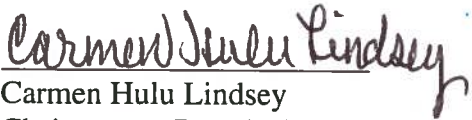
**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on March 25, 2021.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments: