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Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MINUTES
April 1, 2021

ATTENDANCE:
Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Vice-Chairperson Leinaʻala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keliʻi Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻaina Lee
Trustee Keola Lindsey
Trustee John Waiheʻe, 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
Raina Gushiken, CC
Kevin Chak, IT Support
Erin Nakama, IT Support

Guest
P. Kapi Kenoi-Chin
M. Keolanui Kenoi-Okajima
R. Kina Kenoi-Sai
Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, April 1, 2021 to order at 10:10 a.m. Chair Hulu calls for a roll call.

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At the Call to Order, nine (9) Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

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

1. IV.B.1 and IV.C.1 were received under the 72-hour deadline. I will also be deferring Item IV.D to another date.

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, Judge Robert Klein, Colin Kippen-Chief of Staff, Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu, and my Aides - Kanani Iaea and Amber Kahlua.
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, and our IT staff Kevin and Erin for support.

Public Testimony

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Thank you. I will move on to Public Testimony, item III. On the agenda. Do we have anyone signed up?

Board Secretary No one is signed up.

New Business

Action Item BOT #21-02: A Resolution of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawaii

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Our next item is IV.A on the agenda and I would like to call upon our Hawaii Island Trustee Keola Lindsey to read and assist with this resolution that reads Action Item #21-02. Trustee Lindsey please proceed.

Trustee Keola Lindsey Mahalo Chair. I appreciate the opportunity to honor a man who provided a true impact and who left a lasting legacy here on Hawaii Island, throughout the State, and across the world. He left behind a large ohana and many friends. Before I read the resolution I would like to introduce the family members that have joined us today Deidre Kaiiawa-sister, Kapi Kenoi-Chin-sister, Keolanui Kenoi-Okaia-sister, and Kina Kenoi-Sai, sister. I would like to offer this resolution for consideration.

A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIALAIAKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI’I

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi was born on November 9, 1968, to Clayton Philip and Nancy Kenoi in Kalapana, Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi graduated from Waiakea High School and attended both Hawai‘i Community College and the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo before graduating from the University of Massachusetts Amherst; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi worked as a Congressional intern to Hawai‘i Senator Daniel K. Inouye, attending the Democratic National Convention in New York City and establishing a lifetime friendship with the Senator; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa in 1996, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi passed the bar exam and then served as a clerk for Judge Richard K. Perkins of the Eighth Division of the First Circuit; and
WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi then worked as a deputy public defender, representing many Native Hawaiians in the judicial system, where he served in the Appellate, Family Court, Juvenile Criminal and Adult Family Court divisions, before finishing his career at the Public Defender’s Office at the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2001, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi served as an executive assistant to Hawai‘i Mayor Harry Kim for seven years, managing high-priority county projects, including community grants, a multi-agency initiative combatting a crystal meth epidemic, and a program to control invasive species; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi ran for, and at the age of 39 was one of the youngest to ever be elected, mayor of the County of Hawai‘i where he served two consecutive terms leaving office in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor Kenoi, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi received praise for his efforts to unite the population, leading for two terms through a recession, maintaining services to its 198,000 residents, overseeing $630 million in capital improvement projects, strategically investing in economic development initiatives, and effectively managing 2,500 employees and a $463 million annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, after his term as mayor ended, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi underwent several blood transfusions, bone marrow transplants and aggressive chemotherapy to treat his leukemia yet continued to serve his family, his friends and his community with guidance and advice; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi passed away at his home in Volcano, surrounded by his three children Justin, Liam and Mahina, and his wife of 25 years, Takako; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi will always be fondly remembered as a passionate civic leader who cared deeply for the community he served and who had a genuine love and aloha for all the families who resided in his island home; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi was gifted with charisma, intelligence, a deep personal commitment to the Hawaiian people and perhaps more than anything an exceptional mastery of the skill of public speaking, able to discuss and debate any issue as an orator with an inspiring eloquence rarely experienced; and

WHEREAS, it is said that William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi’s 2014 commencement speech to graduates of Hawai‘i Pacific University stands as one of the finest commencement speeches ever delivered in the Hawaiian Islands. In encouraging graduates to chase their dreams, he took the well-known Hawai‘i phrase of “If can, can. If no can, no can” and pleaded with graduates that “There is no such thing as no can...always can!”; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaialaikahala Kenoi spent his last days still inspiring his community, giving a stirring speech on overcoming crisis through opportunity to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai‘i’s 170th conference and virtual summit; and giving his last public speech at the inauguration of Hawai‘i County Mayor Mitch Roth in December 2020, stating to all that “by chasing perfection, we reach excellence.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned duly recognized as the Board Chair and Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on this 1st day of April 2021, do set forth their hand to recognize, honor, and
memorialize the life of William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi.

ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2021, island of O‘ahu, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.

I move that the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs approve:

Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Any discussion? Roll Call.

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Kina Kenoi-Sai Aloha, I am the youngest sister but I am going to defer to my other older sister who is on the phone, Keola.

Keola Kenoi-Okajima Thank you Trustees. On behalf of my sister-in-law Takako and Billy’s children, Liam, Justin, and Mahina and all of our family members, we are so very honored for the reading of this resolution. We thank you all, we hope that you continue to serve our community and thank you for your time today.
Deirdre Kailiawa I just want to thank everyone for being here and honoring our very special brother who we all loved dearly and can’t say how proud we all are of his accomplishments. He brought us all so much happiness. He has done so much for everyone. I just want to say Aloha, especially to his family, Takako, Liam, Justin, and Mahina, they have lost their most precious valuable resource in their family. I am sure it is not easy for any of us. Love you all.

Chair Hulu Lindsey From all of the Trustees, we mahalo all of you for joining us this morning as we share our Aloha with you and your family for someone who we think quite highly off as well. So, mahalo nui. We will be moving on to Item B. I would like to call on Trustee Waihee.

B. Joint Meeting of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and the Committee on Resource Management

1. Action Item BAE-RM #21-02: Approval to Reallocate the FY20 and FY21 Unspent Balance of Contract #3363 in the Amount of $838,332; and Reclassify FY21 Unencumbered Sponsorships of $205,921; for the Combined Purpose to Award a Grant of $1,044,253 for Emergency Financial Assistance to Hawai‘i Community Lending

Trustee Waihe‘e Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) and your Committee on Resource Management (RM), having met on March 30, 2021 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following three actions to the Board of Trustees:

Action 1:
Reallocate the FY20 and FY21 unspent balance of Contract #3363 in the amount of $838,332 for the purpose of an aggregated emergency financial assistance grant award. This award will be given to Hawaii Community Lending.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

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Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Trustee Waihe'e.

Trustee Waihe’e Thank you Madam Chair. Madam Chair I would like to move to:

Action 2:
Reclassify FY21 $135,000 (Board Trustees) and $70,921 (Kaiaulu) Sponsorships for a total of $205,921 from 56560 Grants in Aid Sponsorships to 56510 Grants in Aid Program Grants for the purpose of an aggregated emergency financial assistance grant award.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Motion passes with nine (9) YES votes and zero (0) no vote.

Trustee Waihe’e Madam Chair, I would like to move to:
Action 3
Award the total of $205,921 to and contract with Hawai‘i Community Lending for the purpose of an emergency financial assistance grant award.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

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Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Thank you, Moving on to New Business C. Committee on Resource Management.

A. Committee on Resource Management (RM)

Trustee Waihe‘e Thank you Madam Chair Your Committee on Resource Management, having met on March 30, 2021 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following action to the Board of Trustees:
To approve the:
- OHA Financial Statements with Independent Auditor’s Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2020 at Attachment A; and

Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe’e moves to approve the:
- OHA Financial Statements with Independent Auditor’s Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2020 at Attachment A; and

Trustee Akina seconds the motion.

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Chair Hulu Lindsey Trustees after the agenda was filed it became apparent that item D should have been made an Executive Session item even though the Report will not be discussed at this stage. The Report itself contains proprietary and confidential information and should only be released in Executive Session with proper steps taken to address the confidentiality safeguards that must be put in place. Consequently, as Chair, I am deferring this item until the next BOT Meeting when it can be released in Executive Session subject to adequate safeguards. Mahalo. Any questions? If not we will move on to Community Concerns.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Do we have anyone signed up?

Board Secretary There is no one signed up.
Announcements

Chairperson Hulu Lindsey Our next Board meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2021 at 10 A.M.

Adjournment

Trustee Akaka moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Waihe’e seconds the motion.

Chairperson Lindsey calls for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

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Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on April 15, 2021.
Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Action Item/Resolution BOT#21-02
ACTION ITEM
Board of Trustees
April 1, 2021

BOT #21-02


Prepared by:

Ed Kalama, Ke Kahua Paikala Kūikawā
Interim Public Relations Officer

Reviewed by:

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

Reviewed by:

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Ke Kauhuhu o ke Kaupoku
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Mar 23, 2021

Mar 24, 2021

I. Action

The OHA Board of Trustees approves “A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I” at Attachment A.

II. Issue

Should the OHA Board of Trustees approve the resolution at Attachment A.

III. Discussion

In light of the recent passing of former Hawai‘i County Mayor Billy Kenoi, Administration recommends to the Board of Trustees a resolution to honor:

- A Native Hawaiian 1996 graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa;
- A former law clerk for Judge Richard Perkins of the Eighth Division of the First Circuit;
- An attorney who fought for many Native Hawaiians in the judicial system and who practiced in the Appellate, Family Court, Juvenile Criminal, Adult Family Court and Public Defender’s Office;
- An executive assistant to former Hawai‘i County Mayor Harry Kim who was known for managing high-priority projects;
- A two-term Mayor of the County of Hawai‘i; and
- A gifted, charismatic orator who had a deep personal commitment to the Hawaiian people.

Mayor Kenoi was a passionate, beloved, civic leader who cared deeply about serving his community and who had a genuine love and aloha for not only Native Hawaiians but for all the people of Hawai‘i.

IV. Recommendation

Administration recommends the BOT approve “A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I” at Attachment A.
V. Alternative Actions

A. To not approve Administration’s recommended resolution; or

B. To approve an amended version of Administration’s recommended resolution.

VI. Funding

No funding is required.

VII. Timeframe

Immediate action is recommended.

VIII. Attachment A - Resolution
A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi was born on November 9, 1968, to Clayton Philip and Nancy Kenoi in Kalapana, Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi graduated from Waiakea High School and attended both Hawai‘i Community College and the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo before graduating from the University of Massachusetts Amherst; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi worked as a Congressional intern to Hawai‘i Senator Daniel K. Inouye, attending the Democratic National Convention in New York City and establishing a lifetime friendship with the Senator; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa in 1996, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi passed the bar exam and then served as a clerk for Judge Richard K. Perkins of the Eighth Division of the First Circuit; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi then worked as a deputy public defender, representing many Native Hawaiians in the judicial system, where he served in the Appellate, Family Court, Juvenile Criminal and Adult Family Court divisions, before finishing his career at the Public Defender’s Office at the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2001, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi served as an executive assistant to Hawai‘i Mayor Harry Kim for seven years, managing high-priority county projects, including community grants, a multi-agency initiative combatting a crystal meth epidemic, and a program to control invasive species; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi ran for, and at the age of 39 was one of the youngest to ever be elected, mayor of the County of Hawai‘i where he served two consecutive terms leaving office in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor Kenoi, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi received praise for his efforts to unite the population, leading for two terms through a recession, maintaining services to its 198,000 residents, overseeing $630 million in capital improvement projects, strategically investing in economic development initiatives, and effectively managing 2,500 employees and a $463 million annual operating budget; and
WHEREAS, after his term as mayor ended, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi underwent several blood transfusions, bone marrow transplants and aggressive chemotherapy to treat his leukemia yet continued to serve his family, his friends and his community with guidance and advice; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi passed away at his home in Volcano, surrounded by his three children Justin, Liam and Mahina, and his wife of 25 years, Takako; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi will always be fondly remembered as a passionate civic leader who cared deeply for the community he served and who had a genuine love and aloha for all the families who resided in his island home; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi was gifted with charisma, intelligence, a deep personal commitment to the Hawaiian people and perhaps more than anything an exceptional mastery of the skill of public speaking, able to discuss and debate any issue as an orator with an inspiring eloquence rarely experienced; and

WHEREAS, it is said that William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi’s 2014 commencement speech to graduates of Hawai‘i Pacific University stands as one of the finest commencement speeches ever delivered in the Hawaiian Islands. In encouraging graduates to chase their dreams, he took the well-known Hawai‘i phrase of “If can, can. If no can, no can” and pleaded with graduates that “There is no such thing as no can...always can!”; and

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi spent his last days still inspiring his community, giving a stirring speech on overcoming crisis through opportunity to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai‘i’s 170th conference and virtual summit; and giving his last public speech at the inauguration of Hawai‘i County Mayor Mitch Roth in December 2020, stating to all that “by chasing perfection, we reach excellence.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned duly recognized as the Board Chair and Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on the 1st day of April 2021, do set forth their hand to recognize, honor, and memorialize the life of William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi.

ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2021, island of O‘ahu, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.