

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
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
June 28, 2022**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waihe‘e, IV

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary

GUEST:

Kiara Rodrigues
Tara Rojas
Alfred Medeiros

ADMINISTRATION:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Ramona Hinck, CFO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Senior Legal Counsel
Capsun Poe, Comm. Engagement Dir.
Robert Klein, Board Counsel
Kai Markell, Compliance Enforcement Mgr.
Kamakana Ferreira, Lead CPL Specialist
Erin Nakama-IT Support
Kevin Chak-IT Support

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 1:36 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA‘ALA	AHU ISA	X	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA		Joined at 2:16 pm
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA		Joined at 1:38 pm
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA		Joined at 1:52 pm
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA	LEE	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **six (6)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

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Before we begin, I would like to note that items IV. A. 1 & 2 were received under the 72-hour deadline. Let me go over some quick announcements. Please mute your mics when you are not speaking, 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 my staff, my Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua, and Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu. Also with us today is Robert Klein, Board Counsel, and Sylvia Hussey, our CEO. I will call on Sylvia to introduce staff participating.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Thank you Chair and good afternoon, everyone. Today we have our COO-Casey Brown, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel-Nietzsche Ozawa, Community Dir.-Capsun Poe, Kamakana Ferreira-Lead Compliance Specialist, Kai Markel-Compliance and Enforcement Mgr and supporting from IT, we have Kevin and Erin.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you. I would also like to introduce Robert Klein, our Board Counsel, welcome Judge. Do we have anyone signed up to testify?

Board Secretary Yes.

Public Testimony

Kiara Rodrigues Shares her intention today is to make sure we perpetuate her culture for many generations to come. She thanks the Trustees for coming to Kaua‘i and for listening to hours of testimony. She requests the

Trustees help them fight the upcoming developments, the hewa, and all the wrongdoings going on with the iwi. She wants OHA to be the frontline for kānakas.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Tara Rojas She mahalos the Trustees for coming to Kaua‘i. She states she looked up OHA’s website and that the site says OHA’s advocacy *calls for developing and shaping public policies that have broad implications for the Hawaiian community. Also, OHA’s advocacy is uplifting in its efforts to help ensure that laws are complied with local, state and federal levels.* She states that according to the colonized system, their processes to ensure laws are complied with SHPD, DLNR, and Planning commission meetings. Everything stated on our website, they are not doing. This is not being done and for many years. If OHA is not the one to help huli this hewa, then who? Kānaka Maoli should be able to conduct kānaka things on their own land, not pushed out, desecrated. She asks that OHA fulfill their duties.

Alfred Medeiros Aloha everyone, mahalo for allowing time to testify. He speaks on Kōloa. They are continuing to do what they want and just stealing the land from kānakas. He wants OHA to do something. How much more times do they have to stand and get arrested? He is tired of watching the women stand up and get arrested. There is so much corruption. He inquires about a Board member being investigated by the FBI. He asks the Trustees to listen to the community and to help them to make all this hewa stop, the only way is together. As a kane, he shared his kuleana is to make sure the wāhine, kūpuna, and keiki are protected and iwi is not desecrated. This is the way we can trace back to our roots. He pleads by saying more needs to be done and OHA needs to be more involved.

New Business

A. Committee on Resource Management

1. Action Item RM #22-14: Approve the Awarding of Community Grants - Housing, from Solicitation #22-01.01, published March 29, 2022

Chair Hulu Lindsey Moving onto item IV.A.1, I will call on trustee Waihe‘e.

Trustee Waihe‘e Chair Lindsey, Your Committee on Resource Management, having met on June 28, 2022, and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following two (2) actions to the Board of Trustees:

Action 1

re: ACTION ITEM RM #22-14

Approve the following Fiscal Year 2022, Community Grants – Housing disbursements totaling \$1,500,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) for:

Organization/Island	Award Amount
Honolulu Habitat for Humanity	\$1,500,000
Total Recommendation	\$1,500,000

Trustee Ahu Isa Seconds the motion.

Trustee Akina I want to say how proud I am of the job we are doing as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs along with the Habitat for Humanity. The \$1.5 million dollars will put nine families into homeownership. These nine Native Hawaiian families, that's tremendous given that the average price of a home is now a million dollars. It's a great value, it's a great commitment to Native Hawaiians and housing; and I just want to commend my fellow Trustees and our partners for this action.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Trustee Akina. Roll call vote.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
Approve the following Fiscal Year 2022, Community Grants – Housing disbursements totaling \$1,500,000 from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) for:						
Organization/Island				Award Amount		
Honolulu Habitat for Humanity				\$1,500,000		
Total Recommendation				\$1,500,000		
Trustee Ahu Isa Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA		X	X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One (0) Excused.						

Chair Hulu Lindsey I would like to amend the RM Action Item #22-15 to read Approve the Awarding of ~~Community Grants~~ – Emergency Financial Assistance Grant, from Solicitation #22-12, published June 7, 2022. This will reflect the title of the action that we took earlier today in the RM Committee. No vote is needed for this, I will now call on Trustee Waihe'e

Trustee Waihe'e Madame Chair, I would like to move to

Action 2

re: ACTION ITEM RM #22-15

Approve the following Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023, Grants In Aid Program & Proviso Grants from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56510) for:

Organization/Island	Award Amount
Alu Like, Inc.	\$830,000
Total Recommendation	\$830,000

Trustee Trask Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
Approve the following Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023, Grants In Aid Program & Proviso Grants from Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56510) for:						
		Organization/Island	Award Amount			
		Alu Like, Inc.	\$830,000			
		Total Recommendation	\$830,000			
Trustee Trask Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK		X	X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One (0) Excused.						

Executive Session

Chair Hulu Lindsey I will entertain a motion to move us in executive session.

Trustee Waihe'e moves to recuse into executive session.

Trustee Ahu Isa Seconds the motion.

The Board recuses into Executive Session at 1:56 p.m.

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section§92-5						
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA		X	X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a eight (8) YES votes and Zero (0) EXCUSED vote.						

Board returns to open session at 2:58 p.m.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey Next week, we will be having our first O‘ahu Island Community meeting, Thursday, July 7th at 5:30pm at the Windward Community College (at the Hale Akoakoa building). I would like to thank Trustee Akaka for asking for a community meeting along with two more that we will be having.

Adjournment

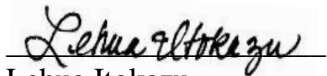
Trustee Waihe'e Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA		X	X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			

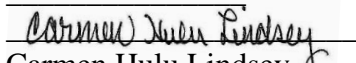
Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on July 19, 2022.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees