

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Salt Pond Beach Park, Hui Hana Pa‘akai o Hanapepe
Lokokai Road, Highway 50
Hanapēpē-‘Ele‘ele, HI. 96705

Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Nineteenth Supplementary Proclamation dated April 9, 2021 that suspend 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.

The OHA Board of Trustees will hold virtual meetings until further notice. The virtual meetings can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA’s website at www.oha.org/livestream or listen by phone: (213) 338-8477

Kaua‘i Site Visit Report
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MINUTES
May 4, 2021 – 2:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Jason Lee
Josh Koh

BOT STAFF:

Colin Kippen
Amber Kalua
Lehua Itokazu
Claudine Calpito
Anuheha Diamond
Kaliko Santos
Noalani Nakasone

GUEST:

Malia Nobrega
Kuulei Santos

EXCUSE:

Trustee Lei Ahu Isa
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Keola Lindsey
Trustee John Waihe‘e

ABSENT:

Trustee Luana Alapa

I. Call to Order

Trustee Ahuna Welcomes everyone to the Salt ponds and introduces Trustees and staff.

II. Introduction

Malia Nobrega Introduces herself, Ku‘ulei, and the area around us.

III. Site Visit

A. The Salt Ponds of Hanapepe

Malia Nobrega starts off by sharing with everyone the ongoing problems happening at the Salt Pond.

1. People speeding with their cars (kicking up dust) or setting their cars on fire
2. Driving their cars into the pond – 2 cars have had to be pulled out.
3. Airport is still trying to build without permits or going through the proper channels
4. Homelessness – a huge population surrounding the pond adds to contamination of the ground

All of these issues have impacts on the salt beds.



Malia has shared that she was able to work with a hydrologist from the University of Hawaii to find out what is happening with the water. She has found that the salinity is very high, about two-to-three times higher than the ocean. The waikū and lo‘i is solidified with all these ‘āina elements. These salt beds and this specific area produces a specific black clay that is used to create the salt beds. What makes this salt extra special and sweeter is the ōpae‘ula, this is also a sign of cleanliness.

In the last year Malia was given the opportunity to write mele and work with students from Kamehameha Schools. The song will be featured this year in the Kamehameha song contest. She was also honored and given an award for her article on protecting the pa‘akai traditions of Hanapēpē, Kaua‘i featured in the Ka Wai Ola paper (2019).



Trustee honors Malia with a plaque for her award winning article.

Kuulei Santos continues the presentation by stating that she would like OHA to be more involved and forceful. She is referring to a letter written by OHA to the County. The letter was never answered. There is also a small county road, that serves no purpose and had no planning. A contractor has volunteered to remove the road, but they are waiting for the county to give them the permit.

Kuulei also shares that her ‘ohana will be able to make salt this year but how Malia’s ‘ohana will not (for the 7th year). This area is very dependent on the elements. The months of May and June are usually drier.

They are thankful for the visit and ask that OHA be more forceful and assist in the various areas: homelessness, the County, illegal building, DLNR, and SHPD.



IV. Public Testimony

None

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

The site visit ended at 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Report distributed at the Board of Trustees Meeting on May 20, 2021.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
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Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Akina
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
3. Excused Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e
4. Excused Memo - Trustee K. Lindsey



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Trustee Keli'i Akina, Ph.D.
Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 3, 2021
To: Trustee C. Hulu Lindsey, Chairperson
From: Trustee Keli'i Akina, Ph.D.
Subject: Absence from May 4-5, 2021 Kauai site visits

Aloha e Madam Chair,

I will not be travelling to Kauai and will be absent from the May 4 and May 5 site visits. Please extend my regrets to the Board.

Respectfully,


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Trustee Akina



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM

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

To: Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
From: Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Ph.D. 
Date: May 2, 2021
Re: Excused Absence

Please be advised that I am unable to attend the following BOT site visits on the island of Kauai:

1. Alakoko Fish Pond on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 11:30 A.M.
2. Salt Pond Beach Park on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.
3. Ho'omana on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.; and
4. Pu'uwai Canoe Club on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Mahalo!

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Chair
Board of Trustees (BOT)

FROM: Trustee John Waihe'e, IV, Member / At-Large

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CC: Trustee Dan Ahuna, Member / Kaua'i Island

DATE: May 3, 2021

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FOR THE 05/04 KAUA'I BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)
SITE VISITS AND THE 05/05 KAUA'I BOT SITE VISITS

I am unable to attend the 05/04 and 05/05 Board of Trustees Site Visits, physically scheduled on Kaua'i Island.

Please EXCUSE my absences and extend my apologies to the rest of the Board of Trustees.

Virtually, I am planning to attend the Kaua'i Island Community Meeting the evening of May 5th and the Kaua'i Island Board of Trustees Meeting the morning of May 6th.

Mahalo.



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May 3, 2021

To: Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson
Board of Trustees

Members of the Board

From: Keola Lindsey
Trustee Hawaii Island

RE: Excuse Memo

Aloha Chair Lindsey,

Please excuse me from the Site Visit of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 2:00 pm to the Salt Pond Beach Park, Hui Paakai O Hanapepe. Please extend my excused absence and sincere apologies to the other members of the committee.

Mahalo,
Keola Lindsey
Trustee, Hawaii Island