

**State of Hawai'i
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200
Honolulu, HI 96817**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2015, 10:00 am**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. called the meeting of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees to order at 10:01 am. Those present were as follows:

Attendance

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair	Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona
Trustee Dan Ahuna, Vice Chair	Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Lei Ahu Isa (arrived 10:05 am)	Trustee Colette Machado
Trustee Peter Apo	Trustee John Waihe'e IV (arrived 10:04 am)

Excused

Trustee Rowena Akana

Staff Present

Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, Ka Pouhana/CEO	Nathan Takeuchi
Ernest Kimoto, Acting Board Counsel	Lady Garrett
Harold Nedd, Chief of Staff	Clarita Barretto Hironaka
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary	Hawley Iona
Jeremy Kama Hopkins	Jacee-Lynn Smith
Kauikeaolani Wailehua	Jim McMahan
Laurene Kaluau-Kealoha	Jim Patterson
Davis Price	John Rosa
Claudine Calpito	Keith Yabusaki
Louise Yee Hoy	Lovey Slater
Reynold Freitas	Nancy King
Bethann Ahsing	Shirley Okamoto

Others Present

Louis Buzzy Agard

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/BENEFICIARY COMMENTS

Mr. Louis "Buzzy" Agard addressed the Board about the Hawaiian Sovereignty Advisory Commission. They don't have an answer back yet, but he wanted the Trustees to know that he is pursuing reparation claims for the Overthrow and Annexation of Hawai'i. He also shared research conducted at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He has posed the question to lawyers about Honouliuli because the UH Law Review questions its authority. He realizes they are biting off a big chunk of litigation, but this has been a 20-plus year endeavor and he wants to find out what is possible.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. BOT #15-01: Fiscal Biennium 2016-2017 Community Grant Recommendations

Chair Lindsey asked Dr. Crabbe to provide updates on the grant recommendations.

Dr. Crabbe reported that due to decreases from the State Legislature and based on feedback in previous meetings about grants, the new Action Item is being submitted that decreases the funds and number of grantees. Ms. Iona added that OHA did request State General Funds.

Motion

At 10:11 am, Trustee Ahuna moved, seconded by Trustee Apoliona, to approve and authorize the disbursement of \$3,719,430 from the Fiscal Year 2016 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) and \$3,719,430 from the Fiscal Year 2017 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56530) to fund the twenty-seven (27) Fiscal Biennium 2016-2017 Community Grant recommendations listed on Attachment A – OHA FB 2016-17 Community Grant Recommendations Matrix.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	1		X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA						X
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA		2	X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			1
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passed with eight (8) YES votes, no (0) NO votes, no (0) abstentions, and one (1) excused.						

Trustee Machado noted that the Multi Service Program cost to cover their expenses. She is not opposed to the funding, but wanted clarification on the breakdown of a non-profit that has three Executive Directors.

Trustee Apoliona thanked Administration for their work to help beneficiaries to move things forward.

Trustee Ahuna thanked the staff for their diligent work as well.

Dr. Crabbe noted that with the approval, Communications will issue a press release noting the grantees have been awarded.

Recess

Chair Lindsey called a recess at 10:16 am and reconvened the meeting at 10:36 am.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion

At 10:36 am, Trustee Hulu Lindsey moved, seconded by Trustee Ahuna, to go into Executive Session to consider the following:

VI. Executive Session***

A. Consultation with Paul Alston, Esq. and Corporate Counsel Ernest Kimoto, Esq. re: Akana v. Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Civil No. 131-2485-09 VLC, First Circuit Court, Hawaii. Pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4).

TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		2	X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA						X
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA			X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY	1		X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						X
CHAIR ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7			2

MOTION: UNANIMOUS PASSED DEFERRED FAILED

Motion passed with seven (7) YES votes, no (0) NO votes, no (0) abstentions, and two (2) excused.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:36 am and exited Executive Session at 11:27 am.


V. ANNOUNCEMENTS


Chair Lindsey announced that the BOT Kaua'i Community Meeting would take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 6:30 pm and the next BOT Meeting would be on Kaua'i on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 9:00 am.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Capsum M. Pee
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on June 18, 2015:

 Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.
 Chair, Board of Trustees