

**State of Hawai'i  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
600 Maunaloa Hwy.  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Community Meeting  
Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 6:00 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. called the meeting of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees to order at 6:44 pm. Those present were as follows:

**Attendance**

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair  
Trustee Dan Ahuna, Vice Chair  
Trustee Lei Ahu Isa

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Colette Machado  
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

**Excused**

Trustee Rowena Akana  
Trustee Peter Apo

Trustee Haunani Apoliona

**Staff Present**

Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, Ka Pouhana/CEO  
Harold Nedd, Chief of Staff  
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary  
Jeremy Kama Hopkins  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua  
Lehua Itokazu  
Dayna Pa  
Laurene Kaluau-Kealoha  
Davis Price  
Crayn Akina  
Lady Garrett  
Alvin Akee

Bethann Ah Sing  
Hawley Iona  
Kawika Riley  
Kehau Abad  
Joseph Lewis  
John Rosa  
Ryan Gonzalez  
Alice Silbanuz  
Gayla Haliniak-Lloyd  
Jerome Yasuhara  
Lareina Meinecke  
Kapua Lauifi

**Others Present**

Walter Ritte  
Kelson "Mac" Poepoe  
Penny Martin  
Louise Mililani Hanapi  
Lori Buchanan

Kamalu Poepoe  
Kilia Purdy-Avelino  
Alapai Hanapi  
Kanani Lostales  
Betty Puaa

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Crabbe introduced the Administration staff present. Chair Lindsey introduced the Trustee staff present. Chair Lindsey, the other Trustees present, and Dr. Crabbe introduced themselves.

**III. CEO'S UPDATES ON HOOULU LAHUI ALOHA AND OHA ACTIVITIES**

**A. Kalaupapa**

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Mr. Jerome Yasuhara reported updates regarding the Kalaupapa National Historical Park Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) and Comments submitted by OHA:

- The NPS' Preferred "Alternative C"
  - In summary, Alternative C emphasizes stewardship of Kalaupapa's lands in collaboration with the park's many partners. In addition, the NPS contemplates:
    - (1) land acquisition in and around Kalaupapa's environs;
    - (2) expansion of the park's boundary through Pelekunu toward Halawa;
    - (3) lifting cap on number of visitors;
    - et cetera
- OHA's 10 Preliminary Issues of Concern:
  - Park Expansion into the Pelekunu-Halawa corridor.
  - Impacts Assessment re: Moloka'i Topside Community.
  - Impacts Assessment re: T&C practices/resources, Art. XII, § 7.
  - Impacts Assessment re: Pre-1866 Kama'aina O Kalaupapa.
  - Archaeological Inventory Surveys (AIS) & reporting.
  - Cultural Impacts Assessment (CIA) & reporting.
  - TCP outreach, scoping, identification, assessment, and consultations.
  - Kalawao County's Fate / Future Governance Structure.
  - Kalaupapa NHP Sunset Date / Exit Strategy, if applicable.
  - NPS's Land Acquisition: OHA opposes the disposition of "ceded" lands, or alternatively, OHA or NH governing entity provided with "first right of refusal" in land negotiations and transfers.
- Section 106 (NHPA) and EIS Process (NEPA): NPS must conduct Sec. 106 (Scoping, Identification, Assessment, and Consultation) in coordination with NEPA (EIS) review
  - "Consultation": Hallmark of Section 106, NHPA.
  - National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106).
  - National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (EIS Process).
  - Endangered Species Act.
  - Executive Order 12898 – Environmental Justice.
  - Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapters 6E, 343 & 198D.
  - Community Plans.
  - Appendix C of the draft GMP/EIS document, plus issues raised through the public comment period.
- Must the NPS define an Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this draft GMP/EIS undertaking?
  - 'Ae / Yes.
  - Under 36 CFR 800.16(d) of the NHPA regulations, NPS must define an APE, "the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist."
  - But the draft GMP/EIS involves multiple undefined geographic configuration possibilities, APEs, due to NPS's land acquisition interests. This signals a need for added consultation and analyses.

- OHA opposes the disposition of state “ceded” lands; however, if a land transfer is proposed, OHA or a Native Hawaiian governing entity should be given first right of refusal
  - Crown and Government lands “ceded” to the U.S. following the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom (the Apology Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-150, 107 Stat. 1510 (1993)).
  - Section 5(f) of the Admission Act (5 public trust purposes).
  - Hawai`i State Constitution, Article XII, Sections 4 to 6 (OHA).
  - Enabling Legislation: An Act to Establish the Kalaupapa National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii of 1980, Pub. L. no 96-565, 94 Stat. 3321 (1980).
  - A Proposal for the Establishment of the Kalaupapa National Historical Preserve, Island of Moloka`i, State of Hawai`i (April 1980).
- OHA supports convening a task force, advisory board, or governing panel
  - Recognition of the broader Moloka`i community’s interest in establishing a stakeholder advisory group or task force.
  - Extraordinary circumstances demand a more collaborative process in evaluating the interests of stakeholders versus oneparty rule.
  - The stakes are very high and resources irreplaceable.
  - The Hawaiian Way, the Hawaiian Voice.

#### B. Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund

Ms. Lareina Meinecke reported updates on the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund:

- NHRLF staff members include:
  - Robert Crowell – Technical Assistance Specialist
  - Tracy Viela – Senior Technical Assistance Officer
  - Lareina Meinecke – CMLP Officer
  - Shannon Toriki – Fund Development Officer
  - Thomas Atou – Finance and Operations Officer
- NHRLF’s mission is to support and enhance the economic self-sufficiency of Native Hawaiians, while ensuring the availability of resources for future generations.
- NHRLF Loans include:
  - Mālama Loan Program
    - Unsecured loans up to \$19,999
    - Business Loans – Fixed rate of 4.00%, up to 7 year term
    - Consumer Loans – Debt consolidation, Education, Home Improvement, fixed rate of 6.25% up to 7 year term
  - Hua Kanu Business Loan Program
    - Collateralized loans ranging from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000
    - Loans and Lines of Credit strictly for business
    - Fixed rate of 4.00%, 7 year term, amortized 14 years
- Loan Eligibility Requirements include:
  - Must be of Native Hawaiian ancestry, State of Hawai`i resident, and US citizen
  - Consumer Loans are to individuals
  - Business Loans must be 100% Hawaiian-owned business
  - 18 years of age or older
  - Minimum of 6 months of employment history
  - A credit score of 600 or higher, 650 or higher for Debt Consolidation

- Debt to income ratio of 45% or lower
- Since inception of the Mālama Loan Program in November 2007 to April 30, 2015, a total of 2,071 loans with a value of \$37.4 million have been disbursed to assist Native Hawaiians. Of this, 34 loans valued at \$528,382 were disbursed to Moloka‘i residents; 1.4% of the loan portfolio.
- The breakdown of loans disbursed to Moloka‘i are as follows:
  - Business Loans: 5 for \$ 56,498
  - Debt Consolidation: 4 for \$ 58,563
  - Education: 2 for \$ 30,500
  - Home Improvement: 23 for \$382,821
  - To apply, applicants may go to any First Hawaiian Bank Branches or drop off your loan application and supporting documents to any OHA office

Ms. Meinecke also reported updated on the Consumer Micro Loan Program (CMLP):

- Staff includes:
  - Manager: Keith Yabusaki, Ph. D.
  - Staff: Lareina Meinecke
- CMLP Mission: To provide low cost loans to Native Hawaiians who are experiencing temporary financial hardship, due to unforeseen events or who wish to advance in their careers.
- Loan Features & Eligibility
  - 5% Fixed APR
  - Term: Up to 5 years
  - Amount: \$500 - \$7,500
  - Native Hawaiian & State of Hawai‘i resident
  - 18 Years or older
  - Debt ratio of no more than 50%
  - No gross annual income limit
  - Credit score of 600 or above
  - Two years of employment history preferred
  - Loans to individuals only
- Acceptable Loan Purposes
  - Funeral Expenses
  - Home Repairs
  - Auto Repairs
  - Legal Fees
  - Emergency medical situations
  - Apprenticeship programs
  - CDL license
- Unacceptable Loan Purposes
  - Debt Consolidation Home Improvement Auto Purchase
  - Vacation
  - Investments
  - Past due rent/utilities
- Community Impact
  - CMLP has disbursed a total of 449 for a total of \$2,162,482.

- For more information and to apply:
  - Contact Lareina Meinecke, CMLP Officer
  - Phone: (808) 594-1823
  - E-mail: [lareinam@oha.org](mailto:lareinam@oha.org)
  - Webpage: [www.oha.org/cmlp](http://www.oha.org/cmlp)
  - Request and/or submit application at any OHA office

#### C. Na'i Aupuni

In response to a question from Mr. Walter Ritte, Dr. Crabbe reported that OHA is in the process of finalizing its agreement with Na'i Aupuni to oversee and lead the nation-building planning and process.

### IV. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Walter Ritte, NOAA Advisory Member of Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary explained that he has been going to each of the districts on island to hold community discussions about the sanctuary. At each community meeting he asks attendees to rate the performance of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which is usually given an "F" grade. He is worried that if we do not do something to preserve our natural resources, which are in grave danger, we will have nothing to pass on to future generations. His goal is not just to protect whales, but to protect all natural resources. He added there is a difference between commercial fishermen who claim there is enough supply of fish and subsistence fishermen who take a more conversation-friendly approach. He also distributed a Sanctuary Draft Management Plan and asked OHA to support it.

Trustee Ahuna noted the plan has been scrutinized heavily on Kauai. He asked if the military will be able to access the same areas as Native Hawaiians. Mr. Ritte responded that the military has not participated in the plan. Dr. Crabbe noted that one of the paramount reasons for proposing these new regulations is that the population of humpback whales has flourished; now the rules are looking to expand the purpose of the sanctuary and provide ecosystem-based management.

Mr. Kamalu Poepoe, Chairperson of 'Aha Kiole Molokai Pule Oo, updated the Board on the status of the Aha Kiole. Trustee Machado acknowledged Trustee Hulu Lindsey's efforts to get 'Aha Moku/Aha Kiole continued funding. The group follows an ancient system that brought experts together to do community consultations relating to resource management. They recognize the goal of mālama 'āina, regardless of ethnic background. She hopes to see OHA help with this; Molokai is very serious in their commitment to the point that Molokai is actually operating an aha moku system and has instituted a conservation effort island-wide through social pressure. After meetings with agencies and stakeholders, because they did not see economic stimulus when development came in, they wanted more engagement and public involvement. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the OHA conference room at 4:30 pm and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mr. Kelson "Mac" Poepoe of Hui Malama O Mo'omomi, Mo'omomi Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area. He provided history of the CBSFA movement, noting that Governor Waihee was instrumental in getting it going. He cautioned that if we do not protect our resources, the next time the Trustees visit Molokai, they will not enjoy fish to eat, but will have to eat hot dogs. Some of their past accomplishments include educating the community statewide about CBSFA, designing a moon calendar. He noted that Mo'omomi is still a proud community because they still have their resources in tact to be able to provide a subsistence economy. He hopes in the future they can work towards their goal to implement aloha aina and to implement traditional and cultural practices.

Ms. Kilia Purdy-Avelino of Hoo‘kuku Pela Hawai‘i at Moloka‘i Education Center, addressed the Board about the Hawaiian language and the competition they sponsor. Their goal was to develop Hawaiian language skills amongst youth in February, which is Hawaiian Language Month in Hawaii. She also presented a DVD of their event.

Ms. Penny Martin of Papahana Kuaola, Keiki Earth Day Moloka‘i, and Lelekamanu Moololo Bus Tour, who works on protecting the forest and saving the Earth, thanked the Board for OHA’s assistance with Keiki Earth Day. This year, they had presentations on red fire ants, how to avoid electrical hazards, how to source local resources to make hula implements, the Malama Honua voyage, and others. They also invited kupuna to join the keiki to learn alongside them. She also thanked OHA for its support of the Mo‘olelo Bus Tour, which allowed two schools to participate who otherwise would not have.

## **V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/BENEFICIARY COMMENTS**

Ms. Louise Mililani Hanapi addressed the Board to share that she recently signed a contract with OHA. She shared a story about her grandparents. She has received help from Yuklin Aluli and asked that OHA support where they can as well.

Mr. Alapai Hanapi addressed the Board about several projects including an invasive tree species eradication project, lo‘i restoration and taro replanting, and a watershed project proposed by the Nature Conservancy. He reported that he and his wife have taught thousands of people through the Aha Ino School. He is advocating that OHA take the title to many of the kuleana lands that he mentioned.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey asked if all these kuleana landholders are officially registered. Mr. Hanapi responded that unfortunately, many are not, and some of them are in the courts trying to fight for this. Trustee Hulu Lindsey reminded Mr. Hanapi that OHA does have help to work on kuleana land claims.

Ms. Lori Buchanan addressed the Board about the Section 106 process. She noted that the Federal government makes rules, but sometimes does not follow their own rules. She then discussed the Department of the Interior’s proposed rules for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to reorganize Hawaiians socially and politically. Ms. Buchanan is concerned about this proposal because in essence it will exempt the Federal government from several of its other laws. She asked that OHA oppose this and is considering filing an injunction. Dr. Crabbe responded that the DOI is currently in a 60 day response period and asked that Chief Advocate Riley follow-up with Ms. Buchanan about the Section 106 exemption she mentioned because it had not come up previously. Finally, she expressed concern about a potential land swap between Kalaupapa and Waimanalo. Dr. Crabbe responded that he will have more information on his issue during his updates.

Ms. Kanani Lostales of the Consuelo Foundation addressed the Board about their program to address sexual violence in small communities. They work with existing agencies to educate students through the curriculum, in partnership with the Sexual Abuse Treatment Center. She thanked OHA for its support of their efforts.

Mr. Ritte addressed the Board about Mauna Kea. He believes OHA has not been treated well in its advocacy because OHA does not have the hearts and minds of the people. He believes Mauna Kea is a big opportunity for OHA to get a base of people to follow them. He added that he is impressed with the young people who are leading the current Mauna Kea movement.

Ms. Betty Puaa addressed the Board to encourage them to help our homeless Hawaiians. She also believes that we need to all get along and love each other and that would do a lot to solve many of the problems in society.

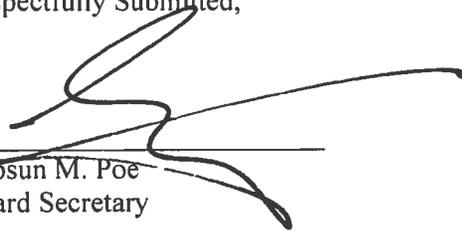
**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Lindsey announced the next BOT Meeting (Moloka'i) would take place on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Chair Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Capsun M. Poe  
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees on July 9, 2015:



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