

**State of Hawai'i  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
67-1182 Lindsey Road  
Kamuela, HI 96743**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Hawai'i Community Meeting  
Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 6:00 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. called the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Hawai'i Community Meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Those present were as follows:

**Attendance**

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

Trustee Peter Apo  
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Colette Machado

**Excused**

Trustee Rowena Akana  
Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona

Trustee John Waihe'e IV

**Staff Present**

Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, CEO  
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary  
Jeremy Kama Hopkins  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua  
Lehua Itokazu  
Claudine Calpito  
Louise Yee Hoy  
Reynold Freitas  
Lady Garrett  
Alvin Akee  
Kanani Souza

Bethann Ahsing  
Lisa Victor  
Kawika Riley  
Joseph Lewis  
Jocelyn Doane  
John Rosa  
Shane Palacat-Nelson  
Dawn Tanimoto  
Lukela Ruddle  
Kamuela Bannister

**Others Present**

Maxine Kahalelio  
E. Kalani Flores  
Ku Ching  
Joshua Lanakila Mangauil  
Jojo Tanimoto  
Puaena Ahn  
Isaac "Paka" Harp  
Geoffrey Shaw  
Maluhia O'Donnell  
Charmaine Bugado

Puna Kihoi  
Melanie Hanakaulani Holt  
Hāwane Rios  
Jessica Waia'u  
Ruth Aloua  
Pomai Bertleman  
Kupono Mele-Aa-Kekua  
Lākea Trask  
Mehana Kihoi

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Each of the Trustees and the CEO introduced themselves to the audience, as well as Trustee and Administration staff present.

Dr. Crabbe shared the following updates:

- OHA Public Policy staff is working on its legislative package, a water policy, and a policy for 'iwi kupuna for consideration by the Board prior to the opening of the Legislature.
- OHA's non-profit, Hi'ilei Aloha, has partnered with the Administration for Native Americans to travel to each island to conduct two-day workshops to help increase Native Hawaiian applications.

### **III. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Kanu O Ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana**

The following introduced themselves and thanked OHA for its support of the Hawaiian-focused charter schools, education, cultural restoration, and other activities:

- Ka'iulani Pahio of Na Lei Naauao
- Alison Tamura of Kanu O Ka Aina and several students
- Kaleimakamae Ka'auwai of Kawaikini
- Tia Purdy of Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha
- Hedy Sullivan of Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani Aloha
- Mapuana Waipa
- Suzie Osborne of Ku O Ka La of Puna
- Amy Fortis of Waimea Middle School
- Taffi Wise of KALO

Chair Lindsey thanked the presenters for attending and their hard work in support of educating the future of Hawai'i nei. Trustee Machado acknowledged the work and advocacy of former Trustee Donald Cataluna on behalf of Kaula'i schools and Taffi Wise for bringing many of the charter school issues to the attention of OHA.

#### **Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association**

Mike Hodson reported that their homestead is now dividing to work on different issues.

Sonny Shimaoka of Kipuku O Ke Ola reported that he is heading up a Native Hawaiian health clinic and that health services are one of the greatest disparities in Waimea. Their focus group is Native Hawaiians, but they want to also serve the larger community.

Dr. Ian Chun reported that 70% of the patients he sees in his clinic are Native Hawaiians and hopes that he is a small help to them. He continues to work for ways to improve the health of Native Hawaiians.

Mr. Hodson reported that their goal is to get their program up and running, to include primary healthcare, and to become self-sufficient. He estimated that would take \$200,000 in funding. Waimea Nui is going strong and are ready to execute their \$3.5 million SPRB.

Micah Kamohoali'i reported that the cultural division has its own halau and they are currently touring throughout Hawaii. They have sponsored huaka'i to many wahi pana. They have received funding from several sources and would like OHA to consider funding their efforts to get to Moloka'i.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey asked about the status of the group's cemetery. Mr. Hodson responded that they are working on getting permits secured, but already have an architect on board. To date, the cemetery is a top priority and is on track.

### Kailapa Community Association

Diane Maka'ala Kaneali'i reported they are a small homestead community in Kawaihae whose mission is to empower native Hawaiian living in Kohala, specifically the Kailapa Community, supporting physical, mental, spiritual and cultural health and well-being. They have several projects:

- Ungulate control and erosion mitigation
- Phase I Community Center
- Playground
- Phase II Community Resource Center
- Community Garden
- Water & Energy Research & Development
- Wellness Park & Resource Management Project
- Wellness Park Signage Project

### Villages of La'i'Ōpua Homestead Association/La'i'Ōpua 2020

Bo Kahui

The mission of La'i'Ōpua 2020 (L2020) is to identify community needs, foster the creation of community facilities, and coordinate planning with service providers and partners for a variety of programs for residents of the Villages of La'i'Ōpua and the broader Kealakehe area.

La'i'Ōpua 2020 has worked diligently to achieve its planning and pre-construction benchmarks with the goal of bringing into reality the first phase of construction for the La'i'Ōpua Community Center Complex, which includes a Medical Center, Community Center, and Preschool.

Other projects include:

- Kaniohale, Village 3
- West Hawaii Civic Center
- Kamakana Villages at Keahuolū
- Ane Keohokalole Highway
- Regional Park
- Village 5
- Transit Oriented Development

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

Maxine Kahalelio spoke about her work on the Island Burial Council, which she sat on for four years. She added that it is difficult to do Native Hawaiian work within the State of Hawai'i framework. She vowed to oppose any development that threatens 'iwi kupuna.

E. Kalani Flores spoke about Mauna A Wākea. He asked the Trustees to join them and take the following actions: take a public position that OHA is in support of Mauna Kea, advise the Governor and others that the TMT sublease should be voided, demand that BLNR/DLNR complete an independent kapa'akai analysis, assist with the pending appeals, and ensure that the OMKM rules do not degrade or violate constitutionally protected Native Hawaiian rights or practices.

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Ku Ching spoke about Mauna Kea and Pohakuloa, but stated that Kalani Flores said almost everything he wanted to say. He spoke about some of the practices he does on Mauna Kea, including hikes.

Joshua Lanakila Mangauil thanked the Trustees and staff for meeting with them on the mauna earlier in the day. He felt that everyone there was able to experience the mana of the mauna. He believes everyone needs to mend the relationship between the leaders, like OHA, and the lāhui.

Dr. Crabbe added that OHA has made overtures to the Governor's office about Mauna Kea and that the proposed Ad Hoc Committee will have all options under consideration.

Jojo Tanimoto thanked OHA for live streaming meetings because it enables people to discuss what is going on at OHA. She also requested justification for combining the Land and Assets committees because she believes it raises flags.

Puaena Ahn stated that Kalani Flores shared many of the same things he was going to raise. His most important point is that he would like to see OHA sue someone to support the kia'i on the mauna, including suing the State or providing bail money.

Isaac "Paka" Harp thanked OHA for providing assistance with the Section 106 consultation process on Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway. It resulted in several mitigation efforts, including scholarships. He requested OHA support the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation require a Section 106 consultation for the TMT.

Geoffrey Shaw spoke on Act 117 and Pu'uuhonua at Kulani Prison minimum security juvenile facilities in each county.

Maluhia O'Donnell shared about the activities Punana Leo O Waimea is undertaking and will be celebrating 20 years in Waimea.

Charmaine Bugado asked the Trustees to rescind their kuleana to the TMT deal and support the kia'i. Support equal legal services, financial assistance, and presence on the mauna. She also asked that OHA stop/drop Na'i Aupuni. She believes: Federal Recognition is not what our Queen wanted, being a part of America was not her will; as long as funding comes from America, the outcome cannot be an independent Hawaiian country; and broken trust – the people are who should come up with the process for independence.

Puna Kihoi stated her people are voyagers. She never thought she would see 10,000 Hawaiians in Waikiki to support the mauna.

Melanie Hanakaulani Holt spoke of the protection of Mauna Kea and the criminalization of cultural practitioners. She feels strongly that we need to stop TMT.

Hāwane Rios spoke about Mauna a Wākea. She thanked those Trustees who have supported those on Mauna Kea. She stated many families have sacrificed to participate in contested case hearings. She measures leaders by how well they manage the land. She also shared that she was one of those arrested on Mauna Kea earlier in the day.

Jessica Waia'u stated that the recent arrests on Mauna Kea have brought to light the "blatant disregard" that the State of Hawai'i has for the protection of Native Hawaiian cultural and religious rights. She

believes this prejudice cannot go on and pleads that OHA and its Trustees take legal action on behalf of beneficiaries.

Ruth Aloua supports all the concerns that were brought up at the meeting. She was also one of those arrested on Mauna Kea and believes it is becoming a crime to be a Hawaiian, a kanaka maoli, in Hawai'i.

Pomai Bertleman spoke about Mauna Kea and that kapu aloha goes beyond what we say, but includes believing what we say and acting upon it. Through pule we can find the right answer. She echoes and agrees with what Hāwane Rios and Kalani Enos have said.

Kupono Mele-Aa-Kekua asked that OHA nominate Mauna Kea to a Federal Act, which was required, but has never been done.

Lākea Trask spoke about nation-building and protecting practices and integrity as Hawaiians. He thanked the Trustees for meeting with them on the mauna. He showed a model wa'a that was damaged and destroyed by DLNR during enforcement activities.

Mehana Kihoi thanked the Trustees for visiting the mauna. She prays that enlightenment will come to those who do not see it yet.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Lindsey announced that the next Board meeting is on Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 9:00 am.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Lindsey adjourned the community meeting at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Capsun M. Poe  
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees on October 22,  
2015:



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