

**State of Hawai'i
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
555 Fraser Ave.
Lāna'i City, HI 96763**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 2016, 11:00 am**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dan Ahuna called the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 11:00 am. Those present were as follows:

Attendance

Trustee Dan Ahuna, Vice Chair
Trustee Lei Ahu Isa
Trustee Peter Apo
Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona

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

Excused

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair

Trustee Rowena Akana

Staff Present

Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, CEO
Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary
Jeremy Kama Hopkins
Crayn Akina
Claudine Calpito
Lady Garrett
Dayna Pa

Laurene Kaluau-Kealoha
Kawika Riley
John Rosa
Nathan Takeuchi
U'i Tanigawa
Lisa Victor
Anthony Pacheco
Mehana Hind

Others Present

Kepa Maly
Onaona Maly
Ben Ostrnader
Kaleo Ropa
Winifred Basque
Roselani Kahaleanu

Simon Tajiri
Warren Osako
La'ikealoha Hanog
Pam Alconcel
Mikala Enfield

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Ahuna, all Trustees present, and Dr. Crabbe introduced themselves and the OHA staff present.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair's Updates

Vice Chair Ahuna had no updates.

CEO's Updates

Dr. Crabbe shared information about 'Ahahui event grants for events occurring between January – June 2017 and directed attendees to utilize OHA's Lāna'i staff to get more information and to apply. He also reported the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund just received approval from the Administration for Native Americans for their business plan for the next three years.

IV. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center

Kepa Maly shared a video presentation about 2016 E 'Ike Hou Iā Lāna'i Culture Literacy Initiative, which translate to, "To know Lāna'i again" and saw 32 students, mostly of Hawaiian ancestry, participate in the program this past summer. The program engaged the community and school in a collaborative effort to teach students about cultural and archaeological resources, and to build their capacity in cultural literacy.

Warren Osako thanked OHA for its support of Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center and their programs.

Pam Piliāloha Alconcel thanked the Trustees for everything they do, not just for Lāna'i, but for Hawai'i. She noted OHA support has allowed them to provide programs for youth on Lāna'i. OHA has also funded their scholarship 'aha.

Ben Ostrander shared information about his work over the past 3 years to provide opportunities for Lāna'i students from grades 7-12. It has helped the youth connect to their land.

Kaleokala Ropa expressed his thanks and appreciation to OHA for supporting programs on Lāna'i.

Mikala Enfield also highlighted Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center activities and thanked OHA for its support.

Trustee Apo asked how the curriculum works. Mr. Maly responded that it starts with the traditions of place. They integrate traditional knowledge and modern knowledge into the curriculum that emphasizes living traditions of place. He also referred people to the free Lāna'i Guide app which includes over 100 natural and cultural resources on Lāna'i which was funded by a grant from Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Hawai'i Community Foundation.

Trustee Machado noted that because of OHA's two-year grant-funding cycle, she regretted OHA was not able to fund Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center's latest grant request. She encouraged Mr. Maly to be mindful of that and target their funding requests to coincide with the OHA deadlines.

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/BENEFICIARY COMMENTS

Simon Tajiri thanked the Trustees for coming and hearing from him face to face. He asked that they continue to invest in and care for the children of Lāna'i. Though they have a very, very wealthy landowner – or maybe because he is so formidable – it is so important that people stand on their own feet, that they feed themselves, teach themselves, and continue to make decision for self-governance and sustainability of Lāna'i. He requested support of education programs, family-run food sustainability programs, and conservation programs on Lāna'i.

Winifred Basque of AMAC shared information about Lānaʻi's culture and history she has experienced living on Lānaʻi for over 50 years. She also expressed concern for lack of air service to Lānaʻi. She stated this can be problematic during medical emergencies.

Trustee Ahu Isa stated that when she was on the Board of Education, she realized that things are different for rural communities like Lānaʻi or Molokaʻi. They are an anomaly.

Roselani Kahaleanu reminded Trustees that Lānaʻi is the only island that does not have Hawaiian language immersion. She requested OHA's support to get that program for the island and believes they deserve to have an immersion program on-island.

Mr. Kawika Riley stated a lawsuit from Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation was brought as an argument about whether it is constitutional for Lānaʻi students not to have access to Hawaiian language education. The State received summary judgment, basically a dismissal. The current status is that NHLC is considering an appeal.

Trustee Apo stated he is frustrated that the largest Hawaiian organizations have spent millions of dollars on Hawaiian culture, it is the State's responsibility to assist something as simple and important as the language, which is fundamental to Hawaiian dignity and relevance.

Trustee Ahu Isa stated she has met with St. Louis School staff and has been told the school is going to have a new elementary school campus that will include Hawaiian language instruction.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey stated her belief that the Department of Education owes this to the Hawaiian people to ensure access to immersion education.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion

At 12:29 pm, Trustee Apoliona moved, seconded by Trustee Hulu Lindsey, to go into Executive Session to consider the following:

VI. Executive Session**

- A. Consultation with Robert G. Klein, Esq. re: questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding a new three-year contract for the position of OHA CEO. Pursuant to HRS 92-5(a)(4).

TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA						X
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA	1		X			
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY		2	X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY						X
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
VICE CHAIR DAN AHUNA			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6	0	0	3

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:30 pm and exited Executive Session at 12:37 pm.

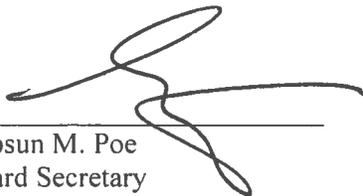
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Ahuna announced the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 9:30 am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

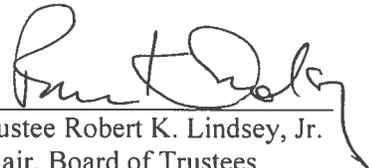
Having no further business, Vice Chair Ahuna adjourned the meeting at 12:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Capsun M. Poe
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees on August 25, 2016:



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