

**State of Hawai'i
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Special Meeting on
Tuesday, January 24, 2017 & Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 1:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees (Board) was called to order by Vice Chairperson Leina'ala Ahu Isa at 9:00 a.m. in the Maui Ola Boardroom. Those present were as follows:

Attendance

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Chairperson
Trustee Dan Ahuna, Kauai Member
Trustee Keli'i Akina, At-Large Member
Trustee Peter Apo, Oahu Member
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Maui Member
Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Hawaii Member
Trustee Colette Machado, Molokai Member
Trustee John Waihe'e IV, At-Large Member

Staff Present

Kamana'opono Crabbe, CEO	Maria Calderon, Trustee Aide (Akina)
Momilani Lazo, CEO EA	Paul Harleman, Trustee Aide (Akina)
Albert Tiberi, Corp Counsel	Liang Pang, Trustee Aide (Apo)
Alvin Akee, Trustee Secretary (Ahu Isa)	Makana Chai, Trustee Aide (Apo)
Lady Garrett, Trustee Aide (Ahu Isa)	Lehua Itokazu, Trustee Aide (H. Lindsey)
Claudine Calpito, Trustee Aide (Ahuna)	U'ilani Tanigawa, Trustee Aide (H. Lindsey)
Davis Price, Trustee Aide (Ahuna)	Dayna Pa, Trustee Aide (Machado)
Kay Watanabe, Trustee Aide (Akana)	Laurene Kaluau-Kealoha (Machado)
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide (Akana)	Crayn Akina (Waihe'e)

II. Beneficiary Comments

Vice Chairperson Leina'ala Ahu Isa announced that today's meeting will be held in executive session but she will allow beneficiary comments prior to executive session. She asked for the comments to be brief to allow the Board time to speak with their attorney to provide counsel.

Ms. Kau'i Pratt-Aquino spoke on behalf of the Pono Leadership group comprised of over 600 signatures calling for the removal of Trustee Rowena Akana as the Chairperson and to reaffirm support for Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). She stated that the only foreseeable action they can see as beneficiaries is to remove the Chair immediately so that this Board can be operative. The way that the Board has presented itself to the community

is that the Board has been embroiled in personal conflict and there has been no measurement of job performance of the CEO. She has heard stories from the community in which Trustee Akana has been mean spirited and she could not sit back and watch her attack on the CEO because he has been a positive impact for OHA. It is important for the Trustees to know that the beneficiaries voices are not minimized anymore and our voices matter – we do not have any political agenda and we do not favor any particular Trustee. It is alarming that there are 33 staff complaints against one Trustee.

Vice Chairperson stated that Trustees cannot talk about the staff complaints at this time. She thanked Ms. Pratt-Aquino for organizing the petition and coming to speak.

Ms. Pratt-Aquino stated that she understands the time constraints and wants Trustees to know that they will be watching the issue closely.

Ms. Haunani Apoliona asked that her previous testimony that was to be presented on January 12, 2017 be submitted for the official record. She stated that Trustees may have copies already but she will leave with staff again. (Attachment)

MOTION

Trustee Machado moved and Trustee Waihe'e seconded to recuse into executive session pursuant to Chapter 92-5(a) (4).

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
ROWENA	AKANA						X
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
PETER	APO			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
ROBERT	LINDSEY			X			
COLETTE	MACHADO	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E		X	X			
VICE CHAIR LEI	AHU ISA			X			

TOTAL VOTE COUNT		8	0	0	1
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MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 9:12 a.m.

The Board of Trustees went back into open session at 11:42 a.m.

Vice Chairperson Ahu Isa announced that the meeting will be recessed and will reconvene on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Vice Chairperson Ahu Isa asked if anyone else from the community would like to provide community concerns. She invited anyone who wanted to speak to sign-up to provide comments.

Ms. Kaiulani Milham spoke regarding ongoing concerns and the strong desire expressed to see the issues and pilikia being resolved so that you can focus on the mission of improving the lives of Native Hawaiians. She would like to see ho’oponopono if possible. She is in support of the audit since we see the budget going up and not a lot of issues facing our people being addressed. She understands that there are a lot of tensions and our people look to the Trustees for leadership.

Mr. Demonte Conner of Ho’omanapono LLC thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to speak and he echoed what Kaiulani spoke of. With his company he works with a lot of Native Hawaiians especially those from the west side. He shared a message from his father in law Black Ho’ohuli that Kamana’o needs to stay right where he is sitting. He has spoken to Chair Rowena Akana and they will support her 100 percent because she was dually elected to serve as the Chairperson. He asked Trustees to put the personality issues aside and think of something more constructive to do. He suggested focusing on public safety issues.

Ms. Ipo Torio-Kauhane thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to speak. She appreciates He Alo, He Alo and she felt it was her duty to come and feel for herself what is going on here. She came from Kauai and thanked Trustee Dan Ahuna and remembers Trustee Akana sitting under the night sky listening to her dad about the needs in Anahola. She feels that it is her kuleana to teach the children about what is going on in OHA. The children are watching and listening and this time of discord is the perfect opportunity because the amount of growth is astounding. The opportunity to emerge and demonstrate pono leadership is a victory for all of us so the world can see that no matter what we are facing our commitment to pono will never fail.

Trustee Ahuna thanked Ms. Torio-Kauhane for being a leader for Hawaiian focused charter schools and her words mean a lot to the community.

Vice Chairperson Ahu Isa understands that the children are watching and she is thankful for her comments. Being that there were no other testifiers the meeting was recessed at 12:14 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to be reconvened on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Vice Chairperson Ahu Isa reconvened meeting at 9:06 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

The following Trustees were present during the roll-call vote: Trustee Rowena Akana, Trustee Dan Ahuna, Trustee Keli'i Akina, Trustee Peter Apo, Trustee Hulu Lindsey, Trustee Robert Lindsey, Trustee Colette Machado, Trustee John Waihe'e and Vice Chairperson Leina'ala Ahu Isa.

Vice Chairperson Ahu Isa asked if anyone would like to provide public testimony on any items listed on the agenda.

Mr. Nathan Paikai spoke in support of continuing the mission of bringing forth truth at OHA. He was taken aback at the amount of money being spent on litigation he is asking for OHA to move forward in the best interests of the people. He would like to holomua and go forward cleanly and he would like it done with the least amount of money to bring order or peace.

MOTION

Trustee Ahuna moved and Trustee Hulu Lindsey seconded to recuse back into executive session pursuant to Chapter 92-5(a) (4).

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
ROWENA	AKANA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
PETER	APO			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
ROBERT	LINDSEY			X			
COLETTE	MACHADO	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E		X	X			
VICE CHAIR LEI	AHU ISA			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9	0	0	0

MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 9:11 a.m.

The Board of Trustees came back into open session at 10:18 a.m.

III. Announcements

None.

IV. Adjournment

Being no further business Trustee Ahuna moved, and Trustee Machado seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lady Garrett
Trustee Aide

As approved by the Board of Trustees on March 9, 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leina'ala Ahu Isa", is written above a solid horizontal line.

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa
Chairperson

ATTACHMENT:

- Written comments submitted by Haunani Apoliona