I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colette Machado Calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 9:33 am. Roll call is taken; Trustees Ahu Isa, Ahuna, Akana, Akina, Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Waihe’e and Machado are present; constituting a quorum of seven (7) trustees. Excuse memos were received from Trustee Peter Apo and Trustee Robert Lindsey.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY
Chair Colette Machado – We will start with Public Testimony today and I’d like to call on Johanna Kamaunu.

Ms. Johanna Kamaunu - My name is Johanna Kamaunu I’m from Waihe’e Valley. I also am a member of the Burial Council. This is not the sole reason I am here. I feel my responsibility is that an individual with concerns for our community.

They first item I’d like to talk about is the situation dealing with Burial Council. I think there might be something that can be remedied by OHA. We’ve asked for some assistance from your office in helping to educate the Council Members. Not just on the responsibilities but some of the cultural aspects of what can be done as a member of the council. As well as the understanding of the laws that may talk to that, both people laws as well as our State Laws. We have not been able to be afforded a meeting or even a workshop and I’ve applied to that for three years. Thank goodness, that doesn’t stop the work that is going forward. I’m sure you have heard a lot about what has been done thus far as concerning the Sand Dunes. But what’s really important is that in burial council as I’ve had to tell others in another meeting is that we don’t make decisions as to what happens to the places where burials are. We only have purview over the places where the iwi is discovered. I am really concerned that we don’t have enough to strengthen our decisions when it comes to where the iwi are returned. There was a great battle in central Maui. We know that more than 1,600 warriors lost their lives. Over the years, thousands of more might have died there. Through our research into the discoveries of inadvertent claims, we realized that in the central area there are more than a 1,000 discoveries. The laws have not been able to protect the iwi in those areas. In fact, the laws have allowed for them to continue desecration. That’s why we are here. We need more direction. Conversations with Kai Markell help me understand that we are not supposed to be an arm of the State. We were regulated by the laws to only follow the letter of the law. I believe that we are not just that, but we have another responsibility. I think a workshop of sorts for our Council member should be provided so that we can move forward in that direction.

The other thing recently a family came forward to our County Council who was approving the budget for the year. They requested that the Council refrain from providing funds for one line item. After hearing testimony from the family, they approved the budget but stipulations for that specific line item. The line item was to provide funding to a non-profit. The family lost possession of the property, in the last 6 or 7 years the patriarch of the hospital has been in and out of court fighting the challenges. In the last couple of years, the County acquired that property. When the family came forward, the questions were significant enough that the County wanted to know how they were able to acquire that property. Because there were laws in place that said, they could not acquire property under color of title and they required the property by warranty deed. Warranty deed could only be used for small slivers of lands that provided rights of way or easements. But they acquired over 63 acres, which is total against what their ordinance is saying. I say by the grace of God the Council decided to put in that stipulation to hold off for funding. I have also asked for a law library or some type of law resource. One that we can help ourselves too. We have not been fortunate. I would like to see at least one computer with the West Law Subscription that we could share.

Trustee Rowena Akana – I would like to ask our Deputy Administrator if she could speak to Kai Markell about offering his services for a workshop for Johanna.

Jocelyn Doane – We’ve been talking to Ka Huli Ao who is our contractor for the Native Hawaiian Law Training course about doing our next training course on Maui. We had our first one on Kaua‘i in January and we’ve been talking about the next one of Maui. We will coordinate with the Maui Office but we have not coordinated about dates yet. The Council passed a law that required that County Administrator will have to attend the training as well. They mirrored our State legislation and we will be working on that and we will be coordinating with the burial council. There is a specific part of the course relating to Historic Preservation and our iwi. I also wanted to say that there have been many attempts to erode our Historic Preservation Laws. I think it’s important for the community to speak to their legislators. When we changed the law to change the composition of the Burial Council so that the burial councils could meet. It was difficult to identify individuals that would like to serve on the Burial Council. So what we wanted to do was have a workshop to talk about cultural kuleana as it relates to Historic Preservation. Talk about knowledge transferred in our
communities about iwi protection. We put out and RFP a few years ago and didn’t get any responses. We did get approved in the budget to do it again so I think it could be related to what Johanna had requested. One of the ways that we serve and try to protect our beneficiary’s interest in land is through NHLC.

Trustee Rowena Akana – You are giving her a lot of maybes, I think what she wants it something very positive and something that she can take to the bank. This is a lot to take in.

Ms. Kamaunu – The problem we have with this type of workshop is that it has to be done during our regular meetings. They impose the sunshine law on us.

Jocelyn Doane – We will work with the Council when we coordinate the training so that we properly agendize the meeting.

Trustee Rowena Akana – If we could have our COO work with you and with our public policy and coordinate.

Ms. Kamaunu – We are supposed to have the Attorney General at our meeting but they don’t show up to our meeting. So there is no type of counsel or advice to come forth in the meeting.

Chair Colette Machado – Jocelyn when will we be able to coordinate this workshop?

Jocelyn Doane – So the latest training course will happen before the year is over. As it relates to the bigger picture cultural kuleana kind of workshop, we haven’t found someone through procurement that is willing and able to do that yet. I don’t have timeline for that one.

Trustee Keli‘i Akina – The iwi that have been found in the sand dunes, can you tell me how much has been found?

Ms. Kamaunu- Right now it is over a 1,000, one project we had over 300, another over 26. We have been told to exclude fragment finds. We recognized even fragments are significant other person so we count all of that.

Chair Colette Machado – I encourage you to work with Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation. The next speaker is Noelani Ahia.

Ms. Noelani Ahia – Aloha, I am here to speak on the sand dunes. I was born and raised in California and my kupuna told me to come home and they’ve been keeping me up at night so that is why I am here. I don’t have as much ‘ike as the others who have been working on this. Who have been laboring on this for 10 plus years. They have had very little help. I came across this article in the Asian Pacific Law and Policy Journal and I wanted to read this small piece from it. I think it’s really important to remember the context when we are talking about our iwi kupuna. It says, “According to the kumulipo the Hawaiian creation chant Háloanaaka (quivering long stalk), the stillborn child of Wākea (father-sky) and his daughter Ho‘ohök0kalani (star-of-heaven) was the first burial in Hawai‘i. At Háloanaaka’s burial site a taro plant appeared. A second child Háloa followed. Háloa is credited to be the progenitor of the Hawaiian people. This story illustrates a symbiosis between the gods, land, and Kānaka Maoli. The burial of iwi result in physical growth of plants and receive physical nourishment from the land they mālama. Spiritual sustenance by ensuring that he bones of our ancestors are properly cared for and in their rightful place. Therefore, the kuleana to care for iwi kupuna is a fundamental responsibility of the living. In order to maintain harmony between the living and the dead and ‘āina.”

This is our kuleana, these iwi kupuna in the sand dune are our collective mana. And right now, I spoke with someone from SHPD and said are we just dragging around iwi kupuna everywhere. She said not exactly, we are because of the battle of Kakanilua and all who perished there, whose blood, bone, sweat and tears are in the sand. But there are also made specific burials that were done in traditional ways. When you look at the diagrams you see a father, a mother, a baby, all buried together. In these very sacred ways and it’s so
disturbing that Maui Lani continues this discretion. Phase 9 needs to stop we need to make this a cultural reserve. I recently found out about my genealogy one part the Keawe line, which means I have kupuna that have died there. For Maui Lani, their archeologist is the ones that fill out the permitting process and they always check no known burials. And yet in their own documents they have conflicting information that says they know it’s a known burial. They do this because if it is an inadvertent find the burial council has less say about it and less of what they can do. Aside from that fact when they have, inadvertent finds they are supposed to contact you folks. On June 1st there was a meeting with the Cultural resource and they wanted to get rid of this, it is problematic and there are some things that are not applicable. It has context on how burials should be treated and they just wanted to pull it before they replaced it. I understand that you folks have not been receiving the documentation of these inadvertent finds. That’s really problematic and I’m here to ask you to do whatever you can in your power to follow up on this and find out where these documents are and how many. SHPD has yet to give a definitive number about how many burials they found. We are asking for your help. Also in regards to the meeting on 22nd I just wanted to clarify that particular meeting with the County Council is infrastructure committee and it’s only in regards to Sand Mining Moratorium. A moratorium is fine but it’s not enough. Mahalo

Trustee Rowena Akana – Is this something that Kai Markell can engage in.

Chair Colette Machado – He already is.

Jocelyn Doane – Yes Trustees, Kai has been working on this.

Chair Colette Machado – Our next speaker is Francine Aarona.

Ms. Francine Aarona – Thank you Trustees. This is my first time and it’s always a startle. You know you grow up young, you become an adult and now you find yourself a kupuna. Strange word for me because I always tell my grandchildren I am sweet sixteen. Mahalo for allowing me to talk. It’s all about community concerns. I am hearing a lot this morning and Mahalo for the work that has been done. That is so important to mālama our iwi. I live in Pā‘ia I am of the Kekahuna Ohana who lives on the shore. Aunty Kamaile Kane was the grandmother of Keli‘i so those things he talks about in Pā‘ia that is where the Pā‘ia Hale is and you are all welcome to come and visit. Unfortunately, we are surrounded by vacation rentals. I was educated in Honolulu, married in Honolulu but I am home and am the caretaker of the Pā‘ia Hale. My job it to take care of the ‘āina and I look to OHA because you do the work for us. Talk about the legacy, I talk about the bloodline. In Pā‘ia town we have Kekahuna Track, that is my name, I can feel tutu pinching me telling me I have to mālama, we have iwi on our shoreline that hasn’t been recognized but it is my kuleana to tell them. It’s like a private beach the honu come up in the evening, and we have to make sure that the others don’t disturb them. OHA should be working for us your kuleana for the legacy to hold on to what is ours. Yes, for me ke akua is number one cannot do anything without him. I believe he allows us as cultural people in each division, Chinese, Japanese, but he allows us to mālama our own so what are we doing? You need to continue to do the work of the legacy for us. Mahalo for your time. We have to hold strong and hold on to what is given to us and keep that.

Chair Colette Machado – Our next speaker is Kaniloa Kamaunu.

Kaniloa Kamaunu – Good morning Trustees my name is Kaniloa Kamaunu I’m from Waihee Valley. I’d like to first thank Aunty Hulu and her office for all the work she do for us. I think that the part that is lost here is how you can control that. It’s just silence as saying native Hawaiian burials. It’s actually a negative it give the opportunity to be exposed into a society that doesn’t know what to do with them. They are not native Hawaiians they are Kanaka Maoli. These are the things in the kanawai. To give them another identity like native Hawaiian reflects them back to the federal statues of education. We are actually Kanaka. If they were part of the kingdom of Hawaii, their rightful place is there and they should stay there. Taking them and transferring them out to another area takes away their rights. So what rights do our people who have passed on have? 1860 it’s already mentioned in the State Law in when it comes to burials. It recognized that they had a right to remain there and to be undisturbed. Because of the title of Native Hawaiian, if you read 6E and 1860
they have no rights. It's the order of the property who bought that property the right to discern whether or not they can remain there. We have to get them back to where they belong. All the research I have done as kanaka has never transferred our rights to the United States. This is all Federal stuff. We are still Kanaka they cannot blame us, how are they blaming our people. They are getting this wrong, we should take and remove all burial sites that state native Hawaiian and reflects on the state number it doesn't belong to them. They are upset because of this, they lose their identity by having this upon them so people can take advantage of them. My concern is how they going to determine which is the man and which is the sand. We are not just finding one person here, one person there, there are families. How are we supposed to sit there and see trucks drive and continues construction. The sand is not our resource it is our people. For me I look to OHA to somehow, we working to put signage don't CARE if the county like it or not I going to put up my own signs and let people know that it will be there it will no longer be a question but if OHA like help us great for us but I here because we institution of this County and if you have any way to assist us in protecting, you guys like mālama us more than happy. If not that's ok too. We come here to ask to mālama us. Mahalo

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa – Mahalo for bringing up that to my attention about taking the sand shipping it on the barge. All the pillars of the rail that is why they are falling apart.

Chair Colette Machado – Our next speaker is Kahele Dukelow.

Ms. Kahele Dukelow – Aloha mai Kakou, Kahele Dukelow born and raised on Maui, a teacher at the College and I have a couple of things I want to talk to you today. I am also a member of the burial council. As you have heard we have a lot of things that are happening namely the issue regarding the sand dunes. I’d like to read one part of the kuleana of the burial council. “The primary responsibility of the council it so determine previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites that appear to be over 50 years old should be preserved in place or relocated.” The issue about the sand dunes is that all of those burials is not previously identified. Those issues don’t even come in front of the burial council. And essentially what our law does is leave our iwi exposed unprotected. That is why it sits right now because of the way the law is written. Now I want to share a ‘ōlelo no’eau, na keke naiwi o Huaekala, the bones of hua rattling in the sun. It’s a saying regarding the evil chief of Hua from Maui saying, that because he was so evil his bones were left rattling in the sun. All of the kupuna, over 1,000 we guestimate at this point are essentially being left rattling in the sun. As if they are the most evil people on this island and we know that is not the case. So for us thinking about Honokahua, where the whole movement began to protect burials. We are at the same number I think it might be a little less so that we can get them to stand up and enough. The number of burials if not more have been unearthed in the sand dunes. When are we going to stand up? I think what we need, we all know that the legal system, we can sit here and follow the legal system and a 1,000 burials will be unearthed. And they are not going to have anything to say about that. So it’s not enough for us to sit there and say navigate us through this law, train us better in the law, even though I know we need to be trained better, I think when you come and you have your legal team you should also have another arm who is going to help the people on the ground who is mobilizing and organizing, such as the sand dunes, such as Mauna Kea, such as Haleakala. That if left to the law will go forward it’s legal. What they are doing at the sand dunes they are doing legally. I think we all know that morally and ethically and as kanaka we cannot continue to let happen and we don’t have time let it rest in the law until they figure it out. Right now today as we speak they are continuing construction. I implore you to find a way to lend your resources and your knowledge to help this issue so that we can figure out how we can stop it now not after they go for 2,000. This is going to be the most burials unearthed from anywhere. I implore you to implore the State to keep these inventories to the present day. There used to be inventory but it seems that there isn’t anyone taking on that kuleana. I also just wanted to kāko'o anake here spent the day in Paia, it really is a feeling of being surrounded. If you can kāko'o her and how do we keep our kanaka who have been fighting to stay on their ‘āina while everything else goes on around them. The other thing I would like to talk about is the battle for water on Maui. That there is still a lot of work to be done, there are court cases happening. The most important thing is that Wailuku Water Company is still taking water and we don’t know how much, we still see the diversions, stills see the water going in. My main point, like you have your legal team I think you need an arm that an connect you to our resources and help us with research, help us dig things up, help us advocate on the different islands. It’s not enough to sit there and follow the law because we all know if we are going to follow the law all of these things will continue to happen.
**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – I know that every project on Maui you have to have a cultural advisor?

**Ms. Dukelow** – Well I don’t know exactly know for sure, but the sand dunes have a bunch of different developers. I couldn’t say for sure.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Who is the DOCARE officer?

**Ms. Dukelow** – I don’t know. What they are doing they are following the law as it is set but the thing is the law is problematic because when they issued the permits they did not find burial, but now they have found upwards of a 1,000. For us I don’t know how we continue to say any iwi found from now on is treated as inadvertent burial. We know that there are a 1,000 burials, we know that they will find more.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – What concerns me is that we don’t see what is ahead of us. The County Council usually has a general plan, when we speak of the general plan we might see things a provision or ag or something like that which allows the people on the land the rights to move ahead with ever they do without permitting then it becomes between the owner and counties. Are we really protecting our burials? Help us help you guys, we get attacked all the time. We feel that if we can be part of the process we can make a difference in the process. Like Mauna Kea, you think about all the people protesting, why are we protesting, because we are not a part of the process.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – I attended our local meetings on the sand dunes so I am somewhat more familiar with. My question is that you mentioned that when their first started the development that they didn’t find iwi, then since they have found 1,000, from the time that they started counting what did they do with the iwi.

**Ms. Dukelow** – They all have a burial plan depending on the developer. There are different plans depending on the development.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** – So they may do what they did out at Ritz Carlton, put it all together and mālama in one place.

**Ms. Dukelow** – The Maui Lani project they have done a bunch of different things, because it is done in phases. They bring it in piece meal, because as the burial council they consult with us, but after a while, how many burials are out there if they coming back week after week. My thing is it seems like its intentional they come in with 5 one time, the next one 7, another time 10. If cannot just hope the law saves us.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – Our heavy equipment operators are coming together and they want to be certified. On Kauai we have the same issues, we are finding full intact bodies. It’s about the heavy equipment operators knowing how to dig, once you see the alae salt all over there is something there. It’s happening every single day. But we have a burial council process. Then what happens after that, we saw the ditches last night so we can all move the iwi to those places. What are we doing?

**Trustee Rowena Akana** – Do you go and visit where the iwi is?

**Ms. Dukelow** – We do depending on who the representative is of that particular moku they will go and visit the iwi and consult.

**Trustee Rowena Akana** – How do they keep the iwi, they are not burying it as they go, how are they keeping the iwi?

**Ms. Dukelow** – It depends on the consult from the moku representative.
Trustee Dan Ahuna – This is a problem, if OHA is supposed to be part of this process and if we don’t know it’s a problem.

Johana Kamaunu – Prior to us being on the council they were stored in cardboard boxes and held in an office. But now they are more respectful.

Chair Colette Machado – Our next is Kaleikoa Kaeo.

Mr. Kaleikoa Kaeo – I hope to speak to you as fellow kanaka. I think that is part of the problem you get stuck in the box of the master, the settler. Who has already determined what you can and cannot do. We must deal as fellow kanaka first, neva mind what Governor Ige has to say, I could care less what the legislator has on their plans. I don’t give a damn what Monsanto may want. A lot of these issues, either we will stand together and defend our place or we all will be erased together. That’s it. Makena, when I was a young boy that was a Hawaiian place. You go down there how many kanaka family you see living on the land there. When you talk about nation building it will never come through a paper. It will never come by signing your name to anything. It comes from struggling me as kanaka, face to face, me joining in. And the burials, it’s not that you can screen it and you can find, the one itself is the blood the sweat. The remains of those iwi are still there. The sand yup, its standing in the new rail. When you see the rail that is the iwi of the Maui kupuna. What are doing about? The law say you have to do this you have to sue. The hell with the law. What I ask our kanaka to say, what’s worse than doing anything is not saying anything. They are going to do with us as they please, but if we don’t say anything. We don’t speak out against it. There is nothing that prevents the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as kanaka to say hey, that is hewa. It may not be in the law but the hell with the law. What is right is right. For me that is the most important thing that I ask the Trustees to speak on our behalf to share on our behalf even if the attorney general may have different opinions. The erasure is real. First was disease, then deculturalization, then was mis-education the robbing and destroying of our minds, now they physically removing us whether it is underground or above ground. People today call it ethnic cleansing, it’s the same thing what you doing through economics or by physical removal it’s the same process. If we say nothing about it we become complacent in our own destruction. Empire demands death, their empire demands our destruction. We must fight that what have we got to loose. The worst thing to loose is our own dignity as a people. We are complicit in this issue with all the issues. When I look around and see our people I am proud of our Maui people we struggle and stand and speak. We might not have the resource the money but we resist. Because it is better to resist and stand proud then bend down on your knees and say nothing at all and accept the dehumanization. Only us as a people can re-humanize our self to do what is necessary. Houselessness on Maui is a big issues. The County of Maui has installed policies to lock them out of the parks, the showers, the bathrooms, why? Because the tourist going see, the hell with the tourist. This is not their paradise this is our home. We are refugees in our own homeland. I watched OHA spend millions of dollars on various program, there is a lot of programs I can see. You know when you get the laulau on the table who eats first the strongest or the weakest? The keiki or the mature adults. What I am trying to say who are we tasked to help first but those who cannot even find a bathroom at night. Where a family is driving around to find a place to sleep to use the bathroom. I ask that you see these kanaka. A child is innocent, they need a place of safety, to use the restroom, where they can sleep, shower. People like hear the good story they no like hear the consequences here in these islands. I ask that you re-focus and do what is most necessary, it can be Mauna Kea, Pōhakuloa, Makua, Sand Dunes of Maui, Iao. By the way I was kind of disgusted because I didn’t hear more we should speak out against that racist Mayor on Maui. That’s true, don’t be afraid call him for what he is. We need to speak truth who profit off our dehumanization. We need to speak out against those who only look at the supposed profits that his investors are going to make. They looking all the developments they want to take with all of the water from East Maui. They only looking at the converting of lands A&B. How come we not saying nothing. I really no care what they going to do, but the question for us is what we going do, what is our kuleana.

Chair Colette Machado – Mahalo Kalekoa, our next speaker is Paul Hanaka.

Mr. Paul Hanaka – My name is Paul Hanaka, I was born and raised here on Maui. I am here because I went to Kealoha School Kuia, Maui High School and University of Hawaii. I have a degree in biology I am a
retired business person, I have seven grandchildren with Hawaiian blood. I think it is my responsibility to speak for them. I have one concern the beach properties on the north shore of Maui. They replenish the sands come out of Maui Lani, I have telling the State, the County and even the Federal Government that what they are doing is not good for the ocean. The sand up there is different. Its fine, it has a lot of particular is in and it destroys our native environment. I been working on this for almost 10 years and uncle Walter, he knows I took photos and video. He asked me to help with the video that you folks saw. He made me aware of the sand. The sand they are using in Specklesville that is the sand you guys are concerned about. It is not good. I asked if I could use it from the cultural aspect now because all this time I was using environmental I was trying to show the government that what they were doing was wrong. Now I want everyone to understand that it’s not only environmentally not good it cultural too. I do this for my grandchildren because I have a responsibility to them. I don’t want them to say how come you never say anything.

Trustee Rowena Akana - What is environmentally wrong with the sand?

Mr. Hanaka – If you understand how the sand dunes were formed, all the sand dunes from Waihee all the way to Ma‘alaea came from the north shore of Maui that reef system. The wind blew everything up. But sand has different grain sizes the light stuff will blow further inland. Where Maui Lani is it is really fine grain white sand. What happens is that they are digging so deep they are reaching the dirt. That dirty sand is not really good for construction, they sell it for sand replenish projects, they claim it’s clean but it’s not. It is fine grain it has a lot of dirt and silt, they put it on the beach the ocean will come and take it into the water and it looks like coffee cream and it stays like that for months. It is destroying the ocean the organisms that are creating the sand cannot live in it anymore. I did a demonstration and I put it in a quart of water couldn’t believe how dirty is was. I told them how can you allow this to happen? Someone has to speak for the ocean. Because of the fine grain sand it will cover the reef and suffocate everything.

Chair Colette Machado – Our next speaker is Kahala.

Mr. Kahala – Aloha my name is Kahala I am from Maui. Today I wanted to talk on three issues. The first is what aunty Johanna brought up in Waiehu. That is my family that is being affected by the 64 acre purchase by Maui County. The second is about the sand and bones and the last is about Na Wai Eha. For Waiehu in 2012 the County allegedly purchased 64 acres for close to $1 million that land has many LCA from the mahele. My particular family claims to our ancestor who has secure title to that land. Throughout the years we have faced many problems. We have faced house evictions. We’ve also been hassled from the nonprofit who prohibit us access to these areas. Recently we went out to testify against the nonprofit. We began to reoccupy our lands. You don’t see these houseless people of our family that are trying to reoccupy our lands and reestablish their rights. I ask for legal counsel and a letter of support. More than just the law we need direction action for helping our houseless family from being taken off. I can give you more information latter. The second is the sand and bones issues. We need a letter to the State that Arakwa is racist total jackass. Let’s be real, tell him this is unacceptable not just this but Na Wai Eha everything. We need a direction action arm that OHA can help us perform civil disobedience. We also need counter media, more media that can expose the messages that are put out in the public. There should be legal to help. The last Na Wai Eha, back them up with funding, the media resources they need. This is the women that have gone into the river to redirect the water so that the family is Iao will not be affected by further flooding. They did it by themselves, that is mana wahine, that is moo wahine preserving these water resources. We need to help these direction actions, can’t be reactive.

Chair Colette Machado – Calls Tiare Lawrence to speak.

Ms. Tiare Lawrence – Aloha Trustees, I’m Tiare Lawrence I am born and raised here on Maui in Lahaina. I just wanted to say we have entered in to very dangerous territory politically. I been paying close attention and I feel there has been alliance created. There have been a very long list of public, political attacks in regards to the contract of Kama‘opono and it seems other are being dragged into this political power struggle that is happening among Trustees. Kaina Makua is my good from Aloha Aina Poi Company is a hardworking man and the work he is doing is Makaweli is so critical and deeply needed in his community. He is a kalo farmer and his name was blasted all over the media where it shouldn’t have been. I was so disappointed to see his
name in the media and get caught in the cross fires. Why can’t you folks secure these matters in house. Why are Hawaiians dragging other Hawaiians into all this negativity. To me it’s simply not pono. Bottom line is this all of these political attacks are not doing anything any good and the only it only plays into the hands of those that are trying to control our resources and hold us down. We must do better. We as a lāhui must demand better than this. I also want to bring up my concerns about Trustee Akina. On Maui his organization has been on the other side of the fence when it comes to Hawaiian issues. The Oluwalu Town Development and Airbnb is a prime example. Akina is Executive Director of Grassroots. The 990 filings of that organization shows that he was paid $101,000 in 2015. He is a registered lobbyist for that organization. In an amicus brief filed by the Grassroots Institute on OHA v State Ceded Lands case when it went to the US Supreme Court in 2008, Grassroots said, “Over 1 million American Citizens in Hawaii are under siege by what can fairly be called an evil empire dedicated to native Hawaiian supremacy. That empire is dominated by KSBE, the nation’s largest charitable trust which has already conquered Hawai’i’s government and much of its business establishments. Even the United States supports this invidious organization by annually funding multiple Hawaiian entitlements. And by failing to dis-evolve the Hawaiian Home Lands Compact in the Admission Act which mandates that the State of Hawaii keep on discriminating on the bases of race.” With that being said a good first step is for the community and Trustees to demand that Trustee Akina do a few things. First retract the obvious racist and inaccurate statement made by the Grassroots Institute to the Native Hawaiians, secondly issue a proclamation by the Grassroots Institute that it will never file or joint a lawsuit challenging the native Hawaiian preference policy of any native Hawaiian Trust as long as he is executive director and that organization publicly supports the preference policy of the ali’i trust. Third if he cannot take either of those action resign from either position, Executive Director of Grassroots Institute with is $100,000 salary or step down as OHA Trustee. We must demand more with the blatant moral conflict he now has. I also want to know why Trustee Akina’s forensic audit is going to cost $500,000 and which community grants is going to be cut for it. CPAs will say that the info will be very minimally different than the annual audit. So why waste $500,000 that should be used for important programs. I want go into some ideas and stuff that I want to put out there. I work for the Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action and I work as a community organizer. The work that they gave me past year has been very helpful in organizing community efforts and I just want to throw that maybe OHA should invest into providing community organizers in each island just to keep Hawaiian community involved in what is happening at the Council as well as the State level so that we can build momentum. Secondly I did submit the grant for voting to push the vote, I post marked it the day before it was due but unfortunately was told that it was day late. There is a lot of good ideas out there and regardless of who gets it just encourage the Trustees please look into and pull some ideas from that, that could benefit us in pushing the vote next year. I want to mahalo OHA for three of my family members flew up a week and a half ago and met with Wayne about the issue with Kanahau, where the County of Maui is currently diverting 100% of the water and its making it very difficult for them to go back to their kuleana lands to grow kalo. With that being said Iao was designated a water management area. Kanahau, Kauaula, Kahoma and Oluwalu are all part of that same aquifer. So I would like to see OHA kind of support efforts to get West Maui that same kind of designation. Auntie brought up having a law library or a law resource center. If you ever get a chance I encourage you to check out Na Aikane o Maui, uncle Keaumoku’s cultural center. He doesn’t have much but he is a resource and families meet every Thursday and he helps them with their genealogy and do the affidavits and all of that. Affordable housing we are faced with scams on Maui right now. Every developer is building under the 201H, where you have to build out 50% affordable and the rest is market price. To me it’s a scam, we are never going to address affordable housing crisis needs with 201H. What do homeowners do? After the 10 years they flip it for market price and those homes are forever lost. Majority of the project fall under this 201H and it doesn’t really benefit us long term. I kind of liked to see OHA take a stand and challenging the 201H process and maybe changing language in the 201H. Ceded lands, Hawaii Alliance for progressive action as well as community members on Kauai came out with a press release yesterday that they filed a lawsuit with the use of ceded lands. OHA should be very involved. Why does a chemical company have access to these lands when it should be our farmers. OHA should demand that the use of our ceded lands be pono.

Trustee Rowena Akana – Thank you Tiare. I just would like to say that as Trustees we come here and welcome testimony. In the beginning you started the comment about the staffer.
Ms. Lawrence – Are you referring to Kamana‘o because that is the only name I brought out.

Trustee Rowena Akana – Something about the poi factory.

Ms. Lawrence – But Kaina Makua is not a staffer.

Trustee Rowena Akana – These things have been coming out in the press. It wasn’t personal.

Ms. Lawrence – It is part of the OHA drama.

Trustee Rowena Akana – Right but you can’t control thing that happen.

Ms. Lawrence – Yes, but innocent hard working kanaka are hurting because of it.

Trustee Rowena Akana – Sometimes you can’t control what is going to happen and when you are and elected person you are a target: no matter what.

Ms. Lawrence – I do feel some of that drama is coming from within OHA itself. Because how can Hawaii News Now have access to that information.

Trustee Rowena Akana – You know even now the White House has leaks. The whole board wants to do the audit.

Ms. Lawrence – Yes, an audit is good but my point is why would be spend $500,000 when an annual audit is already being completed and if there is going to be minimal differences I just feel that $500,000 are deeply needed in community grants.

Trustee Rowena Akana – This audit is going to cover things that are not in the State Audit. The State Audit is going an audit on certain part of our office, what this audit will do will cover our LLCs and other things not audited. We have not been fully audited since I been at OHA.

Chair Colette Machado – Just to answer you, the $500,000 is not coming out of the community grant.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – First of all thank you for coming up here and saying what you said. The reason I am saying this is because the Trustee is being attacked is me and my staff. I am going to speak up for my staff. I don’t think they deserve to be attacked. Some of the Trustees work really hard because we feel we are part of the people. But there are some other forces that are making it hard for us to move ahead. I want to thank all of you for exposing this on Kauai, what makes me angry and sad is that we have beneficiaries like Kaina Makua taking cracks right now. Good people then try to find excuses for my staff doing wrong doing. I am telling you all today, check the facts understand what is going on. Understand the self-agendas that are going on today at the table. What they are doing to my staff is wrong.

Ms. Lawrence – That is my thing too, keeping the dirty laundry in house and it comes out that the facts are out.

Trustee Dan Ahuna – If you folks have questions about this ask Kaina, ask John Aana.

Chair Colette Machado – Calls Sesame Shim.

Ms. Sesame Shim – Aloha my name is Sesame Shim. There are so many issues happening on Maui. But our people of Hawaii is being stripped from existence. Our housing is being solder to foreigner our resources are being courted by corporation, our bones are becoming plaster to accommodate a system that shifts our beings further than everything we are. I am Hawaiian but by your definitions I am not Hawaiian enough to qualify for a home. I will always be from this ‘āina, my keiki will always be from this ‘āina. But by your definition my
Chair Colette Machado – Our next speaker is Clare Apana.

Ms. Clare Apana – I want to thank you. It is so heartwarming to see the level of involvement of the Trustees that you are listening to the beneficiaries. I brought you more information. That is a copy of Samuel Kamakau’s rendition of the battle of Kakanilua that happened not far from here. So that you know when we speak these sand dunes are protected by history. On the first page there is a lot of talk about the developer. The developers knew that this was a burial ground. They started in 1977 with Maui Lani’s site the project there. And one of the big problems you were just addressing is that we go against each other and the cultural consultant of this project made very light of this place and I drove around on the jeep and never see nothing. But he was wrong. There were over a 1,000 burials. There is something that you can do. In 1996 there was an archeological study there in that study they found 11 burials they decided that one would go be interned at SHPD the other 10 more would be preserved in place. That means it there was a whole body and it was preserved in place. Two years later the same archeological firm reports on this and that there are 6 burials preserved in place. In 2016 this same is reported to have 10 burial features and one burial interned at State Historic Preservation. That is actually breaking that law because they put these burials at risk. When you go to a NC2 Burial to a feature you have lost the bones and that site was sand mined. Even with all these burials they still sand mined them. I think you guys can do something because you guys are in the same State situation. I took this to the Sierra Club and they took a vote to support to protecting these sand dunes. We are going to support that you cannot extract this sand any more, we are going to support that this permit is invalid and this company has been using an illegal permit. That is a haole organization they didn’t hesitate because it is hewa. I am happy that you listen so well, I am so disappointed that this could not move you to make a motion. Next week Thursday an ordinance is proposed to banned that sand mining until we can get all the information and facts. You have a chance just to say we can stand in a law that is a true today as it is in 1860. This law is still on the books. A law from the Kingdom of Hawaii that has gone forward in what would be the State of Hawaii. What is the spirit of OHA? I think you can stand behind without being sued is Hawaiian people do not desecrate their burial. And if you think of desecrating a burial you will be fined heavily. That comes all the way to us from 1860. I think you can stand on that law and you can stand on that value of that law. I ask you again please make a motion support all the efforts and testimony of all these beneficiaries and stand up. You can stand up Sierra Club can stand up for us. It would mean a lot and it would absolutely negate what the developer and the County of Maui are trying to do to keep us squashed. We know how developers are in this County, we know how are Mayor is. The minute they feel safe enough to go back again because they won’t pull this permit, they will not instigate the law and its penalties they will be there making $30 million a year.

(Attached Iwi Protectors handout)

Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa – I wanted to make a resolution and I was told this wasn’t the right place because it wasn’t agendized. I said I will be doing a resolution if not from OHA then as an individual.

Ms. Apana – I remember you made a resolution letter last year to not sign the Na Wai Eha water bill you did do that.

Trustee Rowena Akana – Madame Chair how difficult would it be for us to talk to our legal counsel to talk about sending a letter.
Chair Colette Machado – To me I am going to refer this back to administration because I am not sure what our status is, which Kai Markell has been handling.

Trustee Rowena Akana – Have you worked with Kai Markell from our office before? What has he advised so far.

Ms. Apana – He is working on getting information from SHPD which is part of working with the State law. And he advised me to come to this meeting to talk to you and ask you to do something also.

Chair Colette Machado – We are just trying to connect what is going on with Administration and Trustees and we cannot establish a resolution last night we did not specifically address this issue. We have to do this at another time. This is where staff would come in to help us if there is a combine resolution or a legal matter all of those things we will have to do. This is what Kaleikoa is saying as elected officials we get caught up in this, we not truly pushing what we feel. Let me tell you something about Kapalua. We have just come from Kahoolawe and the Ohana was upset because they had unearthed over 1,000 as you know. So we decided to go down to Kapalua kick the gate down and we camped for two nights after that we got blasted because we screwed their show up, because those had a MOA with the State SHPD. I not going tell you who they are but they were prominent individuals that showed up when were protesting the iwi. Whether the law is beneficial now we know that there is a big pilika. What I am trying to tell you and I have watched you come and get support for OHA. I haven’t been clear how we can help you. Because you were there with your research. What is happening now it is very clear the County is now trying to get more involved to set some direction. All of this knowledge is moving so quickly so we want to helpful. I have sat here many time when you have attacked us that we are sitting on our okoles and not doing nothing. We want to help you Clare because this is the timing that all this is going to come out. We know there has some work been done internally by our staff and yet we haven’t been connected to a simple resolution to the work that you do in this area. Please help us to understand how.

Ms. Apana – One is endure your OHA I believe the one that came up to the cultural resource committee last week, it talked about how Nuuanu with the history of that battle, ours is not different you can protect these sand dunes just as Nuuanu was protected. Second we have many cultural practitioners that would fall within the Hawaii State call to stop the sand mining and you can help us in this. I have to say that we have to present by necessity in this space to always and especially in this place be consulted. Go through the 6 steps to see if they were injured. Those are two things you can do now. I hope that you will agendize it and we will show up again.

Trustee Rowena Akana – I believe we can make the motion to help.

Chair Colette Machado – We cannot make a motion if it was not agendized. No you cannot.

Trustee Rowena Akana – If there is a will to do.

Chair Colette Machado – It is inappropriate.

Jocelyn Doane – The sand dune issue that our beneficiaries have shared have been going on for many years. I know that Kai and staff have been looking into.

Chair Colette Machado – We cannot take an official action now. We will try to scrub down and agendize at the next board meeting and take some position. This is what Jocelyn is updating us on.

Jocelyn Doane – I know that he has started re-looking in to the issue recently as a result of the most recent media attention that the issue got. I think one of the burial council member shared the law as it relates to this is complicated and its possibly one of the reasons why we haven’t got much traction on it. The law isn’t necessarily the way that this is going to, in terms of our historic preservation laws, prevail. I think that speaks to kind of what she shared earlier. So I think what the community is doing is important to raise the issue
politically which we can also do. So I think we need to re-review the laws that is related to historic preservation and how we can use that as a tool. We need to support and work with the community in what they are doing which is not necessarily going through the legal process. With regards to the resolution that Ms. Apana brought up I have my staff currently pulling that up we are going to be looking at the conditional use permit and the special use permit. We will be making comments and supporting the bill as we take a look at it more closely. That is the best update I can give right now.

Chair Colette Machado – Someone will be at the June 22nd meeting. We will be prepared to submit something in writing.

Ms. Apana – As it is going we should go right inside the gate and protest.

Chair Colette Machado – I support civil disobedience because sometimes it’s the only means of getting to an end.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – I just want to share with my community, when the first truck of sand was driven out of that area I did turn to our staff and ask what we can do about it. I know I am talking couple months ago. We haven’t come to any resolution. I know its intricate between State laws and what we are able to do. But I want to assure you that next week Thursday I will be there with you at the County hearing to testify on our behalf.

Chair Colette Machado – We will be working with you more closely to get an item on the board agenda. I would like to call Lala Johnston.

Ms. Lala Johnston – I am Lala Johnston, I am the sand dune lady. I was brought up in the moku of Waiehu. That is where it all started. There is a lot of hurt in all we do. I want to acknowledge my hurt as well. My story goes as a young girl I was one of those people that stood there or played in that area and I got to see all the iwi. As I played I saw the iwi and I knew it was iwi, the thing is we were told by our older uncles, auntys, tutus that no touch the iwi just leave it alone. With that understanding we never touched it, we played around it. But what really hurt was now understanding. I was that little girl standing in my yard, right across from where I lived, all these trucks. Aunty I know you had this feeling that I felt, to see those trucks take all of this sand away and not knowing as a little girl how come I cannot touch that iwi that was in the sand and now we have all these trucks coming and they are taking the sand away and we don’t even know where they went. When I am at this age and I see what is happening I feel for them I hurt. There is iwi there, we have kuleana to take of it. I have a kuleana to stand here to say that I am a witness of the iwi that I saw in Waiehu. What they are doing is not ok and we need to do something about it. I plead with you because I know that hurt you are talking about. Now my family has to deal with the County owns the land. And now here we go with another issue. The County comes and breaks the lock where we gather as a family. Where I had to lay my granddaughter’s piko who is not here with us who passed away at 2½ years old. Her piko is there on that land where we have to fight for just like the sand dunes, I couldn’t fight for that but here today I have to fight for that land to keep that piko there. That is the hurt I feel I am safe enough to tell you. Where we have to continue to think that the laws that they have now that I know are not the laws. I need your help and support to the County to the Mayor this is not yours this is the kuleana family that lives there still for over 100 of years. I have to stand here and tell you that, that land is ancient. That is where my kupuna are and where my iwi is and I have to continue to strive to protect it and defend it. I cannot do it alone and we are going to need your help. I tell you of this hurt because it continues to hurt me and my family and who continue to fight. I am asking you to write a letter and tell him. Thank you.

Chair Colette Machado – Calls Trinette Furtado.

Ms. Trinette Furtado – Aloha, my name is Trinette Furtado I live in Hamakualoa in Haiku and I am come here today because you are Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs not just for today but for yesterday, for tomorrow. You are the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for our keiki and kupuna, for those that are here and for those that cannot be here. No matter for me, whatever struggles are going on your office is
there for our lāhui. Your office if there to not go over whatever kind of name fighting that is going on in the offices there but for us. It is us who put you there, we put you there in the hopes that we will have more than strong leaders, that we will have legal assistance, that we will have resources for our people to go to on every island that they too will see we are there for the lāhui. We cannot grow our lāhui, we cannot keep doing their Hawaii and keep perpetuating ike Hawaii if those things that are part of Hawaii keep going away. We have so many issues, the housing, the one, kaehu, Makena, Lahaina, our water issues, our kuleana rights. We need kokua, kākoʻo, we have people with Royal Patents whose lands are being consolidated for large projects and they don’t know where to start. We have people whose lands have been taken through quite title. We have no recourse. We have people living on the beach because there is no place for them to go they are not homeless this is their home they are houseless. We need to do more about that. We need to do more but we can’t do it without you and your resources. Please we have the sand issues that is coming up before the County Council, we have rampant developments that are coming up that you should and stand up for. If you only stand by and say we can only write letter we are going to have nothing. We must do better and we can do better and if we kākoʻo each other it is possible. When we move forward with just some Hawaiians in mind we must move forward with the entire Lāhui. Mahalo.

12:00 pm Trustee Rowena Akana and Trustee John Waihee Leave the meeting.

Chair Colette Machado – Thank you Trinette. We now have Nameaea Hoshino.

Mr. Nameaea Hoshino – Aloha my name is Nameaea Hoshino I’m born and raised in Lahaina and my ‘ohana is Keahi and Haya. Long time families. A lot of our ‘ohana that talked about our iwi kupuna. David Malo talked about it, and he petitioned the government that he want to be buried at Paapau or above the L in Lahaina. He seen what was going to happen, our iwi was going to be desecrated, our land that we once farmed would disappear. Our family has been dealing with this water issue. The County taking 100% of the water. We address his issue to the family but the other thing is they are preventing our access. We are getting cut off from our kuleana lands. Our family wants to return because we can see the potential of what we can do. I’ve be revitalizing a lot of our areas, Kanaha, Kahoma, Kaua‘ula Valley. It is my kuleana, I work at Maui Botanical Garden I take care of the kalo collection. My kuleana is to pass on the ike of kalo. The thing that I see is that we have water issues, land issues, development. If you guys go to Lahaina there is traffic, more of our places are changing. For me, all we need is give us the support for our lāhui, our people. A lot of our people cannot afford the land that we live on because of these developers. That is why our families move to the mainland because they cannot afford to live here. My family lives on the same kuleana land right in Lahaina. I plead to you guys that we need your support because there is a lot things happening in Maui that is going to change this place even more.

Chair Colette Machado – Mahalo our last speaker is Joyclynn Costa.

Ms. Joyclynn Costa – Afternoon Trustees my name is Joyclynn Costa. I am happy to see the Trustees that are at the table today that are attentive. Because what I witnessed last night, it’s not attacking the Trustees, but when you are here to hear your constituents, your beneficiaries, the people is supposed to be the most important to you and you cannot even stay up to hear them. That is embarrassing. I witness that last night, and I witness your attentiveness last night. And the 10 years of asking to help us with the stand is not attacking. Because if it was done already we wouldn’t have to come back and ask. 10 years is a long time. The sands not only on Oahu, but the roads up to Haleakala, I have to say sorry every time I drive that road because I am not sure who I am driving upon. Our prisons their walls are made from our Kupuna. You wonder why the walls started cracking, they are speaking. As far as this nonsense of the law, we started a think tank Hui Pono Ike Kanawai. We just wanted to know about the laws that can protect us. If you look at the Hawaii Revised Statues its created form the Kanawai. The Statues of 1890 anyone know? 1893? The penal codes of 1859, the civil codes of 1869. So what you are standing upon is the Kanawai it is not the laws of the United States. You have revised them to fashion how you going vote now. But behind these revised statues is the law. I would implore you as Hawaiians, kanaka do your due diligence in finding that law. With the organic act of 1900 they define the laws of Hawaii, the Republic of Hawaii and the Hawaiian Laws that are still enforced. It is in that language. You adopted it into the Statehood Act. Without the Kanawai Hawaii
Revised Statue goes away. Hawaii Revised Statue 1-1 go back to it. Kuleana rights, HRS 172-11 it goes all the way back to Chapter 21 section 1 1872 Kanawai that is the law. You are living on a revised statue not amended. So the law is still good, use it exercise it to your full ability. Because the State has to recognize it. The revised Statue talks about the kuleana as a land patent, the Kanawai talks about a Royal Patent. You would do some workshops on that look into the law but you keep riding on a revised version that suits everyone else. There are two sets of laws on this land right not. Laws of Hawaii and the Hawaiian Laws find it, use it to your advantage for the people of Hawaii. This iwi has its own set of laws. Whether it’s a particle or an entire bone it is still the same there is no difference. I implore you to create a think tank, we spent over 6 years sitting in the law library reading up on cases. We want to help you to help us. That is why keep coming back to you. Rise us up elevate us we have brilliant people in this room that can help you.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Thank you Joyclyn.

Trustee Keli‘i Akina – Earlier when our beloved beneficiary spoke I chose not to speak because I felt that all of you have worked so hard to come here today. May I say mahalo who have come and taken off of work to come here. You have moved my heart to hear the great concerns of our kanaka here on Maui. One of our beneficiary raised concern about the conflict of interest of my sitting here on the board. I didn’t respond first because the answers have already been given. Our State Ethics Commission has ruled on that and anyone can go to the website. I am very happy to be here to serve. E Ola Mau Keia o ka ‘aina I na opio. The life of our land is perpetuated in our youth. I was so proud for Tiare for standing up. We may not say things that agree with one another, but we will work together as native Hawaiian people.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CEO’s 15-Minutes Update on Ho‘oulu Lahui Aloha and OHA Activities

Chair Colette Machado – We have one more item on the agenda I will turn this to over to our COO.

Lisa Victor – I have a couple of things to share. Community Grant notification is delayed because our biennium budget just got approved and our grants need to be approved by the board. Second is the Hokulea, ceremonies are this Saturday at Ala Moana and OHA is providing shuttles to Ala Moana and if you are interested please check our website. We are going live with our requirement to Chapter 10 to development a database that resources for native Hawaiians. We had a database before but we have updated it and made it more useful and user friendly. It contains native Hawaiian Business, Resources, and Practioners. Please look forward that it will be posted by the end of the summer. Mahalo.

IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

NONE

V. Announcements

Chair Colette Machado – Trustees any last words?

Trustee Dan Ahuna – I want to thank all of you for taking the time to be here. It’s important that we here you. I want to thank your Trustee, we had some good site visits and something that is long lasting for me and touched me.

Trustee Keli‘i Akina – Mahalo I am so overwhelmed to hear all of your hearts and your mana‘o and the love and aloha, you have for all the people past, present and future. I’ve learned a lot. Aloha.

Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa – I am coming next week Thursday.
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey – Mahalo all of you and it is great pride that I represent you on this board. I know that those here know me and know that my ears are always open; our office is always open to you folks. Much Aloha to all of you.

Chair Colette Machado – I’d like to say to Clare Apana that I am putting some pressure on our policy team so that we have something ready. I want to set and agenda for the 29th. I know the letter you are asking us to support a wahi pana but we probably have to do some analysis. I wanted to tell Kaleikoa that it made my heart feel so good to hear that you folks were doing work out in Palauea. We thank you for that. We thank you Maui for riding on us to do the right thing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dan Ahuna Moves to adjourn the meeting

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Seconds the motion.

Chair Colette Machado – Is there any opposition for the adjournment, hearing none the meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dayna Pā'ia, Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on August 1, 2017.

[Signature]

Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson
Board of Trustees

Attachment:
Excuse Memo from Trustee Peter Apo
Excuse Memo from Trustee Robert Lindsey
Iwi Protectors Handout