

**State of Hawai'i
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Hā'ena State Park, End of Kūhiō Highway (Highway 56)
Kapa'a, HI 96746**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Site Visit
Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 11:00 am**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The site visit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. at 11:10 am. Those present were as follows:

Attendance

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair
Trustee Dan Ahuna, Vice Chair

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey

Excused

Trustee Lei Ahu Isa
Trustee Rowena Akana
Trustee Peter Apo

Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona
Trustee Colette Machado
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

Staff Present

Harold Nedd, Chief of Staff
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary
Jeremy Kama Hopkins
Kauikeaolani Wailehua
Claudine Calpito
Davis Price
Crayn Akina
Bethann Ahsing

Alvin Akee
Hawley Iona
Jonathan Ching
Joseph Lewis
Kehau Abad
Miles Nishijima
Wayne Tanaka

Others Present

Carlos Andrade
Kawika Winter
Victoria Wichman
Presley Wann
Tom Hashimoto
Maka'ala Ka'aumoana

Devin Kamealoha Forrest
Kevin Chang
Chipper Wichman
Hauoli Wichman
Samson Mahuiki
Keli'i Alapai

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Presley Wann introduced representatives of Hui Maka'āinana o Makana who attended the site visit.
Mr. Jeremy Kama Hopkins introduced the OHA representatives who attended the site visit.

III. SITE VISIT WITH HUI MAKA'ĀINANA O MAKANA

Mr. Wann shared briefly about the history, mission, and work of Hui Maka'āinana o Makana, including how it is a grassroots based organization comprised of many of the families who lived in the area. At Hā'ena, they practice 'āina mōmona.

Mr. Wann told a taro patch story which he believes illustrates what is going on at Hā'ena . A group had to remove a large tree stump, which took over 40 people to remove. They had to pull it out, roll it on the ground, and finally removed it. That simple act of digging out the tree stump was an important life lesson and reminder that if a group of determined people pull together and put their minds to something, anything can be done.

Mr. Carlos Andrade noted that at the time Hā'ena became a state park, the State evicted those that lived in the area. In the decades since that happened, it took a while to bring people back onto the land.

Mr. Keli'i Alapai shared that at Hā'ena, they try to stay focused because despite the mistakes people will make, it will help move Hawaiian culture forward. Ultimately, they are all doing this because of a desire to leave a better place for the keiki of the future. All of their hard work was realized when they saw hundreds of people turn out to support the Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area rules hearing for Hā'ena's proposed rules.

Mr. Kawika Winter provided historical information and a tour of the lo'i, Makana, woods, and beach areas.

Mr. Chipper Wichman thanked OHA for its support – monetary and advocacy – and the part it played in helping their effort to restore traditions. During the Great Mahele, the Hā'ena area went to Paki, who never set foot here, who then gave it to Pauahi, who gave it to William Keyes, a land surveyor. In the late 1800s, Hā'ena was purchased and until 1967, people lived a traditional life, trying to get back to a subsistence culture. After the State took the land, overgrowth spread to the lo'i. Over the years, a movement to do an archaeological survey brought people back. As the people have returned, they have wanted to make sure to protect Hā'ena for future generations. The long range vision is to make it a means for culturally appropriate economic opportunity.

Mr. Kevin Chang shared that he loved working at OHA, but wanted to work on self-governance, which led him to leave and work at Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA). There, he sees self-governance is truly what is happening at Hā'ena, where they have worked for eight years to the point of having Hawaiian being in support of something. He added that Miloli'i, Mo'omomi and others are coming up next and they are all watching to see what happens at Hā'ena. He noted that it is hard because they went through the process, but it is still on the Governor's desk.

Chair Lindsey told Mr. Chang that he will ask OHA Administration to follow-up regarding the status of the CBSFA rules for Hā'ena.

IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/BENEFICIARY COMMENTS

There were no Community Concerns or Beneficiary Comments.

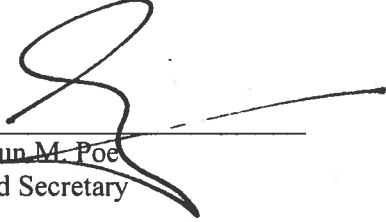
V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

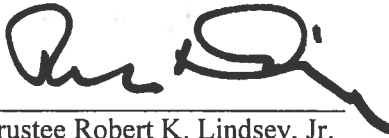
The site visit concluded at 1:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Capsun M. Poe
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on June 18, 2015:



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