

**State of Hawai'i  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
4530 Kali Rd.  
Lihue, HI 96766**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, May 14, 2015, 9:00 am**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. at 9:00 am. Those present were as follows:

**Attendance**

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair	Trustee Rowena Akana
Trustee Dan Ahuna, Vice Chair	Trustee Peter Apo
Trustee Lei Ahu Isa	Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey

**Excused**

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

**Staff Present**

Hawley Iona, Acting CEO	Liana Pang
Lisa Cataldo, Esq., Acting Board Counsel	Bethann Ahsing
Harold Nedd, Chief of Staff	Kehau Abad
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary	Miles Nishijima
Jeremy Kama Hopkins	Alice Silbanuz
Kauikeaolani Wailehua	Jocelyn Doane
Claudine Calpito	Jonathan Ching
Davis Price	Joseph Lewis
Kathy Owara-Takeo	Ke'opulaulani Reelitz
Lady Garrett	Ryan Gonzalez
Alvin Akee	Wayne Tanaka

**Others Present**

John Kaohelauii	Liberta Albao
Dirk Soma	Kane Turalde
Pua Nani Rogers	

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion**

At 9:21 am, Trustee Ahuna moved, seconded by Trustee Akana, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2015; April 23, 2015; and April 30, 2015.
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TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
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TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA	1		X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA	AKANA		2	X			
TRUSTEE PETER	APO			X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI	APOLIONA						X
TRUSTEE HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE	MACHADO						X
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E						X
CHAIR ROBERT	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6	0	0	3
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED							
Motion passed with six (6) YES votes, no (0) NO votes, no (0) abstentions, and three (3) excused.							

### III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Mr. Dirk Soma, of Native Hawaiian Education Council Kauai, addressed the Board about KNHCC. One event that he wanted to mention is their first annual Pohaku Ku'i'ai Awards, which is based on the 'O'o Awards of the Oahu Chamber. They are also looking forward to their "Starting a Business on Kaua'i" They believe that for the community to be strong, they need to have strong economics.

Mr. John Kaohelaulii, of the Kauai Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, mentioned the next business huaka'i they will hold in July. It is essential to help Hawaiians identify what Hawaiian businesses are out there. Regarding the Mālama Loan, he said the debt to income ratio is tricky for many business owners. Finally, although they are small, they are proud to offer two \$250 scholarships for business students at Kaua'i Community College.

Trustee Ahu Isa agreed that a booklet or other publication that specified the Hawaiian business owners was very much needed.

Trustee Akana asked if the KNHCC will apply to OHA for funding. Mr. Soma responded that they would definitely like to apply for OHA support, or even to Hi'ilei Aloha if they have other resources. Trustee Akana suggested that KNHCC could be given a small grant through Administration. Chair Lindsey asked Administration to follow-up with KNHCC.

Trustee Ahu Isa noted that medical marijuana dispensaries are a possible economic opportunity. Several people have approached her about OHA starting a community bank .

Mr. Soma spoke about the Kaua'i Native Hawaiian Education Summit, a free event that will take place on May 16. The Summit plans to engage the broader community on assessing the current state of educational programs and services on Kauai, provide a forum to discuss issues, and recommend potential solutions that allow learners to thrive.

### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Chair's Updates on Board Activities

There were no Chair's Updates.

#### CEO's Updates on Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha and OHA Activities

Ms. Iona reported that they are at the point of issuing a press release for Na'i Aupuni .

V. NEW BUSINESS

V. A. Joint Committees on Land and Property and Asset and Resource Management

This item was deferred.

V. B. Committee on Asset and Resource Management

Trustee Akana reported that the Committees on Asset and Resource Management, having met on April 29, 2015 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following action to the Board of Trustees:

To approve and authorize a benefit payment(s) to former Trustee Moanikeala Akaka for past service as an OHA Trustee , to appropriate the sum of \$56,300 to fund the benefit, and to authorize OHA’s Chief Executive Officer to take all necessary and appropriate actions to process and to disburse payment to former Trustee Moanikeala Akaka.

Motion

At 9:23 am, Trustee Ahuna moved, seconded by Trustee Akana, to approve and authorize a benefit payment(s) to former Trustee Moanikeala Akaka for past service as an OHA Trustee , to appropriate the sum of \$56,300 to fund the benefit, and to authorize OHA’s Chief Executive Officer to take all necessary and appropriate actions to process and to disburse payment to former Trustee Moanikeala Akaka.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A’OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	1		X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA		2	X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA						X
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE’E						X
CHAIR ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6	0	0	3
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passed with six (6) YES votes, no (0) NO votes, no (0) abstentions, and three (3) excused.						

Trustee Hulu Lindsey stated that Trustee Akaka was the only Trustee in the history of OHA who did not receive retirement benefits, but did serve for 12 years.

Trustee Akana noted that the first Trustees did not receive anything because they were not paid. Some of those Trustees died with no benefits or compensation. She believes that we owe more to those who served. OHA pays Trustee salaries, not the State, like other elected officials. She believes we have come a long way, but Hawaiians are still considered step-children.

V. C. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

Trustee Apo reported that the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on April 22, 2015 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following action to the Board of Trustees:

To approve Administration’s recommendations on NEW BILLS (1-27) and BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION (28-32), on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated April 22, 2015, as amended.

Motion

At 9:29 am, Trustee Apo moved, seconded by Trustee Akana, to approve Administration’s recommendations on NEW BILLS (1-27) and BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION (28-32), on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated April 22, 2015, as amended.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA		2	X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO	1		X			
TRUSTEE HAUNANI APOLIONA						X
TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E						X
CHAIR ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6	0	0	3
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passed with six (6) YES votes, no (0) NO votes, no (0) abstentions, and three (3) excused.						

**VI. BENEFICIARY COMMENTS**

Ms. Liberta Albao thanked the Trustees for streaming the Mauna Kea meeting. She believes many people appreciated the opportunity to watch, even if they could not be present.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

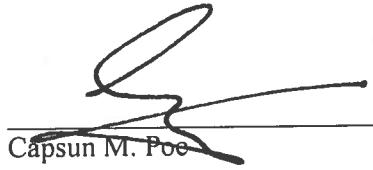
Chair Lindsey thanked Vice Chair Ahuna, Claudine Calpito, Davis Price, Kaliko Santos, and Noalani Nakasone for their ho‘okipa for the Trustees as they visited Kaua‘i. He also thanked Hui Maka‘ainana O Makana for the site visit.

Chair Lindsey announced the next BOT meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**


Having no further business, Chair Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 9:32 am.

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