

**State of Hawai'i  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
560 North Nimitz Hwy.  
Honolulu, HI 96817**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, February 2, 2017, 9:00 am**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rowena M. Akana called the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 10:15 am. Those present were as follows:

**Attendance**

Trustee Rowena M. Akana, Chair  
Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Vice Chair  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Peter Apo

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.  
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Colette Machado  
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

**Excused**

-None-

**Staff Present**

Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, CEO  
Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel  
Lora Lee Contreras, Chief of Staff  
Nathan Takeuchi, Board Secretary  
Kay Watanabe  
Kama Hopkins  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua  
Claudine Calpito  
Davis Price  
U'ilani Tanigawa  
Lehua Itokazu  
Laurene Kaluau-Kealoha  
Paul Harleman  
Maria Calderon  
Melissa Wennihan

Makana Chai  
Lady Elizabeth Garrett  
Alvin Akee  
Albert Tiberi  
John Kim  
John Rosa  
Kai Markell  
Kawika Riley  
Mehana Hind  
Miles Nishijima  
Momilani Lazo  
Raina Gushiken  
Sterling Wong  
Tiger Li  
Timmy Wailehua

**Others Present**

Leimomi Khan  
Kaukaohu Wahilani  
Pua Pinto  
Ka'iana Jennings  
Haunani Apoliona  
Dan Purcell  
Kau Pratt-Aquino  
Michael Kumukauoha Lee  
Tiare Lawrence

Jennifer K.M. Ueki  
Nainoa Reyes  
Lisa Chow  
Puni Jackson  
Nathan S. Paikai  
Germaine Meyers  
Toni Nickens  
Ka'iulani Milham

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Items II. A. and II. B. were deferred due to lack of quorum.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

Item III. A. was deferred due to lack of quorum.

## IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

At 10:15 am, Chair Akana said we will now call the meeting to order now that we have quorum, but the ten o'clock meeting will follow immediately. We have one more speaker and this meeting will be over. Leimomi Khan.

Leimomi Khan stated that the Executive Committee of the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii takes no position on whether or not a forensic audit or any other newly proposed financial audit is required at this time. She also stated that it is crucial for the Board to exercise due diligence in deciding whether to proceed with a forensic audit or any other audit and to fully understand its overall impact on the operational goals of OHA.

Chair Akana said thank you. Alright, with that said that's the end of this meeting since it's been announced that there will be an RM meeting next week where the Board will take an official vote unless there is a motion from the floor to take this matter up now.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey said I'll agendaize it next week and then we can have a full discussion.

Trustee Machado said Madame Chair, I thank you for referral back to Trustee Hulu Lindsey who is the Resource Management Committee Chair. For members of the community and those that are present, in our bylaws, it stipulated under Article VIII, Section A-1 (a), it says the Asset Resource Management handles all fiscal and budgetary matters and ensures proper management, planning, evaluation, investment, and use of OHA's trust funds. We, at the committee level, allows adequate time for free, full discussion, even if we need workshops without decision-making, it's open to the public either streamed or present, but it allows all of us to move collectively together. This action came directly to the BOT Chair. It is her. She insisted that it come here and avoid the committee. For us at our level and for beneficiaries, we need to go step-by-step and not just go one time and boom, we're going to make a decision, so I thank her for referring this item to Hulu Lindsey's Committee on Resource Management. It will allow very thorough discussion, free and full, and the inputs that you folks have provided will be what I consider a blessing for us to consider for one positive outcome.

Chair Akana said thank you. I have to say that the reason that this was moved to the Board, and it's not unusual, Chairman in the past, and I will use the example of the previous Chair, who moved something out of my Budget Committee right to the Board and did not allow for a free discussion with respect to grants, when I was handling grants. It was taken out of my committee and moved to the Board. So it's not something that hasn't happened before. The reason that this matter was brought to the Board of Trustees for this meeting was because an agenda was filed last week to reorganize the Board. In that case, because we had heard the cries of the people to ask for this audit, I wanted to be sure that the people knew that some of us Trustees heard that cry and I wanted to make sure it was posted on an agenda before I left this Chairmanship. And because the reorganization sheet was filed last week with Lei Ahu Isa's signature on it as the fifth signature, I knew that the reorganization was going to take place. So I wanted to make sure that under my tenure, this matter would come before the Board and the people had a chance

to hear that this was possible and if the Trustees chose to boycott it and not vote, that's on their conscience and you will know that at least three of us were here and I think John was on his way. That we were here to support this action, boycott or not, whatever excuses given, we've had this matter before us many times.

Trustee Ahu Isa said the Chair is right that you can take it direct like speaker...

Chair Akana said don't interrupt. I have the floor. You can assume my seat when you get elected.

Trustee Ahu Isa said I'm not getting elected to nothing. I'm not running for office.

Chair Akana said thank you for coming and I want you to know that it's been my pleasure being your Chair. Mahalo nui loa.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Akana adjourned the meeting at 10:21 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Nathan H. Takeuchi  
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees on March 9, 2017:



Trustee Rowena M. Akana  
Chair, Board of Trustees