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**FACTSHEET**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**PURPOSE (State Constitution)**

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) was established to hold title to all real and personal property to be held in trust for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. (Article XII, Section 5)

The Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was created to manage and administer the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the lands, natural resources, minerals, and income derived from whatever sources for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, including all income and proceeds from that pro rata portion of the trust referred to in the State Constitution, Article XII, section 4, for native Hawaiians. The board also formulates policy relating to the affairs of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians and exercises control over real personal property set aside by state, federal, or private sources and transferred to the board for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. (Article XII, Section 6)

The board exercises control over the Office of Hawaiian Affairs through its executive officer, the administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who is appointed by the board. (Article XII, Section 6)

**GENERAL INFORMATION (HRS §13D-1)**

The members of the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, are elected at-large by qualified voters in the State of Hawaii. The board consists of the following nine (9) members:

- one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Hawaii
- one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Maui
- one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Molokai
- one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Kauai
- one (1) resident trustee from the Island of Oahu
- four (4) at-large trustees with no Island residency required

### **QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS (HRS §13D-2)**

- Currently registered voter
- Residency on island for a seat requiring residency
- Meets provisions (resign to run) of Article II, Section 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution
- Does not hold any other public office in state or county government

### **ELECTION OF MEMBERS (HRS §13D-4)**

Members of the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, are elected in a special election held in conjunction with the general election in every even-numbered year. Nomination papers must be obtained from and submitted to the Chief Election Officer in a prescribed manner. Contests are conducted in an at-large format, affording every qualified voter in the State of Hawaii the opportunity to vote for each and every candidate seeking election for any seat or jurisdiction.

### **TERM OF OFFICE (HRS §13D-5)**

Each board member's term of office is four (4) years beginning on the day of the special election held in conjunction with the general election of the year in which they are elected and ending on the day of the special election held in conjunction with the second general election after their election. Members of the Board may be re-elected without restriction as to the number of terms.

### **FILING DEADLINE**

Deadline to file nomination papers for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is Tuesday, July 20 2008.

## **CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEAT</u>	<u>NEXT ELECTION</u>
Robert K. Lindsey, Jr <sup>1</sup>	Resident of Hawaii	2008
Donald B. Cataluna	Resident of Kauai	2008
Boyd P. Mossman	Resident of Maui	2010
Collette Y. Machado	Resident of Molokai	2008
Walter Meheula Heen	Resident of Oahu	2010
Rowena M.N. Akana	No Island Residency	2010
Hauanani Apoliona	No Island Residency	2008
Oswald K. Stender	No Island Residency	2010
John D. Waihee, IV	No Island Residency	2010

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<sup>1</sup> Robert K. Lindsey Jr. was appointed by the OHA Board to fill a vacancy left by OHA Hawaii Island trustee Linda Dela Cruz who died on March 15, 2007. Trustee Lindsey's term is from April 16, 2007 until November 2008.