

Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes — DRAFT FOR APPROVAL  
December 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the General Membership of the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club was held in person on December 8, 2024 at Ka'ōhao School.

### **I. Call to Order & Pule**

The meeting was called to order at 4:14pm by the Pelekikena. Pule was offered by Kapalai'ula.

#### **Members in attendance:**

Kapalai'ula de Silva, *Pelekikena*; Kalani Ka'anā'anā, *Hope Pelekikena*; 'Ilima Ka'anehe, *Pu'ukū*; Kihei de Silva, *Alaka'i*; Puakenamu Leong, *Alaka'i*; Ka'olu Luning, *Alaka'i*; Pili MacKenzie, *Alaka'i*; Maya Saffery, *Alaka'i*; Pualani Steele, *Alaka'i*; Māpuana de Silva, *Pelekikena Iho Nei*; \*Josiah Akau, Kahā Barbieto, Nola Faria, Amanda Luning, Ashley Makahilahila, Judy Mick, \*John Myers, 'Ekolu Nakamaejo, Bonnie Seto, Kū'ehu Seto-Myers.

\*non-voting member

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the 11/17/24 meeting were previously distributed to the GM for review. **Motion** by Ka'olu to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by 'Ilima and carried unanimously.

### **III. Reports of Officers and Alaka'i**

- a. 'Ilima — Treasurer's Report
  - The Pu'ukū reported on activity that has taken place in the month of November. The total balance as of 11/30/24 is \$9,093.23.
    - General fund: \$6,157.73
    - Scholarship fund: \$2,935.50
  - 'Ilima made note of a few outstanding transactions, including a payment for PO Box fees and a pending deposit from our July silent auction fundraiser.
  - The Pelekikena thanked the Pu'ukū and filed the report onto the record.
- b. Pili — Hui Maunawili-Kawainui
  - Pili shared that the work is ongoing and conversations continue between DLNR, HRT-Weinberg, and the Hui M-K regarding transfer of land ownership.
  - A Zoom meeting was held recently with DLNR and Maunawili Trail Planners. For now, the plan is to realign the trail and designate parking at the golf club, with an application process to be created for access. The new trail is designed so that cultural sites will no longer be impacted. Sill in the early phases of the work, larger community meetings are pending and enforcement will be a challenge in the end.
- c. Maya — Makali'i, Ulupō, Kauluakalana
  - Maya reported that their 6th annual Lā Kū'oko'a celebration was a big success and brought a large hae Hawai'i presence into the center of Kailua. This year's Pili Mai program also went well, as the families enjoyed their final gathering yesterday.
- d. Kihei — Iwi Kupuna

- Kīhei reported from the small group that has been working to apply for funding for an inventory survey of iwi discovered in Kailua. Once the SHPD list is updated, better protections can be put in place for iwi.

#### **IV. New Business**

- a. Elections
  - Kalani announced the nominees for the 2025-26 vacant Board seats and asked them to introduce themselves. They are as follows:
    - 2nd VP — Kīhei
    - Treasurer — ‘Ilima
    - Alaka‘i (3 seats) — Ka‘olu, Nola, Kū‘ehu
  - Secret ballots were cast, and the results were announced at the end of the meeting. All nominees were unanimously elected to their seats, each receiving all 19 votes.

#### **VI. Announcements**

- a. Ulupō
  - 2nd Saturday workday is next weekend, December 14, from 830a-1230p.
- b. Scholarships
  - Kahā was congratulated as a recipient this year. Members were encouraged to send their ‘ohana and haumāna to the website to apply for next year.
- c. Kapalai‘ula
  - The Pelekikena thanked the membership for their continued engagement over the last few months and years, and talked a little about what’s on the horizon for the Club and the Association as a whole. She also noted that the 2025 Calendar will be sent out sometime in the first quarter of the new year.
- d. Pualani
  - Kalani thanked Pualani for serving three consecutive terms as Alaka‘i on the Board, and she expressed her gratitude in return, adding that she will stay on as Fundraising Chair for the upcoming year.
- e. Māpu
  - Māpu reminded the GM of the voice that the Civic Club movement gives our people in larger arenas, both locally and abroad, and extended her mahalo to the members for their participation and sacrifice.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

Submitted by,

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Kapalai‘ula de Silva  
Pelekikena  
Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club

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Date