



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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KAUAI NIIHAU ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, November 16, 2022
TIME: 9:12-10:09 AM
LOCATION: 4523 P'oane Road
Anahola, Hawaii 96703

KNIBC MEMBERS PRESENT: Kau'ilani Kahalekai, Lihue Representative
Sandra Quinsaas, Koloa Representative
Barbara Say, Hanalei Representative
Carol Lovell, Kawaihau Representative
Palala Harada, Napali Representative

ABSENT: Bruce Robinson, Niihau Island Representative (Excused)

SHPD STAFF: Kauanoë Hoomanawanui, Kauai Island Burial Sites Specialist

GUESTS: Halealoha Ayau, Guest

I. CALL TO ORDER/PULE

Chairwoman Quinsaas called the meeting to order and Lihue Representative Kau'ilani Kahalekai gave pule at 9:05 am.

All members present except, Niihau Island Representative.

II. ROLL CALL

All members present introduced themselves and the geographic area of representation.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. September 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Lihue Geographic Representative Kau'ilani Kahalekai moved and Kawaihau Geographic Representative Carol Lovell second the motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 21, 2022.

Chairperson opens the floor for discussion.

Unanimously approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Descendancy Recognition Application of Yuki Kaea Lyons-Yglesias to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Mary Alohikea, State Inventory of Historic Places #50-30-01-01872 located at Ha'ena Ahupua'a, Halele'a District Kauai Island, TMK: (4) 5-9-002:70. Information/Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant to the Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d). The Council may close a meeting whenever location or description of a Native Hawaiian Burial site is under consideration. The chairperson, by concurrence of a majority of members present at the meeting, shall be authorized to require the public to leave the meeting while the confidential matter is being discussed and reopen the meeting once the confidential matter is no longer being considered.

Vice Chair Carol Lovell moved and Hanalei Geographic Representative Barbara Say second the motion to recognize Yuki Kaea Lyons-Yglesias as lineal descendant to the above burial site.

Chairperson opens the floor for discussion.

Chairperson Sandi Quinsaat opened the floor for discussion, Burial Sites Specialist, Kauanoe Hoomanawanui read the recommendation letter from SHPD, reading to all council members, Kauai Niihau Island Burial Council from Hinano Rodrigues, History and Culture Branch Chief the subject Department's Recommendation to Recognize Yuki Kaea Lyons-Yglesias as a Lineal Descendant to the Human Skeletal Remains of Mary Alohikea, State Inventory of Historic Places # 50-30-01-01872, located at Ha'ena Ahupua'a, Halele'a District Kauai Island, TMK: (4) 5-9-002:70. For the purpose of establishing and substantiating a lineal descendant claim to human skeletal remains located at the above property, the named individual below has submitted her application and genealogical information to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) for assessment and verification pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules § 13-300-35. The Administrative Rules require that the applicant provide evidence that has established to the satisfaction of the council, direct or collateral genealogical connections to certain Native Hawaiian remains, in this case Mary Alohikea buried at the above location. The applicant has provided sufficient historical documentation to establish direct genealogical connection to Mary Alohikea that is buried in the ahupua'a of Ha'ena. Therefore, SHPD recommends the Kauai Niihau Island Burial Council (KNIBC) recognize the following individual as a lineal descendant to Mary Alohikea buried at the above location: Yuki Kaea Lyons-Yglesias.

Unanimously approved.

- b. **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Compliance Presentation Training.**

Discussion: Discussion on the above item. Request by Chair Sandi Quinsaat.

Halealoha Ayau introduced himself and presented the NAGPRA guidelines in regard to Native Hawaiian human skeletal remains and their associated objects. (The link for more information [Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/nagpra/))

- c. **Roles and Responsibilities of Kauai Niihau Island Burial Council (KNIBC).**

Discussion: Discussion on the above item. Presentation by Chair Sandi Quinsaas.

V. UPDATES/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. none

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PULE

- a. Next meeting is scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

Chair Sandi Quinsaas adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am.

Pursuant to §92-3 Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), all interested persons shall be afforded an opportunity to present oral testimony or submit data, views, or arguments, in writing on any agenda item. Additionally, pursuant to a policy adopted by the Hawai'i Island Burial Council at its November 17, 2005, meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5 HRS, and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in §92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

Pursuant to §92-2.5(d) HRS, if a meeting must be cancelled due to lack of quorum, the present council members may elect to continue to receive testimony and presentations on items on the agenda.

A request to be placed on a burial council meeting agenda must be made with the Burial Sites Program staff at least two weeks preceding the scheduled meeting date. In addition, the request must be accompanied by all related documents. Failure to comply with this procedure will delay the item to the following month's agenda.

Interested persons can submit written testimony in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to Burial Council Members prior to the meeting. Submit written testimony to Kauanoec.m.hoomanawanui@Hawaii.gov or via postal mail to the Kauai Niihau Island Burial Council c/o P.O. Box 1729 Lihue, HI 96766. Written testimony that is received later than 24-hours prior to the meeting will be retained as part of the record and distributed to the Burial Council Members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure that the Council members will receive it with sufficient time for review prior to decision-making.

Individuals requiring special assistance or auxiliary aids or services (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) at the KNIBC meeting, please contact staff at least 72-hours prior to the meeting at (808) 896-0475 so that arrangements can be made.