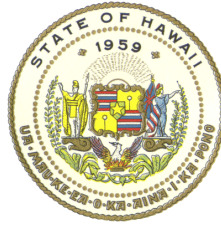


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MINUTES  
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2022  
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
PLACE: Online via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84934069392?pwd=WmsyVGp3dE1BRlBtaUpqZWJtb0YyUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 3406 9392  
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HIBC Members:

Present:

Chair Nālei Pate-Kahakalau (Hāmākua)  
Vice-Chair Kalena Blakemore (Puna)  
Member Clifford Kaponu (Hilo)  
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū)  
Member Scott Mahoney (Ka'ū)  
Member Waiola Higa (Hāmākua)  
Member Norman Ka'imulua (Kona)

Absent:

Member La Crivello (LLO)

SHPD Staff:

Kea Calpito, Burial Sites Specialist  
Christian Omerod, Burial Sites Specialist  
Ka'ahiki Solis, Cultural Historian

Guests:

Dean Chu (IV.F.)  
Pomaikalani Chu (IV.H.)  
Johnette Nava-Cocoletzi and 'ohana (IV.K.)  
Dayna Mersberg and 'ohana (IV.A.)  
Keolanui Chu (IV.C.)  
Deanne Lai and 'ohana (IV.J.)  
Diane Kramer (IV.L., IV.M.)  
Kumukoa Chu (IV.I.)  
Jojo Tanimoto  
Glenn Escott (IV.M.)

Angela Neller  
Courtney Tavae (IV.B.)  
Leilani  
Maile (IV.M.)  
Timmy  
Ikaika Marzo (IV.M.)  
Darrell Pakele

## I. CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Kahakalau calls to order the meeting at 9:34 A.M.*

## II. ROLL CALL/PULE

*Member Higa conducts pule.*

*Nālei Pate-Kahakalau, Clifford Kapono, Waiola Higa, Desmon Haumea, Kalena Blakemore, Scott Mahoney, Norman Ka'imuloa*

### **Summary:**

**Recording: 03:25 – 13:00**

- Vice-Chair Blakemore (03:25)
- Member Kapono (06:15)
- Member Mahoney (07:05)
- Member Haumea (07:40)
- Member Higa (10:35)
- Discussion on meeting etiquette and code of conduct

## III. MINUTES

### **A. Approval of the Minutes for February 17, 2022.**

#### **Summary:**

**Recording: 14:00 – 18:00**

- Motion and vote at 17:20

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes  
**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

## IV. BUSINESS

- ### **A. Descendancy Recognition Application of Dayna Mersberg to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka'auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka'ōpua, Located in Pu'uepa Ahupua'a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 18:15 – 50:30**

- Dean Chu (19:35, 29:00, 39:30, 42:45)
  - Kea (20:20, 36:15)
  - Member Kaponu (21:10, 31:40, 40:30, 46:50)
  - Motion (1) and vote at 21:55
  - Dayna Mersberg (26:40)
  - Member Ka'imuloa (27:10)
  - Member Mahoney (34:10)
  - Vice-Chair Blakemore (35:25, 44:15)
  - Member Haumea (38:10)
  - Motion (2) at 39:55
  - Chair Kahakalau (43:40)
  - Vote at 50:15
- Discussion on genealogical information and connection to burial; description and family history of burial; taking care and protection of the burial site

**MOTION (1):** To correct the language of items IV.A. to IV.K., to all reflect lineal descendant and not cultural descendant

**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore and Member Ka'imuloa

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**MOTION (2):** To recognize Dayna Mersberg as a lineal descendant

**MOVED BY:** Member Ka'imuloa

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Mahoney

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**B. Descendancy Recognition Application of Courtney K. Tavae to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka'auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka'ōpua, Located in Pu'uepa Ahupua'a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 50:35 – 53:20**

- Courtney Tavae (51:15)
- Motion at 51:45
- Member Haumea (52:05)
- Vote at 53:00

**MOTION:** To recognize Courtney K. Tavae as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**C. Descendancy Recognition Application of Emmalani K. Mersberg to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka‘auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka‘ōpua, Located in Pu‘uepa Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 53:30 – 54:55**

- Emmalani Mersberg (53:40)
- Motion and vote at 54:15

**MOTION:** To recognize Emmalani K. Mersberg as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Higa  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**D. Descendancy Recognition Application of Sarah K. Mersberg to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka‘auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka‘ōpua, Located in Pu‘uepa Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 55:05 – 56:20**

- Sarah Mersberg (55:20)
- Motion and vote at 55:50

**MOTION:** To recognize Sarah K. Mersberg as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**E. Descendancy Recognition Application of Thor Mersberg to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka‘auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka‘ōpua, Located in Pu‘uepa Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 56:30 – 01:05:50**

- Thor Mersberg (56:45)
- Motion (1) and vote at 57:05
- Motion (2) at 59:10
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (01:01:10, 01:04:20)
- Member Higa (01:01:40)
- Member Kaponu (01:02:00)
- Member Haumea (01:02:45)
- Vote at 01:05:40

**MOTION (1):** To recognize Thor Mersberg as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Members Higa and Haumea  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**MOTION (2):** To recognize Duke Kawai, Ayson Kawai, and Tobias Uta as lineal descendants  
**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Kapono  
**VOTE:**

- Members added in children; amend application to SHPD

**F. Descendancy Recognition Application of Dean K. Chu to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka‘auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka‘ōpua, Located in Pu‘uepa Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 01:05:55 – 01:08:00**

- Dean Chu (01:06:10)
- Motion and vote at 01:07:30

**MOTION:** To recognize Dean K. Chu as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**G. Descendancy Recognition Application of Keolanui D. Chu to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka‘auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka‘ōpua, Located in Pu‘uepa Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 01:08:00 – 01:10:45**

- Keolanui Chu (01:08:20)
- Motion and vote at 01:10:10
  
- Discussion on history of burial site

**MOTION:** To recognize Keolanui D. Chu as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Haumea  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**H. Descendancy Recognition Application of Pomaika'ilani D. Chu to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka'auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka'ōpua, Located in Pu'uepa Ahupua'a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 01:11:05 – 01:12:55**

- Pomaika'ilani Chu (01:11:20)
- Motion and vote at 01:12:20
  
- Discussion on history of burial site

**MOTION:** To recognize Pomaikalani D. Chu as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**I. Descendancy Recognition Application of Kumukoa D. Chu to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka'auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka'ōpua, Located in Pu'uepa Ahupua'a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 01:13:05 – 01:14:40**

- Kumukoa Chu (01:13:15)
- Motion and vote at 01:13:55

**MOTION:** To recognize Kumukoa D. Chu as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Haumea  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**J. Descendancy Recognition Application of Deanne K. Lai, Christian K. Lai, Blaise K. Lai, and Eyva K. Lai to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka‘auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka‘ōpua, Located in Pu‘uepa Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

**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.

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 01:15:15 – 01:23:10**

- Deanne Lai (01:15:50)
- Member Ka‘imulua (01:19:20)
- Motion and vote at 01:22:30
  
- Family introduction and history

**MOTION:** To recognize Deanne K. Lai, Christian K. Lai, Blaise K. Lai, and Eyva K. Lai as lineal descendants  
**MOVED BY:** Vice-Chair Blakemore  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Ka‘imulua



**VOTE:**                    **Motion carried unanimously**

- K. Descendancy Recognition Application of Johnette Kalama Nava-Cocoletzi, Arianna K. Nava-Cocoletzi, and Ana-Tamaline Kalama Leka to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Ana Ka‘auwai Kalama, Frank Kumukoa Kalama, and Ana Kalama Ka‘ōpua, Located in Pu‘uepa Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 5-5-004:017.**

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 01:23:15 – 01:27:20**

- Johnette Nava-Cocoletzi (01:23:45)
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (01:24:40)
- Member Kapono (01:26:00)
- Motion and vote at 01:26:30

**MOTION:**            **To recognize Johnette Kalama Nava-Cocoletzi, Arianna K. Nava-Cocoletzi, and Ana-Tamaline Kalama Leka as lineal descendants**

**MOVED BY:**        **Member Haumea**

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:**            **Vice-Chair Blakemore**

**VOTE:**                **Motion carried unanimously**

- L. Descendancy Recognition Application of Diane Kramer to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Kekuokia Kuilei Kekuna Kamoe, Samuel William Kamoe, and Lei Lani Pancy Kamahela, Located in Maku‘u Ahupua‘a, Puna District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 1-5-010:009.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above descendancy recognition application.

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**Summary:**

**Recording: 01:27:25 – 01:42:05**

- Diane Kramer (01:28:45, 01:33:25)

- Vice-Chair Blakemore (01:32:35)
- Member Kapono (01:38:15)
- Member Haumea (01:40:10)
- Introduction and discussion on BTP (next agenda item)

*\*\*\*Chair Kahakalau left the meeting\*\*\**

**M. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for Burial Site #50-10-45-18987, Located in Maku‘u Ahupua‘a, Puna District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 1-5-010:009.**

**Information/Discussion/Recommendation:** Recommendation to the State Historic Preservation whether to accept or not accept the above DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan.

**Summary:**

**Recording: 01:43:10 – 02:21:00**

- Glenn Escott (01:44:05, 02:16:05)
- Member Kapono (01:45:55, 02:01:40)
- Diane Kramer (01:50:05, 01:57:55, 02:07:15)
- Maile (01:52:10, 01:58:20)
- Member Ka‘imuloa (01:55:30, 01:59:50, 02:05:05, 02:18:20)
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (01:57:05, 02:15:15)
- Member Haumea (02:03:45)
- Ikaika Marzo (02:09:10)
- Motion at 02:17:45
- Vote at 02:20:20
- Update and changes made to the BTP; consultation with descendants on buffer and preservation measures

**MOTION:** To defer recommendation to the next meeting  
**MOVED BY:** Member Higa  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Haumea  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**N. Discussion on Hawai‘i Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.**

**Information/Discussion:** Discussion on the above item.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. The Next HIBC Meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2022, 9:30 A.M., Location TBD.**

- Kea (02:21:40)
- Format of future HIBC meetings

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourns at 12:14 P.M.*

**\*\*\*THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 04/21/2022 HIBC MEETING\*\*\***

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 [Jordan.V.Calpito@Hawaii.gov](mailto:Jordan.V.Calpito@Hawaii.gov) or via postal mail to the Hawai'i Island Burial Council c/o 40 Po'okela St., Hilo, HI 96720. 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.

Materials related to items on the agenda are available for review at the State Historic Preservation Division located at 40 Po'okela St., Hilo, HI 96720.

Individuals requiring special assistance or auxiliary aids or services (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) at the HIBC meeting, please contact staff at least 72-hours prior to the meeting at (808) 933-7653 so that arrangements can be made.