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**MINUTES  
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, September 21, 2023  
**TIME:** 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Online via Zoom  
—AND—  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Conference Room  
19 E. Kāwili Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

*Board members, staff, applicants, and testifiers can choose to participate either in-person or via Zoom*

**To Attend/Provide Testimony Remotely:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83181139547?pwd=cmducVJMWEkwKy9VOTluRUZXTm1Vdz09>

**Meeting ID: 831 8113 9547**  
**Passcode: 3uQj0P**

**\*\*\* Audio Recording at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/shpd/about/branches/ibc/meetings/> \*\*\***

**HIBC Members:**      **Present:**  
Chair Scott Mahoney (Ka'ū)  
Vice-Chair Kalena Blakemore (Puna)  
Member Traven 'Āpiki (Hilo)  
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū)  
Member La Crivello (LLO)

**SHPD Staff:**      Kea Calpito, Burial Sites Specialist  
Christian Omerod, Burial Sites Specialist  
Noah Gomes, Ethnographer  
Nicole Mello, Hawai'i Island Lead Archaeologist

**Guests:**      Diane McHugh (IV.A.)  
Nani Fukui (IV.A.)  
Clare Lorpinzi (V.C.)  
Cindy Freitas (V.C.)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Vice-Chair Blakemore calls to order the meeting at 9:54 A.M.*

**II. ROLL CALL/PULE**

*Kalena Blakemore, Traven 'Āpiki, Desmon Haumea, La Crivello (Scott Mahoney at 10:04 A.M.)*

*Member Haumea conducts pule.*

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the Minutes for May 18, 2023.**

*\*\*\*Item III.A. was after IV.A.\*\*\**

**Summary:**

**Recording: 16:40 – 17:10**

- *Motion and vote made at 16:40*
- *Member Crivello leaves the meeting*

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes  
**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea/Member Crivello  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member 'Āpiki  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**IV. BUSINESS**

**A. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP #50-10-02-31340, Honomaka'u Ahupua'a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 5-5-002:024.**

**Information/Discussion/Recommendation:** Information, discussion, and recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Division whether to accept or not accept the above DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan. Determination made at the May 18, 2023 HIBC meeting.

*\*\*\*Item IV.A. was before III.A.\*\*\**

**Summary:**

**Recording: 10:30 – 16:25**

- Diane McHugh (10:30)
- *Chair Mahoney arrives to the meeting*
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (13:05)
- Member Haumea (13:30)
- Member Crivello (13:50, 15:15)
- Member 'Āpiki (14:25)
- *Motion and vote at 15:00*

- Update on the changes made to the BTP as requested by the HIBC

**MOTION:** To recommend that SHPD accept the Draft BTP  
**MOVED BY:** Member ‘Āpiki  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Haumea  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- B. Discussion on Hawai‘i Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.**  
**Information/Discussion:** Discussion on the above item.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains on August 18, 2023, Exposed by Erosion on the Shoreline in Hōkūkano Ahupua‘a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-9-012:003.**

**Notification/Discussion:** Notification and discussion on the above inadvertent discovery.

*\*\*\*Items V.A. and V.B. were moved to the front of the agenda\*\*\**

**Summary:**

**Recording: 04:15 – 05:10**

- Kea (04:15)
- Background on inadvertent, will be preserved-in-place as requested by descendants

- B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains on August 22, 2023, During Monitored Excavation Activity at Ha‘aheo Elementary School in Halepuna Ahupua‘a, South Hilo District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-9-012:003.**

**Notification/Discussion:** Notification and discussion on the above inadvertent discovery.

*\*\*\*Items V.A. and V.B. were moved to the front of the agenda\*\*\**

**Summary:**

**Recording: 05:15 – 09:20**

- Kea (05:15)
- Member Haumea (07:35)
- Background on inadvertent, is currently being preserved-in-place, waiting for data from GPR by the archaeological firm to make final determination

- C. Request by Clare Loptinzi and Cindy Freitas to Consult with the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council to Discuss Iwi Kupuna Concerns in Kahalu‘u Ahupua‘a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-8-014:019.**

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

**Summary:**

**Recording: 20:10 – 01:10:35**

- Clare Loprinzi (21:45, 25:20, 26:55, 29:25, 37:00, 38:15, 42:00, 50:50, 52:40, 56:45)
  - Cindy Freitas (23:40, 43:40, 50:40)
  - Chair Mahoney (25:45, 28:25, 39:40, 42:45, 48:20, 55:00, 01:00:25)
  - Member Haumea (27:35, 01:00:50)
  - Member ‘Āpiki (35:30, 37:45, 49:30)
  - Nicole (36:0)
  - Vice-Chair Blakemore (38:35, 59:05)
- Follow-up consultation by petitioners, testimonies by SHPD staff and opinions of the HIBC

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. The Next HIBC Meeting is Thursday, October 19, 2023, 9:30 A.M., TBD.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourns at 10:53 A.M.*

**\*\*\*THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 10/19/2023 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 at 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.

