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

DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2024
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/89419191787?pwd=bXNjVUMzYW5hdjdnQ1N6NWlwMitsUT09>

Meeting ID: 894 1919 1787
Passcode: 0eYxYx

***** 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
Tiare Elizares, Office Assistant III

Guests: Keoni Alvarez (IV.A.)
Keikialoha Kekipi (V.A.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mahoney calls to order the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Scott Mahoney, Desmon Haumea, Kalena Blakemore, Traven 'Āpiki, 'Iini Kahakalau, La Crivello

Member Haumea conducts pule.

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for October 19, 2023.

Recording: 03:10 – 04:15

- Vice-Chair Blakemore (03:20)
- *Motion and vote made at 03:20*

MOTION: To accept the minutes
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore
2ND BY: Member Haumea
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

IV. BUSINESS

A. Descendancy Recognition Application of Keoni Alvarez to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, Located at 15-1570 Maku'u Drive, Hawaiian Paradise Park, Waikahekahe Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3) 1-5-023:040.

Information/Discussion/Determination: Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a cultural descendant to the above Native Hawaiian skeletal remains.

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.

Summary:

Recording: 04:55 – 44:10

- Keoni Alvarez (05:35, 08:20, 24:00,
- Chair Mahoney (07:10, 13:55, 14:35, 17:10, 22:00, 37:20,
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (08:15, 23:30, 27:10,
- Member Crivello (17:45, 38:10,
- Member Haumea (32:00,
- Kea (33:10,
- *Motion and vote at 41:50*

- Background information from the applicants on his history working with burials and his past descendanty recognition. Discussed information related to the burial site.

MOTION: To recognize Keoni Alvarez as a cultural descendant
MOVED BY: Member Crivello
2ND BY: Member ‘Āpiki
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

- B. Request by Recognized Lineal Descendants Keikialoha Kekipi and Keone Kalawe that the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council Deem Sensitive Any Information Relating to Burial Sites SIHP #50-10-46-4251, 21794, and a Portion of 21792 at Kumukahi, Kula Ahupua‘a, Puna District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 1-4-002:092.**
Information/Discussion/Determination: Discussion and determination on the above item.

Summary:

Recording: 44:15 – 50:45

- Member ‘Āpiki (45:35)
- Chair Mahoney (46:20)
- Member Crivello (47:35)
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (49:50)
- *Motion and vote at 49:50*
- Background information on the project concerns and the request being made.

MOTION: To deem the Burial Treatment Plan sensitive
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore
2ND BY: Member Haumea
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

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

Recording: 51:00 – 01:09:00

- Chair Mahoney (51:00, 59:20, 01:03:15, 01:07:00)
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (52:45, 01:00:40)
- Member Crivello (53:15, 01:01:20)
- Member Haumea (01:03:25)
- Keikialoha Kekipi (01:04:35)
- Member Kahakalau (01:07:25)
- Discussion on AG presence, filling vacancies, and the definition of cultural descendanty.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request by Keikialoha Kekipi and Keone Kalawe to Consult with the Hawai'i Island Burial Council to Discuss Iwi Kupuna Concerns at Kumukahi, Kula Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 1-4-002:092.

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

Recording: 01:09:15 – 01:28:30

- Keikialoha Kekipi (01:10:45, 01:17:40)
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (01:16:00, 01:23:20)
- Chair Mahoney (01:22:55, 01:25:35)
- Member Crivello (01:25:50)

- Discussion on the ownership of the access road to Kumukahi and request to the HIBC to write a letter to the Department of the Interior.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is Thursday, February 15, 2024, 9:30 A.M., TBD.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 11:15 A.M.

*****THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 03/21/2024 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 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.