MINUTES
HAWAI‘I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 2021
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
PLACE: Online via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link:
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HIBC Members:

Present:
Chair Nālei Pate-Kahakalau (Hāmākua)
Vice-Chair Kalena Blakemore (Puna)
Member Norman Ka‘imuloa (Kona)
Member Scott Mahoney (Ka‘u)
Member Waiola Higa (Hāmākua)
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka‘u)
Member Clifford Kapono (Hilo)

SHPD Staff:
Kea Calpito, Burial Sites Specialist
Chris Omerod, Burial Sites Specialist
Hinano Rodrigues, History & Culture Branch Chief

Guests:
Lokelani Brandt, ASM Affiliates, Inc. (IV.A.)
Gregg Todd (IV.A.)
Angela Neller
Jojo Tanimoto
Felicia Dumay (IV.A.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kahakalau calls to order the meeting at 9:36 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Member Higa and Member Ka‘imuloa conduct pule.
III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for February 18, 2021.

Summary:

Recording: 04:10 – 05:30

• Motion and vote at 04:30

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

IV. BUSINESS

A. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP Site #50-10-28-30865, Kealakehe Ahupua’a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-4-009:072.

Information/Discussion/Determination/Recommendation: Discussion and determination on whether to preserve in place or relocate human skeletal remains at the above location.

Recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Division whether to accept or not accept the above DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan.

Summary:

Recording: 05:35 – 34:50

• Lokelani Brandt (06:15, 28:30)
• Member Mahoney (11:35, 13:45, 16:55, 23:50, 31:45)
• Member Haumea (12:35)
• Chair Kahakalau (16:00)
• Vice-Chair Blakemore (19:10, 32:30)
• Member Kapono (20:15, 26:20, 27:50, 30:15)
• Motion 1 at 25:10
• Hinano (23:55)
• Vote 1 at 27:05
• Motion 2 at 27:20
• Kea (30:00)
• Vote 2 at 33:20

• Background and update on BTP
• Descendants’ recommendations
• Long/short-term preservation measures
• Archaeological monitoring
• Audit provision and language
• D.A.G.’s previous responses
MOTION (1): To preserve-in-place  
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore  
2ND BY: Member Kaʻimuloa  
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

MOTION (2): To recommend that SHPD accept the Draft BTP  
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore  
2ND BY: Member Haumea  
VOTE: Motion carried by majority [YAY: 6 (Blakemore, Kahakalau, Higa, Haumea, Mahoney, Kaʻimuloa); ABSTAIN: 1 (Kapono)]

B. Discussion on Hawaiʻi Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.  
Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the council’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the council’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

Summary: None

V. INADVERTENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update on Burial Site #50-60-29962, Lālāmilo Ahupuaʻa, South Kohala District, Island of Hawaiʻi, TMK: (3) 6-6-003:013.  
Notification/Discussion: Notification and discussion on the above inadvertent discovery.

Summary:

Recording: 35:35 – 57:15

- Lokelani Brandt (36:30, 43:35)  
- Member Mahoney (40:20)  
- Vice-Chair Blakemore (41:30, 49:55)  
- Kea (42:55)  
- Member Higa (45:00, 47:10)  
- Member Kapono (45:50)  
- Member Kaʻimuloa (48:15)  
- Chair Kahakalau (52:15)

- Background on project (County)  
- Site visit summary

Notification/Discussion: Notification and discussion on the above correspondence.

Summary:

Recording: 57:15 – 01:02:50
VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is Thursday, April 15, 2021, 9:30 A.M. Location TBD.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 10:43 A.M.

***THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 04/15/2021 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.

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.