AGENDA

MOLOKAʻI ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Friday, November 26, 2021
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Online via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link:
https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/93430367384

Meeting ID: 934 3036 7384
Passcode: 131767

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ELECTION OF NEW MIBC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 28, 2018

V. BUSINESS

A. Training Regarding the Composition and Responsibilities of the Burial Council (Hawaiʻi Revised Statues §6E-43, 43.5, 43.6 and Hawaiʻi Administrative Rules §13-300).

**Information/Discussion:** Discussion on the above item. Presentation by Kuʻupu Kiyuna.

B. Selection of the Molokaʻi Island Burial Council Member to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs’ Burial Sites Working Group. The Hawaiʻi State Legislature (Senate Resolution 171) and (House Resolution 113) Has Requested the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Form a Working Group to Examine the Burial Sites Program Under the Department of Land and Natural Resources’ State Historic Preservation Division and Improvements to the Island Burial Councils.

**Information/Discussion/Recommendation/Vote on Participating Member:** Discussion and vote about the above item.

C. Soliciting Testimony for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Burial Sites Working Group (BSWG) Regarding the Care, Management, and Protection of Unmarked Burial Sites

**Information/Discussion/Recommendations:** Discussion and Receipt of Testimony Regarding the Above Item
If you have suggestions about how the DLNR or the State Historic Preservation Division are fulfilling their legal duties, how burial sites could be better protected, or how the Island Burial Councils could be better supported or improved, your manaʻo is valued. The Burial Sites Working Group would appreciate hearing your suggestions, concerns, and specific examples that might guide their work of offering recommendations to the State Legislature.

Background: In response to House Resolution 113 (HR 113) and Senate Resolution 171 (SR 171), the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) has convened a Burial Sites Working Group (BSWG). One representative from each Island Burial Council serves on the BSWG alongside other members from the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD, the law school, Huliaupa‘a/Kali‘uokapa‘akai Collective, and the larger Hawaiian community. The BSWG is tasked to do the following:

a. “Study and analyze the allegations of mismanagement by the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR’s) State Historic Preservation Division” (SR171);

b. “Determine a recommended course of action to address and resolve the allegations of mismanagement by the Department of Land and Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Division” (SR171);

c. “Review and recommend improvements to the workings of the Island Burial Councils, which are administratively attached to the State Historic Preservation Division, and how to implement them” (HR113);

d. “Determine ways to strengthen protections and improve resources for Native Hawaiian burials” (HR113);

e. “Examine ways to improve the implementation of the Island Burial Councils' duties and responsibilities and to better understand and determine their relationship to the State Historic Preservation Division and its management” (HR113);

f. “Review existing statutes and administrative rules pertaining to the Island Burial Councils and ways to develop their implementation” (HR113); and

g. “Provide recommendations on the development of a statewide survey and inventory that documents historic properties where burial sites exist or may exist, including properties owned by the State or the counties” (HR113)

In light of this kuleana, the burial council is soliciting input and testimony (written and/or oral) from lineal and cultural descendants and other interested persons on the above matters. Your testimony will be included for the BSWG to review and make findings and recommendations to the legislature in time for the 2022 legislative session.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting is scheduled: TBD

Pursuant to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded an opportunity to present oral testimony or written testimony on any agenda item. Additionally, pursuant to a policy adopted by the Moloka‘i Island Burial Council at its August 20, 2016 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person per agenda item.

Interested persons can submit written testimony in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to Council Members prior to the meeting. Written testimony must be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting to ensure time for Council Members to review it. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the record, but we cannot assure Council Members will receive it with sufficient time for review prior to decision-making. Submit written testimony to andrew.k.phillips@hawaii.gov.

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

A request to be placed on a Council meeting agenda must be made in writing with the SHPD History and Culture Branch 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 Maui State Historic Preservation Division located
at 130 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, Maui, Hawai‘i 96793.

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