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

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 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/85078708095?pwd=RDNUb0FCZWxwQzRqUnJYOTUvWmNZQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 7870 8095
Passcode: sG1BVX

*** 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 Norman Ka'imulua (Kona)
Member Kahakalau (Hāmākua)
Member La Crivello (LLO)

Absent:
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū)

SHPD Staff:
Kea Calpito, Burial Sites Specialist
Christian Omerod, Burial Sites Specialist

Guests:
Maryann Omerod (IV.A.)
Shaula Tualalelei (V.A.)
Keala Norman (IV.B.)

Leiokekoolani Brown
Clare Loprizni (V.A.)
Cindy Freitas (V.A.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mahoney calls to order the meeting at 9:31 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

*Kalena Blakemore, Traven 'Āpiki, 'I'ini Kahakalau, La Crivello, Scott Mahoney
(Norman Ka'imuloa at 10:00 A.M.)*

Pule conducted by Member Kahakalau.

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for February 16, 2023.

Summary:

Recording: 03:30 – 03:45

- *Kea requested to defer minutes to the next meeting.*

IV. BUSINESS

A. **Descendancy Recognition Application of Maryann Omerod to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains interred at SIHP# 50-10-06-22587, Located at Lālāmilo Ahupua'a, South Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3) 6-6-001:077.**

Information/Discussion/Determination: Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a lineal 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: 05:55 – 09:55

- *Motion and vote at 8:10*
- *Chair Mahoney (08:50)*
- *Maryann Omerod (09:15)*

- *Introduction and background provided by applicant.*

MOTION: To recognize Maryann Omerod as a lineal descendant
MOVED BY: Member ‘Āpiki
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Descendancy Recognition Application of Carolyn K. Norman to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains interred at SIHP# 50-10-06-22587, Located at Lālāmilo Ahupua‘a, South Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK (3) 6-6-001:077.

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Summary:

Recording: 10:00 – 14:00

- Member Crivello (11:45)
- Keala Norman (12:00)
- Chair Mahoney (13:20)
- *Motion and vote at 13:35*

- Introduction and background provided by the applicant.

MOTION: To recognize Carolyn Norman as a lineal descendant
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore
2ND BY: Member Crivello
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

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

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request by Clare Loptinzi and Cindy Freitas to Consult with the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council to Discuss Iwi Kupuna Concerns in Kaha‘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: 14:30 – 58:30

- Cindy Freitas (15:30, 26:05)
- Member Crivello (20:40, 24:25, 42:05, 50:55)

- Kea (21:15, 34:30, 40:20, 54:55)
 - Chris (22:00)
 - Member Mahoney (23:06, 31:50, 39:30, 41:10, 57:25)
 - Clare Lorpinzi (26:55, 48:05, 49:50, 56:30)
 - Vice-Chair Blakemore (32:05)
 - Shaula Tualualelei (36:05, 44:45)
 - Member ‘Āpiki (45:35)
- Introduction and background of petitioners and project area. Discussion on the history of the project and permit process.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is Thursday, April 20, 2023, 9:30 A.M., TBD.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 10:29 A.M.

*****THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 05/18/2023 HICB 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.