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

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
PLACE: Online via Teams
—AND—
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Conference Room
19 E. Kāwili Street
Hilo, HI 96720

This meeting will be held using interactive conference technology (ICT) under section 92-3.7, Haw. Rev. Stat. (HRS). Board members, staff, applicants, testifiers, and the public can choose to participate in person, online via ICT, or by telephone at +1 808 829 4853, ID 420 342 722#

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HIBC Members:

Present:

Chair Kalena Blakemore (Puna), *In-person*
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū), *Zoom*
Member La Crivello (LLO), *Zoom*
Member Abenes (Kohala), *In-person*

Absent:

Member Kahakalau
Member 'Āpiki

SHPD Staff:

Kea Calpito, Acting History & Culture Branch Chief
Christian Omerod, Cultural Historian
Noah Gomes, Ethnographer

Guests:

Keala Norman

Ted Norman
Chase Keli'ipa'akaua
Jojo Tanimoto
Lanell Lua
Nona Naboa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blakemore opens the meeting to receive testimony at 9:38 A.M.

*****No quorum—Pursuant to §92-2.5(d), HRS, Chair Blakemore chose to receive testimony*****

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

La Crivello, Leimana Abenes, Desmon Haumea, Kalena Blakemore

Member Haumea conducts pule.

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for January 16, 2025.

- *Item skipped due to no quorum to discuss and/or vote.*

IV. BUSINESS

A. Descendancy Recognition Application of Theodore R. Norman Jr. to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains Interred at SIHP #50-10-06-22587, Located in 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: 03:50 – 04:40

- Ted (03:50)

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

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- *Item skipped due to no quorum to discuss and/or vote and no testimony provided.*

C. Descendancy Recognition Application of Chase K. Keli'ipa'akaua, Joey Keli'ipa'akaua (minor), Brook Keli'ipa'akaua (minor) and Kauhimanuoki'ilaie H. Keli'ipa'akaua (minor) to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains Interred at SIHP #50-10-06-22587, Located in Lālāmilo Ahupua'a, South Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 6-6-001:077.

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Summary:

Recording: 05:05 – 27:15

- Chase (05:05, 27:05)
- Keala (05:55, 07:00, 25:18)
- Kea (18:00)
- Chair Blakemore (08:50, 11:30, 18:30, 21:40, 24:40)
- Member Crivello (09:00, 16:55, 19:50, 22:50)
- Member Haumea (12:45, 23:30, 26:20)
- Applicant introduction, SB268

D. Discussion on Hawai'i Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

- *Item skipped due to no quorum to discuss and/or vote.*

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2025, 9:30 A.M., TBD.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Testimony ends at 10:08 A.M.

*****THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 04/17/2025 HIBC MEETING*****

To Provide Written Testimony:

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Board members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony via email to: jordan.v.calpito@hawaii.gov. Written testimonies can also be mailed to: 40 Po'okela Street, Hilo, HI 96720. Written testimonies may be posted upon the HIBC meeting website; as a precaution, please be mindful with any personal information prior to submitting unless you intend it to be shared. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the record and distributed to HIBC members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure the HIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

To Provide In-Person Oral Testimony (masks are highly encouraged):

Attend in-person at: 19 E. Kāwili Street, Hilo HI 96720.

To Provide Testimony by Telephone:

On the day of the meeting at the start of the agenda item you wish to testify on, dial +1 808 829 4853, ID 420 342 722#; input the meeting ID and follow the prompts.

To Provide Video/Zoom Testimony:

Please send your request in a timely manner to: jordan.v.calpito@hawaii.gov with your information, email address, and the agenda item you wish to testify on. Once your request has been received, you will receive a confirmation email with pertinent information. You may testify without signing up in advance.

We kindly ask that all oral/video testimony be limited to not more than three (3) minutes. We ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking, but you can choose not to do so.

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.

The HIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

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.

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