**MINUTES**

**MAUI LĀNAʻI ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL**

**DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

**TIME: 09:00 AM**

**PLACE: Online via Teams**

**—AND—**

**Maui DLNR offices**

**Conference Room**

**130 Mahalani Street**

**Wailuku, HI 96793**

*This meeting will be held using interactive conference technology 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 Zoom, or by telephone at +1 699 900 6833.*

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**MLIBC Members: Present:**

Chair Dr. Scott Fisher (LLO), *In-person*

Vice-Chair Vernon Kalanikau (Honuaʻula), *In-person*

Member Everett Dowling (LLO), In*-person*

Member Michelle Ho’opi’I (Wailuku), *In-person*

Member Diane Preza (Lanaʻi), *Teams*

**SHPD Staff:** Leinoa Kong, Burial Sites Specialist

Christopher (Ikaika) Nakahashi, Cultural Historian

**Guest:** Department of ʻŌiwi Resources, *In-person*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Scott Fisher calls to order the meeting*

1. **ROLL CALL/PULE**

*Vice Chair Vernon Kalanikau opens with words of aloha. 0:12: -0:02:45*

1. **MEETING MINUTES**
   1. **Approval of the Minutes for January 29, 2024.**

**Summary:**

**Recording: 0:03:24- 0:05:00**

* *Motion by Everett Dowling made at 0:04:26*
* *2nd motion and vote made by Vernon kalanikau at 0:04:29*
* *Approval passed unanomously 0:4:55*

1. **BUSINESS**
2. **Descendancy Claim Application of** **Gertude Barbara Opuʻu-Lani Haia to Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Makaaha and Kekai Located at Kahoma Stream Terrace System, Ahupua’a of Paunau, Moku of Lahaina, island of Maui TMK: (2) 4-5-016:008.**

**Information/Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the applicant’s descendancy recognition application to Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d). The Council may close a meeting whenever the location or description of Native Hawaiian burial site is under consideration. The chairperson, by the 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: 0:05:02- 0:08:50**

* *Scott Fisher (Chair) 0:05:02-0:08:50*
* *Leinoa Kong (SHPD) recommendation 0:06:33-0:07:32*
* *Motion by Scott Fisher to recogonize above applicant 0:07:58*
* *2nd by Vernon Kalanikau 0:08:27*
* *Motion passes unanomously 0:08:50*

1. **INADVERTENT DISCOVERY OF HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS**
   1. **Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains on February 04, 2025, at Hāmākua Kai Beach, Hāmākuapoko Ahupuaʻa, Hāmākuapoko District, Island of Maui, TMK: (2) 2-5-004:024.**

**Notification/Discussion:** Notification and discussion on the above inadvertent discovery.

**Summary:**

**Recording:** **0:09:03-1:06:05**

* *Scott Fisher (Chair) 0:09:03- 0:14:36*
* *Kaponoʻai Molitau 0:09:51-0:14:38*
* *Kekai Robinson 0:14:38-0:18:00*
* *Kaponoʻai Molitau 0:18:01-0:21:58*
* *Scott Fishet 0:22:00-0:22:35*
* *Michelle Ho’opi’i 0:22:35-0:22:57*
* *Kaponoʻai Molitau 0:23:13-0:28:20*
* *James (inaudible) 0:28:51-0:38:35*
* *Kaniloa kamaunu 0:39:10-0:41:58*
* *Jocelyn Costa 0:42:10-0:42:20*
* *Foster Ampong 0:42:50-0:50:13*
* *Michelle Ho’opi’i 0:50:26-0:52:54*
* *Kapono’ai Molitau 0:52:54-0:54:01*
* *Scott Fisher (Chair) 0:54:01-0:55:19*
* *Everett Dowling 0:55:19-0:56:01*
* *Leinoa Kong (SHPD) 0:56:08-0:56:23*
* *Scott Fisher (Chair)0:56:23-0:57:41*
* *Jocelyn Costa 0:57:44-0:59:26*
* *Scott Fisher(Chair) 0:59:26-1:07:05*

1. **Updates**
   1. **Review on the Honoapiʻilani Highway Improvements Preferred Alternative, Launiupoko to Ukumehame.**

**Information/Discussion:** Discussion and presentation on the above item by Pua Aiu.

**Summary: 1:11:15-1:33:49**

**Recording:**

* *Pua Aiu 1:11:32-1:11:40*
* *Tanya Lee Greig 1:11:40-1:21:43*
* *Pua Aiu 1:21:43-1:24:22*
* *Kaniloa Kamaunu 1:25:46-1:32:04*
* *Jocelyn Costa 1:32:08- 1:33:49*
  1. **Discussion on Kuleana Iwi.**

**Information/Discussion:** Discussion andpresentation on above item by Jocelyn Costa/Aha Moku

**Summary:**

**Recording: 1:35:49- 1:51:47**

* *Jocelyn Costa 1:49:45-1:51:47*
  1. **Discussion on SB 268 and House Companion Bill HB 409.**

**Information/Discussion:** Discussion on the above bills by MLIBC members.

**Summary:**

**Recording: 1:52:02-**

* *Everett Dowling 1:52:02-1:52:40*
* *Scott Fisher (Chair)1:53:49-1:54:19*

1. **ANNOUCEMENTS**
   1. **The Next MLIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025.**
2. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourns at 1:55:34.*

**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: Leinoa.kong@hawaii.gov. Written testimonies can also be mailed to 130 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI 96793. Written testimonies may be posted upon the MLIBC 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 MLIBC members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure the MLIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.**

**To Provide In-Person Oral Testimony**

**Attend in-person at: 130 Mahalani Street, Wailuku HI 96793.**

**To Provide Testimony by Telephone:**

**On the day of the meeting at the start of the agenda item you wish to testify on,** <https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_M2RiZThmODAtYzlkNC00ZjQwLTkyOGItOWU2M2RlOTZiMTY0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223847dec6-63b2-43f9-a6d0-58a40aaa1a10%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b8f432d3-9111-42a2-9bb2-edb2895c4f60%22%7d>

**To Provide Video/Teams Testimony:**

**Please send your request in a timely manner to: Leinoa.kong@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.**

**The MLIBC 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 130 Mahalani St., Wailuku, HI 96793.**

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