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**DRAFT MINUTES
KAUA'I / NIIHAU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday May 21, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Online via Microsoft Teams
—AND—
Kamehameha Schools Meeting Room
3201 Akahi Street, Lihue HI 96766

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 +1 699 444 9171.

To Attend/Provide Testimony via Microsoft Teams:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWY3MGRhNTetNThkMy00M2QwLWJjODUtMjkxNWZkNTAwMzA0%40threadd.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223847dec6-63b2-43f9-a6d0-58a40aaa1a10%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c27ade24-33c3-4cae-9c84-692989397362%22%7d

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KNIBC Members: **Present:**
Member Chad Schimmelfennig (Koloa)

Chair Johnette K. Kahalekai (Lihue)

Not Present:
Vice Chair Carol Lovell (Kawaihau)
Member Bruce Robinson (Niihau)
Member Wayne Harada (Napali)
Member Barbara Say (Hanalei)

SHPD Staff: Kauanoë Hoomanawanui, Burial Sites Specialist

Guests: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

No Quorum.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Chad Schimmelfennig, Kau'ilani Kahalekai.

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for April 22, 2025.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Descendancy Recognition Application of Patrick Kamealoha Hanohano Pa-Smith to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-30-08-02550, -02551 Located at Niulani and Wana Road, Waipouli Ahupua'a, Kawaihau District, Island of Kaua'i, TMK: (4) 4-3-009:051.

Information/Discussion/Determination: Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a cultural 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.

B. Descendancy Recognition Application of Patrick Kamealoha Hanohano Pa-Smith to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-30-02-02535, 02536, and 02540, Located at 4400 Oneone Road, Wainiha Ahupua'a, Halele'a District, Island of Kaua'i, TMK: (4) 5-8-008:034.

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C. Request by Chair Kahalekai to Discuss Potential Reinterment Locations for Inadvertent Discoveries on Kaua'i.

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

D. Request by Chair Kahalekai to Discuss Updates on the Status of Iwi Reportedly in the Custody of Kaua'i Police Department.

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

E. Discussion on Kaua'i Niihau Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.
Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The upcoming KNIBC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 9:00 A.M., at Kamehameha Schools Meeting Room 3201 Akahi Street, Lihue HI 96766.

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: kauanoem.hoomanawanui@hawaii.gov. Written testimonies can also be mailed to: P.O. Box 1729, Lihue, HI 96766. Written testimonies may be posted upon the KNIBC 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 KNIBC members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure the KNIBC 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: Lihue State Office Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 3060 'Eiwa Street, Lihue, HI 96766.

To Provide Testimony by Telephone:

On the day of the meeting at the start of the agenda item you wish to testify on, dial +1 669 444 9171 (Zoom); input the meeting ID and passcode and follow the prompts.

To Provide Video/Zoom Testimony:

Please send your request in a timely manner to: kauanoem.hoomanawanui@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 KNIBC 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.