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

DATE: Thursday, June 19, 2025
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

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 +1 669 444 9171.

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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*
Member Kahakalau (Hamakua), *Zoom*

SHPD Staff:

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

Guests:

Keala Norman

DAWN N.S. CHANG
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

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COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
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CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

Kekua Norman
Rose Schilt
Angela Neller
Reggie Garcia

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blakemore calls meeting to order at 9:35A.M.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Member Kahakalau conducts pule.

I'ini Kahakalau, La Crivello, Leimana Abenes, Kalena Blakemore, Desmon Haumea

III. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Recording: 37:21-43:00

- *Member Haumea nominates Member Crivello as Vice-Chair at 37:31*
- *Member Crivello nominates Member Haumea as Vice-Chair at 37:35*
- *Vote for Vice-Chair at 38:21 (Aye for Member Crivello: Member Haumea, Chair Blakemore, and Member Abenes; Aye for Member Haumea: Member Crivello)*
- Member Crivello was voted as Vice-Chair

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes for April 17, 2025.

Recording: 07:46-08:20

Motion and vote made at 07:59

MOTION: To accept the minutes

MOVED BY: Member Haumea

2ND BY: Member Crivello

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

V. BUSINESS

A. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP #50-10-47-30045, Kealakekua Ahupua'a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 8-2-014:043.

Information/Discussion/Determination/Recommendation: Discussion and determination on whether to preserve in place or relocate human skeletal remains at the above location. Recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Division whether to accept or not accept the above DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan.

Recording: 08:24-35:56

- Chair Blakemore (08:24)
- Solomon Kailihiwa (09:00)
- Keala Norman (16:32)

- Rose Schilt (17:38)
- La Crivello (18:12)
- Member Haumea (20:00)
- Member Crivello (25:30)
- Member Haumea (29:04)
- Chair Blakemore (30:30)
- Member Kahakalau (32:06)
- Keala Norman (33:22)
- Member Haumea (35:22)

Motion and Vote made at 23:41

MOTION: To preserve in place
MOVED BY: Member Crivello
2ND BY: Member Haumea
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Motion and Vote made at 23:58

MOTION: To accept the BTP with consideration of suggested amendments
MOVED BY: Member Crivello
2ND BY: Member Haumea
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Discussion on Hawai‘i Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.
Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourns 10:20 A.M.

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: traven.apiki@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:

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 +1 669 444 9171 and follow the prompts.

*****THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 07/17/2025 HIBC MEETING*****

To Provide Video/Zoom Testimony:

Please send your request in a timely manner to: traven.apiki@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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