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

**DATE:** Thursday, July 17, 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

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**HIBC Members:**

**Present:**

Vice-Chair Crivello (LLO), *Zoom*  
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū), *Zoom*  
Member Shantel Freeman (Puna), *Zoom*  
Member Abenes (Kohala), *In-person*  
Member Kahakalau (Hamakua), *Zoom*  
Member Pōki'i Seto (Hilo), *Zoom*

**SHPD Staff:**

Traven Apiki, Burial Site Specialist  
Christian Omerod, Cultural Historian

**Guests:**

Teresa Bayne, HPPOA  
Kari Hoffman, HPPOA  
Sandra Ackerman, HPPOA

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

**RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE**  
FIRST DEPUTY

**CIARA W.K. KAHANE**  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES  
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION  
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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
LAND  
STATE PARKS

Kale Gumapac  
Lanell Lua  
Angela Dillard  
Joel Velez  
Kehau Ball  
Michael Manuel Macomber  
Kawehi Ibarra, OHA  
Kalena Blakemore  
Angela Neller  
Crystal Schiszler  
Paka Harp  
Nanea Lo, OHA  
Kamakana Ferreira, OHA  
Wendi Milisits  
Christopher Salinas  
Jimmy Medeiros  
Makanui Kitahara  
Michelle Niihau

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Vice-Chair Crivello calls meeting to order at 9:38AM*

**II. ROLL CALL/PULE**

*Member Haumea conducts pule*

*Desmon Haumea, I'ini Kahakalau, Leimana Albenes, Pōki 'i Seto, Shantel Freeman, La Crivello*

**III. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

- *Member Haumea nominates Vice-Chair Crivello as Chair*
- *Vice-Chair Crivello resigns as Vice-Chair and accepts nomination*
- *Vote for Chair (Aye: Unanimous)*
- *Member Haumea nominates Member Kahakalau as Vice-Chair*
- *Member Kahakalau accepts*
- *Vote for Vice-Chair (Aye: Unanimous)*
  
- La Crivello voted as Chair, I'ini Kahakalau voted as Vice-Chair

**IV. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the Minutes for April 17, 2025.**

**MOTION: To accept the minutes**

**MOVED BY: Member Haumea**

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY: Vice-Chair Kahakalau**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

**V. BUSINESS**

**A. Descendancy Recognition Application of Kalena K. Blakemore to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-10-45-31430, Located in Waikahekahe Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 1-5-023:040.**

**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.

**MOTION:** To Recognize Kalena Blakemore as a cultural descendant to SIHP #50-10-45-31430.

**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Kahakalau

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**\*Member Kahakalau leaves 9:53 A.M.\***

**B. Lineal Descendancy Recognition Application of Joel Velez to Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains Interred in the Macomber Family Graves, Located at Kioloka'a/Pu'umaka'a Ahupua'a, Ka'u District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3) 9-4-016:013.**

**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.

**\*Recording Begins 9:55 A.M.\***

**Recording: 0:00-8:03**

- Joel Velez (0:00)
- Chair Crivello (1:04)
- Member Haumea (1:55)
- Joel Velez (3:11)

Motion and Vote made at 7:30

**MOTION:** To Recognize Joel Velez as a lineal descendant to Skeletal Remains Interred in the Macomber Family Graves.

**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Freeman

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**C. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP #50-10-45-31430 in Hawaiian Paradise Park, Waikahekahe Iki Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 1-5-023:040.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan.

**Recording: 8:03-55:26**

- Keoni Alvarez (8:56)
- Chair Crivello (19:52)
- Kalena Blakemore (21:41)
- Member Haumea (25:34)
- Chair Crivello (27:00)
- Kari Hoffman (29:20)
- Eileen Alvarez (33:10)
- Chair Crivello (40:06)
- Crystal Schiszler (43:45)
- Member Haumea (46:54)
- Kale (49:55)

**Recording Paused 51:52**

**Break 10:47 A.M. - 10:54 A.M.**

- Chair Crivello (52:16)

Motion and Vote Made at 52:42

**MOTION:** To Defer Item V. C. to next meeting.

**MOVED BY:** Member Haumea

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Seto

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**D. Request by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to Discuss House Resolution 186 and Senate Resolution 130 Requesting the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to Convene a Working Group to Examine and Consider the Transfer of Native Hawaiian Burial Site Management Under Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from the State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above item. Presentation by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**Recording 55:26-1:17:26**

- Kaweni Ibarra (58:30)
- Member Haumea (1:03:19)
- Chair Crivello (1:05:20)
- Kamakana Ferriera (1:09:49)
- Member Haumea (1:11:35)
- Kamakana Ferriera (1:12:32)
- Chair Crivello (1:12:56)
- Kamakana Ferriera (1:14:33)
- Paka Harp (1:15:54)

**E. Request by Member Haumea to Discuss Concerns of Burial Sites, SIHP# 50-10-76-25876, Located in Kiolaka‘a/Pu‘umaka‘ā Ahupua‘a, Ka‘ū District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 9-4-016:013.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above item.

**Recording 1:17:26-2:08:30**

- Member Haumea (1:18:01)
- Joel Velez (1:20:00)
- Chair Crivello (1:30:45)
- Member Haumea (1:32:10)
- Michael Manuel (1:34:13)
- Christopher Salinas (1:35:52)
- Chair Crivello (1:38:22)
- Shaula (1:40:41)
- Ikaika Marzo (1:42:45)
- Leinaala Kekuhaupio (1:50:55)
- Member Haumea (1:55:05)
- Traven Apiki (2:02:31)
- Member Haumea (2:06:34)
- Chair Crivello (2:06:51)

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

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above item.

**Recording 2:08:30-2:09:14**

- Member Haumea (2:08:46)

**VI. INADVERTENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Request by Paka Harp to Discuss an Burial Issues Within the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park, Honokohau Ahupua‘a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-4-008-010.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above item.

**Recording 2:08:14-2:54:38**

- Paka Harp (2:08:37)
- Chair Crivello (2:18:19)
- Jimmy Medeiros (2:19:09)
- Makanui Kitahara (2:29:08)
- Wendi Milisits (2:35:21)
- Michelle Niihau (2:36:00)
- Angela Neller (2:39:45)

**\*Member Haumea leaves 2:40:15 (no quorum at this point)\***

- Paka Harp (2:41:13)
- Chair Crivello (2:44:18)
- Paka Harp (2:49:16)

- Chair Crivello (2:49:50)

## VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 , 2025, 9:30 A.M., TBD.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting adjourns at 12:58 P.M.*

**\*\*\*THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 08/21/2025 HIBC MEETING\*\*\***

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### To Provide Written Testimony:

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### To Provide In-Person Oral Testimony:

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

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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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