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**MINUTES
MAUI LĀNA'I ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL**

DATE: Wednesday, August 27, 2025
TIME: 09:00 AM
PLACE: Online via Teams
—AND—
Maui DLNR offices
Conference Room
130 Mahalani Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

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MLIBC Members: **Present:**
Chair Dr. Scott Fisher (LLO), *In-person*
Vice-Chair Vernon Kalanikau (Honua'ula), *In-person*
Member Everett Dowling (LLO), *In-person*
Member Dane Maxwell (Makawao), *In-person*
Member Iris Pe'elua (LLO), *In-person*
Member Noelani Paresa (Wailuku), *Teams*
Member Diane Preza (Lana'i), *Teams*

SHPD Staff:
Leinoa Kong, Burial Sites Specialist

Christopher (Ikaika) Nakahashi, Cultural Historian

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Guest: Foster Ampong (descendant), *In-person*
Michelle Ho'opi'i (descendant), *In-person*
Mike Archangel (descendant), *In-person*
Valerie Kamemoto (descendant), *In-person*
Clare Apana (community member), *In-person*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scott Fisher calls to order the meeting 0:16:00

II. PULE

Vice Chair Vernon Kalanikau opens with pule. 0:00:28: -0:02:50

III. ROLL CALL/ INTRODUCTIONS

Rollcall and introductions 0:02:54-0:03:50

IV. MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for July 30, 2025.

Summary: Meeting minutes for July are reviewed and approved.

Recording: 0:03:51- 0:06:29

- *Motion to approve minutes 0:05:58*
- *Motion by Everett Dowling 0:06:04*
- *2nd by Dane Maxwell 0:06:06*
- *Passes unanimously 0:06:29*

V. BUSINESS

A. Lineal Descendancy Vetting Process and Confidentiality of Genealogies.

Information/Discussion/Determination: Discussion on above item. Please see the provided section of the Sunshine Law that addresses sensitive information that may be included in the information provided to the MLIBC but withheld or redacted in the public version of the Board packet.

Summary: The SHPD provided information on how sensitive information is to be distributed. Genealogical records can be withheld from the public packets but can be distributed to the council on the day of the meeting or specifically to the district representative that the descendancy application relates to. Discussion was had that genealogical information be kept private by default and public with permission from the applicant. UIPA was brought up

regarding the privacy act and keeping certain information private and how most organizations require a request via UIPA to access possible sensitive information. Scott mentions not wanting to deter any applicants from applying because of reservations about genealogies being shared. Mr. Foster Among testifies and asks exactly what it is in the genealogical records that would be redacted and what exactly they (The MLIBC) are looking for and why is it necessary for the council to be provided genealogical information if genealogies and descendant applications are being vetted by the SHPD. Questions on how other burial councils operate on how the MLIBC has handle descendant claims in the past was discussed. Michelle Ho'opi'i brings up in testimony that applicants should be present as they are the experts on their own genealogy and should be able to provide context and answer any questions that the burial council may have. Scott Fisher proposes the idea of an attendance policy for descendant applicants.

Recording: 0:06:31-0:47:18

- *Leinoa Kong (SHPD) 0:07:11-0:07:50*
- *Scott Fisher 0:07:50-0:09:40*
- *Dane Maxwell 0:09:40-0:11:25*
- *Noelani Paresa 0:11:27-0:13:00*
- *Foster Among 0:14:42-0:17:16*
- *Scott Fisher 0:17:17-0:18:41*
- *Dane Maxwell 0:18:41-0:19:07*
- *Scott Fisher 0:19:07-0:20:28*
- *Dane Maxwell 0:20:28-0:21:01*
- *Scott Fisher 0:21:01-0:21:57*
- *Foster Among 0:21:57-0:25:00*
- *Scott Fisher 0:25:00-0:26:54*
- *Foster Among 0:25:64-0:31:30*
- *Noelani Paresa 0:31:43-0:32:59*
- *Foster Among 0:32:59-0:34:31*
- *Noelani Paresa 0:34:31-0:35:28*
- *Diane Preza 0:35:31-0:36:38*
- *Scott Fisher 0:36:38-0:40:09*
- *Michelle Ho'opi'i 0:40:05-0:43:08*
- *Scott Fisher 0:43:08-0:44:10*
- *Iris Pe'elua 0:44:10-0:47:13*

B. Revised Descendant Claim Application and Administrative Information and Clarification Regarding the Definition, Recognition and Application Process for Cultural Descendants.

Information/Discussion: Discussion on above item. Please see attached Memo.

Summary: Chair Scott Fisher reads memo from The SHPD defining the terms cultural and lineal descendants. Discussions and clarifications on the definition of a lineal and cultural descendant is had amongst council. Discussions on claims and if they are retro. The council would like to get more information and clarification from the AG. Every time iwi are found, a separate application for cultural descendant is required. Further conversation is had when brought up by Michelle Ho'opi'i regarding descendant and the preference that is given to

lineal descendants over cultural descendants. Questions about cultural descendants being provided consultation if there are known lineal descendants of an ahupua'a. Foster Ampong testifies in opposition of the way the descendancy claims are being handled and defined.

Recording: 0:48:23-1:42:54

- *Scott Fisher 0:48:23-0:54:11*
- *Council discussion 0:54:11- 1:04:40*
- *Michelle Ho'opi'i 1:04:42-1:23:21*
- *Foster Ampong 1:24:24-1:29:04*
- *Vallerie (Ampong) Kamemoto 1:29:04-1:29:50*
- *Scott Fisher 1:29:50-1:34:17*
- *Foster Ampong 1:35:05-1:40:41*
- *Noelani Paresa 1:40:41-1:42:54*

VI. INADVERTENT DISCOVERY OF HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS

A. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains on August 04, 2025, at Kaulahao (Tavares Bay) Beach, Hāmākuapoko Ahupua'a, Hāmākuapoko District, Island of Maui, TMK: (2) 2-6-009:023.

Notification/Discussion: Discussion on above item.

Summary: Discussed the happenings of the discovery and what protocols we have been implementing when iwi kūpuna are discovered in the Hāmākuā area.

Recording: 1:52:21-1:54:47

- *Scott Fisher 1:52:21-1:53:20*
- *SHPD 1:53:20-1:54:06*
- *Scott Fisher 1:54:06-1:54:47*

VII. UPDATES

A. Kimokeo 'Ohana Burials Site Visit.

Information /Discussion: Information and discussion on the above item. Update on site visit made on Monday, August 25th, 2025, with Kimokeo 'Ohana.

Summary: Chair Scott Fisher provides an update on the meeting and site visit that SHPD, district rep. Honeygirl Duman and himself as chair went on. He did not go into details as SHPD is still in their review process. Mr. Foster Ampong testifies with questions for SHPD with where they are in the review process. SHPD responds that it is in review and will be in preparation to go before the board.

Recording: 1:54:47-1:58:45

- *Scott Fisher 1:54:47-1:58:03*
- *Foster Ampong 1:58:10-1:58:32*
- *SHPD 1:58:36-1:58:45*

B. Discussion on Who from the MLIBC Should Attend the OHA Burial Sites Working Group.

Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on above item.

Summary: The council agrees and votes that Dane Maxwell will be the member from MLIBC to attend the OHA burial sites working group. Clare Apana testifies and speaks of the plans of OHA and the working group and provides thoughts on oral histories and the process in which they are being utilized. She also feels that there should be a collective of iwi protectors that are given the opportunity to be involved in decision making.

Recording: 2:00:16-2:15:20

- *Scott Fisher 2:00:16-*
- *Everett Dowling Motion 2:02:24-*
- *2nd by Iris Pe'elua 2:02:29*
- *Noelani Paresa 2:02:43-2:03:11*
- *Clare Apana 2:05:01-2:08:55*
- *Scott Fisher 2:08:55-2:09:19*
- *Clare Apana 2:09:20-2:11:25*
- *Scott Fisher 2:11:25-2:13:00*
- *Noelani Paresa 2:13:09-2:13:27*
- *Motion passed unanimously 2:14:05-2:15:20*

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next MLIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 11:41am. 2:17:50

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.

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