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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members, Oahu Island Burial Council

**FROM:** Traven Apiki, Burial Sites Specialist

**RE:** **Contents of October 8th, 2025 Oahu Island Burial Council Board Packet**

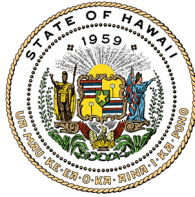
**The contents of the October 8th, 2025 Oahu Island Board packet are as follows:**

1. OIBC October 8, 2025 Meeting Memo
2. OIBC October 8, 2025 Meeting Agenda
3. OIBC March 3, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes
4. OIBC April 9, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes
5. OIBC May 14, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes
6. OIBC June 18, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes
7. OIBC August 6, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes
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**TO:** Members, O'ahu Island Burial Council

**FROM:** Traven Apiki, Burial Sites Specialist

**RE:** **Notification of the Next O'ahu Island Burial Council Meeting**

**The O'ahu Island Burial Council meeting has been scheduled as follows:**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
**Place:** Online via Teams

**—AND—**

**Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Kalanimoku Building  
Board Room #132  
1151 Punchbowl St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813**

*Board members, staff, applicants, and testifiers can choose to participate either in-person or via ICT*

**Teams Meeting Link:**

**<https://zoom.us/j/96919486346>**

**Meeting ID: 969 1948 6346  
Passcode: 0vHVJ9**

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**DRAFT AGENDA  
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM (HST)  
**PLACE:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Kalanimoku Building  
Board Room #132  
1151 Punchbowl St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
—AND—  
Online via Zoom

*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 9128.*

**To Attend/Provide Testimony via Zoom:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96919486346>

**Meeting ID: 969 1948 6346**  
**Passcode: 0vHVJ9**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLE CALL/PULE**

**III. MINUTES**

- A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025**
- B. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2025**
- C. Approval of the Minutes for May 14, 2025**
- D. Approval of the Minutes for June 18, 2025**
- E. Approval of the Minutes for August 6, 2025**

**F. Approval of the Minutes for September 10, 2025**

**IV. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Princess Ruth Keelikolani Middle School, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, District, Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-009:001, 002, and 003 (por.).**

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

- B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 68-211 Au Street, Mokulē‘ia 1 Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 6-8-012:052.**

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

- C. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 4561 Aukai Avenue, Waikīkī, Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu. TMK: (1) 3-5-004:020.**

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

- D. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 5799 Kalanianaʻole Hwy, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-7-002:005.**

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

- E. Inadvertent Discoveries of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Ālia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:017.**

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

- F. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Turtle Bay Resort; ‘Ō‘io 1, Ulupēhupēhu, and Punalau Ahupua‘a; Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 5-7-001:050.**

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

- G. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloloa Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-005:023 and 024; 6-1-009:002, 004, 018, 019, 020, 021, and 022; 6-1-010:001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 019, and 020.**

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

- H. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 418A North Kainalu Drive, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-025:014.**

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

- I. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 59-585 D Ke Iki Road, Pūpūkea Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-003:016.**

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

- J. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Kalae (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block B West Project); Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-001:133.**

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

- K. Inadvertent Discoveries of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains during implementation of HART H RTP City Center Archaeological Monitoring Plan, Halekauwila Street and Cooke Street; Nimitz Highway near Fort and Bishop Streets, various TMKs.**  
**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

- L. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Pōkaʻī Bay, Waiʻanae Ahupuaʻa, Waiʻanae District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 8-6-001:007.**  
**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Executive Session to Consult with OIBC’s Attorney (Department of the Attorney General) on Questions and Issues Pertaining to OIBC’s Powers, Duties, Privileges, Immunities, and Liabilities with Respect to Ongoing Investigations and Alleged Violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E, and its Implementing Administrative Rules, that may Involve Burial Sites and Human Remains under OIBC’s Jurisdiction, Pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4).**

The OIBC may invite the State Historic Preservation Officer (Chairperson Chang) to attend, as her presence may be necessary to assist the OIBC’s understanding of any ongoing investigations of alleged violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E, and its implementing administrative rules, that may involve burial sites and human remains under OIBC’s jurisdiction.

- B. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Trisha Kehaulani Watson Sproat to Previously Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, Iwi Kūpuna, at the Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006.**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as a cultural descendant to previously identified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d). The Council may close a meeting whenever a location or description of a Native Hawaiian Burial Site is under consideration. The chairperson, by a 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.

- C. Update on Implementation of the Burial Treatment Plan for Iwi Kūpuna at Kawaihae Church Multi-Purpose Center/Building Project, Honolulu Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017.**

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

- D. Update on Archaeological Inventory Survey and DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – at the Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006 .**

**Update/Discussion:** Update and discussion on the above agenda item.

- E. Consultation on Previously Identified Iwi Kupuna (SIHP 50-80-14-10218) identified during an Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Demolition and Construction of a New 2-Story SFD Project at 3037 Kalakaua Avenue, Waikīkī Ahupuaʻa, Kona Moku, Oʻahu [TMK: (1) 3-1-033:006].**

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

- F. Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Rehabilitation of Chamber Level Waterproofing and Related Improvements Project, Phase 3 (DAGS Job No. 12-10-1004, 12-10-1045, 12-10-1046) at the Hawai'i State Capitol Building located at 415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu TMK: (1) 2-1-024:015 and (1) 2-1-024:016.**

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

- G. Ala Moana Boulevard Tower Project, Hilton Hawaiian Village Campus, Waikiki Ahupua'a, Kona District, O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-6-009:004-006 and portions of 007, 009, and 013.**

**Update/Discussion:** Update and discussion on the above agenda item.

- H. Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts at Kauloa Regional Beach Park, Kualoa I Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko Moku, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-9-004:001.**

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

- I. Mokapu Memorial Project at Kane'ohe Marine Corps Base, Kane'ohe Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko Moku, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-4-008:001.**

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

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**To provide written testimony:**

**We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to:**

**[Regina.hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.hilo@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuihewa Building, Attn: Regina Hilo - Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC 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 administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly, but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.**

**To provide in-person oral testimony:**

**Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.**

**We kindly ask that all oral 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 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.**

**Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.**

**The OIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4) in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.**

**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 in room 555 of the Kakuihewa Building located at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707.**

**If you need an auxillary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact: Regina Hilo, Burial Sites Specialist, at (808) 436-4801 or [Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this agenda and other materials are available in alternate/accessible formats.**

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**MINUTES  
OAHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**PLACE:** Online via Zoom  
—AND—  
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**Meeting ID: 848 7213 6703**  
**Passcode: 991528**

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**OIBC Members:** **Present:**  
Chair Kamanao Mills (LLO), In-person  
Vice-Chair Chuck Ehrhorn (LLO), In-person  
Member Ben Shafer (Koolauloa), In-person  
Member Julian Ako (Kona), In-person  
Member Caceres (Waianae), In-person

**SHPD Staff:** Regina Hilo  
Lesley Iaukea



**Guests:** Carolyn Norman  
Theodore Norman  
Dodge Watson  
Mana Caceres  
Kalehua  
Matt McDermott

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kamanao Mills calls to order the meeting at 10:08 A.M.

**II. ROLL CALL/PULE**

**Recording: 4:33**

Chuck Ehrhorn, Kamanao Mills, Ben Shafer, Julian Ako, Makoa Caceres

- New members Ako and Caceres introduce themselves.

Member Julian Ako conducts pule.

- Member Ehrhorn-conducted site visit with Chair Mills and Regina Hilo pertaining to Punchbowl Cemetery master plan. May impact OIBC due to burial site that was found years ago during excavation.

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2024.**

**Recording: 13:12**

Motion and vote made at 13:12

- Member Ako-Wasn't present at November meeting and doesn't feel its appropriate to participate in the vote.

**MOTION:** To accept the November 13, 2024, minutes.

**MOVED BY:** Member Shafer

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

**ABSTAIN:** Member Ako and Member Caceres

**VOTE:** Motion carried

**B. Request to Amend the Minutes for March 09, 2022.**

**Recording: 13:30**

- Chair Mills-Received an email request to amend the minutes to reflect Mana Caceres recused himself from Item L of business on the March 9, 2022 minutes. The April minutes stated Mana Caceres abstained from vote when in fact he recused himself from the vote. The May minutes state Mana Caceres was present at the meeting when he wasn't present at the meeting.

Motion and vote made at 15:50

- Member Ako-Minutes were already approved. Procedurally what is the process of amending minutes already approved.
- Chair Mills-According the attorney generals office they can be amended by the current board.

**MOTION:** To amend the March 09, 2022, minutes, April 13, 2022 minutes, & May 11, 2022 minutes.

**MOVED BY:** Member Shafer

**2<sup>ND</sup>:** Vice Chair Ehrhorn

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**C. Request to Amend the Minutes for April 13, 2022.**

**D. Request to Amend the Minutes for May 11, 2022.**

#### **IV. BUSINESS**

**A. Cultural Descendancy Recognition for Carolyn K. Norman to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-80-14-10021, Located at 818 South King Street, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-042:001.**

**Information/Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant to the above Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

Pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d), the Council may close a meeting whenever location of 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 discussed

**Recording: 16:06-23:29**

- Carolyn Norman-Been a practitioner of iwi kupuna for over 25 years. Humbly ask council for descendancy recognition to be able to malama her iwi kupuna.

Motion and vote made at 23:21

- Member Ako-For rules and regulations, do people who reside in ahupuaa currently automatically qualify to be cultural descendants? In support of motion but seeking clarity.
- Chair Mills-SHPD provides a summary memo with a recommendation for descendancy.
- Regina Hilo-Cultural descendancy needs an applicant to tie to ancestors that are buried or once resided in an ahupuaa where iwi are known or inadvertently found. Provides a broader avenue of advocacy for descendants to be able to come forward.
- Member Caceres-In what ways will Carolyn participate in the advocacy of iwi kupuna descendancy is being sought?
- Carolyn Norman-Have been in consultation of developers and have participated in the treatment plans of iwi kupuna
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-What is the project concerned with on King Street?
- Carolyn Norman-Straub Hospital.

**MOTION: To recognize the applicant as cultural descendants**

**MOVED BY: Member Shafer**

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY: Vice Chair Ehrhorn**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

**B. Cultural Descendancy Recognition for Carolyn K. Norman to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-80-14-10023, Located at 828 Auahi Street, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-053:001.**

**Information/Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant to the above Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

Pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d), the Council may close a meeting whenever location of 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 discussed.

**Recording: 23:30-25:52**

Motion and vote made at 25:47

- Member Caceres-In what ways will Carolyn participate in the advocacy and protection of iwi kupuna descendancy is being sought?
- Carolyn Norman-Have been in consultation of developers and have participated in the treatment plans of iwi kupuna for over 25 years.

**MOTION: To recognize the applicant as cultural descendants**

**MOVED BY: Member Shafer**

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY: Vice Chair Ehrhorn**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

**C. Cultural Descendancy Recognition for Carolyn K. Norman to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-80-14-09455, Located at 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058.**

**Information/Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant to the above Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

Pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d), the Council may close a meeting whenever location of 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 discussed.

**Recording: 25:53-27:50**

Motion and vote made at 27:28

- Member Caceres-In what ways will Carolyn participate in the advocacy and protection of iwi kupuna descendancy is being sought?
- Carolyn Norman-Have been in consultation of developers and will participate in the burial treatment plan of iwi kupuna

**MOTION: To recognize the applicant as cultural descendants**

**MOVED BY: Member Shafer**

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY: Vice Chair Ehrhorn**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

**D. Cultural Descendancy Recognition for Theodore R. Norman Jr. to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-80-14-10021, Located at 818 South King Street, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-042:001.**

**Information/Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant to the above Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

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**Recording: 27:51-31:30**

- Theodore Norman-Have been a practitioner of iwi kupuna for over 25 years. Started genealogy work after high school and still continue today.

Motion and vote made at 31:20

- Member Caceres-In what ways will you participate in the advocacy and protection of iwi kupuna descendency is being sought?
- Theodore Norman-Have been in consultation with developers and participate in protections as much as possible.

**MOTION:** To recognize the applicant as cultural descendants

**MOVED BY:** Member Shafer

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice Chair Ehrhorn

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- E. Cultural Descendancy Recognition for Theodore R. Norman Jr. to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-80-14-10023, Located at 828 Auahi Street, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-053:001. Information/Discussion/Determination:** Information, discussion, and determination on the applicant's descendancy recognition application to Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

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**Recording: 31:31-33:30**

Motion and vote made at 33:23

- Member Caceres-In what ways will you participate in the advocacy and protection of iwi kupuna descendency is being sought?
- Theodore Norman-Have been in consultation with developers and will participate in protections as much as possible.

**MOTION:** To recognize the applicant as cultural descendants

**MOVED BY:** Member Shafer

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

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- F. Cultural Descendancy Recognition for Theodore R. Norman Jr. to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-80-14-09455, Located at 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058. Information/Discussion/Determination:** Information, discussion, and determination on the applicant's descendancy recognition application to Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

Pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d), the Council may close a meeting whenever location of 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 discussed

**Recording: 33:31-35:21**

Motion and vote made at 35:13

- Member Caceres-In what ways will you participate in the advocacy and protection of iwi kupuna descendency is being sought?
- Theodore Norman-Have been in consultation with developers and will participate in protections as much as possible.

**MOTION: To recognize the applicant as cultural descendants**

**MOVED BY: Member Shafer**

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY: Vice Chair Ehrhorn**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

**G. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058. 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: 35:22-1:23:48**

- Dodge Watson-Here from Honua consulting. Project is to be a restaurant, the developer is going to make an effort to raise existing concrete slab so excavation is minimal. 3 excavations have been made in area. Previous studies have been done with historic sites and burials in the surrounding area but not within the project area. July 12, 2023 AIS was done. Trench 1 was for the grease trap outside the proposed location of the restaurant. Went down to 160cm and found water table. Area was very polluted and water had an odor and shiny sheen. Restaurant was previously a heavy machine shop and believe it contaminated the area. In south wall of trench 1 a fragmented remain fell out. It was collected and brought up due to the contamination. Iwi was colored black and heavily contaminated. Iwi was cleaned and wrapped in muslin before being placed in lauhala basket. It was put back but above the contaminated water table and area was backfilled. In other trenches no iwi kupuna were found. October 2024 Norman ohana did a site visit to look at options for iwi. Due to high contaminants, hoping to relocate iwi to another place on the property near the corner of the restaurant area above ground. Norman ohana wants it covered if relocation is able to be done closer to the restaurant to avoid weather. Tree was also asked to be native.

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Is the whole site to be cleared and a restaurant built? Was the iwi found in the water that was shown? Any plans for cleaning the area?
- Dodge Watson-The plan is to build up and elevate from the old slab. It seems like during high tide it would have been in the water. It was about 10-15cm above the water level at that time. No plans for soil remediation at this time. It is expensive and intrusive.
- Member Shafer-Would like to invite Norman Ohana up for their recommendations.
- Theodore Norman-During the site visit, there was a 2inch water line that looked like it would go through the preserve area which is supposed to be parking.
- Dodge Watson-They haven't investigated the line yet but have been informed that it shouldn't be in the preserve area
- Carolyn Norman-If there is a determination to preserve in place, is soil remediation possible? Can the grease trap be relocated? In the burial preserve, was excavation done?
- Dodge Watson-A large area was excavated for the grease trap, excavating again could lead to encountering more iwi. There was no excavation done on the preserve area and none would be done.
- Member Ako-When this happens, what process is used to find who may have an interest in what happens? Is a public notice made?
- Regina Hilo-Inadvertent discoveries would normally be on the OIBC agenda. Existing descendancy list is also utilized to inform descendants. Broader notifications in newspapers are typically just previously identified burials.
- Member Ako-Want the process to cast as wide a net as possible to find those interested. When the council looks at burial treatment plans, need a sense of what has happened in the past regarding how burial treatment plans have dealt with a particular situation. Does this proposed BTP align with what has happened in the past?
- Member Mills-Council typically votes on descendancy and burial treatment plans.
- Carolyn Norman-Would like the council to defer this BTP until the pipe going through the preserve can be figured out.
- Mana Caceres-Representing the Huihui family. Descendants didn't hear about anything until October. The burden of the kuleana to consult with descendants falls to the developers. Stepped were skipped, still haven't received an AIS or anything from the developer. Ask the council not defer and instead postpone the acceptance of the BTP.
- Member Caceres-Rather than defer, the responsible thing would be to not accept the BTP as currently drafted and allow Honua Consulting to go through the proper procedures of consultation so the 90 day timeline doesn't begin and it gets pushed through.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Would like to see building footprint with parking in relation to the burial site.
- Member Caceres-Temporary protection measures prove to be a little problematic. When exactly was the kupuna encountered?
- Dodge Watson-June 12, 2023
- Member Caceres-Concern is that no more protection measures were taken that would support preservation in place if the council voted so. This makes recovery more

difficult as well. Would recommend a slightly more permanent preservation measure in the future. Logic of “might find iwi” is used by developers to justify relocation.

- Dodge Watson-The list of consultants should have been included in the BTP, if deferred, it will be included.
- Member Ako-Would be useful to know what other possibilities were considered before reaching conclusion of relocation.
- Carolyn Norman-There was no meaningful consultation that was done. Feel as if its being rushed through.
- Member Ako-A need for healing is needed and consultation should be done in a culturally appropriate way.
- Mana Caceres-Island Burial Council must make a determination within 45 days
- Kalehua-To what end were descendants sought for consultation?
- Dodge Watson-Initial consultation was done when iwi were found through email. It was publicized in the OHA paper and Star Advertiser. Expected to be in front of council in August and expected to have conversation two years ago in this room. Have changed protocol of handling of inadvertent finds and are now being proactive to reach out and get input as fast as possible.
- Member Shafer-Changes weren’t made because nobody was called. If this happened in October, descendants should have been notified. If you don’t want to go down and see if iwi are beneath the project area, it’s almost worse.

Motion made at 1:22:06 and vote made at 1:23:19

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Would a deferral stop the 45 day timeline? Bothered by the reinterment site. Until its discussed with descendants the whole report is incomplete

**MOTION: To deny this request**

**MOVED BY: Vice Chair Ehrhorn**

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

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

**H. Supplemental Archaeological Inventory Survey for the City Center Portion of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Project, Kapalama and Honolulu Ahupuaa, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-052, 2-1-053, and 2-3-002 (Multiple Parcels). Update/Discussion:** Informational update on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:28:46-1:41:15**

*Chair Mills & Member Caceres recuse themselves*

- Presentation by Matt McDermott with Cultural Surveys Hawaii
- Matt McDermott-Work is slower than hoped. Started reaching out to descendants. The plan was written and submitted to SHPD which was accepted. October 2024 was the last update here at the council. By doing redesign of columns it will prevent impacting known iwi kupuna in the area. The original design required a lot of utility line relocation. 22 excavations were included with the AIS. 18 of 22 test excavations have



been completed. Hope to finish one more next month and 3 will have to be deferred. SHPD will allow for a supplemental AIS to allow for this. Iwi were found in test excavation G. Remains were moved into repository site before being put back in place and are subject to a BTP once field work is done.

- Member Ako-An email was sent out to known cultural descendants. What other means were used? For the iwi that were found and reburied what cultural protocol were used? Once iwi are found there should be protocol in place that are utilized.
- Matt McDermott-A standard list of descendants exists and was used. The cultural monitors assist with the proper protocols.

**I. Request for Consultation on Special Management Area (SMA) Permit –Major Application – SMA 2014-15, 59-004 Holawa Place Haleiwa –Demolition and Construction, Paumalu Ahupuaa, Koolauloa District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-001:089 Information/Discussion:** Informational update on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:41:28-1:42:03**

*No one showed up*

**J. Consultation on a Previously Identified Burial at 68-617 Crozier Drive, Mokuleia Ahupuaa, Waialua District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 6-8-004:005. Information/Discussion:** Informational update on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:43:04-1:43:00**

*No one showed up*

**K. Kawaiahao Church Burial Treatment Plan Update, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of Oahu, TMK (1) 2-1-032:017. Information/Discussion:** Update on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:43:01-1:43:21**

*No one showed up*

**L. Update on Legislative Bills. Information and Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:43:22-1:43:21**

- Mana Caceres-Concerned that OHA is pushing to get large land owners off the council. Oppose this every time its seen up.
- Member Ako-How do we ensure OHA is apprised of concerns that are raised? Do the proper people at OHA get minutes of these meetings?
- Member Mills-Believe they are aware

- Kalehua-OHA needs to take responsibility in their role in the lack of quorum. Having a council member that is an OHA trustee and not present at the meeting also contributes to the problem.
- Member Caceres-Problem observed in last 10 years wasn't the large land owner seats, it was the moku reps. LLOs have continued to prove themselves in the advocacy of iwi kupuna.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Large landowners have come from organizations that have historic roots in Hawaii. More recent large landowners have no real roots in Hawaii.
- Kalehua-To what degree can the OIBC engage in the legislative talks?
- SB268-SD1 (1:50:14)
- Nominees (1:52:07)

## V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Update on Recent Inadvertent Discoveries at the Turtle Bay Resort.  
Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:53:40-2:04:10**

- Regina Hilo-Believe ASM asked for this on the agenda. The person is travelling at the moment.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Should be on the lookout with this coming up again with where iwi are reinterred.
- Member Caceres-Cross referencing the inadvertents on OIBC minutes with the letters of determinations for those kupuna. Good to be aware they've been found but also good to know what happened after. Would like to see a comprehensive list of all inadvertent discoveries that are found and that they remain on the agenda until a letter of determination is issued so community and council can be aware.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-While we don't have the final word, we do have input
- Member Ako-Troubled about what happens when burials are registered and how they're monitored afterwards.
- Regina Hilo-Addressing historic with current and ongoing finds and closing out with a letter of determination is difficult to track. A lot of changes have been made and letter formats are not the same. Some files are no longer housed in our office and it makes it difficult to track down files. There are atleast 200 missing files for inadvertent finds. Finding letters of determinations shouldn't be too difficult and would probably take much longer than a month.
- Member Caceres-Asks moving forward any inadvertent discoveries that happen in between meetings be posted on the agenda and remain there until they are put to rest.
- Kalehua-In spirit of trying to work together for an active response in how kupuna are handled. Council should be provided a list of iwi currently being housed by SHPD.

## VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, April 09, 2025, 10:00 A.M, at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

**Recording: 2:04:11-2:04:22**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To Adjourn**

**MOVED BY: Member Shafer**

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

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

Meeting adjourns at 12:08PM

To provide written testimony: We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to: [lesley.iaukea@hawaii.gov](mailto:lesley.iaukea@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC 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 administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly., but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making. To provide in-person oral testimony: Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda. We kindly ask that all oral 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 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item. Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site. The OIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4) in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities. 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 in room 555 of the Kakuhihewa Building located at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707. If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact: Lesley Iaukea, Burial Sites Specialist, at (808) 436-4801 or [lesley.iaukea@hawaii.gov](mailto:lesley.iaukea@hawaii.gov) as soon as possible. Requests

made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this agenda and other materials are available in alternate/accessible formats.

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**MINUTES  
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 9, 2024  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM (HST)  
**PLACE:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Kalanimoku Building  
Board Room #132  
1151 Punchbowl St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
—AND—  
Online via Zoom

*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.*

**To Attend/Provide Testimony via Zoom:**

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Passcode: 2pu2Ba**

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**OIBC Members:**      **Present:**  
Chair Mills (LLO), In-person  
Vice-Chair Ehrhorn (LLO), In-person  
Member Galuteria (Koolaupoko), In-person  
Member Ako (Kona), Zoom  
Member Caceres (Waianae), In-person

**SHPD Staff:**      Jessica Puff, Administrator  
Kea Calpito, Acting History & Culture Branch Chief  
Regina Hilo, Oahu Burial Sites Specialist

**Guests:** Chairperson Dawn N.S. Chang  
Deputy Attorney General Danica Swenson  
Edward Halealoha Ayau  
Nick Belluzzo  
Nona Naboa  
Mana Caceres  
Keala Norman

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLE CALL/PULE**

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025.**

**IV. BUSINESS**

**A. Executive Session to Consult with OIBC’s Attorney (Department of the Attorney General) on Questions and Issues Pertaining to OIBC’s Powers, Duties, Privileges, Immunities, and Liabilities with Respect to Future and Ongoing Investigations Alleged Violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E, and its Implementing Administrative Rules, that may Involve Burial Sites and Human Remains Under OIBC’s Jurisdiction, Pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4).**

The OIBC may invite the State Historic Preservation Officer (Chairperson Chang) to attend, as her presence may be necessary to assist the OIBC’s understanding of any ongoing investigations of alleged violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E, and its implementing administrative rules, that may involve burial sites and human remains under OIBC’s jurisdiction.

*Department of Land & Natural Resources chairperson Dawn N.S. Chang opens the meeting with a statement read to the Oahu Burial Council Members during the executive session at 11:29 A.M.*

**Summary:**

**Recording: 00:00 – 08:27**

- Chairperson Dawn N.S. Chang-AG’s office was asked to conduct an investigation and are unable to discuss facts of the situation to maintain integrity of it. Ask for patience to complete investigation and report. Have intention to consult with OIBC afterwards.
- Halealoha-To be clear does the investigation involve SHPD? There are concerns with SHPD failing to comply with federal law specific to NAGPRA. 3000 violations were outlined relating to it. Hoping this is involved in the investigations. Present this as executive director of Hui Iwi Kuamoo.
- Chairperson Dawn N.S. Chang-There are several investigations going on and cannot provide information about who is involved.
- Danica Swenson-Personally aware that NAGPRA investigator in DC has made contact with the Deputy AG’s investigators. State investigators look into alleged violations of state law. Federal investigators investigate federal law. Can touch base with Hawaii

NAGPRA office if looking to be involved with the federal investigation.

**B. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058.**

**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: 08:28 – 13:53**

*Request to defer until next meeting*

- Member Caceres-If deferred, does the timeline begin that allows SHPD to be able to approve it?
- Jessica Puff-No action will be taken by SHPD, it'll be deferred until the next meeting
- Chair Mills-Received a call from the applicant to defer until the next meeting
- Kalai-Requested inventory of iwi kupuna being held by SHPD. Wondering why that information can't be received. Concerned that all those iwi have been removed and buried together and wonder if this is what the investigation is about. Have a right to know what is happening, who is being stored, and when they are being reburied.
- Jessica Puff-No comment can be given at this time

**C. Update on the BTP for the HPU Science Building Adaptive Re-Use Project, 1042 Fort Street, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 2-1-002:001 (por.), 007 (por.), and 999 (por.).**

**Information/Discussion/Recommendation:** Update on the above Burial Treatment Plan.

Recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Division whether to accept or not accept the above Revised Burial Treatment Plan.

**Recording: 13:54 – 34:24**

- Member Caceres-Request was made last month that all inadvertents on Oahu are listed on the agenda as well as their status in the process to be included in every months meeting. No documents were received by OIBC for this, request was made in the executive session for this information to be available for the council and public.
- Presenter-Previous AIS had been done in December of 2018. 5 historic building located on the historic parcels. Subsurface testing revealed two cultural layers and iwi within the fill of one of the trenches. It was identified by osteologist after the trench had been filled and is currently being curated. The supplemental AIS from 2024 was needed due to the findings of the previous AIS. Human tooth was first remains encountered during supplemental AIS found near a brick wall. Back wall dirt pile near wall was screened, 49 fragments were found that were thought to be secondarily deposited in fill. Currently being kept in site, wrapped in muslin in lauhala basket. Search for descendants from the previous BTP in 2019 as well as the current BTP led to a single descendant coming forward from publications and outreach. Iwi will be reinterred on site with fragments from the 2018 AIS with the same protocol as before. No contact with landowner will be

- necessary for descendants to access.
- Member Caceres-At what point will a completed addendum of the BTP come forward for the OIBC.
- Presenter-Burial treatment plan is complete and submitted to SHPD. HECO was insistent that the manhole needed to be in the location that it was. The reasoning for relocation to another part of the parcel was for ease of access for descendants.
- Jordan Calpito-Will need to follow up with Oahu staff and after review it can be agendized.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-It seems as though the burials can be put back near or where they were found. Avalon should explain why they cant.
- Mana Caceres-Hasn't been consulted but was going to submit descendancy request.
- Halealoha-Both large landowner representatives are advocating for iwi and OHA wants to remove them from the council. If an AIS is 10 years old, would it still be followed up updated?
- Presenter-Would lean toward updating the AIS which is why a supplemental AIS was done.

*Agenda moves to item IV. E.*

**D. Update on the Kawaiahao Church Burial Treatment Plan, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017.**

**Information/Discussion:** Update on the above agenda item.

**Recording 1:09 –1:12**

- Kalai-Good to see this on the agenda. Currently waiting on permits to move forward. BTP has been approved and its stuck with DPP

*Quorum regained with the arrival of Ben Schaefer 1:12*

*Agenda moves to item IV. F..*

**E. Discussion on the Affordable Housing Project at 330 Ku'ulei Street, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-054:007.**

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

**Recording: 34:25 – 1:10**

- Chair Mills-Would like to hear about the 330 Kuulei street project before losing quorum
- Kihei Silva-Represent Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club and Kailua Kaua Hooilo. Came to our attention that an affordable housing project was taking place that would be a 6 story apartment complex. Upset with developer contracting Pacific Legacy to do an archeological literature review. There are multiple features and burials within the area and PL recommended an AIS with subsurface testing be done and SHPD made the recommendation to DPP before a permit issued. DPP ignored the request and moved forward with the project. There is no AIS or monitoring. Make regular stops to check on the project and have seen what looks like a cultural layer within the sediment removed. Asked for screening and monitoring be done. Over past month have communicated three



times with developers and DPP and was told if iwi were encountered, all work would stop. Sets a terrible precedent.

- Jessica Puff-This project was discussed with the Governor's task force as having a low impact and DPP made a determination of low impact because of historic use of the property and they proceeded with the work.
- Nona Naboa-This is a city and county issue. They can issue permits at their own discretion.
- Kihei Silva-DPP isn't qualified to make this kind of recommendation. Two blocks up the street, 4 iwi were found where a gas tank was previously stored and removed. 16 iwi were removed from previously disturbed soil nearby. 8 iwi kupuna were disinterred and desecrated at Kainehe St. Over 60 iwi kupuna desecrated within a half mile.
- Jessica Puff-This has come up before the Oahu Historic Conservation Commission and we've talked about historic zoning for Kailua because of the history, culture, and burials. Don't want to impede necessary resources from the public but need to protect iwi and historic properties. There are professionals on site that would notify us if any iwi are found. Our staff has requested a site visit but it hasn't been arranged yet.
- Alani Opio-Could individuals identify themselves if they're not in the frame? Was on site with Dr. Lebo when she informed the project components that a staff member would be making a site visit the following day. When they showed up they were barred entry and new protocols were put in place by administration of DLNR.
- Jessica Puff-Staff was directed that steps to gain access to private property needed to be followed prior to a site visit.
- Alani Opio-Has pictures that show piles with a lot of sand and a high likelihood of cultural layers being present.

#### *Quorum is lost*

- Nick Belluzzo-Society for Hawaiian Archeology prepared a letter and received no response or action. Pacific Legacy did do a study and it's a burial landscape. Believe there are over 350 previously identified burials in the area. DPP issued the permit without any archeological protections in place. Requested a stop work order be issued. Disregard of community and descendant's concerns sets a dangerous precedent.
- Nona Naboa-Was city ordinance changed to hold DPP permitting issuance to a standard that considers what SHPD considers
- Mana Caceres-Recognized descendants are the first line of defense for iwi kupuna. The IBC is one of the best tools for descendants but with the stroke of a pen its taken away and the council doesn't have a say.
- Chair Mills-Will reach out to Kihei and want to follow up. Not sure how but will work with
- Member Ako-Not sure if this is the proper place but concerned that the OIBC is largely dependent of voluntary compliance. Council needs to come together to discuss how to make things that are voluntarily compliant, mandatory compliance.
- Jessica Puff-SHPD is looking to hire a legal fellow to review the current rules. Can work to write a bill to take to legislation as well. If you'd like to gather, I can work with Jordan to message all chairs of the other councils.
- Member Ako-Was curious if there was an effort to bring all burial councils together. Suspect this is not just an Oahu council issue and is seen on all islands.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-The council has achieved a lot. This is one instance where its an issue but we've been effective for descendants and project proponents.
- Member Ako-The issue I'm raising is based off multiple instances during today's

meeting of voluntary compliance. Sounds as though whoever was speaking was in close consultation and decision making with SHPD

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-You heard from an archeologist earlier. Its not voluntary compliance, they need to have their BTP approved.
- Chair Mills-Will look into a permitted working group at the next meeting
- Alani Opio-Here as a concerned kanaka oiwi. There are many projects currently being contemplated that if the loophole isn't closed, we'll find ourselves continually here. DPP can override SHPD's requests. Its not a single project in the context of the challenges it creates for those involved in the area. Department of Health can require work of developers and landowners that doesn't need to go to SHPD for review. Kainehe St. work was required by DOH without the need for SHPD.

*Agenda moves to item IV. D.*

**F. Discussion on the Kauwela Apartments I Project, Waikīkī Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-7-007:050.**

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

**Recording 1:13:05 – 1:30:50**

- Matt McDermott-Project is .313 acres on Citron St. There are 4 historic buildings in the area. Elevation is about 3-6 feet above sea level and is primarily silty clay loam. This project is 4 levels of apartments. 42-unit affordable housing complex. Will require a lot of ground disturbing activity. Project will require an AIS. Area was historically known for its agriculture, housing developments came pretty late. All buildings are close together and testing will be difficult. Will be sending this powerpoint out to descendants that are interested in taking part in consultation. Still trying to figure out where testing can be done. Next steps include consultation, submitting AIS plan to SHPD, completing AIS fieldwork and report, and updating OIBC.
- Mana Caceres-Want to point out the difference between the previous housing project and this one.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-The difference is the first presentation is the city and this one is the state
- Liz Char-Serving low income households and committing to homing houseless
- Keala Norman-Do you have permits already. If iwi kupuna are found is there flexibility to redesign to accommodate preservation in place?
- Liz Char-No permit from DPP yet, plans have been submitted though. If there is space on site, would be nice to preserve them on site. It's a small area for the structure and support structures are difficult to move around but a garden space or monument can be created for findings.

**G. Discussion on the State Historic Preservation Division's Timelines and Deadlines for Draft Burial Treatment Plans.**

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

**Recording 1:31 – 1:31:30**

*Bypass by Chair*

**H. House and Senate Resolutions (HCR193HD1 and SCR161) that Would Create a Working Group to Explore Transferring the Care, Management, and Protection of Iwi Kupuna from the State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.**

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

**Recording 1:31:30 – 1:37**

- Chair Mills- This would transfer the
- Jessica Puff-This wouldn't immediately transfer the program. It's a working group to study over the next year or two to see if the burials program as a whole should be transferred from SHPD to OHA. Language was added to have public representatives so it casts a wider net of feedback.
- Mana Caceres-This is the next step of the prior burial sites working group. This is the if and how of that happening.
- Chair Mills-If its transfers to OHA it would still require SHPD for enforcement
- Jessica Puff-From SHPD perspective, the burial sites program isn't independent from 6E and under federal law a lot of info is taken in that is important for the burial sites program. If there is a division from SHPD there would still need to be coordination.
- Member Caceres-Concern that OHA expresses concern of iwi but haven't seen them at the last two meetings since they testified about the importance of the burial sites program.
- Nick Belluzzo-With intersection of burial sites and archeology would like to be included in the consultation.
- Jessica Puff-For inadvertent discoveries, our staff confirms its historic before its turned over to the burial sites specialist. Little things like that would need to be worked out as well.

**V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Alia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:017.**

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

**Recording 1:37 – 1:58**

- Regina Hilo-6 burial finds to date, 1 of which is assessed as a coffin burial. Burial finds 1,2, and 4 occurred within a 4-5 meter diameter of each other. Bundle burials that probably represent more than one individual per bundle. SHPD determination was relocation for burials 1 & 2 with preservation in place for burial 4. That determination was made prior to knowing about the bundle burials. Burial find 3 was more makai and isolated with a single skeletal element, will be included with the osteological assessment of the bundle burials. Burial 5 was the coffin burial. Burial find 6 was found during sewer line trenching and close to burial find 4. Determination hasn't been made but will probably recommend relocation due to proximity of burial to the sewer line. Burial is above the water table but below the possible protection of the shoring. There is a pause on determinations at the moment. This project is a new building construction
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Have cultural descendants been notified and involved?
- Regina Hilo-They've been notified of the find. Dodge has reached out for recommendations.
- Member Caceres-Prior to being on the council, I was never reached out to by Honua

Consulting as descendant. For burial find 1 & 2, would it negate the letter of determination knowing there's potentially more than one set of iwi per bundle? Where are burials 1 and 2 being relocated to?

- Regina Hilo-We interpreted it as a concentration of skeletal remains. Would have to check with branch chief and administrator about what could be done. Burials 1,2,4, and 6 are all in close proximity. Considered relocation of 1 and 2 to burial 4. Would want to put everyone in the location of burial site 4.
- Member Caceres-Once new information comes to light after a letter of determination is made, does it guide a new determination. Is burial find 3 currently in curation at the project area?
- Jessica Puff-At any point new information or another discovery is made, the initial determination can be revisited and changed.
- Regina Hilo-Burial 3 is currently curated on site. The time frame for reburial is unknown because of the osteological testing to confirm if it belongs to any of the iwi from the bundle burial
- Member Caceres-With determinations being on pause, if additional iwi are found in the interim of the investigation, what are SHPD's instructions to the developer?
- Regina Hilo-Would have to look into what the timeline is. Not sure how it would impact the timeliness or delay in determinations for the time being.
- Mana Caceres-Investigation from the Ombudsman's office was initiated by me. This project is proceeding using an archeological monitoring plan accepted in 2014. This project is completely new and a new plan should've been issued.
- Keala Norman-Was told burial 5 that the burial preserve would be expanded to include the coffin burial. They haven't done so yet. Conducted a site visit and asked Honua Consulting to put up construction tape because workers were walking over it. Would prefer plywood boundaries like what we have at the burial preserve. There are pink markers in ground all around the burial and wasn't sure what they represented. Typically that shows that work is going to be done in that area.
- Regina Hilo-Not sure, will ask. SHPD made that recommendation as well.

**B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at The Park on Keeaumoku Project, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-018:052.**

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

**Recording 1:58 – 2:02**

- Regina Hilo-A cranial fragment was found during drain line trenching. A notch was created nearby at the same depth it was found and the iwi was temporarily curated there. No additional finds during the drain line trenching, it was backfilled with the exception of where the iwi was originally found. Indeterminant fragments were found in a lab in a bulk sample, wanted to be safe and treat them as human. There is a second burial vault available to use if additional finds come up. No determination has been made yet but recommendation for cranial fragment is preservation in place and recommendation for the indeterminant fragments is relocation.

**C. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Kalae (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block B West Project); Kaka'ako, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-001:133.**

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

#### **Recording 2:02 – 2:06**

- Regina Hilo-From July 3, 2024 to present there are 6 inadvertent finds. Burial find 1 determination was relocation. Burial 2 had 60% of an individual that was recovered with determination of relocation. Burial 3 was found in an elevator shaft excavation with relocation determination. January 2, 2025 Burial 4 and 5 were found. Burial 4 was determined to be relocated while burial 5 was partially insitu and distinct from burial 3 and 4. Burial 5 was determined to be preserved in place. March 19, 2025 burial 6 was found during excavation of sewer line. Area was asked to be stabilized while descendants were contacted. Recommendation was relocation for Burial 6 because of possibility it corresponds to Burial find 1.

#### **D. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloloa Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-005:023 and 024; 6-1-009:002, 004, 018, 019, 020, 021, and 022; 6-1-010:001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 019, and 020.**

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

#### **Recording 2:06 – 2:18**

- Regina Hilo-March 13, 2025 scattered elements at the project area surface were recovered and temporarily curated on site.
- Nick Belluzzo-Within the study area a historic bridge was found as well as a heiau but was outside the project area. Archeological monitoring plan was created and approved. Iwi were found within beach deposits with wailua silty clay covering the surface. During drilling operations, fragments of a femur were observed. After searching, more fragments were found. No work has been conducted on the bank iwi were found but future work will be needed. Fragments were collected and stored on site. May be additional disarticulated human remains present.
- Member Caceres-What is the timeline to contact OHA and descendants for a letter of determination?
- Regina Hilo-OHA has been notified and Nick reached out to a known descendant of the area. Once understanding of project constraints are gained, will have a better idea of how to best proceed.
- Nick Belluzzo-Reached out to individuals in the area but they felt they weren't connected to the area.
- Member Caceres-Purpose of having these included on the agenda is to keep track of iwi waiting for letters of determination and status. Requesting inadvertent on the agenda remain on the agenda until they are reburied.
- Chair Mills-Keep a running list of old inadvertents with a new ones for discussion
- Jessica Puff-Sounds as though administrative support can be provided to have a better idea of site plans. If there are other things that would be useful, please let me know.
- Member Shafer-Need minutes to be able to follow up.

#### **E. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 32 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:047.**

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

#### **Recording 2:18- 2:23**

- Regina Hilo-Storage tank work was being done by the department of health and permits were never sent to SHPD. After inadvertent discovery, a site visit was conducted and it was confirmed human. Work stopped and discussed number of issues. Recommendation was hiring an archeological consultant to document what resources were exposed and talk with cultural descendants. After screening finished, a total of 7 individuals were found, most of which were subadults. Still working through process of closing underground storage tank. Need more information of what recovery of individuals within the side wall of the excavation would look like to ensure everyone was recovered.

**F. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 44 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:048. Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

#### **Recording 2:23 – 2:28**

- Regina Hilo-During hand excavation to repair a buried line, skeletal remains were encountered. There was a previous find here before. Work stopped and site visit was conducted with descendants and SHPD. Everything is preserved where it is now and waiting to hear back from HECO to hear about constraints of repairing underground line. They will reach out with proposals of what can be done.
- Kihei Silva-All this is occurring in jaucus sand. Anywhere of sinking a shovel there, the likelihood of finding iwi kupuna is high. So many factors still at play with these side by side discoveries. Still in process of trying to gather information and weigh all possibilities.

**G. Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts at Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park, Wai‘anae Ahupua‘a, Wai‘anae District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 8-5-017:006, 007, and 022; 8-5-018:001, 002.**

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

#### **Recording 2:28 – 2:36**

- Nick Belluzzo-There is a number of intact burials present. Increased surge from storm events is increasing the problems. Have done shoreline walks and worked with SHPD and donated time for recovery. Individuals are in curation. Would like to have broader conversations with the community to understand what iwi are currently in SHPD custody regarding this area. No funding from state or county to address larger concern of shoreline erosion. Have relied on SHPD curation in the path and don't believe that's the path going forward.
- Chair Mills-Is there an estimated count of iwi kupuna?
- Nick Belluzzo-7 have been identified and have made efforts to stabilize the erosion. In instances where it cant be stabilized, recovery happens. 3 individuals have been recovered and curated. Each shoreline walk, a new burial tends to be found.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-First became of this project in the 90's. Thought at the time a reinterment area was going to be set aside.
- Nick Belluzzo-Would like to have a broader conversation with the community to see what and where individuals can be reinterred. In terms of previous reinterment site, I have no knowledge of that.

- Member Caceres-If any volunteers are needed, would like to be part of the conversation and make sure you feel supported in your efforts.

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To Adjourn**  
**MOVED BY: Member Shafer**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY: Member Caceres**  
**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

*Meeting ends at 2:07 P.M.*

### **To provide written testimony:**

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to: [regina.hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:regina.hilo@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC 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 administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly., but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

### **To provide in-person oral testimony:**

Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.

We kindly ask that all oral 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 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

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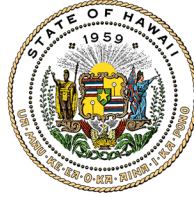
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**RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE**  
FIRST DEPUTY

**DATE: Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**TIME: 10:00 AM (HST)**

**PLACE: Department of Land and Natural Resources Kalanimoku Building**

**Board Room #132**

**1151 Punchbowl St.**

**Honolulu, HI 96813**

**—AND—**

**Online via Zoom**

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**OIBC Members:**

**Present:** Chair Mills (LLO), In-person  
Vice-Chair Ehrhorn (LLO), In-person  
Member Caceres (Waianae), In-person  
Member Ako (Kona), In-person  
Member Shafer (Koolauloa), In-person

**SHPD Staff:**

Jessica Puff, Administrator  
Regina Hilo, Burial Site Specialist  
Kea Calpito, Acting History & Culture Branch Chief  
Susan Lebo, Archaeology Branch Chief (on Zoom)  
Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Archaeologist (on Zoom)

**At Board Room:**

Mana Caceres, 'Ohana Kupono Consulting  
Max Pinsonneault, Keala Pono Archaeological Consulting  
Matt McDermott, CSH

**Dennis Gossier  
Brandon Shima, University of Hawaii  
Lise Ditzel-Ma, University of Hawaii  
Nick Lozanoff, University of Hawaii  
Tate Ikehara, University of Hawaii  
Ross Richards, University of Hawaii  
Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates  
Henry Fong, Descendant  
Darren Flanagan, Arete  
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Jason Lee, Oceanit  
Dodge Watson, Honua**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Mills calls meeting to order at 10:04AM*

**II. ROLE CALL/PULE**

**Recording: 0:20-2:36**

*Member Caceres conducts pule*

*Chair Mills, Vice-Chair Ehrhorn, Member Caceres, Member Ako, Member Shafer*

### **III. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025**

**B. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2025**

**Recording: 2:55-3:30**

- Chair Mills-Minutes weren't distributed to the cancel
- Regina Hilo-Minutes will be distributed for review in the next couple weeks

### **Item VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **IV. BUSINESS**

**A. DRAFT ADDENDUM Burial Treatment Plan for the HPU Science Building Adaptive Re- Use Project, SIHP 50-80-14-10032, 1042 Fort Street, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-002:001 (por.), 007 (por.), and 999 (por.)**

**Information/Discussion/Recommendation/Determination:** 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 ADDENDUM Burial Treatment Plan.

**Recording: 8:20-39:10**

- Max Pinsonneault-Several burials were encountered during AIS as well as multiple historic sites. During an earlier AIS an additional burial was found that hasn't been reinterred yet. Proposing the burial found in the supplemental AIS be buried in the same location as the other burial found in the previous AIS. Place they were encountered is central on property and all plans require ground disturbance in the area. Search for descendants for the BTP yielded in 2 more descendants wishing to be acknowledged.
- Mana Caceres-Name from this project changed from the original AIS which is why it went under my family's radar
- Chair Mills-What was the descendants manao on the BTP?
- Max Pinsonneault-There were no comments
- Vice-Chair-Ehrhorn-Is that that future building footprint shown? The reburial is along Bethel street. Our position is to not move burials and if they are moved to move them as little as possible.

- Max Pinsonneault-The current plan is in flux right now due to the permitting changes. The burials were found around the location near the emergency generator. The reburial is not in the same location.
- Robby Kelly-We are planning on knocking down existing structures and rebuilding. The courtyard will not be there anymore. The reburial will be in a place where there will be no future construction on the upcoming years.
- Mana Caceres-Concern for iwi removed all these years. How soon once this is approved will they be reinterred? If the plan is to wait until the building is done, I won't support the treatment. Before addressing the kupuna that was recently found, we need to address the kupuna that was removed from the ground.
- Member Caceres-Pg 17 states the bone fragment is currently being curated privately. As of now, an employee is in illegal possession of iwi kupuna since 2019. Gross oversight on project proponents and SHPD. Pg 25 states a long term buffer of 5ft by 5ft and vague about materials utilized. Doesn't state whether the buffer is only above ground or will have subsurface protections. Need explanation of why relocation is the only path for the BTP. Are any pile caps going to be drilled in the area? Any grade beams connected to the pile caps in the area? BTP is not giving reason for why iwi cannot be preserved in place. Members of the Norman ohana are online, would recommend you reach out to the Norman ohana as well.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-We have no idea of the future of the site and cant make a decision for the best relocation site. Before approval, need to see a building footprint even though it can change over time.
- Max Pinsonneault-All comments will adjust the plan and make it more precise. Primary reason of holding back reburial is the building footprint is still there, until the building is demolished, the site cant be utilized.
- Robby Kelly-About to submit permit, once DPP approves the permit it can move forward. Permit is for a 13-story hotel similar to the original plan. Avlon came into possession of the site about 1-2 years ago and still wrapping head around the past BTP to find a plan to best go forward and come back with a plan.
- Member Ako-Will always question if descendants have been consulted not just for this project but all BTP's brought before the council. Whatever is proposed should be vetted by the descendants. Preference in the past has been to preserve in place and need to know why something was done differently if so.
- Member Caceres-Would be helpful for members and descendants if sewer lines are in the area as well. Any amendments in the plan need to consider what preservation in place options are and include those in the BTP.
- Member Shafer-Speak with the descendants so everyone is on the same page prior to coming to OIBC.
- Chair Mills-Plan in future with SHPD, arch firms will be provided a list of descendants.

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Many of the same concerns were brought up last month and they haven't been addressed. In the BTP there should be a clear outline of what will happen if other inadvertent discoveries are made.
- Keala Norman-Request that since no permit has been received, they incorporate a burial preserve in the lobby, in place, instead of pushing iwi beside a road.
- Anela-Once they start digging, they will probably find more iwi and agree with preservation in place.
- Bill Haole-Noticing 5 trenches and iwi were discovered but not indicated where they were found. In future, requests it is indicated on the maps where they were discovered. Long standing Kona cultural descendant and wasn't informed of this project.

*Motions and vote (37:09)*

**MOTION:**           **To deny the BTP**  
**MOVED BY:**       **Member Caceres**  
**2ND BY:**           **Member Shafer**  
**VOTE:**              **Motion carried unanimously**

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-These recommendations aren't getting passed to others involved leading to the same issues with every presentation.

**B. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058.**  
**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: 39:10-45:44**

- Member Caceres-Point of Order, this project did not meet the timeline to make it on the agenda and did not include all the documentation as required 2 weeks before the meeting date. Request was made last Thursday for all the documentation on the agenda and was denied because the documentation was not sent in.
- Jessica Puff-It is up to the council if this will be on the agenda or if denied
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-If requirements weren't met there doesn't need to be a motion and it shouldn't be on the agenda.
- Regina Hilo-The BTP meets requirements to come before the council but

did not meet the timeline.

- Dodge Watson-We will defer to the next meeting. Met with Norman Ohana on May 5 and wanted to include in the plan causing the delay. Emails with consultants were sent out with read receipts.
- Member Caceres-The council did receive communication from descendants that they were not consulted.

**C. Kauwela Apartments 1 Project, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK:**

**(1) 2-7-007:050**

**Update/Discussion:** Update on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 45:44-1:21:07**

- Matt McDermott-Here for AIS plan, no shovels have touched the ground. Received information from consultation to begin to make a plan. Project is .313 acres with four historic buildings. 5 story building with ground disturbance being demolition of current structures and building of new. No historic development until 1920’s, prior to this was rice and kalo fields. Not a lot of previous archeological work in the general area. 1998 had an inadvertent discovery related to utilities but outside of project work. Unknown if preserved in place. Dwellings are very close and testing will be difficult. 3 of the houses are currently inhabited. Reached out to OHA, SHPD, OIBC, and descendants. Initial proposed testing include 6 trenches covering 2% of the project area. Testing strategy was modified after input to include more testing of the proposed foundation. Use of GPR not reliable because of proximity to water table. Revised AIS testing includes 7 trenches in more potentially sensitive spots. Project can’t move forward until AIS is completed so no post demolition can be implemented at this time. Consultation will continue
- Liz Char-42 unit apartment studio utilizing low income tax credits. 26-28 parking stalls with rent ranging from \$500-\$1400/month.
- Member Ako-Impressed with modifications based on consultation with descendants
- Member Shafer-Always impressed on presentations, no drama, and moves ahead.
- Member Makoa-Is there a trench where the elevator trench will be? The rail requires that a supplemental AIS be done concurrently with active construction. Once demolition is completed of the abandoned house, it would allow for a supplemental AIS. Historically inadvertent discoveries are more likely to be relocated during active construction compared to AIS finds. Mentioned it would be difficult for an excavator to be reach between houses but doesn’t limit hand digging. Minimum of 5% testing is asked because of lack of data in the area.
- Matt McDermott-The proposed elevator shaft is beneath the house that is currently abandoned.

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Abandoned house is bothersome because it tends to be a magnet for trouble.
- Liz Char-The current development team acquired property in December 2024. Can't attest to intention of prior owners. Cannot touch site until funding is secured. Other buildings on site are occupied.
- Matt McDermott-May be able to do hand testing for the elevator shaft based on safety of structure. There is a burial find within 300ft of the area. Comprise could be to do initial testing and relook after that.
- Member Caceres-Supplemental AIS has been done on other projects and no reason cannot be done here. Is anything stopping hand digging near elevator shaft?
- Keala Norman-Asks once homes are demolished, excavators are used to remove 4inches at a time with screening for the whole project. Would like this to be done for all projects down to bedrock or coral shelf to inform archeologists and descendants where iwi are located before permits are issued. Then developers can design buildings around the iwi. In the long run, could save developers money by not needing monitors and having project delays.
- Mana Caceres-If test trench is added for the elevator shaft, what would the testing percentage of the site be?

**D. Archaeological Inventory Survey at Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**  
**Information/Discussion:** Informational presentation and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:21:07-1:41:05**

- Brandon Shima-Project to upgrade water system of aquarium. 4 different sets of remains found, all on hold pending approval of BTP.
- Member Caceres-What difficulty is there in confirming identify of human remains in segment 8? Has a BTP been drafted yet? What protection measures have been implemented for these iwi?
- Dennis Gossier-Bones in place are very fragile and hesitant to move forward until its known how to proceed. Not an osteologist but suspect they're not human. The wall they're in is unstable. Each find location sectioned off with sandbags. Any skeletal material found in screening has been included back with the rest of the remains where they were found. Came across a vault made of concrete with human remains inside. No record of reinterment there. Have done minimal work with it so as not to disturb it. Not in SHPD records. Unsure of age of vault.
- Chair Mills-Do the iwi look like they were found in fill material?
- Dennis Gossier-There was previous iwi that was brought in with sand from Molokai or Maui 1993. These iwi look like they were previously disturbed and may have been from outside material as well.
- Brandon Shima-Notification to the public was sent out May 1<sup>st</sup>, once

descendants are compiled consultation will begin. Hoping to have draft BTP by August. Currently in process of doing 100% AIS.

- Member Ako-To SHPD, when an inadvertent discovery is made, does SHPD automatically let the parties involved know who the descendants for the area are? If descendants are willing to put their time and effort into this, we should be letting them know
- Regina Hilo-Yes, trying to be better at letting project proponents know who should be part of consultation.
- Member Caceres-HAR states burden is on SHPD to have descendants notified. If projects coming before council do not have consultation from descendants, it's the fault of SHPD.
- Dennis Gossier-SHPD has been very proactive with identifying individuals to consult with.
- Member Shafer-Should list out all people consulted with.
- Keala Norman-Have not been contacted by SHPD about the project. Good precedent for 100% AIS.
- Anela-Appreciate sensitivity and transparency. Ready with kapa and baskets. Always wonder if things are being handled appropriately.
- Mana Caceres-Have multiple descendancy claims that have not been processed for a year and a half. Disrespectful to submit new applications. Community doesn't know of burial find, months later descendants are recognized.
- Regina Hilo-That shouldn't be the case. If you follow up with me, we'll see where they are in the process.

**E. House and Senate Resolutions (HCR193HD1 and SCR161) that Would Create a Working Group to Explore Transferring the Care, Management, and Protection of Iwi Kupuna from the State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.**

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

**Recording: 1:41:05-1:46:30**

- Mana Caceres-Council and Iwi Kuamoo was heavily involved in first working group. There are two different versions of this bill, Iwi Kuamoo was removed. Original bill had one member from every council. First working group was to gather information, this one is to look at the next step.
- Jessica Puff-Didn't want to remove them but wanted to be more inclusive. Community can decide who representatives are. Intention was about bringing in more people. A lot of bills died. Bill about coastal erosion effects on iwi died as well. It started off with a bill that was a totally different bill but then added language to transfer the burial sites program to OHA but realization occurred that we should actually build



off of - what you're saying the previous study committee report - to figure out if OHA would actually be a good home or is there another entity that might be a better home.

## **V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Inadvertent Discoveries at Turtle Bay Resort; 'Ō'io 1, Ulupehupehua, and Punalau Ahupua'a; Ko'olaupia District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 5-7-001:050 Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above agenda item.**

**Recording: 1:46:30-3:01:25**

- Member Caceres-stated that the request made at the March 2025 OIBC meeting was for SHPD to include an ongoing list of inadvertent discoveries from the past without letters of determination and/or awaiting reburial; would like to ensure the list is ongoing and only once kupuna are reburied should those agenda items be removed; will send an example spreadsheet to SHPD
- Jessica Puff-SHPD will work with you, undergoing a transition phase
- Regina Hilo-Nick's presentation will be much more interesting than my monotone

Presentation by Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates; supported by members of Arete Collective; and Henry Fong, a recognized lineal descendant

- Nick Belluzzo-He would come regularly to provide updates to the OIBC. His presentation included information about the parcels at Turtle Bay Resort that Arete Collective owns – Lot 13, Lot 15, and Lot 16.
- Nick presented about the historic preservation process, the documents reviewed and accepted by the SHPD including: Haun and Associates AIS in 2015, a Supplemental AIS, and AMP, BSC, and BTP. A Preservation Plan for SIHP 50-80-02-07289 will expand boundaries to include the Feb. 2025 individual which will be preserved in place. There was an inadvertent discovery in April 2025, and though no determination has been made, the landowner is looking at options to preserve-in-place. An inadvertent discovery occurred on May 13, 2025 and were found within an elevator shaft excavation.
- Member Shafer-Who is in the Kahuku Burial Committee?
- Nick Belluzzo-Several people have retired. Henry Fong is working with individuals to pull together their genealogy. Would like to see more people in that committee.
- Member Ako-Is this an official committee or a volunteer group?
- Nick Belluzzo-Its all volunteer. No official standing other than as descendants.
- Regina Hilo-They are recognized as a Native Hawaiian Organization and are made up of descendants. We consult with them.
- Member Caceres-Rare to have a complete presentation on inadvertent discoveries. Extremely informative and helpful. For the AMP, are you present for all ground disturbing work?
- Nick Belluzzo-We're there for all ground disturbing work and have two people per machine. All contractors have an environmental training on responsibilities

working on site. Everyone has to individually sign the document if they're on site.

- Chair Mills-In receipt of two testimonies of community members.
- Chair reads testimony "Kaimana Plemmer-lifelong resident. Have concerns of iwi at turtle bay resort. Two members of OIBC are employed by developer and concerned about conflict of interest. Raises questions about integrity of consultation process and whether community voices are properly being addressed. What safeguards are in place to ensure inadvertent discoveries are properly being handled?"
- Chair Mills-If there are any members that are in conflict, please recuse yourself from those matters
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-It wasn't stated who those two individuals were that have a conflict of interest.
- Member Shafer-I'm not employed by turtle bay or this group. They did donate to my campaign when I ran for state senator. Since a compromise was made to only build 5 hotels, the state gave \$50 million to make the project work. I'm on a different side now. This was agreed to long ago including where iwi were going to be preserved.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-I used to work for the landowner and was on the negotiating team that finalized the sale to the current owners.
- Nick Belluzzo-The decision with the iwi kupuna rests with SHPD. I'm trying to be as transparent as possible with this plan. I will continue coming to OIBC to ensure the process continues.
- Member Ako-When these allegations come in, what do we do procedurally to deal with them? If there are legitimate concerns, we need to go through due process. Specific names and information should be given.
- Chair Mills-This is common for allegations to happen. Community members can always speak to any topic they have. A response memo would be drafted after comments. If any OIBC member feels they are in conflict, recuse yourself from decision making. After AG's review of the response, its sent off.
- Member Shafer-If there's any conflict, I have no issue stepping back. The Kahuku Burial Committee should fill out the form and become official if they want to be recognized. Some times people on the committee are working for the project as well. They should come forward as a descendant.
- Mana Caceres-When I was on the council, all the members were recognized as descendants.
- Henry Fong-Offered to guide Melissa through the process as well as Kaimana to help with the application. My appointment doesn't affect my decisions working with iwi kupuna.
- Lillie-Following up on testimony sent out. Previously in Nick's presentation the Kahuku Burial Committee had members that left and Henry was the only one left. Was there anyone else?
- Henry Fong-There are two pending members
- Lillie-Henry disclosed he is an employee of the developer and also a recognized descendant. That in itself is a conflict of interest. As a community member asking he recuse himself from any influence as someone receiving a paycheck from the developer. Heard Ben received funding from a political campaign, ask he consider recusing himself in chance there were back agreements that were made.
- Member Caceres-We hold no jurisdiction over a volunteer group as OIBC. Would be beneficial to request representation from AG and ethics commission so

community members can hear advice given. At end of day, council doesn't have authority over inadvertent discoveries. These items are listed here for the community to give SHPD testimony. Discussion might be different if it were a previously identified burial.

- Kaulana Ing-Appreciative of presentation. Regular visitors to this beach and have seen the accelerated process. Concern over monitoring in terms of monitoring to vehicles, was present on Friday 12-3 and saw the orange fence. Counted no less than 5 vehicles engaged in ground disturbing activity. Discoveries by crew may indicate insufficient monitoring while digging.
- Nick Belluzzo-Want to have a monitor for every vehicle. Not monitoring unless they're digging in the earth. Will get together with the crews if there are any activity that we're not aware of. At the end of the day there is a site walk as well.
- Member Caceres-Request AMP from SHPD to review and make recommendation SHPD employee conduct a site visit to ensure monitoring compliance.
- K.B-Sent in testimony along with other people, were they received? Was asked to send them to Regina Hilo.
- Regina Hilo-2 other testimonies were received after hours. They've been uploaded to HICRIS and have not yet forwarded them to the council.
- K.B-Are lineal descendants given testimonies before the meeting starts?
- Regina Hilo-No, they were received after hours
- K.B.-Henry Fong contacted two individuals and let them know he read their public testimony.
- Regina Hilo-Anyone can access the testimony. I can send you how to access it after this meeting.
- K.B.-Was SHPD notified of the most recent inadvertent discoveries last week?
- Nice Belluzzo-Yes, the police were notified first and SHPD as well.
- K.B.-Was a medical examiner or archeologist notified?
- Chair Mills-You're going into the procedures of inadvertent discoveries. Could you share your thoughts to us
- K.B.-Want to make sure everything was done in a pono fashion and there are no conflict of interests as stated before. Feel Mr. Shafer is a conflict of interest. Feel Ms. Hilo helped form Kahuku Burial Committee
- Regina Hilo-Not true, that predates my service with SHPD
- Chair Mills-Regina is going to forward your testimony. I want to discuss it with the council and it may take some time for a response. Maybe this can be taken offline. I'll follow up via email.
- Member Caceres-For written testimony to appear before the council, it must be submitted 24 hours prior to the meeting so it can be added to HICRIS and forwarded to the council. We're here to hold everyone accountable.
- Anela-In 2015, fought with group for protections of Turtle Bay and was able to protect a large part of ag land. They're coming into an area that is culturally sensitive because of burial sites and endangered species. Development will impact those things. Where there is one iwi kupuna there is more. Kupuna deserve to be protected and respected. This is the only agenda item where a conflict of interest was mentioned.
- Kela Miller-Calling in regards to some people on the commission, my concern is we listen to the people from there. Had a kupuna that passed away and we were all concerned with the iwi kupuna. Don't think Ben Shafer and Henry Fong should recuse themselves. We asked them to be there as kupuna.

- Diane Fitzsimmons-As a former board member and resident for 54 years of north shore I have some roots and concern for this area. I keep hearing lineal descendants of the committee, are they lineal descendants of specific burials?
- Regina Hilo-Yes, they are lineal descendants to specific iwi. The recognized lineal descendants have their genealogical ties to kupuna at Turtle Bay.
- Diane Fitzsimmons-These aren't inadvertent, they're previously identified. Saw list of iwi from development in the area long ago. Continuing to find burials, this is a burial site that is being built on.
- Keala Norman-Agree this is a burial ground. Asking SHPD what the definition of a cluster burial for SHPD to say this is a graveyard.
- Member Shafer-Want to know all the information of the area first. How would they call it a graveyard if they got this far in building already. Kahuku Committee is so small.
- Member Caceres-Great vagueness in administrative rules with what SHPD has to adhere to. Statutes don't specify number of individuals or close proximity to identify a burial cluster. Thus far developer and managed to preserve iwi in place.

#### **Item E addressed**

#### **B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Alia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1- 056:017.**

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

#### **Recording: 3:15:48-3:28:50**

- Regina Hilo-For BTP's is it helpful to provide a summary in the cover letter of the BTP itself with relevant information? 6 burials finds to date with 5 being confirmed. No exploration to confirm for the 6<sup>th</sup>. No determination on treatment of 6<sup>th</sup> find.
- Member Caceres-Has a determination been issued for all other finds?
- Regina Hilo-There is a determination for burials 1,2 and 4 that are bundle burials. Burials 1 and 2 was determined to be relocated. Burial 3 was isolated and believe it would be relocated. Burial 4 was recovered and determined to be preserved in place. Soil remediation needed to occur with burial 4 being temporarily curated.
- Member Ako-Could we get the dates of when these occurred. If iwi are being stored, how and where?
- Member Caceres-For burials with relocation and temporary curation, what is the timeline of reburials? Would be helpful if arch firms came before council for their own presentation.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-SHPD wanted to preserve in place for a burial but developer disagrees. Why preservation in place and why does the developer disagree? If there is a difference of opinion between developer and SHPD, would be good to know the differences.
- Keala Norman-Burial 5 is a coffin burial and preserved in place with no

work involved in the area while expanding the current burial preserve. Going to conduct another site visit, plywood buffer was not moved out to include burial 5 at last visit.

**C. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at The Park on Keeaumoku Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3- 018:052.**

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

**Recording: 3:28:50-3:36:03**

- Regina Hilo-Covered last month. March 15, cranial fragment found during trenching. A notch immediately adjacent to the drain line excavation housed the iwi. Steel barricade vertically and horizontally on sides for preservation measures. Indeterminant fragments from the lab are temporarily curated for now, should have a letter that authorizes temporary private possession by descendants. No determination for indeterminant fragments but relocation is recommended.
- Keala Norman-Thought there was a curation facility on site.
- Regina Hilo-There was but didn't see a long-term need for it and so it was removed. Iwi are in Kailua.
- Keala Norman-In circumstances like that, descendants should be notified of changes.
- Anela-Will that become the norm to put a steel box over iwi? Were protocol followed?

**D. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Kalae (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block B West Project); Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-001:133. Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:36:03-3:43:50**

- Regina Hilo-Soil remediation work was very expansive. Among soil was a find of iwi curated on site. Additional remains during sewer line trenching were found at same location of other iwi. Another individual was found yesterday in close proximity. The remains of the second individual are preserved in the sidewall of the trench. Information will be sent to council and descendants. Keala and the Caceres Ohana are descendants.
- Anela-A lot of kupuna in that area, as a community we are expecting more discoveries. Why not relocate the sewer pipe, nothing is impossible.

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Items B,C, D, and E were addressed by a BTP. Need to have it written out all the possible routes for plan of action going forward.

**E. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloloa Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-005:023 and 024; 6-1-009:002, 004, 018, 019, 020, 021, and 022; 6-1-010:001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 019, and 020.**

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

**Recording: 3:08:35-3:15:00**

- Chair recuses himself
- Jessica Puff-When you recuse yourself, you shouldn't be part of the discussion. There is a quorum issue, this would be an informational part only
- Member Ako-If its informational only, why can't the chair be here for it.
- Jessica Puff-Can follow up with AG for clarification
- Nick Belluzzo-Most everything on this project is previously disturbed. Several iwi fragments near a historic bridge were found and request was to preserve in place if possible. Wrapped them in muslin and curated on site in trailer. Previously thought it was bulldozed from railroad, don't believe that to be true anymore. Seeing imported fill overlying clean sand most likely used for the bridge.

**F. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 32 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:047. Information/Discussion:**  
Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:43:50-3:53:34**

**Addressing Item F and G together**

- Regina Hilo-Consultation is ongoing, unable to pull together info from those meetings. One of the burials is a HECO easement, planning on avoiding the iwi kupuna. Will come back with a more comprehensive plan afterwards.
- Member Caceres-As a recognized descendant, developers have taken on responsibility of consultation with descendants taking way too long putting SHPD in place of non-compliance for determinations. If SHPD

continues to allow developers to do so, they will continue to be in non-compliance. Is there a plan or process where SHPD would conduct consultation as outlined in administrative rules.

- Jessica Puff-SHPD should be doing consultation because it could be misrepresented. Instances in past where developers consulted with people who weren't recognized descendants. Creates a conflict of interest. SHPD does have to make determination but isn't always appropriate within the time frame. Preliminary determination can be made until all information comes together. Need to look at how we can rewrite rules.
- Member Caceres-During my interview process, spoke with state senator to champion some of these changes. Both BTP's that came before council today didn't consult with descendants. IBC is to keep a list for these types of issues.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Developer should have responsibility to have consultations.
- Member Ako-To streamline the process, the developer could conduct consultation and SHPD is responsible for what comes from it.

**G. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 44 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:048. Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:43:50-3:53:34**

**H. Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts at Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park, Wai'anae Ahupua'a, Wai'anae District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 8-5-017:006, 007, and 022; 8-5-018:001, 002. Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:53:34**

- No update

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, June 11th, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

**Recording: 3:30-8:20, 3:54:12**

- Chair Mills-Had a chance to speak with OHA, there will be a presentation during the June meeting. First or third Wednesday would be

best to meet for next meeting. In regards to permits not going to SHPD for review, DPP was contacted. Oahu Historic Preservation meeting has something similar on agenda if a couple OIBC members could be present on May 27.

- Member Caceres and Vice-Chair Ehrhorn designated by chair to attend
- Chair Mills-Term ends next month. Plan to be a holdover as long as department needs me. June will be my last meeting, elections should be in July.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: to adjourn meeting**

**Moved by: Member Shafer**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Member Caceres**

**Vote: 5 YES [Ben, Makoa, Julian, Chuck, Kamana'o]**

**0 NO**

**0 ABSTAINING**

**[0 RECUSED]**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourns at approximately 2:00PM**

**To provide written testimony:**

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to: [Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: Regina Hilo - Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC 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 administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly., but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

**To provide in-person oral testimony:**

Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.

We kindly ask that all oral 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 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into



**a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.**

**The OIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4) in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.**

**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.**

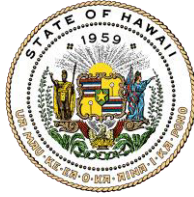
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**AGENDA  
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM (HST)  
**PLACE:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Kalanimoku Building  
Board Room #132  
1151 Punchbowl St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
—AND—  
Online via Zoom

*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.*

**To Attend/Provide Testimony via Zoom:**

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**OIBC Members:**

**Present:** Chair Mills (LLO), In-person  
Vice-Chair Ehrhorn (LLO), In-person  
Member Caceres (Waianae), In-person  
Member Ako (Kona), In-person  
Member Shafer (Koolauloa), In-person

**SHPD Staff:**

**Jessica Puff, Administrator  
Regina Hilo, Burial Site Specialist  
Kea Calpito, Acting History & Culture Branch Chief  
Susan Lebo, Archaeology Branch Chief (on Zoom)  
Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Archaeologist (on Zoom)**

**At Board Room:**

**Mana Caceres, ‘Ohana Kuponu Consulting  
Max Pinsonneault, Keala Pono Archaeological Consulting  
Matt McDermott, CSH  
Dennis Gossier  
Brandon Shima, University of Hawaii  
Lise Ditzel-Ma, University of Hawaii  
Nick Lozanoff, University of Hawaii  
Tate Ikehara, University of Hawaii  
Ross Richards, University of Hawaii  
Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates  
Henry Fong, Descendant  
Darren Flanagan, Arete  
Joey Buchan, Arete  
Kiele Muraco, NSC  
Jason Lee, Oceanit  
Dodge Watson, Honua**

**On Zoom:**

**Keala Norman**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Mills calls meeting to order at 10:06AM*

**II. ROLE CALL/PULE**

**Recording: 0:15-2:12**

*Kalehua conducts pule*

*Chair Mills, Vice-Chair Ehrhorn, Member Caceres, Member Ako, Member Shafer*

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025**

**B. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2025**

**C. Approval of the Minutes for May 14, 2025**

**D. Approval of the Proposed Amendments to the April 13, 2022 Approved Minutes**

**Recording: 2:12-15:25**

- Mana Caceres-Request council deny approval of minutes since public hasn't had chance to review.
- Member Ako-Attendance not noted on April minutes
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Different format on attendees

- Member Caceres-Minutes don't reflect summarization of comments made by the public
- Kalai--SHPD has opportunity to summarize and is subject to bias, cautions extr
- Kalai-Have missing minutes been resolved?
- Chair Mills-Previous minutes haven't been adopted due to timestamps on minutes but no recordings. They need to be posted together. Waiting on SHPD to produce recordings
- Kamuela-SHPD should not be allowed to get away with missing minutes. Have been waiting 3 years.
- Member Caceres-Council was made aware of ongoing investigations into SHPD staff. Limited in disclosure of information due to ongoing investigation.
- Member Shafer-Asked for minutes at first meeting. Should have someone to do minutes.
- Member Ako-Worry about adequate staffing at SHPD. If there is staffing issue, council should be made aware. Should problem solve to get at root of what's happening.
- Member Shafer-OIP said 40 days is max to produce minutes
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Deputy AG coming, was helpful when she came several months in a row.
- Chair Mills-Proposed amendment to April 2022 minutes would strike Mana Caceres from descendancy of Waipa

*Motions and vote (14:55)*

**MOTION:** To Approve Proposed Amendments to April 13, 2022 Minutes  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried (YAY: 4, NAY: 0, Abstain: 1)

*Action on other minutes deferred*

#### **IV. BUSINESS**

##### **A. Discussion on O'ahu Island Burial Council membership, roles, and responsibilities** **Information/Discussion:** Discussion on the above items.

**Recording: 15:25-27:00**

- Member Caceres-Inquiry to emergency addition to OIBC, when could it be addressed?
- Chair Mills-Request Agenda Item K not be addressed. Recommend KS Kaiaulu Masterplan as Item K in place of Kauwela Apartments

*Motions and vote (16:36)*

**MOTION:** To Change Item K on Agenda to Kaiaulu Master Plan Electrical Infrastructure Project  
**MOVED BY:** Member Shafer  
**2ND BY:** Member Caceres  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-A few months ago we had an executive session with AG. Month ago report was completed but couldn't be presented at the main meeting. Two months report has been

completed.

- Regina Hilo-I've received no update
- Member Ako-How do we initiate a request for the status.
- Chair Mills-The new chair should contact.
- Member Ako-What needs to be done to get email messages received over the weekend on the agenda relating to Turtle Bay and Reburial Ceremony. Not going to interact with emails one on one. Should address them as a council.
- Chair Mills-Can be discussed
- Kamuela-How many seats are vacant on OIBC? What districts are open?
- Regina Hilo-Atleast 5 seats. We have an incoming rep on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ewa and Wailua are open positions. Looking to have another Kona rep and large landowner.
- Kamuela-Name was submitted to OHA 10 years ago and willing to serve for Kona rep. Why does OHA not have a seat at the table? Encourage SHPD to get OHA represented.
- Member Ako-Was recently appointed as Kona rep. Status of council is confusing, who is still a member and who is not? Brickwood has not been present for a couple meetings. At beginning of meetings should acknowledge who is and isn't present.
- Regina Hilo-This is Brickwood's last meeting as a member
- Member Ehrhorn-When I first joined OIBC, we had 13 members, now we're down to 9 or 11
- Chair Mills-Last meeting as chair, following the meeting we will have election for new chair.

**B. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman "Mana" Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kūpuna - located at the Waikiki Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 27:00-30:15**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

- Mana Caceres-Apologize for so many applications on one agenda. Had to hold off on submitting applications for 1 year after leaving council

*Motions and vote (29:00)*

**MOTION: To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant**

**MOVED BY: Member Ako**

**2ND BY: Member Shafer**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously among those voting**

**C. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at the Ala Moana Blvd. Tower Project, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-6-009:004-006**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 30:15-31:19**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

*Motions and vote (30:50)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**D. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 31:19-32:34**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

*Motions and vote (31:59)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant

**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**E. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at 1701 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-6-013:017**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 32:34-33:31**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

*Motions and vote (33:09)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**F. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at The Park at Ward Village, ‘Ili/Mo‘o of Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-002:114, 115, and 116**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 33:31-34:40**



*Member Caceres recuses himself*

*Motions and vote (34:12)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**G. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at the Blaisdell Center Redevelopment Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-008:001, 002, and 003**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 34:40-**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

*Motions and vote (35:31)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**H. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Identified Native Hawaiian Iwi Kupuna located at Kawaiaha‘o Church, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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confidential matter is being discussed and reopen the meeting once the confidential matter is no longer being considered.

**Recording: 34:40-39:05**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

- Member Ako-Notice that the agenda has a recommendation as a cultural descendant
- Regina Hilo-That is a typo, the recommendation is for lineal descendancy

*Motions and vote (38:42)*

**MOTION: To Recognize Applicant as Lineal Descendant**

**MOVED BY: Member Ako**

**2ND BY: Member Shafer**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously among those voting**

**I. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Brandy Kalehua Kamohali'i Caceres and Kahuakaokekamaa Kawai Kamanaoka'ōpu'ulehua Kamohali'i Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at the Waikiki Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua'a, Kona District, O'ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 39:05-43:42**

- Kalehua Caceres-On heels of new working group to be convened, my daughter was subject of commentary included in the previous working group about what an 8 year old could do. Since she's been recognized, she is a practitioner. Her age is irrelevant. She's been active in consultation, led reburials, a teacher in community, been on repatriations, and assumed her responsibility on her own. Want her to read that someone spoke up for her.
- Halealoha-Kalehua forgot to mention her daughter was at a repatriation Belfast Northern Island. Young person but the old soul is very much in charge.

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

*Motions and vote (43:05)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicants as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Caceres  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**J. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Brandy Kalehua Kamohali'i Caceres and Kahuakaokekamaa Kawai Kamanaoka'ōpu'ulehua Kamohali'i Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at 810 Halekauwila, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 43:42-44:53**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

*Motions and vote (44:25)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicants as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**K. Archeological Inventory Survey for the Kamehameha Schools Kaiāulu 'o Kaka'ako Master Plan (KKMP) Increment II Electrical Infrastructure Project in Kaka'ako, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona Moku, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-053:031, (1) 2-1-053:031 (por.), (1) 2-1-053:032 (por.), and (1) 2-1-053:999 (Cooke Street ROW); (1) 2-1-054:001 (por.), (1) 2-1-054:036 (por.), (1) 2-1-054:999 (Auahi Street and Coral Street ROWs); (1) 2-1-055:002 (por.), (1) 2-1-055:018 (por.), (1) 2-1-055:999 (Coral Street ROW); (1) 2-1-056:010 (por.), (1) 2-1-056:015 (por.), (1) 2-1-056:999 (Kō'ula Street and Auahi Street ROWs); and (1) 2-1-059:999 (Ala Moana Boulevard ROW).**

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

**Update/Discussion:** Update on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 44:53-1:36:25**

*Chair Mills recuses himself*

- Halealoha-Requests to explain circumstances. Discovery of remains last week, site visit was conducted Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. She's buried in the road of Ala Moana Blvd. Recognized cultural descendant, flew in from Hilo to inspect. Concern is iwi is in imminent harm being in middle of road and it's a baby. Under jurisdiction of OIBC to determine treatment.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-The recommendation is to be to relocate remains?
- Halealoha-Temporarily until a decision can be made.
- Mara Mulrooney-Jon Tulchin and Raul Serrano are also here and can answer questions. This is addressing a previously identified burial.
- Member Ako-Requests clarification, as a retiree of Kamehameha Schools should I be recused?
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-I don't think you should be recused. I see there's a hole in the pavement, how does this fit into the plan?
- Mara Mulrooney-This is an infrastructure project that would feed future projects.
- Member Ako-I got a call about this when I was in Chicago, understanding this relates to HECO
- Mara Mulrooney-It is a HECO line that would be extended to where future projects would be.
- Ines-6 test trenches in right away of Ala Moana, this was the last trench as part of the AIS.
- Halealoha-Important to complete thought Member Ako started. Providing proper legal advice that should be given. If you're not employed by KS you don't have a direct financial interest. You are allowed to sit in the meeting as I'm concerned. Be careful of free advice.
- Member Ako-I do receive a pension from them
- Mara Mulrooney-Project consists of utility corridor. Completed all test trenches. Iwi found within T-02, neonatal or perinatal infant within natural sand deposits. Excavation methods include backhoe, cleaning via shovel scraping and trowel of exposed sand surface to investigate for features, hand excavation of all natural sand deposits down to coral shelf. Burial found within northwest corner of T-02. Unmarked utility line just above the iwi kupuna was found, thought to be an electrical line about 4ft deep. Cultural layer dated to 1400's located above burial. Cluster of coffin burials located nearby, a bundle burial was located even further northwest similar to this one.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Halealoha's recommendation is to remove the iwi to get them out of danger, what is your take?
- Mara Mulrooney-Implemented protective methods. 4 sided wooden box was constructed to place over iwi that were covered in muslin cloth and small amount of clean sand. CMU blocks placed on sides and overlaid with metallic strip. Trench was backfilled and road surface restored.
- Halealoha-Want to make sure pepe is receiving proper care. Located within 4 lane road not too far beneath the surface. Think iwi should be recovered and moved from out of the road in a safe place not subject to future excavation.
- Member Shafer-There will always be more building in the future, also recommend we relocate iwi.
- Member Caceres-Important we make clear where the iwi are relocated to if we make a motion.
- Jon Tulchin-KS has been in discussion with Kobayashi Group, current landowner of the adjacent Alia project, to look at potential of a long-term reinterment location. KS has a curation facility in Kapalama and is here to support but would defer to descendants.
- Halealoha-Sensitivities are heightened with this being a baby. Discussions with Kobayashi Group and other nearby landowners for a temporary curation would be good.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-When iwi are found first choice is to leave in place, second choice is to relocate them to as close as to where they were originally found. What are the chances

of finding more iwi? In the BTP make sure there is a provision of what will happen if more iwi are discovered.

- Mara Mulrooney-Potential always exists unless there is 100% excavation which is not possible for this project.
- Member Caceres-Would the relocation site need to be included in the motion today?
- Halealoha-The essential question is whether to leave in place or relocate. SHPD can discuss with nearby landowners for temporary curation. Infants were never buried alone, cautions future excavation.

*Motions and vote (1:32:33)*

**MOTION: To Authorize Temporary Relocation of Iwi Located on AIS and Order SHPD in Consultation with Landowners to Find Space to Temporary Relocate Near the Burial Space in a Culturally Respectful Way**

**MOVED BY: Member Caceres**

**2ND BY: Member Shafer**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously among those voting**

- Member Ehrhorn-When it is determined where the iwi will be temporarily curated, please come back and update OIBC.
- Mara Mulrooney-Will continue consulting with descendants of the area with KS.

**L. Archaeological Inventory Survey at Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**

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

**Recording: 1:36:25-1:37:03**

- No updates

**M. Update on Implementation of the Burial Treatment Plan for Iwi Kūpuna at Kawaiaha‘o Church Multi-Purpose Center/Building Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017**

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

**Recording: 1:37:03-1:59:30**

- Member Ako-Second meeting without an update. This has dragged on for years.
- Lani-Was asked to read short report from church. Church had originally contracted in August 2022 to prepare documents for submittal to County of Honolulu. December 2023, application was submitted and church was told it could take a year or more. Submitted when DPP was revamping their platform and will only communicate status of application with the individual that filed. Church contracted with 2<sup>nd</sup> firm to acquire documents, which were filed in May. Previous contract was cancelled. Believe permit will be issued by end of July 2025 and it will be submitted to SHPD. Permits are to implement joint BTP, permits are for demolition and grading.
- Mana Caceres-Believes the demo permit is for the elevator shaft that needs to be backfilled

- Member Caceres-Please express to leadership at the church that an update be given by September or the AG's office will be consulted about violations in not implementing the BTP.
- Member Ako-Requests a copy of the BTP. Concerning that council is relying on voluntary compliance.
- Halealoha-Requests the following question be passed on to the church: Was any action from the church in the past five years that delayed the granting of these permits? Asks council to make a motion to make clear the actions of the council come September if there is no progress.
- Kamuela-Would like to encourage Lani to take this back to the church and keep families informed. If compliance is being delayed, family should be updated.

*Motions and vote (1:51:44)*

**MOTION:**                **Kawaiahao Church Implement Joint BTP Immediately and Council Seek Counsel from AG About Ramifications of Failure to Comply if it is Not Implemented**

**MOVED BY:**        **Member Caceres**

**2ND BY:**            **Member Shafer**

**VOTE:**                **Motion carried unanimously**

- Member Ako-Why wait to seek council? It's been 5 years. We shouldn't be waiting anymore. Concerned AG is not advocating for Kanaka
- Member Shafer-This gives them notice to follow up. Can still inquire with the AG in meantime
- Vice-Chair-Ehrhorn-Motion should be to seek counsel from AG now if the BTP isn't implemented by September. AG is not enforcing preservation laws.

**N. 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 Sites 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 agenda item. Presentation by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**Recording: 2:00:21-2:38:42**

- Leinaala- Presents on Burial Sites Working Group – Working group is to address concerns of community about OHA's role in burial program. 2 reps from OHA, 2 from SHPD, and 1 from each IBC, and 5 community groups. Timeline is to have each IBC select a representative by the end of August so community representatives can be voted in. Working group will be able to comment on: needs relevant to transferring duties to OHA, implementation plan and timeline, what duties may be shared with or assumed by OHA, and any legislation necessary to improve burial sites protections. OHA will be contracting a facilitator for the meetings and reports over the next year. Final report available November 1, 2026. There is ongoing recruitment for IBC seat vacancies. Past applicants will need to reapply.

- Member Ako-Request a copy of the slideshow. What is the process and vision for each IBC to determine representative? Is there anything that would bar a council member from applying for a community rep position?
- Leinaala-No formal process in place for IBC representation, it's up to the council. Council members can also apply for the community seat.
- Member Caceres-Made several requests each month on council. Was present at Senate hearing when OHA pushed to remove large land owners from councils and said they would support IBCs. Would like clarification how OHA will implement the support in the interim of working group.
- Leinaala-Have been understaffed past several years and are hiring to have compliance staff that can attend meetings and respond to community concerns. Recently sent letter to AG office about having someone present at IBC meetings, awaiting reply. Trying to work cooperatively with SHPD with getting notes and agendas publicized.
- Kai Markell-OHA's history assisting burial council included having staff serving as council members. 5 years into initial program, funding was cut. OHA funded positions for 3 years. In 1998 OHA brought all councils together, all issues from then are the same as 2021 when councils were brought together again.
- Member Shafer-OHA should go to governor and ask for ceded land money for this project.
- Member Caceres-Spent a decade as a descendant, easy for descendant to feel along in advocacy of iwi kupuna. OHA continues to be what communities look toward. Hope OHA provides active consultation for inadvertent discoveries, community, and IBC meetings.
- Kai Markell-Issue in past is OHA has been Oahu centric. A lot of issues to work out but with have compliance enforcement advocates on each island, they can attend in person. Advocacy faded out over years but we are committed to step up to the plate.
- Halealoha-Please read SR130. Resolution calls for report in 2 years, the presentation timeline shows it at 1 year. Resolution says experience and expertise needed for community members of the working group. SHPD will still need to maintain burial program for non-Hawaiian burials if its transferred to OHA. OHA needs to get involved with Kawaiahao.
- Kamuela-Have asked OHA Board of Trustees for help for Kawaiahao and only received a letter but never held them accountable. Continued to go to OHA for help for iwi kupuna and SHPD has shown to be a big barrier.

#### **O. Update on Oahu Historic Preservation Commission meeting, May 27, 2025**

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

**Recording: 2:38:42-2:54:55**

- Nick Belluzzo-Commission has been trying to find ways to better manage development at accretion berm. DPP staff was present, if everything was sent to SHPD for review, it was stated it would be a burden for SHPD and DPP. All known resources will be flagged and sent to SHPD. Permit for demolition of Kawaiahao was pulled and noted that it was not sent to SHPD for review. Another meeting will be held and commissioners are requesting an MOU between DPP and SHPD on how to best handle moving forward to ensure there is an AIS and monitoring when its needed.
- Member Ako-I drafted the resolution for the civic clubs and lobbied after convention to get the Mayor to approve the act. What apparatus is in place to ensure the commission doesn't step on each other's toes as state agents? Since 1993 Oahu was the only island that didn't stand up these commissions.
- Nick Belluzzo-The MOU would allow for consultation with all commissions and councils

- Member Caceres-Susan Lebo was present and made it clear there's no excuse for DPP to not forward permits to SHPD for review. Community pointed out multiple projects nearby where iwi were present. Projects are circumventing process
- Nick Belluzzo-Hoping to have a template to address these issues. Next meeting is June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-The history goes back to the 80's when the commission was supposed to be set up but it was never implemented until a few years ago. Why set up commission when state is doing an adequate job of reviewing?

## V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Inadvertent Discovery at Turtle Bay Resort; 'Ō'io 1, Ulupehupehua, and Punalau Ahupua'a; Ko'olaupua District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 5-7-001:050

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

**Recording: 2:56:00-3:40:05**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

- Nick Belluzzo-There was a shoreline erosion inadvertent discovery. Too fragmentary to determine if human or not but in vicinity of known burials. SHPD was notified and authorized private possession until reinterment. Yesterday a small fragment was found and stored on site pending recommendation from SHPD. To date, never disinterred any intact burial sites. Buffers have been established around all iwi that exceeds SHPD's recommendation. Email was sent with accusations of myself violating burial law. All activity was monitored under SHPD's recommendations and Chapter 300 was followed. Kahuku Burial Committee is not a formerly recognized entity for burial consultation but organizes advocacy among descendants. The KBC is working with more descendants to go through the process of filling out their paperwork to submit to OIBC.
- Regina Hilo-Majority of displaced disarticulated skeletal remains are single or small fragments with no archeological context and were reinterred at site feature 7289, an established burial preserve with buffers. The in situ remains were preserved in place, including the individual encountered during the elevator shaft.
- Member Ako-There is an allegation that SHPD has not been monitoring
- Regina Hilo-The monitoring responsibility goes to the archeological firm, ASM in this case. They would notify us and have been forthcoming. Testimony was received from individuals, it was archived in HICRIS but not sent to council members and will be sent after this meeting.
- Member Shafer-They've been asked where the graveyard is and they haven't shown anything. This isn't about burials, this is about development.
- Chair Mills-Testimony was received from Kaimana Plemmer, Kupaa Kualima, Jessica DosSantos, Melissa Cammit, Ramsey Calimlim, Lily Makaila, Ida Kawailani Blum, and Shannon Gomez.
- Diane-Since 2005, how many iwi have been found? The area is a special area that is set aside for burials. It should be preserved. As a cultural descendant, haven't been consulted
- Nick Belluzzo-3 intact burials have been found for this project, 2 shoreline erosions finds



separate from the project. About a dozen small fragments. Believe the fragments were initially bulldozed away from where the intact burials were found. The whole point is placed under a preservation easement.

- Member Ako-Be cautious the language that is used, like graveyards. English words are for English thinking. All of Hawaii is a graveyard.
- Kawai Blum-Confusion of Kahuku Burial Committee, last meeting Henry Fong stated he was the only member. Not sure how the burial committee can be used for consultation. If its used for bringing descendants together, are they going to contact all descendants? They shouldn't be consulted if that's its current status. As a community member, the testimonies should have been sent in to the council from SHPD. How many more iwi need to be found before its not inadvertent? There are 5 SIHP sites already. In the 2006 AIS, it states its in the Jaucus sand region. Most iwi are located in Jaucus sand and urge another AIS be conducted. One SIHP site was discovered from sand mining.
- Chair Mills-Like the fact there is Kahuku Burial Group, wish there was one in Ewa and Honolulu. Hoping it can be fixed and more descendants can join. If you're committed to action, OIBC is looking for more members and encourage you to put in an application.
- Member Shafer-Should have been open to anyone that had family in the area. Ralph Makiao would ensure that iwi are protected for years. In 2005 a letter was wrote to DPP to conduct a supplemental AIS. Sand dunes should always be off limits.
- Regina Hilo-Much of the testimony was sent Tuesday, some came Sunday and Monday. The email was sent to her by someone who forwarded it. Probably about 11 testimonies need to be sent. SHPD is planning on writing a response or confer with the deputy AG about the email with allegations.
- Member Ako-When allegations are made, when and how do we follow up to see if they're valid?
- Kamuela- [To Kawai] As much good as IBC do, a lot of things get stopped in SHPD that they have no control over. As a community member that is concerned, the challenge is up to you. Do what you have to do to protect iwi kupuna, its hard but most worthwhile thing in your life.

**B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Alia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:017.**

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

**Recording: 3:40:05-3:46:52**

- Member Caceres-Made request last month for this project that a project proponent be present to address how quickly a reinterment can happen
- Regina Hilo-Will reach out again to provide update at next meeting, would be good for them to send email update on the reburials they had.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Should make that request of all projects
- Kalehua-Has a letter of determination been provided for all finds? Recommend council be given letter of determination for all finds. Can see patterns in determinations from SHPD or descendants of who wants to relocate iwi. There is a difference between experience and expertise.
- Regina Hilo-

**C. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at The Park on Keeaumoku Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-018:052.**

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

**Recording: 3:46:52-3:48:22**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

- Regina Hilo-In late March or early April, indeterminant fragments were found, couldn't be assessed if they were human or faunal but treated as human. Found in lab, letter of determination for relocation to burial preserve was issued.

**D. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Kalae (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block B West Project); Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-001:133.**

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

**Recording: 3:48:22-3:49:03**

- Regina Hilo-May 9<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> remains were found along sewer line excavation. May 9<sup>th</sup> finds SHPD recommended relocation due to proximity to sewer line. No determination for 27<sup>th</sup> finds.

Discussion on Agenda Item I Begins

**E. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloloa Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-005:023 and 024; 6-1-009:002, 004, 018, 019, 020, 021, and 022; 6-1-010:001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 019, and 020.**

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

**Recording: 4:11:30-4:11:35**

*Member Caceres recuses himself*

- No updates

**F. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 32 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:047.**

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

- No updates

**G. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 44 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:048.**

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

- No updates

**H. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 59-585 D Ke Iki Road, Pūpūkea, Ko‘olaupia District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-003:016**

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

**Recording: 4:13:35-4:14:50**

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-There is a criminal complaint related to this project, we should keep this on our agenda.
- Member Ako-Recommend that items that aren't discussed are moved up in the next agenda

*Discussion on Agenda Item K Begins*

**I. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Ulana (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block F), Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-053:001**

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

**Recording: 3:49:03-4:11:30**

- Kalehua-Care of iwi is not one persons job. Sharing of kaumaha is paramount to teaching people better practices. When advocating that everyone be invited is to connect to the iwi. With disconnect of iwi, it leads to clinical decisions. My family is being excluded from the reburial of this project. Reburial shall be based on commonly accepted practices routinely accepted by SHPD, lineal descendants, or the council. Was told could not come to a reburial as a cultural descendant. 5 projects can be named with attempts to exclude my family
- Regina Hilo-She's testifying for Ulana on Item I
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-It should be stated clearly on BTP's who is involved with inadvertent discoveries. Wish that the issue would have been raised the first time this came up.
- Kalehua-Exclusion was at the recommendation of another descendant
- Member Caceres-Exclusion of any descendant is concerning as well as SHPD. Concern is that are no checks to ensure the burial site component is accurate if the arch firm and SHPD are prevented from attending. This would undermine the integrity of the entire BSC.
- Member Shafer-An option would be to have AG's office write a letter
- Member Ako-Disturbing kanaka are fighting each other for money for who they're working for.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-The law allows developers to get away with inadvertent discoveries.
- Kalehua-The council decides the appropriate
- Member Caceres-This can be agendized at the next meeting and voted on what is accepted practice.
- Chair Mills-This is not a precedent we want to see continue for any inadvertent discovery and can be agendized for formal action at our next meeting.
- Kamuela-Disheartening to hear this is continuing to happen. Big puka in all this is SHPD, who in SHPD is letting one descendant make these decisions.

**J. Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts at Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park, Wai‘anae Ahupua‘a, Wai‘anae District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 8-5-017:006, 007, and 022; 8-5-018:001, 002**

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

**Recording: 4:12:05-4:13:35**

- Member Caceres-Conducted a site visit with Nick Belluzzo and other community members. Iwi are found every visit because of erosion. Will probably be addressed in OHA working group but it needs to be addressed how to handle iwi discovered from shoreline erosion. Responsibility would typically fall to SHPD but Regina is under supported in her role.

*Discussion on Agenda Item VI. A Begins*

**K. Letter from the Department of Planning and Permitting (Ka ‘Oihana Ho‘olālā A Me Nā Palapala ‘Ae), City and County of Honolulu, dated May 9, 2025, to Chair Kamana’o Mills, received at the SHPD on May 14, 2025**

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

**L. Letter from The State of Hawaii House of Representatives (Hale o nā Luna Maka‘āinana) to Chair Kamana’o Mills and the O‘ahu Island Burial Council, dated May 16, 2025, received at SHPD on May 27, 2025, regarding House Resolution No. 186, H.D. 2**

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

**M. Letter from the Board of Water Supply (Ka ‘Oihana Wai), City and County of Honolulu, dated May 21, 2025, received at SHPD on May 27, 2025; NHPA Section 106 Request for Comments, Nu‘uanu Reservoir No. 1 Dam Improvements**

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

**N. Letter from DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife, dated May 22, 2025; NHPA Section 106 Consultation for Conserving and Restoring Forests and Watersheds Project; Enhancing Regional Community-Based Coastal Stewardship Project; and Restoring Marine Abundance Project; ‘Āina restoration through community governance to advance climate resilience in the Hawaiian Islands, Islands of Kaua‘i, O‘ahu, Moloka‘i, Maui, and Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i**

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

**O. Letter from Brown University to O‘ahu Island Burial Council Members, dated April 30, 2025, received at the SHPD on June 2, 2025, regarding NAGPRA Duty of Care Guidance Request**

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

**P. Older inadvertent discoveries without treatment determinations or letters of determination**

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

**VI. ELECTION OF AN OIBC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**A. Election of an Oahu Island Burial Council Chair and Vice Chair**

**Recording: 4:21:45-4:27:00**

- Chair Mills-Term is ending but will continue as a carryover however will be stepping down as chair and not seeking a nomination.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Think this decision should be put off until July when new members come on the board.
- Chair Mills-Can have this as the first item on the July agenda or can be done now.

*Nomination and vote (4:24:05)*

- *Member Ako nominates Member Caceres as Chair*
- *Member Shafer seconds nomination*
- *Vice-Chair Ehrhorn nominates Member Shafer as Vice-Chair*
- *Member Ako seconds nomination*
- *Vote for Chair and Vice-Chair carries with unanimous AYE*

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motions and vote (4:28:13)*

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To Adjourn</b>
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	<b>Chair Caceres</b>
<b>2ND BY:</b>	<b>Member Mills</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Motion carried unanimously</b>

**To provide written testimony:**

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to: [Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhiihewa Building, Attn: Regina Hilo - Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC 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 administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly., but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

**To provide in-person oral testimony:**

Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.

We kindly ask that all oral 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 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

The OIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4) in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

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 in room 555 of the Kakuhiihewa Building located at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707.

If you need an auxillary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact: Regina Hilo, Burial Sites Specialist, at (808) 436-4801 or [Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this agenda and other materials are available in alternate/accessible formats.

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**AGENDA (WITH HICRIS NUMBERS)  
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 6, 2025  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM (HST)  
**PLACE:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Kalanimoku Building  
Board Room #132  
1151 Punchbowl St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
—AND—  
Online via Zoom

*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.*

**To Attend/Provide Testimony via Zoom:**

<https://zoom.us/j/93627863067?pwd=W6eYo2R3tMBrV0rzgf2Ofnmr2stC20.1>

**Meeting ID: 936 2786 3067**  
**Passcode: 3VwWWe**

**HIBC Members:**

**Present:**

Chair Caceres (Waianae) *In-person*  
Vice-Chair Shafer (Koolauloa), *In-person*  
Member Ehrhorn (LLO), *In-person*  
Member Miller (Koolaupoko), *Zoom*  
Member Ako (Kona), *In-person*  
Member Mills (LLO), *In-person*

**SHPD Staff:**

Regina K. Hilo, Burial Sites Specialist  
Susan A. Lebo, Archaeology Branch Chief  
Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Lead Archaeologist (on Zoom)  
Traven Apiki, Burial Sites Specialist (Zoom host)

**At Board Room:** China Fong, lineal descendant  
Edwina Lopes, lineal descendant  
Henry Fong, lineal descendant  
Mara Mulrooney, Pacific Legacy  
Ena Sroat, Pacific Legacy  
Mana Caceres, 'Ohana Huihui  
Ryan Gross, public attendee  
Michelle Clark, CSH  
Gina Farley, CSH  
Nick Belluzzo, ASM  
E. Halealoha Ayau, Hui Iwi Kuamoo  
Bill Haole, descendant

**On Zoom:** DLNR Boardroom  
DLNR Boardroom audience  
DLNR Boardroom cam 3  
DLNR/SHPD Host  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Makoa calls meeting to order at 10:03AM*

**II. ROLE CALL/PULE**

**Recording: 08:05-09:50**

*Chair Caceres conducts pule*

*Chair Caceres, Vice-Chair Shafer, Member Ehrhorn, Member Miller, Member Ako, Member Mills*

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025**

**B. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2025**

**C. Approval of the Minutes for May 14, 2025**

**D. Approval of the Minutes for June 18, 2025**

**Recording: 03:02-08:05**

- Member Mills-March and April minutes are posted online
- Chair Caceres-Requested minutes provide summaries of discussions
- Mana Caceres-Would like clarification on whether acceptance of minutes makes any actions voted on during the meeting or if it is during the passing of a motion itself.
- Regina Hilo-When the council passes a motion, it is official at that time. Will follow up with AG for clarification
- Halealoha-It depends on the action, recommendations are not official action, just the stance of the council.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion on O‘ahu Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.**

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

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Council’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

**Recording: 12:23-36:00**

- Chair Caceres shares memo from SHPD. Applicants recognized as lineal or cultural descendants by the Island Burial Councils will automatically be recognized as cultural descendants to all other Native Hawaiian skeletal remains within the same ahupuaa unless otherwise specified by the applicant on their descendancy claim application. Once recognized as a lineal or cultural descendant to the ahupuaa, reapplication for cultural descendancy within the same ahupuaa will no longer be required.
- Member Erhorn would like this reflected in the minutes

- Mana Caceres-Letter addresses concern his wife brought up at the June 2025 OIBC meeting related to disinviting
- Member Ako brings concern about not having addressed who can decide who is invited to reinterment ceremonies
- Halealoha expresses burden that comes with recognized descendancy. No one should use descendancy as form of entitlement.
- Member Mills-For all past people recognized as descendants, will a database be created for descendants so they are notified if they need to reapply for cultural descendancy.
- Chair Caceres addresses that these changes will happen retroactively with no additional action required from past descendants. Concern about individuals not being able to take part in a reinterment, including SHPD staff and descendants.
- Regina Hilo-As practitioners, if you are at a reinterment, you should have a role. If you are occupying space but not participating, what is that kuleana?
- Mana Caceres-Multiple reinterments did not allow SHPD staff, descendants, and archeological firms on site that would otherwise been a part of proceedings
- Member Ako-There is no AG present although the agenda says that executive session would allow for consultation
- Halealoha-Appreciates that the memo addresses lineal descendants are automatically cultural descendants within the ahupuaa however they are not recognized as lineal descendants.
- Chair Caceres-Lack of OIBC consultation for inadvertents and other responsibilities are not a poor reflection of Regina but of SHPD but over severe understaffing. A meeting with Jordan Calpito and Jessica Puff was requested but SHPD is currently stuck and unable to move forward with not having approval to address staffing issue.
- Member Ako-There was an executive session and the subject of the session was completed, the council is still waiting on a report that was supposed to be generated and shared
- Member Erhorn-The report was going to be addressed by Dawn Chang but she was unable to take part over course of multiple meetings.
- Vice Chair Shafer-Request for reflection on minutes that AG wasn't present

**B. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP #50-80-14-09455, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O'ahu Island, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058. (2023PR00816)**

**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 on whether to accept or not accept the above DRAFT BSCDRP.

**Recording: 36:00-46:25**

- Chair Caceres-Agenda item was previously deferred due to lack of quorum. If determination is not made, council will be unable to make determination at next meeting due to time frame.
- Mana Caceres-BTP is requesting movement of iwi and not addressing wellbeing of kupuna and
- Member Ako-Will OIBC proceed without a representative of the BTP or let SHPD make decision? Prepared at this point to vote no

*Motions and vote (40:49)*

**MOTION:** To preserve burial in place  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- Chair Caceres-Protecting hypothetical iwi compared to already discovered iwi under threat is unacceptable. BTP states no historical features were observed other than bird bones, conclusion this document comes to on page 81 is misleading. Project is not concerned about kupuna, it is concerned about saving money.
- Dodge Watson-no further comment on BTP, will accept council's decision.

*Motions and vote (46:06)*

**MOTION:** Recommendation to not accept the BTP  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- C. Update on Implementation of the Burial Treatment Plan for Iwi Kūpuna at Kawaiaha'o Church Multi-Purpose Center/Building Project, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017. (HICRIS 2019PR32908)**  
**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 46:25-1:06:00**

- Member Ako-Received a phone call from kahu from church about a meeting to discuss the BTP in person. He asked that an additional member from OIBC be present and has not hear back from the kahu.
- Chair Caceres-His father was emailed by the kahu for contact information but has not recieved anything further about a meeting.
- Halealoha-Reached out and asked council to press Kawaiahao Church about implementation of the BTP. Reached out to AG and the reply was to reach out to SHPD as a private citizen to ask SHPD to follow up on the implmentation of the BTP. Expressed the AG needs to enforce the council's decision and should at the very least have a deputy AG available for OIBC meetings. Encourages the council to followup with Kawaiahao Church and the AG's office to enforce the decision made by OIBC.
- Nick (ASM)-When this was addressed, permitting information was requested pertaining to the concrete pads
- Susan Lebo-A letter of response was prepared after seeing the permit application was received by DPP even though it wasn't forwarded to SHPD yet.
- Member Ako-Cannot skirt question of enforcement

*Motions and vote (56:35)*

**MOTION:** To Direct AG to contact Kawaiahao Church to Enforce OIBC Determination to Preserve in Place all Burial Sites Illegally Removed Pursuant to the Associated BTP  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako

**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- Member Erhorn-Should be putting pressure on Dawn Chang to support SHPD and Burial Councils.
- Member Ako-Unless actions go public, they tend to be ignored. Believes that the media should be involved to put more pressure on the AG's office by exposing what is happening to get people's attention to do what is pono for iwi and move forward.
- Kawehi Miller-Is there a procedure and timeline for accountability? AG's office doesn't seem to have anyone to hold them accountable
- Chair Caceres-The above question will be included with outreach to AG's office and Member Miller will be cc'd on the email. At what point not implementing BTP in noncompliance
- Susan Lebo-Doesn't believe there is anything in the rules that says exact timeline for implementation. Doesn't believe we have the tracking system for the approval of BTP's to implementation of preservation measures. When something is accepted, is there a provision with the document that states when it should be implemented. May 15, DPP received permit application but hasn't been issued yet.
- Regina Hilo-Concurs with Susan. In regards to a BSC, the timeline is 90 days but BTP's don't have the same timeline
- Chair Caceres-Drifting from the agenda and should address this during inadvertent section of the agenda.

**D. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Norman 'Mana' Kaleilani Caceres to Identified Native Hawaiian Iwi Kupuna located at Kawaiaha'o Church, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017. (HICRIS 2019PR32908)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d). The Council may close a meeting whenever a location or description of a Native Hawaiian Burial site is under consideration. The chairperson, by a 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: 1:06:00-1:10:30**

- Chair Caceres recuses himself from vote and discussion
- Regina Hilo-Recommendation letter is not available but it was written and the recommendation was to recognize Mana as a lineal descendant.

*Motions and vote (1:08:02)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Norman Caceres as a Lineal Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Member Erhorn  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**E. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of William Papa'iku Haole, III, to Iwi Kupuna at 1042 Fort Street, SIHP 50-80-14-10032, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-002:001, 007, and 999. (HICRIS 2019PR29813)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:10:30-1:12:11**

*Motions and vote (1:10:56)*

- William Papa'iku Haole III-Has been actively participating in Kona burial discussions and would like to continue to do so.
- Member Mills-SHPD recommends William be recognized

**MOTION:** To Recognize William Papa'iku Haole as a Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**F. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of William Papa'iku Haole, III, to Iwi Kupuna at 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058. (HICRIS 2023PR00816)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:12:11-1:12:50**

*Motions and vote (1:12:33)*

- No discussion

**MOTION:** To Recognize William Papa'iku Haole as a Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer

**VOTE:**                    **Motion carried unanimously**

**G. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of William Papa‘iku Haole, III, to Iwi Kupuna at the Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006. (HICRIS 2021PR01098)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:12:50-1:13:27**

*Motions and vote (1:13:09)*

- *No discussion*

**MOTION:**                    **To Recognize William Papa‘iku Haole as a Cultural Descendant**  
**MOVED BY:**                **Member Ako**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:**                    **Vice-Chair Shafer**  
**VOTE:**                        **Motion carried unanimously**

**H. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Edwina Lopes (mother) and China Fong (son) to Identified Iwi Kupuna at Ulupehupehu Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-6-003:062 (HICRIS 2020PR32675)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:13:34-1:15:59**

*Motions and vote (1:14:11)*

- Member Erhorn-What basis is the applicant looking for lineal descendancy? How was lineal descendancy determined?
- Regina Hilo-Henry provided geneological documents to iwi identified at Turtle Bay resort. His ohana is now coming forward for descendancy recognition.

**MOTION:**                    **To Recognize Edwina Lopes and China Fong as Lineal Descendants**

**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**I. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Henry Ahiamana Spillner, Sr. to Identified Iwi Kupuna at Ulupehupehu Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupia District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-6-003:062 (HICRIS 2020PR32675)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:15:59-1:16:53**

*Motions and vote (1:16:22)*

- Mr. Spillner-I’m a cousin of the applicants.

**MOTION:** To Recognize Henry Ahiamana Spillner Sr. as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**J. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Henry Ahiamana Spillner, Jr., to Identified Iwi Kupuna at Ulupehupehu Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupia District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-6-003:062 (HICRIS 2020PR32675)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:16:53-1:17:48**

*Motions and vote (1:17:16)*

- Member Mills-What is the relationship to the applicant?
- Mr. Spillner-They’re all siblings to each other and my great-great-great grandmothers grandchildren

**MOTION:** To Recognize Henry Ahiamana Spillner Sr. as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**K. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Leona I. K. Tagana to Identified Iwi Kupuna at Ulupehupehu Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupua District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-6-003:062 (HICRIS 2020PR32675)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:17:48-1:18:26**

*Motions and vote (1:18:06)*

- No discussion

**MOTION:** To Recognize Leona I. K. Tagana as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**L. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Kimberly K. Kupukaa to Identified Iwi Kupuna at Ulupehupehu Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupua District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-6-003:062 (HICRIS 2020PR32675)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:18:26-1:19:01**

*Motions and vote (1:18:45)*

- No discussion

**MOTION:** To Recognize Kimberly K. Kupukaa as a lineal descendant



**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**M. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Timothy J. K. Spillner to Identified Iwi Kupuna at Ulupehupehu Ahupua'a, Ko'olauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-6-003:062 (HICRIS 2020PE32675)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:19:01-1:19:36**

*Motions and vote (1:19:21)*

- No discussion

**MOTION:** To Recognize Timothy J. K. Spillner as a lineal descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**N. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Melissa Ka'onohi Camit (mother), Reign Mahinahinakaiahiahi Aiyana Ka'ohiai Ka'onohi Camit (daughter), and Lilian Moanike'alaokekilinoe Catalina Ka'ohiai Ka'onohi Camit to Unidentified Iwi Kupuna at Hanakaoe, Ulupehupehu, Kahuku, Punalau, Oio 1 and Oio 2 Ahupua'a, Ko'olauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 5-7-001:054, 055; 5-6-003:062; 5-7-001:044, 048, 050; and 5-6-004:025, 027 (HICRIS 2020PR32675)**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 1:19:36-1:21:46**

*Motions and vote (1:20:33)*

- Regina Hilo-This descendency is for iwi at Turtle Bay resort, the applicants have provided a geneological documents connecting themselves to kupuna once residing in the ahupuaa
- Member Caceres recuses himself from the vote.

**MOTION:** To Recognize Melissa Camit, Reign Camit, and Lilian Camit as Cultural Descendants  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2<sup>ND</sup> BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

- O. Update on Archaeological Inventory Survey and DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – at the Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006. (HICRIS 2021PR01098)**  
**Update/Discussion:** Update and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:21:56-1:27:00**

- Mana Caceres-Attended site visit with them but weren't sure if they were aware of the meeting today.
- Bill-They were very transparent and supportive about decisions and recommendations from the OIBC.
- Regina Hilo-Recieved a summary of the projects latest updates
- Mana Caceres-All work will be done under an AIS and the BTP may be pretty far out. The AIS is restricted to the trenches that they will dig
- Susan Lebo-SHPD is trying to have AIS's be 100% AIS going into the future with everything in the project scope being reviewed without affecting any other areas. The idea being that we can avoid iwi kupuna by not doing work where there shouldn't be any.
- Member Ako-In meeting packets there was a meeting summary, is this the same that we're talking about? Is what was sent to us a proposal or something else?
- Mana Caceres-I don't want to speak on their behalf but I believe this was just them trying to be as transparent as possible.
- Chair Caceres-Request that the archeological firm send their slide deck in advance for review.

- P. Archaeological Inventory Survey for the University of Hawaii at Manoa Coconut Island Sewer Improvements in Heeia and Kaneohe Ahupuaa, Koolaupoko District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 4-5-001:999 (Lilipuna Road), 4-6-001:001, 014-016, and 051. (HICRIS 2023PR00766)**

**Introduction/Discussion:** Introduction to the above agenda item and discussion.

**Recording: 1:27:00-1:28:13**

- Regina Hilo-This firm is the same firm that is working on the Aquarium project
- Chair Caceres-Requests Regina contacts them to have material sent in advance if they plan on being at the September meeting

**Q. 280 Beach Walk Grease Interceptor Replacement Project, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-6-003:048. (HICRIS 2025PR00221)**

**Introduction/Discussion:** Introduction to the above agenda item and discussion.

**Recording:** 1:28:13-1:54:48

- Michelle Clark (CSH)-Here to introduce the project to OIBC. Project located Waikīkī and is meant to replace an existing grease interceptor installed in 2008 as well as 3 additional utility stubouts. Area is within Jaucas sand and partially within historic fishponds about 6ft above sea level. Replacing a 1500-gal grease interceptor with a 2000-gal interceptor. Initially the project proposed a dewatering pit but is not part of
- Chair Caceres-What alternatives have been proposed for dewatering methods?
- Brian Choi-The talk was to have a large container on site that would hold water and it would be put back in the hole after. Unknown if it would be filtered out or not.
- Chair Caceres-Would construction dewatering filters be used? How would integrity of side walls be maintained if it needs to be pumped back in each day?
- Brian Choi-More information will be provided as more specifics are determined.
- Chair Caceres-Look forward to the update due to concerns of how it can impact the site
- Michelle Clark-Discussions with SHPD are still ongoing and the dewatering is part of it. Goal is minimized disturbance. New interceptor will measure 20ft by 10ft by 6.5ft deep. Replacement will have to be excavated about 3inches deeper than the initial installation depth. Previous interceptor was installed in 2008-2009 with archeological monitoring as part of the installation. Stubouts include two lines 10ft long by 1ft by 1.5ft deep. The longer stubout is 43ft long by 1ft by 1.5ft deep. SHPD requested 100% AIS testing. The scope of project changed partially from the initial project, discussion with SHPD will include this new addition to the project. Project is on the edge of the historic fishpond, Loko Kaohai. The grease interceptor was originally installed during the beach walk development. The project is on a property that was included in a 2007 AIS. Project is in close proximity to disarticulated iwi in the fill potentially from the building of a parking structure that has since been partially demolished. There is extensive disturbance to the area. The previously discovered iwi were reinterred near the beach walk. There are two scenarios: If no human remains are found, construction can proceed after SHPD reviews and accepts the field work letter. If human remains are found, construction would proceed after SHPD accepts the full report and mitigation steps. Still need to submit updated project scope to SHPD, complete AIS fieldwork, prepare EOF letter and AIS report for SHPD to review, and update OIBC with AIS results.
- Mana Caceres-As recognized descendants, we'd like to be included in correspondence.
- Member Erhorn-What will happen to the grease during the replacement?
- Brian Choi-The current grease trap is connected to two units but we are hoping there is no usage of the grease trap, if it is used, its still connected to the sewer system.
- Chair Caceres-Recommend everything other than coral shelf or asphalt, that material is raked. Having an osteologist on site during the AIS would expedite the process if remains are found

**R. Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Kamehameha Schools Kaiāulu ‘o Kaka‘ako Master Plan (KKMP) Increment II Electrical Infrastructure Project in Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona Moku, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-053:031, (1) 2-1-053:031 (por.), (1) 2-1-053:032 (por.), and (1) 2-1-053:999 (Cooke Street ROW); (1) 2-1-054:001 (por.), (1) 2-1-054:036 (por.), (1) 2-1-054:999 (Auahi Street and Coral Street ROWs); (1)**

**2-1-055:002 (por.), (1) 2-1-055:018 (por.), (1) 2-1-055:999 (Coral Street ROW); (1) 2-1-056:010 (por.), (1) 2-1-056:015 (por.), (1) 2-1-056:999 (Kō‘ula Street and Auahi Street ROWs); and (1) 2-1-059:999 (Ala Moana Boulevard ROW). (HICRIS 2024PR00210)**

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

**Recording: 1:54:48-2:19:50**

- Member Mills recuses himself from discussion
- Mara Mulrooney-No additional update from last meeting at this time. Electrical infrastructure project that consists of a corridor that will be excavated along multiple streets. Infrastructure will be feeding four separate project areas. Currently excavated 22 trenches, encountered iwi kupuna at the base of a natural and cultural layer within one trench. The iwi were determined to be about new born age. Descendants and OHA were involved with discussions about iwi and PL came before council in June to request a determination to temporarily relocate iwi until a BTP could be created. Currently, they’ve been temporarily relocated to a Kamehameha Schools site nearby. Additional consultation with descendants and community continues.
- Caceres-Mahalo for OIBC expiditing the decision to protect the iwi and considering the negative impacts keeping those iwi in place could have.
- Member Ako-Due to this being an ongoing project, is it concievable for more iwi to be discovered? Would prefer all solutions
- Chair Caceres-Was present at the disinterment of the iwi, it was the first instance in last 10 years for the archeological firm to be prevented from assisting in the disinterment. Why weren’t the arch firm, burial council member, and descendants able to help in disinterment process?
- Trevor Duarte-KS stepped in to support in the care of iwi based off of the OIBC decision.
- Chair Caceres-Who’s authority is it for previously identified iwi kupuna to be disinterred and say who can be a part of that?
- Member Ako-Need clarity on the process on disinterring iwi.
- Mana Caceres-Not aware of who exactly spoke to Kamehameha Schools about who to keep separate from the process but under the assumption it was the same individuals that were previously brought up.
- Member Ako-Would like direction from AG’s office
- Chair Caceres-OIBC determines treatment on iwi and makes recommendation on acceptance of BTP. KS seems to have been put in the position where they were forced to do what they did.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-Would like to write a letter to trustees of KS to find solution to current problem.
- Member Erhorn-Concerned that this issue has come up multiple times at this meeting. Disregard for descendants is unacceptable when working with iwi.
- Mara Mulrooney -During duration of project, extensive consultation with descendants has been done. SHPD and all descendants were notified. This was an emergency situation and a BTP has not yet been created, the consultation process did continue. A concern was voiced to KS and so they decided to have KS take over the disinterment process.
- Member Erhorn-Was reminded that this was an emergency situation and the care of the iwi comes first before the politics of who is involved.
- Chair Caceres-Was not appeased with how the situation was handled regarding the disinterment. Descendants, archeologists, and OIBC member were prevented from

wrapping the iwi that they made a decision on and sets a very dangerous precedent for other developers. Will address with the AG's office and recommend to KS that if they are put in the same situation in the future to not do the same thing.

**S. Oahu Subsea Cable Telecommunications Project, Honouliuli Ahupuaa, Ewa District, Island of Oahu, TMKs: (1) 9-1-016:179 por. and 222 port.; (1) 9-1-026:027 por. and 999 (Olai Street, Kalaeloa Boulevard, and Farrington Highway Right-of-Ways). (HICRIS 2025PR00447)**

**Introduction/Discussion:** Introduction of the above agenda item and discussion.

**Recording: 2:19:50-2:34:03**

- Mara Mulrooney-Project includes 83 acres with 3 surface laid subsea cables and 6 HDD landing pipes that will be horizontally drilled. These will come on shore at the Barbers Point Beach Park. Landing pipes would be a depth of 31-52ft and would come up at 4 beach manholes. There will be 3 vaults at Barbers Point to access the lines. 58 total vaults along the fronthaul route with a segment that will be placed beneath the railroad about 10ft. A new facility at UH West Oahu will be created that will require grubbing and grading. Multiple cultural landscapes through time in this project area with ranching, military, and residential. A lot of previous archeology has been done, 12 studies in total. No burials have been previously identified within the project area but 3 have been identified within the vicinity of the project. Two of them were in limestone pits, the 3rd was identified by a backhoe operator 11ft beneath the surface. The CIA is in progress and consultation has raised concern about the iwi that were previously discovered in the limestone pits. For AIS testing, it's proposed to have 44 test trenches. An increased amount of test trenches would be near the coral and limestone substrates with 75% testing in this sensitive area. Still need to submit testing strategy to SHPD, conduct AIS fieldwork, have followup consultation to present results of the AIS, and prep a AIS report for SHPD.
- Susan Lebo-This project will also be subject to Section 106.

**T. OIBC election of a member to serve on the House Resolution 186/Senate Resolution 130 Office of Hawaiian Affairs Working Group.**

**Nomination/Election:** Nomination and election of an Oahu Island Burial Council member to provide representation on the Working Group.

**Recording: 2:34:14-2:36:30**

- Chair Caceres-As a refresher, OHA is putting together a working that includes multiple individuals from across the state to look at the burials program.

*Motions and vote (2:34:50)*

- No discussion

**MOTION: To Nominate Makoa Caceres as Representative for OHA Working Group**

**MOVED BY: Member Ako**

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

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

**\*5 Minute Break\***

**V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS**

**A1. Letter from UH West Oahu to OIBC, dated June 18, 2025, received at SHPD on June 23, 2025, regarding NAGPRA Consultation.**

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

**Recording: 2:36:44-2:51:36**

- Regina Hilo-Dr Ariel reached out to OIBC to inform of their findings in their laboratory. The July letter detailed the care of the box of remains they have and the consultation they conducted. The iwi were not on the original inventory and contained no additional information. Ancestry determination was difficult and included limited value for origin of the bones. UH West Oahu is committed to protecting our ancestors and asks OIBC for suggestions on handling these iwi. If OIBC would like to make a cultural claim as an NHO, it will be noted. Concerning that no one seems to know where the iwi originated from and can only reasonably assume they are from Hawaii based on the scope of work of the individuals that had them in their possession
- Mana Caceres-Requests that Halealoha's information be forwarded to West Oahu to take part in the process.
- Member Erhorn-How did West Oahu come to have ownership of iwi?
- Regina Hilo-Will reach out to UH West Oahu to inform them that OIBC would like to take part in the NAGPRA process
- Member Ako-Other islands should be informed of these iwi as other institutions may have additional iwi.
- Regina Hilo-With root etching and soil staining of iwi, it suggests an archeological context
- Chair Caceres-As part of NAGPRA, OIBC is not a deciding body, just a consultation party.
- Member Mills-DOI doesn't consider the OIBC body a Native Hawaiian organization because of appointment to council from the governor.
- Mana Caceres-NAGPRA will consult with NHO's, after 30 days the institution will determine who is the successful claimant. Once determined, the claimant will be transferred custody of the iwi and it's their responsibility to continue the work. Was involved in similar situation on another island, Iwi Kuamoo can assist in teaching about the process.
- Chair Caceres-Will reach out and indicate OIBC would like to take part in consultation process and reach out to other institutions in Hawaii about looking for other iwi that may be in their custody.

**A. Inadvertent Discovery at Turtle Bay Resort; 'Ō'io 1, Ulupehupehua, and Punalau Ahupua'a; Ko'olauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 5-7-001:050. (HICRIS 2020PR32675)**

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

**Recording: 2:51:36-2:58:40**

- Chair Caceres recuses himself from discussion.
- Nick Belluzzo (ASM)-SHPD needs more support, anything the council can do to push for more support would be appreciated. The project is proceeding with pre-excavation, there has been no disinterment since discovery. Continuing forward, we are working to understand everything to the greatest extent possible and get engineers to get creative so we can focus on preservation in place. SHPD and OHA have had site visits and are pleased with how things are proceeding.
- Regina Hilo-ASM and project proponents have provided SHPD with a lot of time with decisions relating to burials. Engineers and architects have worked with SHPD to redesign structures to allow for preservation in place. The process of notification is being followed.
- Member Erhorn-Could you clarify on the cluster of burials?
- Nick Belluzzo (ASM)-Cluster of fragments that seem to be from previous projects near the WWII runway. Soil was most likely redeposited after grading and led to the iwi fragments being there.

**B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloloa Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-005:023 and 024; 6-1-009:002, 004, 018, 019, 020, 021, and 022; 6-1-010:001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 019, and 020. (HICRIS 2023PR00721)**

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

**Recording: 2:58:40-3:05:30**

- Nick Belluzzo (ASM)-Nothing found during subsurface testing but outside of the project area was a small heiau found. There was an eroding bank where iwi were identified. A mud sill was in the vicinity. Fragments were collected and another iwi was identified near a stormwater drain. It does not seem that the stormwater drain will affect the iwi if they're preserved in place.
- Regina Hilo-Geographic OIBC rep has been alerted and descendants have been searched for with descendancy claims sent to the potential individuals.
- Chair Caceres-In spirit of transparency, it would be appreciated for all arch firms to come before the council to make presentations on finds. Appreciate the firms that do.

**C. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 59-585 D Ke Iki Road, Pūpūkea Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olauloa District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-003:016 (HICRIS 2025PR00593)**

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

**Recording: 3:06:05-3:17:18**

- Regina Hilo-Investigations are ongoing with project work that did not have archeological monitoring. Cess pool conversions led to DOH issuing permits for work and numerous sets of remains were discovered. A community member reached out about concern for burials to be impacted. Site visits were conducted, initially the landowner retained Pacific Legacy and a cease work order was sent to the property owner. SHPD shifted strategy to 100% screening of work and the landowner hired

another arch firm, IA, to finish the work. Screening continues with at least 4 individuals impacted. Concerning that the leech field and septic tank was installed in 2023 and not sure if it impacted the current remains. The fragments are in excess of 2000 for 4 individuals.

- Member Erhorn-Does property owner have access to municipal sewer?
- Regina Hilo-Not to her knowledge. This was a straight cess pool conversion. IA is anticipating the work to be halfway done with the leech field based on the latest update they gave. Excavation should have only gone to 4.5 feet, however the disturbance is much deeper than that leading to it adding to the complications. Letter of determination is on hold until the AG's investigation is concluded but will seek consultation with AG.
- Chair Caceres-Requests a site visit
- Regina Hilo-SHPD is satisfied with AI's work. An on site laborer contacted HPD with their concern allowing this to come to light. AI has prior experience in Hawaii with these projects and knows a lot of staff personally.

**D. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 32 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:047 (HICRIS 2025PR00474)**

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

**Recording: 3:17:18-3:27:27**

- Regina Hilo-Iwi were discovered during underground storage tank decommissioning excavation that were disarticulated.
- Michelle Clark (CSH)-SHPD was contacted along with CSH to begin process of monitoring. Screening of backfill was started and 7 individuals were identified. All fragments that were collected from 5 of the individuals have been ID's by an osteologist and curated on site within a secure room while protections are put in place with 2 in situ individuals. At this point, soil sampling is completed
- Regina Hilo-Preservation in place within the makai portion of the excavation. Protection measures still need to be created along with a concrete cap on top of iwi. It will take another two weeks to a month for this to finish.
- Kihei DeSilva-Expresses great reporting. Delayed on preservation in place by remediation of the tank and a mahalo to the council and chair for keeping inadvertents more transparent than in the past. Concerned that there isn't more oversight and consultation prior to issues being permitted from county/state.

**E. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 44 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:048 (HICRIS 2025PR00475)**

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

**Recording: 3:27:27-3:29:28**

- Regina Hilo-HECO substation was taken out of service and finished repair work while being able to preserve iwi kupuna in place. Letter of determination has already been delivered.



- Kihei Desilva-In current discussion about how to continue protecting this iwi kupuna.
- Chair Caceres-This inadvertent can be removed from agenda for next meeting

**F. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Kalae (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block B West Project); Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-001:133 (HICRIS 2017PR25234) Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:51:21-3:56:22**

- Chair Careces recuses himself from discussion
- Regina Hilo-Letter of determination for some of the burials have been sent but not all. For time being, all burials have been preserved in place. The kupuna experiencing periods of inundation, it was asked to temporarily curate them at on-site curation unit, have yet to receive reply. May, June, and July inadvertents were part of the installment of the sewer line, relocation of burials in the past found near the sewer line was to temporarily relocate them. Property owner rejected the ask to provide space for reburial on property. More updates in writing will be supplied.
- Matt (CSH)-Available if anyone does have questions

**G. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 5799 Kalaniana‘ole Hwy, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-7-002:005. (HICRIS 2025PR00692)**

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

**Recording: 3:56:22-4:11:50**

- Regina Hilo-No followup since preliminary overview of finds. Due to scope of project undertaking, recommendation from SHPD was changed from AIS to AMP. Project proponents determined the footing pads were no longer feasible due to soil leading to complete grading of parcel. Recommendation was for landowner to find a place on property that could be used as a burial preserve, has yet to be excavated. All remains continue to be held on site. Letter of determination has not been generated yet but recommendation is to relocate.
- Chair Caceres-Requests a site visit
- Healani Sonoda-Pale-Member of recognized NHO, requests to be informed of burials in area as descendants.
- Michael Hikalea-Submitted descendancy form 3 separate times. Came before burial council and asked about the 2nd application submitted but burial council knew nothing about the descendancy claim. Would like clarification on the descendancy claims and how to move forward.
- Chair Caceres-Experienced a similar issue with a former SHPD employee but will help to move this forward.
- Member Mills-June 8, 2022 Michael was confirmed as a cultural descendant
- Regina Hilo-Uncle Michael will be included with any future communication on iwi kupuna within the area. Descendant databases haven't been updated since 2018 but it is currently being worked on.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-Would be helpful to put ad in OHA paper about any descendants that have not been notified.

**H. Inadvertent Discovery at 4561 Aukai Avenue, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-5-004:020. (HICRIS 2025PR00695)**

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

**Recording: 4:11:50-4:15:50**

- Regina Hilo-SHPD met with DOCARE and HPD and discovered the inadvertent was an archeological find. The landowner hired Pacific Legacy to work on the emergency monitoring of 2 individuals, 1 partially disarticulated, the other in situ. SHPD made a preliminary recommendation to relocate. About 60% of the home was already completed and the archeological monitoring was limited to the area of impact. No consultation has been done as of yet. Descendants will be involved in the consultation.
- ?-Iwi were found about 20 meters away on another parcel but it was not flagged by DPP.

**I. Inadvertent Discovery at 4451 Kahala Avenue, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-5-003:005. (HICRIS number pending)**

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

**Recording: 4:15:50-4:18:08**

- Regina Hilo-The contractor was digging a pool foundation and creating a retaining wall. During digging under foundation of current home, there were no finds. During backfill, there was a collapse of sand that partially revealed a flexed burial about 7 ft under the foundation. It was not deemed safe for anyone to go under foundation and secure the iwi leading to preservation in place.

**J. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 418A North Kainalu Drive, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-025:014 (HICRIS number pending)**

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

**Recording: 3:29:28-3:51:21**

- Nick Belluzzo (ASM)-SB 15 excludes historic review for residential project on existing residential properties unless they are over 50 years old and on the Hawaii Register.
- Chair Caceres-Uncle Kihei alerted Chair Caceres in an email leading to them to reach out to Michael Kat, Department of Planning and Permitting. The commission voted to say that Kailua is not deemed sensitive after warnings from OIBC Chair, SHPD, and community members due to it being too much work for DPP.
- Kihei Desilva-The city cannot protect from desecration until desecration occurs. The community is hoping that a model can be created for Kailua that other islands can follow. Over 20 years of working on these issues and there is still little support at SHPD and little progress made.

- Member Mills-Did county release information on other areas that are not considered nominally sensitive?
- Nick Belluzzo (ASM)-The county has yet to respond to requests about these areas. SHPD needs more support so that they can keep up with the workload.
- Vice-Chair -Reached out to member of city council, Esther, to meet with and discuss these burial issues. DPP should have a member that looks at these issues, this will be brought up at the meeting with the city council member.
- Chair Caceres-Will be discussing with Dawn Chang about the review process for these issues.
- Member Ako-How do we move process forward about changes of laws? Want to advocate at looking at the gaps in the process that need more work in regards of the law.
- Regina Hilo-Landowner and descendants will have to be consulted before a letter of determination can be created. Kawehi has not been consulted as a geographic rep as of yet.

**K. Inadvertent Discoveries during implementation of HART H RTP City Center Archaeological Monitoring Plan, Halekauwila Street and Cooke Street; Nimitz Highway near Fort and Bishop Streets, various TMKs (HICRIS 2020PR34713)**

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

**Recording: 4:18:08-4:20:25**

- Chair Careces recuses himself from the discussion
- Regina Hilo-Multiple finds within this area. Exploratory work for two sets of iwi was finished and they were recovered and are being curated. Disarticulated remains were found in fill, recovered, and placed in curation. There are still additional portions of the project that need to be excavated but work is on hold
- Chair Caraces-Requests that next meeting reflects inadvertent discovery at the Kobyashi Lot be added

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourns at 2:30PM*

**To provide written testimony:**

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to: [Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: Regina Hilo - Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC 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 administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly., but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

**To provide in-person oral testimony:**

Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.

We kindly ask that all oral 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 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

The OIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4) in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

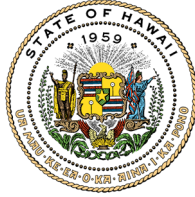
A request to be placed on a burial council meeting agenda must be made with the Burial Sites Program staff at least two weeks preceding the scheduled meeting date. In addition, the request must be accompanied by all related documents. Failure to comply with this procedure will delay the item to the following month's agenda.

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**AMENDED AGENDA (requires OIBC adoption)**  
**O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 10, 2025  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM (HST)  
**PLACE:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Kalanimoku Building  
Board Room #132  
1151 Punchbowl St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
—AND—  
Online via Zoom

*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.*

**To Attend/Provide Testimony via Zoom:**

<https://zoom.us/j/95267461120>

**Meeting ID: 952 6746 1120**  
**Passcode: 3ZsH4i**

**\*\*\* Recording Available at \*\*\***

**OIBC Members:**

**Chair Caceres (Waianae), In-person**  
**Vice-Chair Shafer (Koolauloa), In-person**  
**Member Ehrhorn (LLO), In-person**  
**Member Ako (Kona), In-person**  
**Member Mills (LLO), In-person**  
**Member (Kailua)**

**SHPD Staff:**

**Jessica Puff, Administrator**  
**Regina Hilo, Burial Site Specialist**  
**Kea Calpito, Acting History & Culture Branch Chief**  
**Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Archaeologist (on Zoom)**

**At Board Room:**

**Mana Caceres, ‘Ohana Kuponono Consulting**  
**Matt McDermott, CSH**  
**Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates**  
**Henry Fong, Descendant**  
**Kiele Muraco, NSC**  
**Dodge Watson, Honua**  
**Brandon Chambers**  
**Kamuela Kalai**  
**JB**  
**Daniel Akiau**  
**Emily Stissle**  
**Cy Harris**  
**Doug Hazelwood**  
**Dennis Gosser**  
**Ryan Gross**

**On Zoom:**

**Jeannette Bento**  
**A Akau**  
**Awa**  
**Berna Senelly**  
**Jon Hosaka**  
**Keala Norman**  
**Lani**  
**Kihei De Silva**  
**Mara Mulrooney**  
**Abennics**  
**Aimee Sato**  
**Anthony**  
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**Edward Halealoha Ayau**  
**Gina**  
**Kekua Norman**  
**Michelle Clark (CSH)**  
**Patricia Sendao**  
**Megan Donahue**  
**Sharla Manley**  
**Julie Kramer**  
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**Rebecca Crall**  
**Kai Markell**  
**Brandon Shima (UH)**  
**Garrett Matsumoto**  
**Erin Schwartz**  
**Kenneth Makuakane**  
**Patricia and Eric Hubner**  
**Stephanie**  
**Lise Detzel-Ma**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Caceres calls meeting to order at 10:00AM*

## **II. ROLE CALL/PULE**

**Recording: 0:30-1:47**

*Member Mills conducts pule*

*Chair Caceres, Vice-Chair Shafer, Member Mills, Member Ako, Member Ehrhorn*

## **III. MINUTES**

### **A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025**

- Mana Caceres-Would like to take minutes one at a time. Want to confirm Regina Hilo sent out meeting minutes via email but the March 12, 2025 minutes weren't included. Wanted to see if they were reviewed by others.
- Member Mills-Reviewed it online. March and April were posted online. May, June, and July were not.
- Member Ako-I did not receive March minutes
- Chair Caceres-Would like to entertain a motion to defer this

*Motions and vote (3:03)*

**MOTION:** To Defer Approval of the March 12, 2025 Minutes  
**MOVED BY:** Member Shafer  
**2ND BY:** Member Mills  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

### **B. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2025**

- Member Mills-Believe the minutes are incomplete, OIBC members and votes are not listed.
- Chair Caceres-Formats of minutes were not consistent with the May, June, and July minutes.
- Member Ako-Cannot approve minutes the way they were received. Important to capture who's present and who's absent.

*Motions and vote (4:32)*

**MOTION:** To Deny Minutes so SHPD Staff can Edit and Complete  
**MOVED BY:** Member Shafer  
**2ND BY:** Member Mills  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

### **C. Approval of the Minutes for May 14, 2025**

- Member Mills-Minutes looked good. Noticed May-August minutes were not online.
- Chair Caceres-It is a requirement but it was included on calendar. If it wasn't easily accessible to the public, it would be violation of sunshine law to approve.
- Regina Hilo-The meeting minutes are not on the SHPD web page.

*Motions and vote (7:40)*

**MOTION:**           **To Defer Meeting Minutes of May, June, and August**  
**MOVED BY:**       **Member Ehrhorn**  
**2ND BY:**           **Member Shafer**  
**VOTE:**             **Motion carried unanimously**

### **D. Approval of the Minutes for June 18, 2025**

### **E. Approval of the Minutes for August 6, 2025**

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion on O'ahu Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.** **Information/Discussion:** Discussion on the above item.

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Council's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

**Recording: 8:19-58:07**

- Member Mills-Noticed visitors from Moekapu and don't see them on the agenda.
- Chair Caceres-They didn't meet the timeline to be on the agenda but we can ensure they're on the next agenda.
- Member Shafer-Can we do introductions?

*Introductions*

- Kamuela-Would like council to recommend to SHPD to update on Kawaiahao, 100's of kupuna in basement of church that need to be put to rest. Hakipuu was a concern with known burials that were supposed to have protections and the descendants have no access. Iwi are always being found at Kualoa. Only one ohana being notified when there are other descendants. What is happening with Mokapu burials? Have been out of their burial grounds for too long with no status update.
- ?-Has been work to bring all iwi from Mokapu from Bishop Museum. Over 1500 remains in boxes. Will be doing inventory to know how much we have. Have made an agreement with the marine corps to create a memorial that will house all the iwi. Currently in design process of memorial and being planned that once finished all iwi will be reinterred. Burials are still being found, they are being collected and included in the reinterment. Erosion is causing them to come out.



- Chair Caceres-This isn't on the agenda and so we need to shift focus back to agenda items.
- Kamuela-Last request is for iwi kupuna that were in SHPD care, what is the update?
- Chair Caceres-Chair Dawn Chang will be attending the meeting at 12:30pm today. Will share as much as possible what is discussed from our executive session.
- Member Ehrhorn-Been on board since 1989, there were 1600 remains and years later the number went up to 2000. Raised issue of this not being resolved and appreciate the points you made.
- Member Ako-Requests concerns are reflected in minutes to be held accountable
- Member Ehrhorn-Should have all points on agenda and have updates each month
- Chair Caceres-Once an applicant is granted cultural descendanty from the council, they no longer have to seek future descendanty.
- Deputy AG D. Swenson-Not present for any discussion on the memo
- Jordan Calpito-After consulting with AG's office, it didn't make sense to retroactively grant cultural future cultural descendanty to past recognized applicants because of how past recognitions occurred. Effects would take change after
- Deputy AG D. Swenson-Consistent with my understanding as well. Any board in the state can't look at past decisions and have the current council make a decision for past councils. Not everyone recognized necessarily wants to be consulted for all future discussions.
- Member Ako-There should be something in writing from the AG's office. Problematic that we're hearing what the Deputy AG thinks as opposed to the law. Have an issue that a Deputy AG hasn't been present at any meetings.
- Deputy AG D. Swenson-Chair Caceres can make a formal written request and we can respond accordingly. The AG's office wasn't requested to be at the meetings
- Member Ako-Can't get answers from AG's office and its problematic.
- Deputy AG D. Swenson-Moving forward, chair can request a deputy AG be present.
- Keala-In the past there was always an AG representative present to answer questions
- Chair Caceres-Takes responsibility, may have been a loss of communication. Have requested of Regina to have a deputy AG available. Given the changes in the descendanty applications haven't taken effect yet. Would the council be in compliance if the council were to grant cultural descendanty to today's applicants for the ahupuaa?
- Jordan Calpito-Recommendation for today would be to follow how the original application was written. Can add a section so someone doesn't have to be recognized to the same iwi they've already been recognized to.
- Chair Caceres-In the interim of this being approved, how is SHPD going to mitigate problem of descendants being excluded from reburials because they're not recognized to those individual iwi?
- Deputy AG. D. Swenson-If an applicant is present or communicated they would like to be recognized as a cultural descendant to the ahupuaa, the verbal motion can reflect that.
- Member Ako-Requests this be put in writing. Would like clarity if there is a list kept of recognized descendants that is being updated.
- Chair Caceres-Will ensure the exact wording of the Deputy AG is taken for the minutes.
- Member Ehrhorn-Not clear of what the Deputy AG said. Used to have a Deputy AG in every meeting and then it stopped. A request has been made at every meeting.
- Chair Caceres-If the applicant is here and would like to request they are granted recognition to all iwi in the ahupuaa, that is what we have the power to do and it will be reflected in the agenda.
- Kamuela Kalai-Was assured by CSH that would be notified if any more iwi were found and was not.
- Member Ako-Requests writing of process and timeline for approving new application being developed. Verbal commitments get made but unless its in writing there is no accountability. Discussion heard today is a lack of trust in how the system works and not having a seat at the table for discussions.
- Chair Caceres-Here to hold everyone accountable and have my commitment to see these things through. Understand the frustrations.

- Regina Hilo-There is a running list that needs to be updated. List has those recognized from late 80's and more present descendants. The multiple lists need to be combined and updated.

*Agenda moves to Item IV. C*

**B. Executive Session to Consult with OIBC's Attorney (Department of the Attorney General) on Questions and Issues Pertaining to OIBC's Powers, Duties, Privileges, Immunities, and Liabilities with Respect to Ongoing Investigations and Alleged Violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E, and its Implementing Administrative Rules, that may Involve Burial Sites and Human Remains under OIBC's Jurisdiction, Pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4).**

The OIBC may invite the State Historic Preservation Officer (Chairperson Chang) to attend, as her presence may be necessary to assist the OIBC's understanding of any ongoing investigations of alleged violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E, and its implementing administrative rules, that may involve burial sites and human remains under OIBC's jurisdiction.

*Members Enter into Executive Session (2:20:00)*

- Chair Caceres-To summarize what Dawn Chang said in executive session, we were made aware of an ongoing investigation that will conclude in a few months. Once the report is made available, OIBC will be consulted in how to best rectify the subject of the investigation.

*Agenda moves to Item IV. E*

**C. Update on Implementation of the Burial Treatment Plan for Iwi Kūpuna at Kawaiaha'o Church Multi-Purpose Center/Building Project, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017**

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

**Recording: 58:30-2:16:35**

- Suzanne Boatman-Would be helpful that when the church is agendaized that the church be notified. That hasn't happened in the past year. There is a presentation on Digify for everyone. March 15, 2021 SHPD accepted draft AIS. April 25, 2022 joint BTP was submitted. June 8, 2022 OIBC approved BTP. July 9, 2022 SHPD accepted the OIBC that differed from OIBC determination. August 8, 2022 church had contractor prepare permits. December 2022 final work plan accepted by SHPD. Injunction resulted in needing judges approval to move forward. December 6, 2023 engineering firm filed a demo permit with DPP. December 12, 2023 grading permit was filed. January 3, 2024 hearing with Judge Chang seeking to implement the BTP but no ruling until March 25, 2024 to move forward. September 2023-March 2025 calls were made to DPP and engineering firm. Was told permit could take 6 months to a year. At 6 month mark there were regular calls to DPP but they could only speak to the individual who filed the permit. At the 1 year mark, called weekly to find out problem. Was told the engineering firm wasn't answering the questions DPP was sending out. Engineering firm license had lapsed. Asked another contractor for a contact in DPP that could provide more info. April of that year was told the permits applied for did not require supporting documents. Church decided to issue new contract with another firm. May 6, 2025 they submitted permits. Requested full access to all communication between DPP and contractor. Process for demo process was automated and

available on the DPP website. Believes permits go into a stack and once questions are asked, the permit goes to the bottom of the stack and has to work its way back to the top. Contractor has reached out to figure out why DPP isn't screening the permit. Hawaiian Dredging did all the pre-work allowed to do without a permit so that once the permit comes in, its ready to go. Work was scheduled to start last week of august but had to cancel because of no permit. Had to get attorney involved with grading permit. Attorney came to agreement with a new engineer assigned to project. 19<sup>th</sup> of May the new demo was submitted and old one was cancelled. 24<sup>th</sup> of July the grading permit was dropped off and there is no way to get a date stamp, checks were dropped with the permit. Asked SHPD to review everything uploaded to HICRIS. SHPD issued approval letter on 24<sup>th</sup> of July asking DPP to proceed with the permit. Information on permit not available online yet. 6<sup>th</sup> of August it was confirmed the grading permit was received but not screened. Since then, both permits are under the review process. 8<sup>th</sup> of September DPP came back with questions about the grading permit.

- Chair Caceres-Mahalo for joining and presenting a thorough timeline. Concern as chair is the length of time this process is taking. The BTP was accepted July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. How much authority does an approved BTP have with developers.
- Member Ako-What is the process of follow up to ensure the contractors are providing responses to DPP's questions in a timely fashion.
- Suzanne Boatman-Payments are withheld until responses are provided. Since the new contractor, there has been less than a week timeframe of a question being adequately answered. Not sure what happened during the year that there was no movement with permits but now payments wont be made until the work is satisfactory. Huge problem with DPP and how permits are processed. DPP will not take any phone calls or visits, only emails are taken.
- Member Ehrhorn-Letter to the head of DPP should be written by Chair of BOD and to the mayor if a response from DPP isn't given.
- Member Ako-Church needs to find allies that have political clout. Oahu Historic Preservation Commission should be brought in as well. City council should be informed as well.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-All people mentioned are supposed to work for you. Give them an outline and history and request to meet.
- Kamuela-Speaks to importance of notifications of descendants. Descendants weren't consulted and these suggestions could've been hear sooner. After so long of requesting information and not receiving anything, trust becomes an issue. Oahu Historic Preservation Commission needs to be aware of this issue and multiple DPP representatives sit on it. Should apply for a life and death permit for this. Descendants deserve to know what's happening, even a simple report each month.
- Halealoha-Church rushed to disinter all iwi before ruling came out. Church reached out to myself and Mana that the best way forward was with descendants working with the church. Before the final BTP was submitted, there was disagreement in verbiage of the BTP. Joint decision wasn't made on the issue, the church said no and submitted what they wanted. Church is pursuing separate efforts to preserve its legal right to build in the future. Suggest halting all efforts to pursue construction of the structure on its grounds while trying to implement the joint BTP. Problem that church isn't consulting with partners [descendants]. Immediate concern was not building on the iwi but it was asked not to build anywhere. Would assert there are 700 reasons why building shouldn't take place.
- Suzanne Boatman-A single layer of sand was put in that doesn't support construction to intentionally prohibit the building. The BTP clearly states the intent to build the elevator for kupuna where no iwi were found and its currently vacant. The reason the church feels strongly about not encumbering the use of land is because of the deed of trust from Kamehameha. No plan or desire to build multipurpose building. Used to havea membership of 800 people, now only about 205 people. There is no money to continue building anything, the church is struggling to not become a historic site. Millions were spent to renovate the basement so that no multipurpose center is needed. The only need the church will have is for an elevator and restroom.

- Halealoha-We are partners and should be kept apprised of what is going on so we can do our part. We stand by to do so.
- Dianne-There has been no representative from the church at any of the meetings I've been at. An AG has been requested at every meeting as well. We are here to be partners and suggest the letter be CC'd to the OHA chair and chair of OIBC. 4 family members have passed away since the start of this.
- Suzanne Boatman-Have not received an agenda or zoom link in over a year. Problem when put on an agenda but no notification. Need action to know when dates of meetings are. Need assistance from SHPD to have 3 weeks notice of meetings and to be able to submit updates.
- Chair Caceres-That is a failure of SHPD, not of Regina Hilo specifically. Burial sites program has been lacking as multiple employees are on administrative leave. Brought up concerns to Dawn Chang, Jordan Calpito, and requested meeting with Jessica Puff. Will continue to seek support for Regina. Will personally help provide Regina support to notify you of future meetings.
- Nalani-Here to represent our ohana. Concerned for overall treatment of the process. Church's \$7 million debt being passed to members is a concern as its not the congregations kuleana to take that on. There is an opportunity every month to show up. No one had to call us in, its out of sheer will and knowing the reburial process is important. A memorial plaque was asked for ohana. The entire ground should be treated as a historic area. Important people to the lahui are buried there. Being told as an ohana that a memorial marker cant be put up. Coming forward with complaints of having not been informed of anything since last year. Please keep us updated on the process. The ohana originally started creating the BTP asking for the church to do the right thing. Kumu Hina was chair at the time and said we need to work together.
- Member Ako-Surprised to hear that its news that we've wanted an update from the church. After the July meeting that was cancelled I received a call from the Kahu. What is happening with internal communications from people at the church to get this lifted to be a matter of concern.
- Keala Norman-The church has been on the agenda every month since 2019, why you're not aware of it is beyond me. This is the second time the church has desecrated iwi kupuna in that same area. Want to see in writing that the church wont build.
- Kamuela-Bothered the church is in court to not have the property encumbered and affect future building. To do the right thing, withdraw the court case. The land belongs to the kupuna buried in the land.
- Suzanne Boatman-We are not in court for continuing to build. We are there because of a lawsuit. Dana Hall brought it up in court, its not something that the church brought up or requested. Focus is only on the iwi kupuna in the ground.

**D. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Kyle K. Spillner to Identified Native Hawaiian Iwi Kupuna located at Ulupehupheu Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupia District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-6-003:062**  
**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 2:16:35-2:18:20**

- Member Ako-Agenda states to recognize the applicant as a cultural descendant
- Regina Hilo-That is a typo, it is for lineal descendancy

*Motions and vote (2:17:38)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Kyle K Spillner as a Lineal Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Vice-Chair Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

*10 Minute Break*

*Agenda moves to Item IV. B*

**E. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Brandy Kalehua Kamohalii Caceres and ‘Ohana (names attached) to Previously Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, Iwi Kupuna, located at the Kamehameha Schools Kaiāulu ‘o Kaka‘ako Master Plan Increment II Electrical Infrastructure Project, Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-059:999**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 2:24:00-2:27:11**

*Chair Caceres and Member Mills recuse themselves*

- Mana Caceres-Open to answer any questinos

*Motions and vote (2:25:28)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Brandy Caceres as a Cultural Descendant to the ahupuaa  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Ehrhorn  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

- Brandy Caceres-Want to make sure recognition affords recognition to the ahupuaa

**F. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Previously Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, Iwi Kupuna, located at the Kamehameha Schools Kaiāulu ‘o Kaka‘ako Master Plan Increment II Electrical Infrastructure Project, Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-059:999**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the previously identified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 2:27:11-2:28:39**

*Chair Caceres and Member Mills recuse themselves*

*Motions and vote (2:28:15)*

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To Recognize Norman Mana Caceres as a Cultural Descendant to the ahupuaa</b>
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	<b>Member Ako</b>
<b>2ND BY:</b>	<b>Member Ehrhorn</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Motion carried unanimously among those voting</b>

**G. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Michael Hale Hikalea to Previously Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, Iwi Kūpuna, at 5088 Kiai Place, Wailupe Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-6-023:006**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as a cultural descendant to previously identified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 2:28:39-2:31:30**

*Motions and vote (2:30:50)*

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To Recognize Michael Hikalea as a Cultural Descendant</b>
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	<b>Vice-Chair Shafer</b>
<b>2ND BY:</b>	<b>Member Ehrhorn</b>

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

**H. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Trisha Kehaulani Watson Sproat to Previously Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, Iwi Kūpuna, at the Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as a cultural descendant to previously identified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 2:31:30-2:38:45**

- Regina Hilo-Applicant requested deferral of recognition if she had to be here in person as she notified that she won’t be able to make it
- Chair Caceres-Would representatives of Waikiki Aquarium project include Trisha in consultation until the time that she can be recognized?
- Doug Hazelwood-Absolutely

*Motions and vote (2:34:05)*

**MOTION: To Defer Recognition**  
**MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer**  
**2ND BY: Member Ehrhorn**  
**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

- Kamuela Kalai-Is it at the discretion of the developer to let non recognized descendants take part in consultation?
- Chair Caceres-They are legally required to consult with recognized descendants but not legally required to allow non-recognized descendants in consultation. It is up to the discretion of the developer

**I. Update on Archaeological Inventory Survey and DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – at the Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**

**Update/Discussion:** Update and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 2:38:45-2:55:15**

- Doug Hazelwood-There was discovery of iwi kupuna during the AIS. 100% of excavated soil is raked and inspected. 25% is screen sifted. If iwi are found, 100% of the back dirt in the vicinity of the discovery is screen sifted. 5 individuals have been found to date. 4 descendants have come forward for consultation. Was asked to not share sensitive information in an open session and requested no markers be put in place where iwi are as well as no sidewalk structures or built

objects above iwi. Marking tape detectable by metal detectors was requested to be placed with burials so they can be detected in the future. 70-80% of project work has been completed. Will be having additional meetings moving forward for consultation with descendants.

- Vice-Chair Shafer-Impressed with the effects of consultation and adaptation of designs.
- Member Ako-Not reasonable to start from square one and disrupt work already done. Reasonable for her involvement moving forward
- Doug Hazelwood-Will bring in the descendant and two other individuals that are interested for consultation.

**J. Archaeological Inventory Survey for the University of Hawaii at Manoa Coconut Island Sewer Improvements in Heeia and Kaneohe Ahupuaa, Koolauloko District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 4-5-001:999 (Lilipuna Road), 4-6-001:001, 014-016, and 051**

**Introduction/Discussion:** Introduction to the above agenda item and discussion.

**Recording: 2:55:15-3:36:00**

- Dennis Gosser-UH Manoa is planning a new sewer line and an AIS was required as well as consultation. After several meetings, descendants and cultural practitioners were in agreeance with plans but made some requests. There is a total of 18.8 acres across 2 parcels. Current project has 2400 meters of replacing swere line. An additional 600 meters will be replaced near the Lilipuna Pier. Burials were found in 2010-2011 representing 4 individuals. BTP was prepared and enacted. Next step is to develop an AMP for the upcoming project. 3 individuals reached out for consultation process. One issue is existing burial monument and possibility of relocating it. UH was more supportive of the idea if iwi had been found during the AIS. If there is no need to impact it, they're more inclined to leave it where it is. UH has met with Koolauloko Civic Club and one of their options was relocating. If monument wasn't relocated, UH would make changes to it to make it more respectful and secluded.
- Member Caceres-These were found during active construction and burials within memorial are inadvertent. Difficult for OIBC because it falls under purview of SHPD. Letter of determination was already made. Recommendation can be made as a council but what was thought process of asking for relocation?
- Dennis Gosser-During the AIS could potentially find more burials. If found, could the existing monument be relocated to another area that included the new finds. The concern was the current location being in a high traffic area and only being 5 feet above sea level. The existing monument is not within the current project scope.
- Member Ako-Feel like we're dealing in hypotheticals and need to react and address things as they come up instead.
- Chair Caceres-If they are to be moved, would they be considered previously identified and fall under the purview of OIBC.
- Regina Hilo-Once we document a burial, it would be considered previously identified and should have its own SIHP number.
- Member Ehrhorn-An announcement could be publicized about the iwi to see if anyone would like to come forward as a recognized descendant.
- Mana Caceres-It's a known burial site so if anything were to be planned to happen it would fall under the jurisdiction of the council.
- Chair Caceres-If there is no reason to move a burial, the burial shouldn't be moved. If its previously identified, a BTP would need to be created. The proactive approach should be made with SHPD.



- Dennis Gosser-The potential reburial location would be on the high point of the island. UH would like to get more information on what the process might look like. The thought was that there would be heavy equipment nearby and it could be moved away and a nicer environment created.
- Member Ehrhorn-If more iwi are found during the construction and they need to be relocated, it could be a reason to expand the current monument and make it nicer.
- Chair Caceres-To be clear, those that proposed this idea are not recognized as descendants. Invite them to come and seek recognition for these burials. Would be willing to officially make a vote to keep the iwi in place.

*Motions and vote (3:29:38)*

**MOTION:**                    **To Make Recommendation of Preserving the Iwi in Place that are Currently in the Memorial**

**MOVED BY:**                **Member Ehrhorn**

**2ND BY:**                   **Vice-Chair Shafer**

**VOTE:**                      **Motion carried unanimously among those voting (Member Ako abstains)**

- Keala Norman-The burial preserve has always been a concern that it's too close to the water. From the presenter, UH is willing to move the shelter where heavy equipment is stored, is that correct?
- Dennis Gosser-They were talking about moving the shed further away from the memorial and shifting the road to where the shed was to create a bigger buffer for the iwi.
- Keala Norman-Agree with council about the iwi staying in place. Would UH be willing to do any mitigation for sea level rise?
- Chair Caceres-We've already addressed this item, you can follow up afterwards.

*Item K, L, & M Removed from Agenda*

## **V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Letter from UH West Oahu to OIBC, dated June 18, 2025, received at SHPD on June 23, 2025, regarding NAGPRA Consultation.**

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

**Recording: 3:36:45-3:37:15**

- Regina Hilo-This was a mistake on the agenda.
- Chair Caceres-Has this been sent to Hui Iwi Kuamoo as discussed previously?
- Regina Hilo-Not yet, it will be sent out.

### **B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified ~~Native Hawaiian~~ Skeletal Remains at Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani Middle School, Honolulu Ahupua'a, District, Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-009:001, 002, and 003 (por.)**

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

**Recording: 3:37:15-3:44:53**

*Chair Caceres Recuses Himself*

- Ryan Gross-May 2023 SHPD received a LRFI report. June 2023 HSPD concurred with approach and requested an AMP be submitted. May 2024 the AMP was accepted. The inadvertent discovery was associated with fence post drilling going down about 4 feet. March 2025 onsite archaeological monitoring began. May 2025, iwi were identified and SHPD conducted a site visit and recommended the iwi be preserved in place and the fence redesigned. Currently working on a BTP. All backirt is going to be screened. Iwi will be remporarily curated on-site during recovery. Reinterment will be conducted with cultural monitors and stakeholders. Request from OIBC for assistance with identifying descendants. Would like to enter into executive session for further discussion with sensitive information.

*Motions and vote (3:44:00)*

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>To Enter into Executive Session</b>
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	<b>Vice-Chair Shafer</b>
<b>2ND BY:</b>	<b>Member Ehrhorn</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Motion carried unanimously</b>

- C. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 5799 Kalanianaʻole Hwy, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-7-002:005****Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:44:53-4:09:25**

- ?-During archeological monitoring, remains were found. Regina visited the site twice to discuss how to proceed. Recovered disarticulated remains on top of an insitu burial. Most bone has been broken post mortem, the original house on the property was constructed in 1947 and the remains would have been right under the house. As disarticulated comingled material was removed, an insitu burial was found below. The insitu burial was removed and the landowner constructed a reinterment area on the property. Portions of 6 individuals and 2 subadults. Considered reinterring the removed insitu burial in a separate lauhala basket and the subadults in a separate lauhala basket. At point of doing reinterment, the landowner has a cultural advisor working on the project as well.
- Member Ehrhorn-How many individuals?
- ?-portions of 6 individuals and 2 subadults.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-Who are the cultural or lineal descendants advising for this project?
- Regina Hilo-No determination has been issued. Still going through consultation effort. There are a number of descendants for this area. This project has been challenging, initially made a recommendation for an AIS but the scope of the project changed and didn't match with what needed to be done. Went from AIS to AMP and then the project scope of work changed. At the time the discovery was made, there was a lot of disturbance to the ground. Where the remains were found it presented a problem for the safety of the iwi.
- Chair Caceres-Has work continued in the area where the iwi were disinterred?
- Regina Hilo-Yes.

- Chair Caceres-Was the decision to do it in that order, who's decision was it? Is it part of a lack of employees that SHPD has?
- Regina Hilo-I take full accountability of the decision that was made based on the undertaking of the scope of work and the state of the kupuna. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> site visit, we thought it was 4 individuals and didn't realize it was more. Wanted more information on the extent of damage to iwi, based on them being in the middle of the project footprint, had they been left in place, they would have been crushed from the compacted backfill planned to be brought in. Not enough hours in the day to prepare for notifications and a short on my part. The kona rep was not notified.
- Chair Caceres-Seems to be a systematic issue with iwi being dug up and prepped for relocation and then the consultation happening. What options is SHPD exploring to mitigate these issues? Concern is that its non-compliance and leaves project and SHPD open to a filing of a contested case for a letter of determination. Creates situation where consultation doesn't matter.
- Regina Hilo-Not sure, the lack of notification is on me. I'm the only person to receive the information and it falls to me along with everything else.
- Member Ehrhorn-Have made statement multiple times that preservation in place is priority and if they need to be moved, its to as close as possible of the original location.
- Chair Caceres-SHPD will be legally required to consult with us as moku reps.
- Member Ako-Message needs to be conveyed before hand. If iwi have been discovered and the known stance is preservation in place, it can be conveyed to the developer.
- ?-There is no consultation requirement for an archeological monitoring plan but we can add that.
- Chair Caceres-The burden of consultation falls to SHPD for inadvertent discoveries. The issue is that since people have been put on administrative leave the process for consultation is pointless if the iwi kupuna have already been dug up and relocated. Would appreciate a follow up with Kea and Jessica about this.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-There should be operating procedures on this process.
- Member Ehrhorn-Before the burial council was established, dealt with burial issues and worked with archeologists. Once iwi were dug up and the first thing the archeologist did was to put a notice in the newspaper to alert the public. Is that not in effect?
- Chair Caceres-That process still exists but only relevant to previously identified burials.
- Regina Hilo-Proactively we can consult with descendants based off our lists so they can be notified.
- Member Ako-Understanding is that HPD should be contacted immediately. If landowner isn't doing that, it's a concern. The people they consult with should be aware of it. When iwi are discovered, people don't know circumstances of them being there which is why HPD should be brought in.

**D. Inadvertent Discoveries at Ālia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:017**

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

**Recording: 4:09:25-4:30:12**

- Chair Caceres-Reached out to project proponents to do presentation to get comprehensive understanding of project. Trish Kehaulani Watson (Honua consulting) and Alana Kobayashi (developer) was contacted, only heard back from Alana notifying all answers SHPD should have the answer to. Know that the answers weren't shared with SHPD. What is timeline for reburial? All burials were deemed to be relocated except for one, is the kupuna currently in place?
- Regina Hilo-Project is still active, not sure. The letter of determination for preservation in place had a caveat that the kupuna could be temporarily curated on site until soil mitigation where kupuna was located was completed.

- Chair Caceres-Has the soil remediation been completed and kupuna put back? If not, why?
- Regina Hilo-Soil remediation has been completed and the kupuna has not been put back because there is a concrete slab where the kupuna was meant to be put back and was installed by the project proponents. Trying to figure out how the kupuna will be reinterred with the concrete slab where it should be.
- Chair Caceres-It seems the letter of determination is being ignored. Is SHPD looking into legal avenues to enforce the letter? Is SHPD allowed to put caveats in determination letters that includes a timeline for reburials
- Regina Hilo-No answer for SHPD's legal avenues or how far up the ladder it has gone. A timeline could be included but unsure if there is an administrative rule in place. There is a timeline for acceptance of a BTP to enacting it which is 90 days. Unsure if an extension has been requested for this project. Don't recall if this project has a request.
- Chair Caceres-Concern is what weight a letter of determination has if a project doesn't listen to it.
- Member Mills-Was this intentional? Believe legal action should be pursued
- Regina Hilo-I'm unsure.
- Member Ehrhorn- From reaction of phone call, it seems intentional
- Member Ako-These instances should be logged. If these cases are kept track of, it creates a case for lobbying for enforcement.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-Requests AG's office be notified and recommendations of how to move forward. How can we do that legally? A report from the AG's office what has been done and what's happening going forward.
- Regina Hilo-Believe the AG's office is already involved. Unsure of what project proponents plans are with the iwi. The concrete slab was created and then they reached out with new information about the slab asking for relocation. A burial treatment plan was requested and was told SHPD is responsible for the consultation.
- Member Ehrhorn-Every BTP should have wordage about what will be done if more individuals are found during discussion. A project 5-6 years ago refused to deal with cultural descendants. They should come together with descendants and come up with a BTP.
- Chair Caceres-How did SHPD find out about the concrete slab? Would like to request a site visit with SHPD. Descendants deserve to know and recommend Kea send out the info.
- Regina Hilo-A consultant from the project. Believes it wasn't monitored since it wasn't ground disturbance. Wasn't sure how to disseminate the information and didn't send yet.
- Member Ako-Maybe permits should be withdrawn and all construction stopped until this is dealt with. A request for another BTP which would include moving the iwi gets them off the hook.
- Member Ehrhorn-The permit will never be pulled. Pressure needs to be put on for a BTP that deals with these iwi.
- Mana Caceres-Family was involved with original BTP.
- Chair Caceres-From my time as a cultural descendant, the project proponents did not want to work with descendants and was never consulted.
- Member Mills-In a past project, could actively see iwi being shoveled out from the ground and a stop work order was issued. We're giving passes by being passive. Used to be more enforcement and its possible to have a stop work order.

*Motions and vote (4:27:35)*

**MOTION:**                      **To Request SHPD Issue a Stop Work Order Until this Issue is Resolved**

**MOVED BY:**                **Member Ako**

**2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

- Vice-Chair Shafer-Whoever writes the letter should address it to the CEO.
- Chair Caceres-Could you cc myself and Ben on the email?
- Regina Hilo-Yes, I'll also cc Jordan and Jessica

**E. Inadvertent Discovery at Turtle Bay Resort; 'Ō'io 1, Ulupehupehu, and Punalau Ahupua'a; Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 5-7-001:050**

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

**Recording: 4:30:12-4:31:26**

- No Updates

**Agenda moves to Item V. G.**

**F. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloloa Ahupua'a, Waialua District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-005:023 and 024; 6-1-009:002, 004, 018, 019, 020, 021, and 022; 6-1-010:001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 019, and 020**

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

- No Updates

**G. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 418A North Kainalu Drive, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-025:014**

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

**Recording: 4:31:26-4:52:16**

- Nick Belluzo-There was a permit that didn't go to SHPD for review during a pool construction. SHPD was notified of an inadvertent find on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Screening took place and it was thought to be a total of 3 individuals. Descendants recommended disinterment of the 3 individuals. The mitigation plan developed included cultural monitors. Discretionary shovel trenches began and within 15-20 minutes of shoveling a 4<sup>th</sup> individual was found. Disinterment was paused. Consultation with property owner led to them wanting to proceed. SHPD determined the first 3 individuals would be disinterred and further exploration would take place with the 4<sup>th</sup> individual. Found a cultural layer that was present as well. Planning on doing disinterment with the DeSilva's Friday evening for the first 3 individuals.
- Member Ehrhorn-Where are iwi going to be reinterred.
- Nick Belluzo-Specific location hasn't been agreed on
- Kihei DeSilva-Asked to relocate on property. Homeowner agreed in person but replanted and concreted over all available areas for reinterment. Aluli was never resolved. The current director of SHPD was the lawyer that represented the Aluli's. The BTP was rejected by a former OIBC and is still yet to be resolved. This project there is a burial next door and burials down the street. There were 8 burials in the immediate vicinity of this project before the start of the project. Went with wife and Regina to recover initial finds and is temporarily curating them at home. There is no authority to stop building the pool above iwi. SHPD is allowing pool to continue excavating

by hand around find 4. Descendants can make recommendations but the decision is not always what is recommended.

- Chair Caceres-Also recommended preservation in place. Conducted a site visit with Regina, Sam, and Nick. If archeological monitors were present, is it possible the iwi wouldn't have been disturbed as much as they were?
- Nick Belluzzo-There was a cultural layer present that would have caused more cautious work.
- Member Ehrhorn-Why were you found on the job?
- Nick Belluzzo-Landowners called police, police called SHPD. I was brought on afterward.
- Member Mills-Letter should be sent to AG to find out enforcement power. Enforcement tools are there and AG can help identify what can be used and when.
- Mana Caceres-Issues stemming from DPP not flagging projects. If there was evidence of missionary burials protections would be quick, if Japanese burials they would be protected. Feels like its just Hawaiian burials not being protected.

**H. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 59-585 D Ke Iki Road, Pūpūkea Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupia District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-003:016**  
**Information/Discussion:** information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 4:52:16-5:01:04**

- Brendan Chambers-Burials identified May 1, 2025 and work was stopped. Between May 2-15 the leach field was partially infilled and excavator driven offsite. Pacific Legacy conducted field work May 16, 20, and 21 after which International Archaeology took over. Burials were recovered, soils screened from July 2-August 13, 2025. IA completed 100% of screening, burial recovery and documentation. 11, 577 fragments were recovered, 1237 of those determined to be diagnostic. Osteological inventory is ongoing. Remains are stored in paper bags within muslin lined lauhala baskets and placed within locked curation units. Prior to IA's involvement, 4 burial locations were identified. Burial 1 and 2 were isolated elements. Burials 3 and 4 were partially insitu primary burials. Need to excavate test unit at proposed reinterment location.
- Nick Belluzzo-In all instances everyone is reassured that operators will see something and notify SHPD. Systemic problem between Regina needing support to agencies that refuse when they know there's an issue to send information to SHPD. It doesn't feel like accidents at this point, it feels intentional. The more people get away with it the more people are going to do it.

**I. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Kalae (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block B West Project); Kaka'ako, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-001:133**  
**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 5:01:04-5:03:14**

- Matt McDermott-2 outstanding letters of determination. 5/28/25 discovery is being disinterred. 6/30/25 find waiting on determination. 7/28/25 waiting for a determination. Long ongoing project. Remains in two cases have been relocated, in one case they are preserved in place.

**J. Inadvertent Discoveries during implementation of HART HRTF City Center Archaeological Monitoring Plan, Halekauwila Street and Cooke Street; Nimitz Highway near Fort and Bishop Streets, various TMKs**

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

**Recording: 5:03:14-5:04:58**

- Matt McDermott-Archeological monitoring for this project. There are 4 outstanding determinations on discoveries. There is an intact individual and hoping to preserve in place and relocated the proposed light feature to be built. Fragmented remains found in another part. Inadvertent discovery found in a disturbed context as well.

**K. Inadvertent Discovery at Pōka‘ī Bay, Wai‘anae Ahupua‘a, Wai‘anae District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 8-6-001:007**

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

- No update

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

**Recording: 5:05:00-5:05:05**

- Mana Caceres-

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Recording: 5:05:05**

*Meeting Adjourns 4:22PM*

**To provide written testimony:**

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to: [Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: Regina Hilo - Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC 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 administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly, but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

**To provide in-person oral testimony:**

Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.

We kindly ask that all oral 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 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

The OIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4) in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

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.

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