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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.

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OIBC Members:

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

SHPD Staff:

Regina Hilo, Burial Sites Specialist
Traven Apiki, Burial Sites Specialist
Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Archaeologist (on Zoom)
Susan Lebo, Archeology Branch Chief

At Board Room:

Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates
Cy Harris

**Andy Proper
Nick Belluzzo
Mara Mulrooney
Ena Sroat
Matt McDermott
Kamuela Kalai
Skye Kalealani Razon-Olds (mokapu)
Adrian Keohokalole
Awapuhi Kalauli
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Lani
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Reginald Garcia
Tara Rojas
Teisa Auva**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caceres calls meeting to order at 10:02 AM

II. ROLE CALL/PULE

Recording: 1:00-2:08

Member conducts pule

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

III. MINUTES

Recording: 3:22-5:20

A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025

Motions and vote (3:28)

MOTION: To Approve the March 12, 2025 Minutes
MOVED BY: Member Mills
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2025

Motions and vote (3:49)

MOTION: To Approve the April 9, 2025 Minutes
MOVED BY: Member Mills
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

C. Approval of the Minutes for May 14, 2025

Motions and vote (4:07)

MOTION: To Approve the May 14, 2025 Minutes
MOVED BY: Member Mills
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

D. Approval of the Minutes for June 18, 2025

Motions and vote (4:27)

MOTION: To Approve the June 18, 2025 Minutes
MOVED BY: Member Mills
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

E. Approval of the Minutes for August 6, 2025

Motions and vote (4:45)

MOTION: To Approve the August 6, 2025 Minutes
MOVED BY: Member Mills
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

F. Approval of the Minutes for September 10, 2025

Motions and vote (5:03)

MOTION: To Approve the September 10, 2025 Minutes
MOVED BY: Member Mills
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

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.

Recording: 5:48-12:45

- Regina Hilo-Working with SWCA for letter of determination to preserve in place. Project proponents are working to redesign so iwi aren’t impacted.
- Awapuhi Robinson-We all have people that have passed. Because we forgot who these people are there is a concern that for moving iwi. All kupuna there are discussions about moving, they have descendants that wouldn’t want them moved. There are royal patent holders present. If you’re not willing to move your kupuna from their gravesite to build a school, those same conditions should be there for other graves.

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Awapuhi Robinson-These bones may be kept in place but others are being moved since the overthrow of the monarch.

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.

Recording: 12:45-26:22

- Chair Caceres-Inadvertent discoveries and the decisions of relocation are not under the jurisdiction of the OIBC. The OIBC is a consulting party but the decision maker is the SHPD. Inadvertent discoveries will remain on the agenda until they have been reburied.
- Ena Sroat-Have a brief informational update for iwi encountered in January. Located on a small residential property at a single family home. February 28, inadvertent discovery found during construction for a septic conversion. March 5-25 there was burial recovery and emergency archaeological monitoring of all remaining ground disturbance with an MNI of 7. March 26 the construction was completed and iwi kupuna were reinterred on site on July 7. Next steps are obtaining SIHP numbers and submitting a draft Burial Site Component as well as a archaeological monitoring report.
- Chair Caceres-Can be removed from future agendas. Questions should be directed to us.
- Awapuhi Robinson-It seems the only choice is to reinter iwi kupuna. If there are councils with people who handle bones it should be common to do their mookuauhau. If iwi are going to be reinterred somewhere else because of a septic tank, we should atleast acknowledge who the kupuna was.
- Chair Caceres-Who participated in the reinterment ceremony
- Ena Sroat-Regina Hilo
- Chair Caceres-Regina, could you share your background with iwi kupuna
- Regina Hilo-Wouldn't consider myself more than a haumana. The haumana role is to live up to the expectations of our kumu and take the same protocol we're taught and bring it forward. Most times I'm not an active participant and let descendants take the lead. In this case, others felt uncomfortable and so I took part in the kanu process.
- Chair Caceres-100% confident in Regina conducting a reinterment ceremony. If my ohana wasn't able to care for my iwi kupuna, Regina would be the next person I'd want to help out.

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

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

Recording: 26:22-52:56

- Mara Mulrooney-This project is in Kahala area. June 18 there was an inadvertent discovery during construction for a single family dwelling. June 20 and 23 burial recovery and emergency archaeological monitoring of all remaining ground disturbance in immediate vicinity of burial was completed. June 23 archaeological monitoring for construction was completed and iwi kupuna were reinterred on site. Next steps are to obtain SIHP numbers, submit a burial site component and archaeological monitoring report
- Chair Caceres-If a SHPD review had be required, would SHPD request on site monitoring?
- Susan Lebo-We'd request an AIS
- Chair Caceres-How much disturbance occurred without any archaeological monitoring on site?
- Regina Hilo-In a small 20% area skeletal remains were found. There was an element of an adult and elements of a subadult. We couldn't ascertain where they originated from. There were possible long bones and a cranium that were fragmented as a result of the excavation.
- Susan Lebo-DPP is continuing to work to identify areas of high sensitivity. They didn't see a flag on the property related to a previous find. They don't generally look at the surrounding parcels to make a decision. Each time there is a find when they don't send us permits for review, they are notified. We're working with DPP to help them identify sensitive areas.
- Chair Caceres-This has been a systematic issue with DPP not sending permits to SHPD for review. It ends up costing the landowner more money.
- Kamuela Kalai-Why are people waiting for DPP before doing a survey for iwi. Everyone should be doing the surveys before the work starts.

- Cy Harris-Not notified of the iwi. Is the geology of the area known, was it in sand? Once the sand is seen you should know there are iwi around.
- Member Ako-Concerned that there isn't proper protocol for these things. Part of challenge is processes are not standardized across councils. Need to connect across pae aina, Kauai has a permitting process with a similar issues. No one here from AG's office and is a continued issue.
- Chair Caceres-Was thinking that there wasn't going to be quorum and didn't have time to reach out to the deputy AG's office however the Deputy AG Dannica Swenson is here.
- Dannica Swenson-We are able to answer any legal questions. We may not stay for the whole meeting but we can jump on zoom if any legal answers are needed.
- Member Miller-How does DPP go through without going through the state's process? Are there fines?
- Chair Caceres-DPP doesn't forward projects to SHPD if they are considered nominal, if they think there is something worthwhile they will forward a permit to SHPD for review. SHPD and OIBC are working to get DPP on the same page.
- Kamuela Kalai-For all the iwi desecrations I've seen, don't depend on government to do the right thing as Dawn Chang has gone around the law. The deputy AG's are there to protect the state, not iwi. They don't seem to know the law from all their different opinions. Jul
- Awapuhi Robinson-When we talk about laws, there is a requirement to do surveys. Royal patents that sit on the lands tell where the iwi are. Part of the requirement of royal patent owners is that they are still owners of the land....We're allowed to occupy Iolani Palace by permit and they tried to take the permit away. Auntie is correct on everything. If you can track your kupuna back far enough you can access the land to hunt, fish, and gather.

D. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 5799 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Waikiki Ahupua'a, Kona District, O'ahu, TMK: (1) 3-7-002:005.
Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

Recording: 52:56-55:00

- Regina Hilo-No updates
- Chair Caceres-What obstacles are there to keep from scheduling moving forward?
- Regina Hilo-I was off for two weeks
- Cy Harris-Not notified
- Chair Caceres-Required to consult with descendants and OIBC

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.

Recording: 55:00-1:13:22

- Regina Hilo-There has been movement in SHPD, not sure if a letter of determination has been issued
- Traven Apiki-A letter of determination was issued. Project proponents requested a reconsideration of the original determination letter. The new determination was to relocate the iwi so they weren't concreted over.
- Member Ako-My understanding was something was supposed to be done at the last meeting to stop work from being done.
- Chair Caceres-OIBC voted to recommend SHPD issue a stop order.
- Member Ako-Was a stop work order issued?

- Traven Apiki-I don't believe so. No reason as to why not.
- Member Ako-Trying to work within the realm of the state to protect iwi. Not sure what needs to be done, it's a system of voluntary compliance. If we're operating as a council under the state, where do we look toward for enforcement?
- Cy Harris-That's why there's no power on the council, its just for advisory.
- Traven Apiki-It was my understanding they would break open the concrete and put the iwi back but they were going to concrete over the iwi afterwards.
- Chair Caceres-SHPD has set a dangerous precedent where any project can find iwi, SHPD can say they need to be preserved in place, the developer can concrete over the area and ask for a new determination. This is the most irresponsible decision SHPD could make. The justification for relocation was that not all descendants agreed on preservation in place. The majority of descendants wanted to preserve in place. Justification in the letter was there were adjacent sewer lines to the burial. Nothing changed between the first letter and the second letter other than the concrete slab. Moving forward is every developer going to pour a concrete slab where iwi should be preserved in place and ask for a new determination. Who's decision was this?
- Traven Apiki-Why it was omitted, I'm not sure. The decision came from Jordan Calpito.
- Chair Caceres-You disempowered yourselves from advocating for preservation in place. Whenever Jordan is available, would like an answer as to why this kupuna was moved. The justification said today is not what was in the letter. Other projects have moved sewer lines, why can't this one? There were several burials around burial 04 and so there should've been greater consideration for preservation in place because of a burial cluster.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-If he comes on by the end of the meeting, we can come back to this.
- Kamuela Kalai-When the concrete was poured, did the developer know?
- Chair Caceres- There was soil remediation that needed to be done and the iwi temporarily relocated but were instructed to return the iwi but they poured the concrete. The developer emailed saying they will not be doing any consultation. Not even the archaeological firm was aware the concrete slab was going to be poured until they arrived on site.
- Regina Hilo-Neither the archaeological firm or us were aware that the slab was poured.
- Awapuhi Robinson-Commend you and Mrs. Hilo. I can tell you about the different stages of the rail. We still own cranes. Don't go to the developer, they'll hide all the information from you. Keep digging, just came to this meeting to vet the council.

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

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

Recording: 1:13:22-1:21:51

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Nick Belluzzo-Have been through many of these slides a number of times. There was an AIS done in 2012 as well as multiple mitigation plans in the past. There was one iwi kupuna identified at the time. The WWII runway was in this area which explains a lot of our current findings. There have been 6 iwi kupuna found. Kupuna 1 preserved in place with redesign at Pad 3. Kupuna 2 preserved in place with redesign at Pad 3. Kupuna 3 preserved in place with redesign at Pad 3. Kupuna 4 preserved in place with redesign at Pad 4. Kupuna 5 preserved in place with redesign at pad 3. Kupuna 6 is pending preservation in place with redesign at pad 3. Have been hand excavating any ground disturbing activity prior to machines alongside cultural monitors. All excavation is finished at Pad 4. Pad 3 by the next month, we should be finished.

5 minute break

- 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.

Recording: 1:22:53-1:27:05

Member Mills recuses himself

- Nick Belluzzo-This project is for the highway realignment. The project area is situated on beach deposits. There were isolated skeletal fragments eroding out of the bank near the bridge and were naturally eroding. The Oahu railway went through this area and believe it impacted the iwi. An intact individual was found during the stormwater drain work. Kamehameha Schools requested the electrical line and storm water drain be moved so the iwi can be preserved in place. Would like to do pre-excavation for these areas to ensure it won't cause future problems but no action has been made it as we wait for plans.

- 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.

Recording: 1:27:05-2:06:20

- Chair Caceres-Ask everyone stay professional as this is a sacred space for iwi kupuna
- Nick Belluzzo-DPP did not forward the permits to SHPD. During construction, iwi were found. Police were notified and SHPD and descendants made a site visit. Back dirt was screened, investigation found 3 individuals were impacted during construction of the pool. In consultation with descendants and property owner, SHPD made determination to relocate those 3 iwi kupuna. Prior to relocation, SHPD requested monitoring, before that was done, shovel trenches were dug and a 4th individual was found. SHPD revised recommendation of monitoring to do hand excavation. During that time 2 more individuals were found near the sidewalls of the pool. Waiting for determination from SHPD. Current determination is to allow relocation of burial find 04 with preservation in place for finds 05 and 06 with three foot buffers.
- Andy Proper-Have been saving for 10 years for this project. From the first discovery, we have tried to do everything appropriate for the iwi kupuna. Regret that iwi were found and have worked with the archeological firm and descendants. Currently \$85,000 into the project. Waiting a determination of remaining three iwi kupuna. Redesign outside of the area can lead to potential more iwi finds. If iwi are all preserved in place, it would be \$100,000 loss. If they are relocated together, they can be placed in a burial preserve on the property.
- Kihei Desilva-This is similar to the Aukai project. If there was monitoring from the beginning, the archeologists would have found a cultural layer and the destruction that happened with burial 1-3 wouldn't have happened. If the council was informed at the start, the family wouldn't be so far in the hole. Our recommendation continues to be preservation in place for 5 and 6 with a buffer and redesign of the pool. It's been 3 months, to disinter 5 and 6 when they're in the sidewall and there is a risk of collapse could harm them further. Huge burden to carry when disinterring. Recommendation is to

relocate 4 and preserve 5 and 6 in place even though it would affect the vision of what the pool would be.

- Member Ako-We are not empowered to make a decision on this. Our kupuna owned the land long before anyone else. They were kanu'd where they are and they are the ones who own the land. The ownership of the iwi to that area supersedes the current homeowner. In Kailua, there shouldn't be any more pools being dug in the ground. Above ground pools are an alternative.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-It's a large investment from the landowner. The iwi should be moved from under the pool and if so, they should be moved together.
- Kihei Desilva-The attempt to keep some together has led to them being separated. This appears to be a burial cluster with more iwi in the same area.
- Mapuana De Silva-There were no TMK's 100's of years ago. Feel for Andy and his family but doesn't change the situation we're in as cultural descendants. Would like to see a compromise. Relocating burial 4 and preserving 5 and 6 in place is a compromise. We will remember long after the agenda these kupuna and Andy. We need to get DPP to change their procedures.
- Chair Caceres-Requests the letter of determination reflects the manao of each council member. The root of this is DPP and they should share some of the financial burden. I was raised in malama iwi kupuna work. My family has remained consistent about preservation in place. I'd do my mookuahau if I advocated for relocation. SHPD was reminded that they are to give greater consideration of burial clusters. Would like to be kept informed in this process.
- Kamuela Kalai-It is an act of courage to be here today. When you decide what is pono for the iwi, money is no longer a factor and you will be blessed by the kupuna. When iwi are found, you now know the property is occupied by them. Mana is forever.
- Nick Belluzzo-All data is being compiled to send to DPP.
- Member Ako-There are some archeological firms that have access to ground penetrating radar. Not sure how dependable the tech is.
- Susan Lebo-Recommendation that there should be non invasive methods is great. GPR hasn't really worked here but there are other options.
- Nick Belluzzo-GPR works in certain areas and we do use it when possible if it's the right tool to use in consultation with the community.
- Member Ako-If owner insists on excavation, the owner would have to enter into knowing there is a high probability that iwi will be found.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-Need legislation that an AIS should be done anywhere there is sand. Realtors should be notifying homeowners as well.
- Chair Caceres-Apologize this happened and to the de silva's for what they have to carry.

- I. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 59-585 D Ke Iki Road, Pūpūkea Ahupua'a, Ko'olaoloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-003:016.**
Information/Discussion: information and discussion on the above agenda item.

Recording: 2:06:20-2:07:02

- Regina Hilo-No updates

- 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.

Recording: 2:07:02-2:19:48

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Matt McDermott-There are locations of iwi on the slideshow, if that's alright.
- Chair Caceres-Descendants have requested that any locations of burials not be shown as they have shown up on social media.
- Matt McDermott-This is where Ward meets Ala Moana Blvd. Did an AIS in 2017 with 28 test excavations within the property. 5 historic properties were documents. The makai portions are largely Jaucus sand. Demolition of the warehouse in 2018 was the first aspect of the project. 2 discoveries were found during the AIS. 1 previously identified was relocated and with COVID the development slowed down. Further construction didn't start until April 2024. During archeological monitoring, there was a lot of contaminated soil found. There have been 8 inadvertent discoveries consisting largely of fragments previously disturbed. Based on results of all our information a summary is generated and sent out to descendants. Afterwards, we go to SHPD for a determination. There has been some preservation in place but largely relocation with discussions on where the relocation site should be. During disinterment of an individual, more iwi were found with an MNI of 5. Excavation isn't complete but work was halted. An alignment of coral blocks previously disturbed next to the iwi. Based on new information, there is a hold on work and project proponent is looking into whether preservation in place is possible. Two more recent inadvertent discoveries that are still in a holding pattern. Waiting on a letter of determination for these.

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.

Recording: 2:19:48-2:29:39

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Matt McDermott-Four discoveries of remains waiting for a letter of determination. First find was during the construction of a streetlight on a corner. A whole individual was found and work was stopped, being preserved in place pending letter of determination. July 9 2025 a gas line was being worked on. There were discoveries of iwi kupuna in the surrounding area. The remains are small fragments in a disturbed context with an MNI of 1. The remains are being curated while a determination is being prepared. 7/29/25 a femur fragment was found in a disturbed fill deposit. 7/13/25 at Nimitz highway there was a column that serves as a support for the rail and iwi were found. Its difficult for Regina to keep up with all these projects. There has been some emails sent to descendants and only 1 person replied.
- Member Ako-Shouldn't be finding out at OIBC meetings that descendants haven't been alerted.
- Chair Caceres-As a cultural descendant, I haven't been consulted with atleast one of these burials discussed today.
- Regina Hilo-Believe the database I'm working from, doesn't include you guys.
- Kamuela Kalai-Dawn Chang should be made aware of lack of descendancy consultation.
- Traven Apiki-If descendants can email me updated contact information

L. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Pōka'i 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.

Recording: 2:29:39-2:30:43

- Regina Hilo-Letter of determination has not been issued yet.
- Chair Caceres-Would like me and Vice-Chair Shafer involved in consultations.

M. Letter from Pacific Legacy, dated September 22, 2025, Regarding the Section 106 Consultation of the Proposed Hawaiian Islands Fiber Link Project with a Cable Landing Site at Barbers Point Beach Park, Honouliuli Ahupua‘a, ‘Ewa District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 9-1-026:027. Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above item.

Recording: 2:30:43-2:37:29

- Mara Mulrooney-Project proponent is UH. This will connect six Hawaiian islands via a fiber link project. The Oahu landing site is at Barber’s Point Beach Park. The project is to expand broadband connectivity. The cable is about the size of a sharpie highlighter. Have done a lot of consultation to date and continues. Completed a draft cultural impact assessment and paakai analysis. Section 106 process has started as well. AIS is recommended for each cable landing site. Entirety of Barbers Point Beach Park has been surveyed with no historic sites found. Closest burials are in limestone pits but not in the project area. This is a highly sensitive area. 8 proposed trenches in areas of proposed ground disturbance. 5 test trenches measuring 5m by .75 m with three additional option test trenches in beach manhole locations that will be shared with Oahu Subsea Telecommunications project. Next steps include the consultation, developing AIS testing strategy, fieldwork, post-fieldwork consultation, submittal of draft AIS report and publication of Draft EA. Here to request comments for Section 106 and 6E process.

Agenda Moves to Item V. I.

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.

Recording: 2:55:11-3:00:56

- Chair Caceres-Was told last month the investigation is meant to conclude shortly. Possibility there will be another OIBC meeting this month to address the investigation and results of it. Our belief and hope that a meeting will be scheduled ASAP once completed. As of today investigation has not concluded.
- Kamuela Kalai-Results of investigation means this is what was found and what can be shared. What about accountability?
- Chair Caceres-Cannot answer that. Chair Chang has committed to addressing this.

- Kai Markell-Wanted to raise this on last item about Mokapu. Mahalo to descendants. OIBC should understand that they are a recognized as a NAGPRA claimant. Can make any recommendation you want to support reburial structure. Three times today the location and description of burials came up. Critical how terminology is used. Location and description is not used for executive session and its usually on the agenda. Under 6E a closed session can be done on the fly. To close a meeting can be disruptive but how it was handled today was great.

B. 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.

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: 3:00:56-3:01:12

- Chair Caceres-Applicant has asked to defer until next month.

C. Update on Implementation of the Burial Treatment Plan for Iwi Kūpuna at Kawaihae‘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: 3:01:12-3:10:30

- Suzanne Boatman-Met with city council member for assistance working with DPP. Was put in contact with a liaison between SHPD and DPP. Grading permit is moving forward. 24th of September, site visit about the demo permit and the next day it was signed off. Gained access to the digital platform to track the permits. October 1 the erosion sediment control answers were submitted. Only one unresolved issue at the moment, DPP is asking for SHPD’s approval for the permit. Consultation with descendants is through this meeting. It could be cumbersome sending out the specific details and receiving a lot of questions. All updates are posted on the Digify platform that descendants have access to.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-A simple email can be sent out to descendants with updates. Please make sure to send it out to all the descendants.
- Kamuela Kalai-Have been asking to meet with cultural and lineal descendants for months now. Only cumbersome thing is that the iwi kupuna are still stuck in the basement. If you aren’t going to host a meeting, have someone else do it. Need an opportunity to hear first hand what is going on, there are hundreds of recognized descendants, have some empathy for those of us who have been waiting for this to be resolved.

D. 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: 3:10:30-3:11:15

- Regina Hilo-No updates

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 Ahupua‘a, Kona Moku, O‘ahu [TMK: (1) 3-1-033:006].

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

Recording: 3:11:15-3:23:00

- Ena Sroat-Informational update found during an AIS on the southern end of Kalakaua Ave. Was once a canoe landing area. In 1877 Kapiolani Park was created with the backing of Kalakaua. It created some residential areas, one of which was James Campbell Estate. In 1921 the Campbell and Beckley estates were purchased and subdivided. In 1967 the current residence was built. AIS testing had test trenching within the new house footings. Completed AIS in July. Encountered a single isolated skeletal element in a fill deposit. The fill was potentially imported sometime between 1921 and 1967. April 30, 2025 consultation for the AIS testing strategy began. July 30 fieldwork started, iwi were found and SHPD notified. Consultation took place and notices were placed in newspapers. Next steps include acceptance of AIS report, consultation regarding archaeological monitoring procedures, recognition of descendants, and preparation of a draft BTP.
- Member Mills-Are you fairly confident the remains were brought in with fill?
- Ena Sroat-Property has been elevated, took 5 feet to get down to undisturbed sands. Unclear the exact origin but there was other fill that was consistent with nearby projects. Iwi were kept in place with reflective tape put next to it. Its in a secured area as well.
- Chair Caceres-Recommend SHPD shift recommendations to include small concrete blocks for the interim protection measures. In regards to recognition, there may not be a need for previously recognized descendants to come forward again pending the discussion with AG’s office. Recommend all those previously recognized are involved with the consultation.

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.

Recording: 3:23:00-3:28:48

- Ena Sroat-Project location is the state capitol building on side of Iolani Palace. There is a dense area of land commission awards in the area. Has been a lot of previous archeology in downtown but not in the specific area of the state capitol. AIS testing strategy includes 100% excavation of 2 drainage trenches. Archaeological monitoring recommended for limited ground disturbance (landscaping and

shallow irrigation lines). Next steps include consultation on testing strategy, fieldwork after 2026 legislative session, post-fieldwork consultation and preparation of relevant supports.

G. Ala Moana Boulevard Tower Project, Hilton Hawaiian Village Campus, Waikīkī 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.

Recording: 3:28:48-3:37:50

- Matt McDermott-This project is at the bend of Ala Moana Blvd where the Kobi steakhouse used to be. Will be a new 350ft hotel. Its gone through the final SEIS and still needs some permits. There is no federal funding for the project and we’ve been working with recognized descendants. AIS was done in two phases in 2022 and 2024 for a total of 24 test trenches. AIS and AMP was submitted to SHPD in early 2025 and approved. 5 historic properties were found and 2 previously identified burial sites. They were small fragments found in an area that has been extensively developed. The iwi are remaining in place currently and discussions have started with descendants about preservation in place and relocation. Waiting on cultural descendants to get back to us on their thoughts. Interim protection measures were concrete blocks for the 2nd phase. The first phase used a plywood board. A BTP is expected to be reviewed by OIBC this year, hopefully in December.
- Chair Caceres-There was also a specific request that burial locations are omitted from what is posted online. For other presentations, would be best to have 2 presentations. One for the public without locations and another in case we go into a closed session.
- Member Ako-The handouts from Nick were very helpful if we could get those.

H. Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts at Kualoa 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.

Recording: 3:37:50-3:52:00

- Mara Mulrooney-Have been assisting City and County of Honolulu with the shoreline erosion recovery efforts. Every other month there are shoreline inspections. Helped with curation work and archaeological monitoring for routine maintenance projects in the park. 2021 the archaeological collections were temporarily moved while maintenance building was renovated. There was a kanu for iwi and 6 iwi were recovered. 2022 emergency archaeological monitoring for 3 waterline repair projects, 13 iwi kupuna recovered with inspections. 2023 collections were moved into newly renovated maintenance building. 2023 2 iwi kupuna identified, 1 partially recovered both were preserved in place with protective measures installed by Mahealani Kane and ohana. 2025 3 iwi kupuna have been identified during inspections, 1 recovered, 2 preserved in place with protective measures installed. Next steps include conducting more shoreline inspections. SHPD and DPR staff working with recognized cultural descendants to schedule reinterment of iwi kupuna that are temporarily stored in the on-site curation facility in accordance with the burial treatment plan.
- Regina Hilo-The concrete vaults are the reinterment site for past iwi that were recovered in the past.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-We aren’t part of the consultation for this and would like to work on cultural descendancy claim
- Kamuela Kalai-One of the ohana that was part of the original reinterment was never notified of the current work being done. The ohana has lived in Hakipuu for a long time and they should have been part of the consultation. How long are the kupuna stored on shelves before they can be reburied?

There are some holes in the process. Witnessed the preservation in place and was wondering what is going on, it draws attention to the area. What protections are in place?

- Regina Hilo-There are logistical details that need to be worked out prior to a kanu. Was thinking of doing annual kanu but it became a challenge due to logistics. Will work with ohana to determine the soonest availability for it is.
- Member Ako-What kuleana does the city and county of Honolulu have? There is a question of training for workers out there too.
- Kamuela Kalai-Going to find plenty of burials over there, the visitors that come here aren't aware of the sacredness of the places they visit. People enjoying their vacation on bones of our kupuna. Hoping the ohana are visiting frequently to ensure burials are safe.
- Chair Caceres-Request OIBC rep and chair are made aware of the reinterment. Have been discussions on the legalities of ohana taking part in reburials.

Agenda Moves to VI. A.

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.

Recording: 2:37:50-2:55:11

- Adrian Keohokalole-Here to update OIBC as a consulting party. Military has accepted proposed location and slated in for 2026 budget. Same design as previous similar to Waikiki Memorial. Still in debate of MOA for access but ultimately all recognized NAGPRA descendants are in agreeance with the location. It is a sand bottom with sand being brought from the golf course. As military is pulling foundations of older buildings, there are iwi underneath that will be interred here. The sand they are in will be brought over and used as the base. Timeline is 2027 to begin reinterment. Biggest thing is inventory, its not accurate. Military accepted the collection and received kupuna from community members but there is no record of them coming back to Mokapu. Difference of movement now compared to before is that the military is not allowed in conversations presently.
- Cy Harris-Reason why this is not burial in place is the burials have been taken from their original place and used in construction.
- Member Mills-Makes since they are tearing down old buildings. In the foundation they found the iwi? How high above sea level is this?
- Cy Harris-Under the sidewalk slabs in the cement there are iwi. There are solid iwi like long bones cemented on the bottom side of some of the slabs. The area is above sea level rise and resting on top of solid stone. Has been an ongoing battle because the military has been pulling the funding. They don't want to recognize their mistake and admit they used burial sand in their construction.
- Adrian Keohokalole-One of the current holdups is that they want to learn our current protocol. Need a sign off from the burial council to support the memorial and the MOA. Writing a formal letter that the OIBC would stay on as a consulting party but not a signatory to help us.
- Chair Caceres-Because its agendized this specific way, we can't vote on anything this month. Will need to re-agendize this document for November. The way its posted shows just information and discussion. Should be listed as discussion and determination.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-They came last month and weren't able to present because of the time limit. They said they requested a determination why wasn't it on the agenda as such?
- Adrian Keohokalole-Currently with the government shutdown there is no monitoring on the base, just want to be ready to go when they are back.
- Kamulea Kalai-Disturbing to hear about the concrete slabs. With the 50 year old buildings that are being brought down, is there something that allows the kupuna to stay in place?

- Adrian Keohokalole-We've tried to preserve in place as much as possible. They're all considered inadvertent but nearly all are so disturbed they can't stay in place.

Agenda Moves to V. A.

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.**

Recording: 3:52:00

- Chair Caceres-May have another October meeting pending conclusion of active investigation
- Member Ako-Assuming that would be an informational meeting. Do same requirements for quorum still exist?
- Chair Caceres-Yes, otherwise the council couldn't ask questions.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Recording: 3:52:56

2:06pm Meeting Adjourned

****THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 11/12/2025 OIBC MEETING****

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. 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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