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**APPROVED MINUTES
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

DATE: Wednesday, December 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

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OIBC Members:

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

SHPD Staff:

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

At Board Room:

Doug Hazelwood

Shannon
Kamuela Kalai
Mara Mulrooney, Pacific Legacy
Brennan Chambers, IA
Matt McDermott, CSH
Ryan Gross
Bob Bruhl
Alani Apio
Ke‘alohi Wong
Chris Fong

On Zoom:

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Jackie
Anha
Nicholas Lozanoff
Lise Ditzel-Ma
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Makanani Bell
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Alani
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Todd Hassler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caceres calls meeting to order at 10:05 AM

II. ROLE CALL/PULE

Chair Caceres conducts pule

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

Recording: 4:09-4:30

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for November 12, 2025

Motions and vote (4:14)

MOTION: To Approve the November 12, 2025 Minutes

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Ako

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

- Member Erhorn expresses concern that it is difficult to get legal advice without a representative of the Attorney General's office present.
- Member Ako explains that he has requested an update on the status of the burial at 810 Hale Kauila. The mitigation letter had been withdrawn.
- Chair Caceres will email the project proponent and request their presence at the January OIBC meeting for an update.
- Member Ako requests that SHPD keep the council informed on subjects such as this.

Discussion moves to Item V. C.

IV. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-80-11-08819, at the Kīhāpāi Place Development Project, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-058:065 and 066.

Recording: 31:21-47:10

- Bob Bruhl - Going to defer to the team. We are on the agenda twice, this is for the inadvertent. Thank you for letting us come to get to conclusions we need to.
- Chris Fong-Our archaeologist couldn't come on last meeting due to a conflict of timing. The intent today is to bring everyone from past to present and future of what we're planning.
- Brennan Chambers-This was discovered by CSH. An AMP was developed and accepted by SHPD
- Alani-Will be there for larger discussion later. There needs to be a resolving of the burial find that is on the mauka side of the project that was impacted by the prior developer. The descendants have asked that in the time since the initial development and leave the burial in place. Climate change and sea level rise may impact the burial over time. They would like to disinter and relocate on an existing burial site about 50 yards away. The desire on descendants and developers side is resolving this so they can issue a letter of determination.
- Brennan Chambers-March 14, 2019 this was first documented. About 5-10% of the burial was observed and SHPD, descendants, and more were involved. The containing wall was notched.....The project stalled before a letter was prepared by SHPD. The later agenda items, we're preparing a draft burial treatment plan for the discoveries.
- Member Mills-Half of the remains are on state property and the other half are on city and county? Do they have to agree to the plan?
- Chris Fong-That's correct, and they've been notified.
- Chair Caceres-Don't want to separate an individual because they are resting on separate properties.
- Chair Caceres-Fully in support of the descendants. If I can help facilitate anything to move things forward, please let me know.

- Alani-To be clear, the burial sits less than 20ft from the waters edge. In 2019 the state of the world was different from what it was. It has been preserved in place but almost 6 years later, it appears to be the best case to disinter using existing technology that preserves all of the burial to a certain extent in situ. Trade wind capital has a curation unit ready to go and details are being worked out all of which will be in the letter of determination.
- Traven Apiki – Is currently drafting a letter of determination, will be done in the next few weeks.

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

Recording: 47:13-50:43

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Ryan Gross-We have no evidence these iwi represent humans. SHPD has approved the plan for preservation in place. Planning to return to the council once the plan is completed.
- Vice-Chair Shafer- Asks council to review the documents.
- Traven Apiki – Clarifies that this is an inadvertent discovery, not a burial treatment plan.

C. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 50:45-1:02:06

- Traven Apiki- Will be following up with PL after the meeting.
- Mara Mulrooney-The kanu has yet to be scheduled. We’re awaiting an SIHP number.
- Chair Caceres-SHPD is dramatically understaffed. We’re borrowing Traven from Hawaii Island and because they’re understaffed they’re in non-compliance with timelines and consultation. Hope the Chair realized if we lose another burial site specialist we are screwed.
- Member Erhorn-What is the developers role in consultation
- Chair Caceres-SHPD bears the responsibility of notification
- Kamuela Kalai-Thank you for bringing this up. At this point our council is working beautifully but OIBC can’t do its job if SHPD isn’t there to help. There has to be a higher individual that can fix the situation before lawsuits start flying. Development gets put on hold and our kupuna are left in limbo. Believe that this needs to go to Dawn Chang and Josh Green to get it fixed. Even when SHPD was fully staffed, there was stuff going on behind closed doors. How does SHPD have so much power to move things along or stall them. Distressed to hear things have gotten worse.
- Member Ako-The staffing issue was brought up in executive session with Dawn Chang.
- Chair Caceres-Followed up with her and haven’t received a response. The archaeology branch is also just as overworked.

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

Recording: 1:02:07-1:03:03

- Traven Apiki- No updates. No SIHP number has been issued yet. Not certain what level of

consultation has already been conducted.

- Susan Lebo- She and Sam will work with Traven on this project.

E. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 1:03:04-1:19:00

- Traven Apiki- A site visit was made right after last months OIBC meeting. A determination was made to preserve in place. Work still needs to be done on the pile cap. Landowner and developer aware that their responsibility is to protect the iwi and inact the mitigation measures.
- Member Ako- Would like the Attorney General’s office to weigh in on this particular project. On this project the developer has ignored letters of determination. It is difficult to address enforcement without the AG office’s input.
- Traven Apiki – communicating heavily with them on this.
- Member Ako – acknowledges that SHPD is doing what they can, but the actions of the developer are ignoring the letter of determination. Action is needed.
- Chair Caceres – the archaeological monitor present on their site visit admitted to a violation. Portions of the burial were relocated without a letter of determination to the on-site curation unit. SHPD did not pursue a violation. Only a reminder was given. What are the consequences of things like this?
- Traven Apiki – explains the initial inadvertent discovery. Iwi were found in a scoop of dirt for the machine. Backfill was screened. The iwi found through the screening of the backfill were put in temporary curation. Traven had authorized the screening, and did not tell them they could relocate. It doesn’t necessarily mean though that a violation occurred. The reminder cited by the chair was regarding a different project.
- Chair Caceres – The project proponent cannot be allowed to interpret the law into what is most convenient for them. There are big inconsistencies with how this project has been dealt with and other projects.
- Vice-Chair Shafer – Believes that in instances such as this the AG should be notified and allowed to do their own investigation. They can come up with a determination on how we should move forward.
- Traven Apiki – BLNR holds the responsibility of determining whether a violation has occurred. He cannot find evidence that a violation occurred. The developer reached out to SHPD as they were supposed to. The iwi were in the temporary location for 48 hours before being returned.
- Chair Caceres – Expressed that this is inconsistent with the way other projects in the area have been treated. Why does this project get special exceptions?
- Traven Apiki – Says he cannot speak to how other projects under other burial sites specialists were handled in the past. This is the way he is handling it.
- Member Ako – Would like to have Kea (SHPD History and Culture Branch Chief) to regularly attend the OIBC meetings. We need him to understand the issues so he can take them up with his own boss.
- Chair Caceres – Was assured by Kea that the SOPs adhered to by SHPD regarding letters of determination would include individual consultations provided by members of the OIBC and recognized descendants. A recent letter did not include that.
- Traven Apiki – That’s not in the administrative rules or SOPs. Normally he would seek permission from descendants to share their names on a public document like that.

- Chair Caceres – His conversation with Kea was specific to this project. The first letter of determination specifically named descendants. The second letter of determination did not for some reason. Why is that inconsistent? Wants records to be consistent for the future.
- Traven Apiki – Will talk to Kea on that.
- Julian Ako – Empathizes with SHPD staff. Believes that they try and the issues come from other offices.

F. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 1:19:02-1:21:26

Chair Caceres recuses himself.

- Traven Apiki-No updates as far as I’m aware. All iwi are to be preserved in place. They are requesting SIHP numbers so letters of determinations can be made.
- Nick Belluzo – No updates. Plans to come back in January to present to the council.

G. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuioloa 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.

Recording: 1:21:27-1:22:34

Member Mills recuses himself.

- Nick Belluzo – The surveyor is out to redesign a stormwater drain that came close to a burial. Landowner is looking to create more of a buffer.

H. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 1:22:36-1:27:50

- Nick Belluzzo-6 iwi kupuna were identified in a pool. 3 were encountered prior to archaeological monitoring and they were disinterred after consultation with descendants. Two iwi kupuna in the sidewalls are looking to be preserved in place. The last one is in the middle of the pool, and the project proponents
- Alani-The DeSilva’s have been on site multiple times. The buffers that SHPD required was 18 inches from the sidewall and the project proponent has agreed to that. Going to meet tomorrow night as a group. DeSilva’s have said that is sufficient for them.....The other agreement from the project proponent is a site in the southeast corner of their property and being open to create a reinterment site for the iwi found on the property as well as the inadvertent discovery found on an adjacent property.

I. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 1:27:52-1:30:18

- Brennan Chambers-No updates on this project. Waiting on a location for a reinterment vault.
- Chair Caceres – asks Traven Apiki if this project was being investigated for a possible violation.
- Information is being collected to send to BLNR.

J. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 1:30:20-1:32:30

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Matt McDermott-We were waiting on 3 LOD’s at the last meeting. Since that time we’ve received a LOD for the May 28th discovery. Will be doing a site visit with Traven after this meeting about the other two discoveries.
- Member Ako-Asks if this is the same project that he made a site visit to.
- Matt McDermott- This is adjacent to that project.

K. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Launiu (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block A Project); Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:001.

Recording: 1:32:31-1:41:35

- Matt McDermott-This is another Howard Hughes project on the Diamond Head side. There were 2 inadvertent discoveries found. SHPD gave concurrence for screening of the back dirt pile. The first location is known to have been an area known for salt pans. The individual may have been disturbed when that salt pan was made in the early 1800s or early 1900s. May do a site visit with Traven today.
- Member Erhorn-Asks if they are contacting the cultural descendants.
- Matt McDermott- They are not. Howard Hughes is. They are trying to help the process along.
- Member Ako-Since November 12 there has been another discovery?
- Matt McDermott-On the 18th there was another discovery. The remains are in place and SHPD concurred with an investigation which was finished. We’re in consultation with descendants right now. The request for SIHP numbers is underway. The discovery was about a meter down.
- Chair Caceres-Believe Howard Hughes should send letters requesting additional time for a in so SHPD remains compliant with those rules.
- Member Ako – When we talk about consultation, what are the protocols on how that looks like? If there are none, then all kinds of things could be called consultation. Some kinds of consultation may go deeper than others.
- Chair Caceres – In his experience Howard Hughes goes above and beyond with this. 888 Alia does the opposite and leaves the burden on SHPD. It depends on the relationship that the project has with SHPD. In a situation like this where a Burial Sites Specialist from

another island is taking on the workload for an entire other island there is a problem. Will bring it up with Kea.

- Member Ako – This is an issue for the whole archipelago that needs to be addressed.

L. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discoveries of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains during implementation of HART HRTP City Center Archaeological Monitoring Plan, Halekauwila Street and Cooke Street; Nimitz Highway near Fort and Bishop Streets, various TMKs.

Recording: 1:41:36-1:43:56

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Matt McDermott- We discussed this at the last OIBC meeting. There are 4 inadvertent discoveries awaiting a letter of determination. The oldest goes back to December 30, 2024. That individual was complete and flexed and probably can be preserved in place. The other three are fragments in disturbed contexts. The request for the SIHP numbers will be put in soon. Gives locations of the remaining three individuals.
- Member Ehrhorn-SHPD has taken the lead with consultation in this case?
- Matt McDermott- Yes, HART has given some information to descendants for this, but Regina has taken the lead. Forwarded info to Traven yesterday.

M. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Pōka‘ī Bay, Wai‘anae Ahupua‘a, Wai‘anae District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 8-6-001:007.

Recording: 1:44:00-1:49:08

- Traven Apiki – No updates.
- Chair Caceres – Requests updates on where in the process this case is and who has taken temporary curation of the iwi.
- Traven Apiki – Glen Kila spoke with Traven, is temporarily curating the iwi. Trying to find a place to inter the remains.
- Chair Caceres – Will contact Inpeace about a possible location. The context of the discover is that there was a houseless person digging at Pōka‘ī bay who dug into the sand and found a skull and was walking around with it. Police were contacted, who then contacted DLNR. Reinterment at the original location is difficult since exactly where it was found is unknown.
- Member Erhorn – We should be able to inter it on public land at Pōka‘ī Bay though.
- Chair Caceres – Agrees to look into it.
- Traven Apiki – Notes that the individual government landowners would still need to give permission and coordinate.
- Chair Caceres – Mentions that distance from the water line at shore also matters.
- Traven Apiki – Agrees that this is sometimes the case and explains further the contexts in which that may occur.
- Member Erhorn – Landowners around the bay are state, city and federal.
- Chair Caceres – Asks if SHPD has been a part of identifying descendants.
- Traven Apiki – SHPD has only been part of one discussion with Glen Kila so far.

N. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park, Mākaha Ahupua‘a, Wai‘anae District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 8-4-001:008.

Recording: 1:49:10-1:50:50

- Traven Apiki – SHPD was notified on October 30th, Sam of Archaeology Branch went out the next day. Discovery was due to beach erosion. Glen Kila was granted temporary custody. A reinterment area is being sought out. A letter of determination was sent out.
- Member Erhorn – Asks who the landowner of the area is.
- Traven Apiki – Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu.
- Chair Caceres – That area is known for iwi appearing from beach erosion. Has visited the area before.
- Member Erhorn – Says that Mauna Lahilahi was formerly private land. Thinks it was transferred to the state. Perhaps they can help with this.

O. Discussion Regarding Letter from Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, dated November 28, 2025, Regarding Section 106 Consultation on the Cellular Vehicle-To-Everything (V2X) System.

Recording: 1:50:51-1:55:40

- Member Ako- There are a lot of letters in the packet from the US Government, unclear what our relationship is with them.
- Chair Caceres- This is a state project that is receiving federal funding and we are a consulting party.
- Susan Lebo- These are letters notifying the consultation project is beginning. HDOT has been delegated to carry out the consultation process for the federal government. At the end of the day, federal highways is responsible for the consultation. They are seeking to know who is an interested party to consult on the project and things involved. If you do want to provide manao, you can send them directly to them but its also good to send to us to make sure the comments were received and provide input on how those comments were addressed. They can be addressed to Jess as the administrator but be sure to put the project number on there.

P. Discussion Regarding Letter from Bowers + Kubota Consulting, Inc., dated November 25, 2025, Regarding HRS Chapter 343 Environmental Assessment Pre-Assessment Consultation for Public Land Acquisition and Improvements for Kāne‘ohe Property Project Located at 45-045 Kamehameha Highway, Kāne‘ohe Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu TMK: (1) 4-5-035:010.

Recording: 1:55:44-1:56:54

- No Comments

Q. Discussion Regarding Letter from Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, dated December 3, 2025, Regarding Section 106 Consultation on the Traffic Signal Modernization at Various Locations, Phase 4.

Recording: 1:56:58-1:57:35

- No Comments

R. Discussion Regarding Letter from Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, dated December 4, 2025, Regarding Section 106 Consultation on the Traffic Signal Modernization at Various Locations, Phase 4A.

Recording: 1:57:36-1:58:01

- No Comments

V. NEW BUSINESS

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

Recording: 1:58:02-2:00:35

- Chair Caceres-Recently received a response that the investigation is still on-going. Was told she will do what she can to speed things along.
- Member Erhart – Recalls being told that the investigation was completed and being proof-read.
- Chair Caceres- AG investigation concluded. DLNR opened an investigation of possible administrative violations. As a result SHPD can’t replace staff until the investigation is concluded. She has committed to monthly updates. Reached out to OHA compliance office to see if they can provide support.

B. Discussion and Approval of the Department’s Recommendation to Recognize the Applicant, 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.

Recording: 2:00:36-2:00:51

- Deffered to January, 2026 OIBC meeting.

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

Recording: 7:45-31:20

- Suzanne Boatman-Hawaiian dredging will be done prepping the site on Saturday and depends on how quickly they will get the aggregate in. Expecting about 30 truck loads a day. For safety reasons the pit area is being raised by 4 feet, compacted, and then dug into those areas to provide a more stable walking surface for those doing the reinterment. Several boxes have been placed and they continue today. 1, 7, and 10 the whole section will be a box....Anything done culturally prior to the entering the lua, participants must be in closed toed shoes, long pants, and long sleeves. There is a minimal amount of light required. Hard

hats and safety vests will be waived. There are two viewing windows that can be covered if needed. Two meetings ago descendants made a request to have the windows put in but black fabric can be lowered over the windows to keep locations private. Lani can be contacted for viewing if needed. The news story was the only way to relay information to the greater community. Many descendants have family buried there that haven't come forward and so this was the best way to provide the information to everyone. The reinterment will begin Monday.

- Chair Caceres-Thank you. Was present this morning at the church to prepare the kupuna for the reinterment.
- Suzanne Boatman-Kalehua has taken charge of that. We do maintain a chain of custody and have people present but Lani can put people in contact with Kalehua.
- Kamuela Kalai-Two things. Reburial is sacred. The fact that the church thinks its ok to let the greater community know what is going on this way, its hewa. If the church doesn't understand that, they need to consult with us first before they broadcast it across the world or install the windows. If a comment needs to be made, it can be said that this is a sacred event for the descendants that came forward. I only care about getting the kupuna reburied. Suzanne doesn't have obligation to anyone other than the kupuna that need to be buried. I'm offended that I have to hear about this from a friend who sent the story to me. If you want to make it right, consult with us first. The church is here because of decisions that their leadership made 15-20 years ago.
- Suzanne Boatman-You asked for a viewing area. The night of the kanu, that is how descendants can view. The date was never put out for the kanu until just moments ago. They were asked not to roll the footage until after the kanu. There won't be anymore news coverage until after the kanu. You'll have to decide whether you'll want to be a part of it and view it or not. This was a conscious decision based off recognized descendants requests.
- Kamuela Kalai-Don't put my name with this plexi glass who requested this. That is not what I meant. The damage is already done so fix it. Once you let reporters in, you don't have control over the story.
- Member Ako-I empathize with the challenges of working with media. Once you start with them, they will pursue their own agenda.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-Even with all the pilikia we have we are moving forward. Thank you.
- Chair Caceres-Would urge any descendants to reach out to Lani.

Discussion moves to Item IV. A.

D. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 2:00:57- 2:24:50

- Doug Hazelwood- They requested that this agenda item read a little differently. They are looking for consideration regarding temporary relocation of iwi kupuna. Last month he presented on this project requesting temporary relocation and the council asked for a plan to be brought forth this month for their consideration. Summarizes where the project is currently at in the process.
- Chair Caceres – asks which burials will be relocated.
- Doug Hazelwood – HSR-1 and HSR-4; fragmentary remains. Descendants approved.

Motions and vote (2:09:45)

MOTION: **To Amend Agenda to Add a Determination for Emergency Relocation of the iwi.**

MOVED BY: **Vice-Chair Shafer**

2ND BY: **Member Erhorn**

VOTE: **Motion carried unanimously**

- Member Erhorn – Suggests expanding the existing crypt rather than creating an additional one, which may help with costs.
- Doug Hazelwood- Concurs that it may be a good idea.
- Member Erhorn – Says that he has wondered why that idea has not already been implemented, is the existing crypt too small?
- Doug Hazelwood – The descendants requested that they not disturb the existing crypt.
- Chair Caceres - Was the line shifted?
- Doug Hazelwood – No.
- Chair Caceres – If HSR-1 and HSR-4 are to be disinterred to HSR-3, cant we just put those two burials in a vault?
- ***Unknown***- The line is very close to the remains.
- Doug Hazelwood – The plan to relocate HSR-1 and HSR-4 to HSR-3 was at the suggestion of the descendants. It could be possible to preserve in place though. There was a concern that heavy rains could affect the remains where they are.
- Chair Caceres- While he understands the descendants concerns, he is concerned that the iwi are being moved a long distance.
- Doug Hazelwood – The burials appear to be secondary deposits of fragments. There could be closer locations they could be taken too, but it would require more excavation.
- Member Ako- Asks what consultation looks like. How does it go about?
- Doug Hazelwood – The consultation is in the BTP. Posted legal notices in Ka Wai Ola o OHA and the Star-Advertiser. A website was created, referred to in the other communications. Sent emails and letters to about 40 people. This was the initial recruitment of consultants. Began in July, reached out to community. University also came to the OIBC at about the same time.
- Member Ako – Commends their efforts. Is concerned that some firms do things differently.
- Chair Caceres- When the proposal was made to the 13 cultural descendants...
- Doug Hazelwood – None of the comments were in writing. Keala Norman did suggest moving the crypt further away.
- Member Erhorn – Asks how far above sea level the bottom of the crypt is.
- Jason Lee – The water table is about 7 feet below ground. The bottom of the crypt is about three feet above that.
- Doug Hazelwood- The bottom of the crypt is 90 cm below the soil surface.
- Chair Caceres- Feels like consulting parties were given adequate time. Is comfortable with relocation as a permanent burial preserve.

Motions and vote (2:23:20)

MOTION: **To Make Determination for Emergency Relocation of HSR1 and HSR4 to a Crypt Adjacent to HSR3**

MOVED BY: **Member Erhorn**

2ND BY: **Member Mills**

VOTE: **Motion carried unanimously**

Discussion moves to Item V. M.

E. Discussion Regarding 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 District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-033:006.

Recording: 2:42:37-2:43:37

- Mara Mulrooney - Would like OIBC’s guidance on this project. Consultation is ongoing for the burial treatment plan. Will need to defer to next month’s meeting.
- Chair Caceres – All agenda items E through L will go into the top of next month’s agenda. Please send any needed documents two weeks before next month’s meeting.

F. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 2:43:38-2:43:56

- Mara Mulrooney-Can be removed from the agenda

G. Discussion Regarding Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts at Kualoa Regional Beach Park, Kualoa I Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-9-004:001.

Recording: 2:44:00-2:44:11

- No update

H. Discussion Regarding Pali Lanes Adaptive Reuse Project, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs (1) 4-2-038:020 and portions of 015, 034, and 045.

Recording: 2:44:13-2:47:09

- Alani Apio-There were finds of iwi kupuna after the fact of an AIS including iwi from two different infants. Descendants would like to preserve them in place as there appears to be a burial pit in the sidewall. Developer agreed and we’re meeting tomorrow night to finalize plans for the above ground burial site. Afterwards it will be written into a BTP for approval.

I. Discussion Regarding Addendum Archaeological Inventory Survey in Support of the Kīhāpai Place Development Project, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-058:065 and 066.

Recording: 2:47:12- 3:08:54

- Alani Apio – Gave a review of the background of the project. Originally started by Green Waters, who conducted an AIS. AIS was not properly conducted. SHPD required a do-over. Cultural Surveys Hawai‘i was hired to do that. During that phase a burial was identified. This new AIS was submitted to SHPD and approved, along with a Burial Treatment Plan. A

reburial ceremony was conducted. Green Waters went bankrupt. A part-owner of that company then bought the property. They built a retaining wall, and a new burial find was made. That developer also went bankrupt and never created a burial treatment plan. City then purchased the land for affordable housing. Tradwind Capital one the bid to develop it for them.

- Chris Fong – Recaps on the project. 42 units, two bedroom. Four stories tall. Leased to Tradewind Capital for 75 years. Hope to break ground by the end of 2026 and complete by 2028.
- Brennan – Provides timeline of the history of Archaeological investigation. Also added information about the current work being done on the property. Two isolated teeth discovered during screening. Alani Apio notified on June 24, 2025, who notified descendants. SHPD notified June 24, 2025. Teeth in temporary curation per consultation with descendants. Summarized the extent of the archaeological work. Presented a draft burial treatment plan. Consultants wish to reinter the teeth. The descendants wish to reinter iwi from SIHP 50-80-11-08819. A rock wall will be made around the burial preserve.

J. Discussion on the Draft Burial Treatment Plan for the Kīhāpai Place Development Project, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-058:065 and 066.

Recording: 2:47:12-3:08:54

Communication for this item was conducted under Item V.I.

K. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Proposed Olai Green Hydrogen and Solar Project, Honouliuli Ahupua‘a, ‘Ewa District, Island of O‘ahu TMK: (1) 9-1-031:001 and (1) 9-1-031:008.

Recording: 3:08:56-3:17:17

- Mara Mulrooney- Provided an informational update. Project will produce electricity, which can then be used to convert water into hydrogen and oxygen to be sold as fuel. Project area includes a portion of a historic trail. A U.S. army road formerly went through the area. Area was also used as a large feed lot operation for the meat industry. 20 previous archaeological studies in the area. Limestone pit features (some containing iwi) identified, military features, habitation features, and pre-contact cultural deposits. Will return with AIS testing strategy.

L. Discussion Regarding Supplemental Archaeological Inventory Survey for the City Center Portion of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 2-1-014, (1) 2-1-016, (1) 2-1-026, (1) 2-1-027, (1) 2-1-030, (1) 2-1-031, (1) 2-1-050, (1) 2-1-051, and (1) 2-1-052 (multiple parcels).

Recording: 3:17:18- 3:18:29

- Matt McDermott- Will send powerpoint to OIBC members.

Discussion moves to Item V. P.

M. Discussion Regarding the Recommendation of the O‘ahu Island Burial Council to Accept the Testimony Presented Regarding Native Hawaiian Burial Sites Located at Waikiki Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-7-011:008 and (1) 2-7-011:009.

Recording: 2:38:52-2:42:46

- Ke‘alohilani Wong – Submitted burial registration form to SHPD. Did site visit with SHPD (Samantha – Archaeology).
- Traven Apiki – Ke‘alohilani and Sam did a site visit, identified the exact locations of the burials. GPS points were taken. No archaeological evidence shows the presence of the burials. OIBC can make a motion to accept the burial registration.
- Vice-Chair Shafer leaves after the motion and vote for this agenda item.

Motions and vote (2:41:10)

MOTION: **To Make the Recommendation to the Department to Accept the Oral Testimony Provided Regarding the Location of a Burial Site**
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
2ND BY: Member Ako
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Discussion moves to Item V. E.

N. Discussion Regarding an Update on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council Recommendation to Give Recognition for Kanenelu Beach Park Burial Ground Located in Ka‘a‘awa Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olauloa District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-1-013:011.

Recording: 2:25:38- 2:38:55

- Traven Apiki- The council can recommend to SHPD to accept oral testimony about a burial site location, making the iwi previously identified. In September 2021 the council had Kanenelu Beach Park recognized as a burial site. Deputy AG decided that the way it was done was incorrect to the process. Part of the reason was the way the motion was worded. Part of it was that the exact locations of the burials were not known. Only a general location was given. What can be done is SHPD can create a plan to address future inadvertent discoveries.
- Member Mills – Glad to see proactive action being made.
- Traven Apiki – Other areas with coastal erosion are being examined. There is a coastal erosion working group.
- Vice-Chair Schafer- recalls times when heavy rain and erosion have caused problems
- Traven Apiki-OIBC does not need to take action on this.
- Member Erhart- Wants SHPD to present the final plan to the OIBC.
- Chair Caceres- brings up the sensitivity of an area in Kailua.
- Nick Belluzo – The O‘ahu Historic Preservation Commission has tried to identify an area in Kailua as nominally sensitive. Affects historic preservation review.
- Member Erhart – Why was the city able to consider this and DLNR is cautious about it?
- Chair Caceres- The process Nick has brought up is because the DPP does not need to send permits to SHPD under new legislation, whereas the Kanenelu iwi are naturally eroding out of the land.
- Vice-Chair Schafer- The issues are similar at Kualoa, where iwi are coming out of the ground.
- Traven Apiki- Regina had started working with descendants to address Kualoa, but he hasn't followed up yet.

- Member Ako – The Oahu Historic Commission is under the City and County and the OIBC is under DLNR. The agencies could be conflicting each other since they both have responsibilities to burials.
- We are losing quorum, can only receive updates and testimonies.
- Traven before Ben Schafer leaves can we recognize Kealohilani?

Discussion moves to Item V. E.

O. Discussion Regarding an Update on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council Recommendation to Give Recognition for Two Burial Areas Located at 49-051 Johnson Rd., Hakipu‘u Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-9-003:002.

Recording: 3:25:30-3:36:27

- Traven Apiki – In June, 2020 the Fukumitsu family was recognized as descendants to two individuals buried on the subject parcel. In October, 2020, the OIBC recommended recognition of the two burial areas. There were discrepancies on the locations of the burials based on multiple maps, so the action did not move forward. Part of the discussion at the time was done in executive session, so minutes are not available for that portion of the discussion.
- Kamuela Kalai – Was present for the previous meetings to recognize the burials and the descendants. Reviewed the history of how those meetings happened. Recommends that this item be on the agenda for next month.

Discussion moves to Item VII.

P. Discussion Regarding the Archaeological Inventory Survey for 68-617 Crozier Drive Mokulē‘a Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 6-8-004:005.

Recording: 3:18:30-3:25:24

- Nick Belluzo- Has presented on this before, there is additional information. Iwi were originally identified during an AIS. Property formerly under sugar. Did testing per SHPD requests. Requests that OIBC send him comments via email.

Discussion moves to Item V. O.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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 1:48PM

****THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 1/14/2026 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: Traven.apiki@hawaii.gov. Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: O'ahu Island Burial Council; 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 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. Public testimony for items listed on the agenda is strongly recommended to be limited to three minutes per agenda item. We ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking, but you can choose not to do so.

Pursuant to HRS § 6E-43.5(e), the council may hold a closed meeting if the location and description of a burial site is under consideration.

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

It is strongly recommended that any member of the public who requests for an item to be placed on a burial council meeting agenda must make this request with the Burial Sites Program staff at least two weeks preceding the scheduled meeting date. This request shall be accompanied by all related documents. Failure to comply with this procedure may delay the item to the following month's agenda.

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The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HRS § 6E-43.5(e). The Council may close a meeting whenever location or description of a Native Hawaiian Burial site is under consideration. The chairperson, by concurrence of a majority of members present at the meeting, shall be authorized to require the public to leave the meeting while the confidential matter is being discussed and reopen the meeting once the confidential matter is no longer being considered.

