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MINUTES
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026
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
Member Miller (Koolaupoko), Zoom

SHPD Staff:

Traven Apiki, Burial Sites Specialist

**Samantha Hemenway, Oahu
Archaeologist
Susan Lebo, Archeology Branch Chief
Tiare Estacion, Office Assistant**

At Board Room:

**Michelle Clark, CSH
Matt McDermott, CSH
Kalehua Caceres
Mana Caceres
Ena Sroat, Pacific Legacy
John, HART
Bronson Libed, JL Capital
Mike Vachio, JL Capital
Nick Belluzo, ASM Affiliates
Kauai Fernantez
Kealohilani Wong**

On Zoom:

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Kekua Norman
Makanani Bell
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Travis Nakamura
Alani Apio
Lani
Darren Flannigan
Kenneth Makuakane
Scott Belluomini
Kealohilani Wong
Mapuana DeSilva**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Shafer calls meeting to order at 10:03 AM

II. ROLE CALL/PULE

Member Mills conducts pule

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

III. MINUTES

Recording: 2:48-11:52

A. Approval of the Minutes for December 10, 2025

Motions and vote (2:55)

MOTION: To Approve the December 10, 2025 Minutes

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Ako

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

- Kamuela Kalai-Would like rules and responsibilities added back to the agenda so that the community can ask questions. Deputy attorney general interprets laws as black and white and concerns with iwi kupuna aren't always covered by the law.
- Traven Apiki-Explains that deputy attorney general's stated that the roles and responsibilities of the OIBC has to be a specific agenda item and not a broad item anymore.
- Kamuela Kalai-That's not pono. There should be notice given to the public that the item will be removed from the agenda. I think that it is an important part of the OIBC meeting because sometimes we have questions. The concern is that the deputy attorney generals and others who interpret these laws, they interpret it black and white. With Iwi Kupuna concerns, there is nuance that's not covered by the law which is why we have discussions about mālama kupuna.
- Chair Caceres-Because it wasn't on the posted agenda, we would be violating sunshine law if we discussed it any further. Was not aware that it was removed because of an objection made by the deputy attorney general. Hasn't received any communication from any deputy attorney general since October 2025. I will work with SHPD administrative staff to see if we can get more responsiveness from attorney general. It's not the attorney general's kuleana what is on the agenda, it's mine. Will work with the department to address this moving forward.
- Kamuela Kalai-Exactly. Questions why the deputy attorney general can make a determination to remove item off of the agenda that has been a discussion at the beginning and to remove it without informing the council or the public. We have enough issues with the deputy attorney generals not showing up to the meeting, but they have the power to remove a long-standing item from the agenda. Sometimes meetings run long and not everything gets discussed. This is upsetting to me, and I am willing to wait till next month to say what I needed to, but it will be longer. It's not fair and the people who suffer is the Kupuna.
- Chair Caceres-We're in total agreement with you and I understand your frustration so mahalo nui for your attendance.

- Vice-Chair Shafer-Asked if these items would still be added to the agenda since she expressed she will leave the meeting.
- Kamuela Kalai- Will be at the agenda item for the meeting.

Motion (10:07) and vote (11:36)

MOTION: To add items to the agenda: discussion regarding update on the OIBC recommendation to give recognition for two burial areas located at 49-051 Johnson Road and discussion regarding an update on the OIBC recommendation to give recognition for Kanealu Beach Park burial ground located in Ka'a'awa.

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Erhorn

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Introductions

IV. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

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

Recording: 11:52-12:20

- No updates

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: 12:22-13:06

Chair Caceres recuses himself.

- Traven Apiki- Burial site component accepted and iwi kupuna are being preserved in place. They are hoping to be finished by next week.

C. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 13:08-15:09

- Ena Sroat – We do not have an update per se, but we wanted to be here to answer any questions and remind everyone where we are in the process. Iwi Kupuna have been temporarily located in a space on the property which we have excavated to clear. Awaiting an SIHP number. The original iwi location has an SIHP number. As far as she knows there's no letter of determination.
- Chair Caceres – There was a letter authorizing the temporary relocation? Was there a letter of determination already issued?
- Ena Sroat– As far as I know there has not been a letter of determination but it was authorized at that time for the temporary relocation.
- Chair Caceres– Where is this on the priority list?
- Traven Apiki– This item ended up getting knocked down on my priority list.
- Chair Caceres – And just to clarify, is it only you working on burial sites program issues for the island of Oahu?
- Traven Apiki– Confirms.
- Chair Caceres–Would you say that because it's only you that that's partially impacting the timeline for this?
- Traven Apiki– For sure.

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

Recording: 15:11-16:54

- Traven Apiki– The reason why this is taking longer is because I have to go back and confirm the different consultations that have happened. I do have access to those emails now. I have been in contact with Doug Hazelwood, Regina has previously conducted consultation and made a determination via email, a reinterment site was agreed upon with iwi kupuna being relocated. SIHP's are being processed. Once processed, I can move forward with a letter of determination, and they can move forward with reinterment.
- Chair Caceres–Asks if the archaeology branch is still assisting with SIHP number distribution?
- Traven Apiki–Yes, Sam and Susan have been helping.
- Chair Caceres–Mahalo Nui Sam and Susan. What can we expect come next month?
- Traven Apiki–Next month I can expect the letter of determination can be issued. I can't speak as far as the reinterment.

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: 16:56-28:26

- Traven Apiki–Burial find #7 has been preserved in place. Mitigation measures have since been installed which include a layer of dirt between the iwi and the ¼ inch metal plate that was put on top of it which will eliminate air gaps that could collapse during future back filling. The Metal plate was installed to provide an extra level of protection and for notification for any future work that is done in the area. There was a redesign of the pile cap. All the work that had to happen on the side wall near the iwi has been raised up so the side wall is not going to be impacted.
- Chair Caceres–Asks what exactly was redesigned. Like the tie-in for the grade beam into that pile cap was raised higher? And would like to know if a letter of determination was issued for preserve in place.
- Traven Apiki–Yes to both questions.
- Chair Caceres–What about all the other inadvertent on the site? Is there any timeline for reburial?
- Traven Apiki–Hasn't asked but has been compiling back log of iwi kupuna that haven't been assigned SIHP's and have been working with other firms to see if list is complete. Majority of the inadvertent on this site have been assigned SIHPs.
- Chair Caceres–What progression should we see with the other interments that are currently in the curation unit on site?
- Traven Apiki– I can at least have updates on everything.
- Chair Caceres–Could we possibly follow up on when they expect reinternment?
- Member Ako–Has anything been done to reunite what has been found?
- Chair Caceres–About a few days later they reunited portions of the kupuna from the curation facility.
- Kalehua Caceres–Wants to ensure of any preventative or precautionary measures that SHPD is going take to ensure that Kino will not be separated.
- Traven Apiki–In this case with it being an inadvertent, they were already separated. They screened the pile and were waiting for authorization. I had to check who provided authorization. Not sure where or why it was moved to temporary curation. Moving forward I would like to see them kept together.
- Kalehua Caceres–I guess what I'm hearing is you have massive workload and that is impacting Iwi. Needs assurances that developers or project proponents are not acting independently. That's absolutely unacceptable. There's no reason why the kupuna that was found in the back pile could not be temporarily curated with the other kupuna already. Wants compliance, not just saying “Don't do that again” but needs some kind of fine. Wants accountability. Wants to make sure it doesn't happen again.
- Traven Apiki–Says that it makes it easier on SHPD that there's only one person with the responsibility now.
- Member Ako–Wants to ensure enforcement.
- Chair Caceres–Is there anything that the OIBC can do to facilitate any assistance? Asked for help from the compliance office at OHA and sent an email to the governor's office. We've already seen what happened when SHPD employees are burnt out. Is there anything that you see in your role to cover?
- Traven Apiki–Our administrator was able to get 89-day hire positions approved which an Oahu Burial Sites Specialist is included in that. If you know anyone who's interested, have them attend the meeting and submit an application.

- Chair Caceres—Will speak to OHA and see if we can get it in the newspaper.
- Kamuela Kalai—This speaks to so much on the systemic failure of SHPD. Where is the attorney general today? So we can ask questions directly and get answers. In the meantime, our kupuna are at risk. The rest of the work is being done by the community.

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: 28:29-31:49

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Nick Belluzzo—Got a determination from SHPD, SHPD determined preservation in place for all six kupuna was appropriate. On Friday we finalized all of the preservation measures in coordination with the Kuku Burial Committee. This was a combination of five sided concrete vaults and metal plates to ensure their permanent preservation.
- Member Erhorn—You said the lwi will be preserved in place?
- Nick Belluzzo—There were six kupuna preserved in place. Near pad two there was a disturbed layer of small fragments that I likely think belongs to one of the individuals preserved in place. So, these small fragments were isolated. We had permission from SHPD to reinter those within the burial preserve. There’s still one additional fragment that we need to get a determination letter for, but these are from an inter-mixed layer. Of the six individuals, three of these individuals were intact and the other three were disturbed likely from World War 2 grading activity but it was enough concentration that we treated them like an intact burial so those six were all preserved in place.

G. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 31:52-37:21

- Nick Belluzzo—This one isn’t quite resolved yet. Waiting on determination letter from SHPD because of additional information needed. One intact kupuna was found during installation of storm water drain. There were fragments discovered by the bridge in a disturbed layer, we recovered those fragments which are stored securely on site. We consulted with Kamehameha Schools. While it’s an HDOT project, it is on Kamehameha Schools land. They requested to see how far that storm water drain could be shifted. It took a while to get that resurveyed and redesigned. There needs to be further dialog between Kamehameha schools and engineers on what the appropriate installation looks like.

- Trever Duarte–Mahalo everyone for conversation that's been going on thus far for this iwi kupuna. Haven't been able to get anything from HDOT and awaiting to have those discussions.
- Chair Caceres–Asks if the kupuna on this project have all received SIHP numbers? Or are you waiting on that as well?
- Nick Belluzzo–I don't think we have an SIHP number for the kupuna near the storm water drain.
- Susan Lebo–Will follow up on that.
- Chair Caceres- I'll take a note of that. Asks if there will be an update by next month's meeting or if this is going to be a prolonged discussion?
- Nick Belluzzo–There's two levels of project engineers. HDOT, SHPD and Kamehameha Schools. If the engineers at HDOT are comfortable with getting on a teams meeting to get it figured out.
- Chair Caceres–Because this is occurring in the Waialua district and we don't have a Waialua representative, If I could be included in the discussions. Do you have any recognized descendants that have come forward to provide consultation?
- Nick – Nobody has come forward. I reached out to SHPD and they didn't have anybody from that particular ahupua'a. They were going to consult their files, but I haven't heard back. I checked with Kamehameha Schools, and I don't think they're aware of anyone.
- Chair Caceres-If both myself and Ben Shafer be included on that and we can provide whatever assistance and consultation.
- Vice-Chair Shafer–I would like to go out next time you go.

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: 37:22-43:23

- Nick Belluzzo–This was an unmonitored pool construction that encountered iwi kupuna. We hand shoveled the entirety of the pool. We identified six individuals. Three individuals had been heavily impacted by the excavator. In consultation with the descendants and with SHPD, I disinterred three individuals with support from uncle Kihei and Aunty Mapuana DeSilva. The other three, two were in the side wall of the pool and one was in the center of the pool. We worked with Alani and tried to redesign the pool so that there could be preservation in place for that one individual. Once I excavated and found the extent of the burial, I realized that we couldn't do that from a safety perspective. We consulted with the descendants and last Thursday, with uncle Kihei and Aunty Mapuana we disinterred that fourth individual. Those four individuals are with the DeSilva's now prepping for reinterment. We do have a site number for it and treated it as a cluster so there is only one site number. We are still waiting for a site number for the reinterment site but there is a designed preserve. It's not on the agenda, but next door was the same situation, and the neighbor was willing to take the individuals and put them with the others on that property.

- Alani Apio-We literally were there yesterday afternoon to mark up the proposed burial site. Spoke to Kihei and will give the dimensions for all of the Hina'i Lauhala and match that up with the size of the current plans 5feet x 4feet lua that's 1 ½ foot deep. The intention is to reinter next Friday night. The only detail is do we have enough room at the moment, or do we need to open it up more with square footage? Which I think the homeowners would be fine with.
- Chair Caceres-I want to thank the Propers Ohana for being willing to reinter the kupuna from their neighbor's property into theirs.
- Alani Apio-I totally agree. The wife is Kanaka. Taking the time to talk with them they realize that the DeSilva's and descendant groups are willing to help. Right now, we are at a very good place from an emotional and spiritual standpoint. They are going to create a pool with iwi protected in place above and on the sides. I've already selected the pōhaku that will go up above the iwi that will be protected on the side walls. All and all a really great outcome.
- Chair Caceres-Asks if all Kupuna have letter of determinations?
- Nick Belluzzo-Nodded yes

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: 43:27-54:06

- Chair Caceres-This is a lot of iwi kupuna, do they have SIHP numbers yet?
- Traven Apiki-I do not know, I'd have to go check. IA will be here next month.
- Chair Caceres- Asks if he heard anything regarding reinterment?
- Traven Apiki-No
- Chair Caceres-Any mana'o from the kaiāulu?
- Kamuela Kalai-Ae. Is this the site where 100 iwi kupuna bones were crushed by machines?
- Chair Caceres-Yes
- Kamuela Kalai-Is there an update on what happened to all those kupuna? Were they able to gather them and put them some place respectfully?
- Chair Caceres-I spent several months screening through material and collected thousands of individual fragments, and they are currently in curation on site. That's the only information we have. We know that there was some sort of investigation, we haven't heard anything about if the investigation is concluded and what the results were. There was a stop work order issued by SHPD and it looked like there were more iwi kupuna that were crushed after the stop order was issued.
- Kamuela Kalai-I just wanted to give my heartfelt gratitude to you Makoā. Just hearing about it is so distressing. Mahalo nui for taking the time to mālama these kupuna.
- Nick Belluzzo-Introduced himself as Vice-President of the Society of Hawaiian Archaeology. Asks if there is an active investigation. I would just like to indicate that the Society of Hawaiian Archaeology would be interested in the results of

- that and that the burial council use their abilities to make sure there is an investigation that is conducted and completed. Not just opened and disappears.
- Chair Caceres–To clarify, anybody from SHPD, there is an investigation correct?
 - Traven Apiki–There's stuff happening, and that's all I can say.
 - Susan Lebo–We have compiled information regarding what we know about all the actions that have happened there, what information was provided by DPP and I don't know where we are in the overall process at this point.
 - Chair Caceres–So if the OIBC wanted to follow-up because this is similar to another investigation where these iwi kupuna, the OIBC geographical representative is legally obligated to be consulted on their treatment. If we wanted to follow-up, should we go to the attorney general or the administrator?
 - Susan Lebo–If your question are about what actions SHPD is taking then I would ask the SHPD administrator. If your question is for the attorney general and what actions they are doing then I would go to the attorney general.
 - Member Ako–Was a formal request made to have the deputy attorney general at this meeting?
 - Chair Caceres–I have not gotten any response from the attorney general's office since back in October, but it might be in September. But they're well aware that it's always the second Wednesday of every month.
 - Member Ako–That's problematic for the record. I and hopefully others are concerned that these types of issues come up related to enforcement and we don't have anybody who is part of the enforcement present to hear the discussion.
 - Kamuela Kalai– Mahalo Nui Julian. Every meeting you bring this up about where's the attorney general. So, it is problematic, that's why we have so many problems that go unresolved because there is nobody here to answer questions about what the law says, what enforcement is supposed to be doing. We're just left in the void to make sure we can do what we can do. It deserves public transparency. Mahalo for advocating for that. We all want to do better as much as possible.
 - Member Ako–Actually Makoā, my bigger issue is enforcement, whenever we can get the attorney general here to talk about enforcement power that's a high priority. The enforcement issue needs to be addressed.
 - Member Shafer–Mr. Chair, I think you and I should go down there in person with whatever issues that they need to address on these agenda items.
 - Chair Caceres–In agreement with Member Shafer
 - Member Shafer–We probably want to meet with SHPD as well.
 - Chair Caceres–Says that SHPD hasn't answered emails either.

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: 54:07-55:52

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Matt McDermott—Received letters of determinations for outstanding inadvertent discoveries and treatment will be implemented soon. Howard Hughes has developed a testing strategy to investigate the area before construction that will be implemented relatively soon. Had plan submitted to SHPD and Traven just yesterday approved it.

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: 55:54-1:04:35

- Matt McDermott—This is two inadvertent discoveries from November, small fragments that were found in a disturbed context. Howard Hughes sent out an information deck to the recognized descendants from Kakaako, they’re starting to get input back from that that is being sent to SHPD. Awaiting the letters of determinations.
- Chair Caceres—Asks at what point the information deck was sent out to cultural descendants for review?
- Matt McDermott—In early December.
- Chair Caceres—If it was sent out around early December and the consultation information is only now being sent out to SHPD and its early January. The burden of consultation falls on SHPD while acknowledging SHPD’s understaffing and the issues that exist there, in the meantime this kupuna have been waiting in this limbo state. Speaking on behalf of myself, my concern is that the that the timeline of using this consultation deck, the iwi kupuna are in limbo. What were the interim protective measures in place?
- Matt McDermott—Fairly standard. They were covered with plywood; individual boxes were made to cover them. They were covered with tarps. These are close to the water table, so pumps are in place to keep the water from rising. But if there’s a feeling among the descendants that the current process is not working, I’m sure they’re willing to pivot. The time period between when the burials are found and when the treatment decision is made, it’s getting longer.
- Chair Caceres—It’s near the water table and its winter season, it can lead to flooding and mold growth. I brought this up with Howard Hughes. This timeline that has been implemented might have worked in the past, but I think maybe this discussion needs to be revisited because that timeline isn’t the most respectful and is definitely not in accordance with the administrative rules. If it’s gonna be any longer, I suggest that a letter of request be provided to SHPD.
- Traven Apiki—I do know there’s a concern about who the consultation is done with. It is in the administrative rules that SHPD needs to make sure a consultation is done, it doesn’t define how that is done. With them doing the consultation I personally have no issues with that, I do need to go back and verify all the consultation that’s been done. Once I can verify all that then I can move forward with that.

- Chair Caceres-Is there any way that there's a middle ground between the consultation deck? I've seen the consultation that Howard Hughes has done, and the information they hold is invaluable. I do think the consultation deck has value it's just the amount of time of preparing the consultation deck, giving time for descendants to review and then SHPD issuing a letter of determination. Maybe this is an ongoing discussion with SHPD, the geographical representative and the developer to see what we can do to minimize the timeline.
- Matt McDermott-When we send the information to descendants, you have to be respectful of their time, find that balance.
- Chair Caceres-While he understands that we want to be respectful of everyone's time; the only people's time he's concerned about is the kupuna's.
- Mana Caceres-I didn't see anything in my opinion that deemed the kupuna to be in imminent harm by being preserved in place. My family and I are requesting preserve in place for this kupuna.

L. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 1:04:38-1:07:04

Chair Caceres recuses himself.

- Matt McDermott-There were four inadvertent discoveries that were waiting letter of determinations. The oldest is slightly over a year ago that is from December 30, 2024, that is at the corner of Coral and Halekauwila Street. HART redesigned the light fixture, and it can be preserved in place. I've been working with Traven, and we can expect the letter of determination soon. There was one on July 9th and a separate one on July 29th near Halekauwila street within a gas line, disturbed remains in a disturbed context. There's been consultation with cultural descendants through HART and there's been some from SHPD. We're having a cultural descendant meeting for the HART project on January 21st. Traven wanted to hear input on what appropriate treatment would be. The last one is on Nimitz Highway off Bishop Street. It's small fragments within a disturbed context. Traven is working on the letter of determination for those. Relocation to the Chinatown station would be the most likely but Traven wanted to wait on mana'o of cultural descendants.

M. Discussion Regarding 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.

Recording: 1:07:09-1:08:31

- Traven Apiki- No updates.

- Chair Caceres—I have been in discussions with the landowners in Waianae moku, it's not necessarily in the same ahupua'a. Waiting on possible reinterment site for all of the inadvertent discoveries in the area. Hopefully will have another update in February.

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: 1:08:34-1:11:37

- Member Erhorn—From your previous comments. Would these individuals go here?
- Chair Caceres—All of these kupuna from agenda item M and N are temporarily housed at a recognized descendants house and he's been unable to secure any specific plot for reinterment and had sought help from SHPD. All of the iwi kupuna for M and N would be used for both.
- Mana Caceres—I'm sure the council is aware of the Facebook post from Maunalahilahi Beach Park of someone calling out the lāhui and iwi protectors saying that he had to go recover iwi at the beach but you could tell from the footage behind him that he was actively digging up iwi from the beach. It wasn't like he went to the beach and was collecting iwi that was being eroded you could tell that he had a stack of Lauhala Hinai and a trowel. I don't believe he showed any iwi in the video, but you could tell that he was digging and chasing and trying to find iwi. I would like to put that on OIBC and SHPD's radar. That kind of behavior is irresponsible and the opposite of mālama iwi. Hopefully something can be done about it. That type of behavior should be not only frowned upon, it's illegal and something should be done about it.
- Traven Apiki-SHPD is aware of this, and we did contact DOCARE.

O. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Jefferson Elementary School, Waikīkī, Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu. TMK: (1) 2-6-029:002

Recording: 1:11:40-1:12:55

- Traven Apiki—Fencing was being installed. Iwi were found; they are all being preserved in place from two different areas. The letter of determination already has been issued, and the burial site component is currently being drafted.
- The archaeology firm will be at next month's meeting, and the iwi were found while digging for the holes for the fence post.

P. Discussion Regarding Letter From UH West O'ahu, Dated December 17, 2025, Pertaining to an Update on Consultation and Intent to Submit NAGPRA Notice of Inventory Completion.

Recording: 1:12:57-1:14:00

- Traven Apiki—I believe there was someone from UH West Oahu that was going to be on this meeting for that.
- Council decided to move onto next agenda item as representative from UH West Oahu was not present at this time.

Q. Discussion Regarding Letter from City and County of Honolulu, Dated November 29, 2025, Pertaining to Section 106 Consultation on Computerized Traffic Control Systems, Phase 16.

Recording: 1:14:02-1:14:25

- No comments.

R. Discussion Regarding Letter from Bowers + Kubota, Dated January 7, 2026, Regarding Section 106 Consultation Pertaining to State Hawai'i Public Housing Authority's 2025 Environmental Review Project.

Recording: 1:14:28-1:15:05

- Member Shafer – My only comment is that this is in Waialua.
- No other comments from anyone at this time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 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: 1:15:09-1:41:42, 2:05:27-2:05:59

- Traven Apiki—In June 2020 the Fukumitsu Ohana was recognized as lineal descendants to two individuals buried on this parcel. In October 2020, the council motioned to give recognition to two burial areas, the same ones they were given descendancy to. SHPD followed up on councils request to recognize it as a burial site and after reviewing it, recognition was never given because it doesn't fall under the prevue of the council to identify a burial area as outlined at HRS § 13-300-31(2) and (3) and there wasn't enough evidence showing the specific area of the burial, it's just a general area. Just like the situation of last meeting, the difference was that they had the exact location of where the burials were as opposed to "somewhere on this property". There are technicalities, the motion that was made was for the OIBC to recognize it as opposed to make a recommendation. It's clear that the recommendation was made by the OIBC to SHPD for that. So, the only hold up now would be working with the ohana for the exact location, if there's more documentation that can be produced that shows

where they are on this parcel or this area then it's something that I can move forward with.

- Chair Caceres–Aunty Kamuela, given that this is the same update, is there any mana'o you would like to give?
- Kamuela Kalai–Traven I appreciate your update especially since you were not here when these presentations were being made. I'm hoping that one or two members from family Fukumitsu can join us but they're working right now. I'm not sure where you are getting your information from. The exact location was very well documented. This ohana did their homework and their research and produced the exact location of these burials. It's been questioned because I know one site visit, Trisha Watson who was working for John Morgan Kualoa Ranch at the time said "there's no proof that there's any burials here that's all here-say". This is ohana that came forward because these burials were being inundated with sewage water that John Morgan was trying to replace. They have pictures and videos. I have seen these presentations many times, this ohana came to multiple meetings over a course of over a year. Summer Fukumitsu was asked to give a google drive of Mo'okuauhau, their maps, their testimony to SHPD also being aware of not trusting SHPD with this information. I know there was at least one site visit where at least some OIBC members went down to visit this site. Regina said to the family that she would make it a priority that these burials were protected at least with a buffer zone. That never happened. All that happened is this got filed in someone's file five years ago. I'm not sure the best way to address this, if it is even something the OIBC can address other than giving another recommendation and forwarding it to SHPD. who at SHPD is this going to address this? I'm going to continue to pursue this until ohana can come and speak for themselves. This is important to them. I have asked them if I can bring this to the council for them. If documentation is needed then I suggest SHPD go look on the drive to see if it's there. I'm not gonna let this go until someone does something to protect these burials.
- Traven Apiki–I wasn't there five years ago so I can't speak to what's happened. The information I have is what I could pull from notes, from meeting minutes, and further updates from OIBC meetings. I don't have access to that drive. Regina was good about protecting any genealogy information. I haven't heard back from the ohana yet but I'm willing to look into this again. I just haven't heard back from anyone about it. I did talk to John Morgan. He said there's no plans that he knows of for ground disturbance.
- Susan Lebo– Just to follow up with Traven. The archaeology branch does have some info. We'll make sure to forward the information to Traven but we don't have the genealogy.
- Vice-Chair Shafer–So you have the drive?
- Susan Lebo–Our office is under renovation so I can't tell you exactly where Regina's documentation is, but we will send Traven what we have.
- Mana Caceres–I want to support what Aunty Kamuela has stated. I was on the council at that time and attended the site visit she was referring to, it was a bunch of their ohana, it was me and another member of the council at the time. We did have two representatives from SHPD at that site visit it was Lesley laukea and

- Ka'ahiki Solis and I can affirm that at that site visit that the family did point out the location of the burials.
- Member Ako—This really relates to procedures across the pae aina. This is the kind of thing that having Kea here for I think is important. Because this sort of thing that relates to known burial sites is not only on Oahu, it's elsewhere.
 - Vice-Chair Shafer—Mr. Chair I would go with you folks to this meeting. Why don't we set up a meeting with Traven and the Fukumitsu's. Is that okay with you?
 - Kamuela Kalai—I'm fine with it. Like I said, the Fukumitsu ohana is very busy. I'm hoping they can attend, at least one member. I would appreciate that greatly.
 - Vice-Chair Shafer—We'll coordinate it. Traven, you and the Fukumitsu's.
 - Susan Lebo—The archaeology branch had two staff members that attended the earlier site visit and we would like to attend this one so we can help create the map documenting the burials.
 - Member Erhorn—Don't they have this burial site located on a USGS map?
 - Kamuela Kalai—They may, I'm not sure.
 - Member Erhorn— As I recall, there was a USGS map. Aren't they lineal descendants of these burial sites?
 - Kamuela Kalai—Absolutely. They have been recognized as lineal descendants.
 - Member Mills—I recall that map as well that Chuck is talking about from the 1800's.
 - Chair Caceres—Shouldn't there be a recording of this? If this was presented at an OIBC meeting. There isn't a recording?
 - Traven Apiki—I've seen that map that you're talking about. The recording, I'm not sure if there's video recording from 2020. I'm not sure when video recording started.
 - Chair Caceres—If it was 2020, it was a zoom meeting. It would've been COVID so there should've been a zoom meeting of it.
 - Kamuela Kalai—Yes, absolutely.
 - Traven Apiki—It should be on our website. I believe that the reason why this portion is not is because it was a closed session.
 - Kamuela Kalai—No, it wasn't a closed session. I remember being there. I've seen the presentation in an open meeting.
 - Chair Caceres—I have a clarifying question, if we go on this site visit and we already know that the Fukumitsu's can point to the exact location, and they have a map that multiple people in this meeting can recall, beyond that, what further is required to meet the standards of registering a burial site?
 - Traven Apiki—It's at the departments discretion whether it would be accepted or not.
 - Member Erhorn—I remember their presentations and their frustrations presented by the Fukumitsu's, they were at three or four meetings and then they disappeared. Just before that happened, we took a vote of support of what they requested.
 - Traven Apiki—As far as I know, we don't have a SOP for accepting places of burial site through oral testimony. But we do have common case law that allows for oral testimony for this specifically. Going back to last month, there was information that was presented, I see no reason why it shouldn't be moved forward.
 - Member Erhorn—Believes OIBC should formally reach out to this family.

- Traven Apiki–Reached out to Fukumitsu family via email.
- Chair Caceres–Will try to reach out to the ohana.
- Member Ako–Would like to know if SHPD has a database where you can search for minutes.
- Traven Apiki–Not for this island. A system was created for the Big Island but doesn't think that it can be done.
- Kamuela Kalai–I'm not too sure how Kapakahi the record keeping is for the OIBC. Knows that approving minutes was a big issue. Wonders how minutes and videos disappeared and hopes someone will look into it. Says that just speaks to the systemic failure of SHPD. Asks if everyone could have a little patience. Will speak to Summer and Kolea. Suggests OIBC and SHPD staff need to meet them and be on the property. They couldn't come to any more meetings because of Kuleana.
- Chair Caceres- Assures Kamuela that he will be there.

B. Discussion Regarding an Update on the O'ahu Island Burial Council Recommendation to Give Recognition for Kananelu 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: 1:41:44-2:05:26

- Traven Apiki–September 2021 the OIBC approved the recommendation to deem Kananelu Beach Park as a previously known burial site after review from past deputy attorney general, Linda Chow, the council's recommendation does not follow HRS § 13-300-31 process and cannot move forward. SHPD will see if recommendation meets state law. If the recommendations meet the state statues and administrative rules, it will move forward. If it does not, then it will not go anywhere. The deputy attorney general said that it does not follow, and it did not move forward. The reason being probably the same where the exact place was not identified. There is documentation that goes back to the 1800s that show that there are burials in the area. I did do a site visit to go look, they did have multiple inadvertent discoveries, I believe Honua consulting was the firm. There's a burial site component that was made as well. Essentially, the idea was to create a plan that would be an addendum to an existing burial site component that would address future discoveries, allow for monitoring by descendants, authorization would be given for curation, they could establish a reinterment site. Erosion is a big part of this. Hasn't heard back from anybody.
- Vice-Chair Shafer–Keep me posted. I want to be added to this one.
- Chair Caceres–Asks if this could be something that could set precedence for coastal erosion?
- Traven Apiki–I feel like I've been pushing the boundaries of what SHPD has done in the past. Past branch chiefs have wanted future discoveries addressed in burial site components. Jordan (SHPD History & Culture Branch Chief) wants to find a way to deal with erosion. Theoretically yes. In creation of this, I am still looking into burial laws.

- Chair Caceres—So it would be similar with a site visit with recognized descendants, OIBC members, SHPD staff, and Kupuna?
- Traven Apiki—I doubt that it would happen in this case because it's a whole beach park
- Chair Caceres—Asks how this would work? With Honokahua beach park? We knew it was an entire area, it was all sand dunes that contained human remains it was documented in mo'olelo. Even a place such as Honokahua could not be recognized as a burial space?
- Susan Lebo—Has no insight. Does know that in some cases there is a map and we've relied on that. It does happen on other islands as well.
- Chair Caceres- So short of any administrative changes to the rules, this addendum to the burial site component would be the best course of action?
- Kamuela Kalai—Not asking for an entire beach park to be recognized. There are three distinct burials that have had multiple iwi kupuna taken out because of erosion. That first iwi kupuna discovery contained two adults and three babies. Explains the two different sites and the processes that they took to protect the iwi.
- Chair Caceres—If we do an addendum to the burial site component? How long is that process? While we figure out if it is a burial ground. Feels that the possible addendum to the burial site component is a faster approach. What is the timeline.
- Traven Apiki—For the department it's fairly quick. There needs to be agreement between descendants. Will find that email and send it to Chair Caceres.
- Vice-Chair Shafer—Asks if he can get a copy of that email too.
- Chair Caceres— ill work with Traven on what that would look like. Not sure what else as the OIBC they can do with this.
- Member Ako—This for me raises an issue about the agenda. If we can make sure that the minutes for last month's meeting gets addressed.
- Kamuela Kalai—Asks in the event there is an iwi kupuna issue? Do we call Traven?
- Traven Apiki—Informed everyone that Samantha Hemenway (Oahu Archaeologist) is who needs to be called.
- Member Mills—Shows map of burial from previous agenda item A. Says it was sent to the council.
- Chair Caceres—Wants to make sure Traven gets a copy of that.

C. 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: 2:06:15-2:07:50, 2:08:29-2:08:53

- Ena Sroat–We are currently in the process of burial treatment consultation. Given that it is an ongoing process and in respect of the individuals. I would like to request a closed session.

10-minute break was taken at this time at 12:11PM, Meeting opened again at 12:20PM

MOTION: To move meeting into closed session

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

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

Recording: 2:08:55-2:11:40

- Chair Caceres-Is there anybody here to discuss?
- Mara Mulrooney–We've been assisting Parks and Recreation with regular site inspections. As part of our contract with them, we've been assisting with curation and site inspections. We're currently working with end of year summaries that were identified in 2024 and 2025. There are a number of iwi that need to be reinterred.
- Member Erhorn–where are they going to be reinterred?
- Mara Mulrooney–Theres an existing vault and an existing burial treatment plan. There have been changes to cultural descendants who have been active at Kualoa. That's SHPD's responsibility to consult with them.

E. 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: 2:11:42-2:13:39

- Chair Caceres-Is there anyone to present on this agenda item?
- Brittany Enanoria-Burial notifications were placed in the star advertiser in December and the January issue of Ka Wai Ola and we've also reached out to OHA. Consultations are also ongoing with the Kailua cultural descendant group, Kailua Kau a Ho‘oilo. There haven't been any major comments. The descendants are planning to meet in the next week or so to discuss preservation in place.
- Alani Apio–We (Alani, descendant group, CSH) to meet within the next couple of weeks. We have the burial site designated; we have a plan for the site. As soon as we can confirm with landowner where it's going to be, what it's going to look like, we will move forward with reinterment and then building the above ground site.

F. 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: 2:13:40-2:15:05

- Chair Caceres-Is there anyone here to present on this agenda item?
- Traven Apiki–No update
- Alani Apio–We got word from Traven that a letter of determination will be given in the next week for the inadvertent discovery and then with that we can put together all of the documentation to put the burial treatment plan for final review and approval.
- Chair Caceres–So you're reissuing a letter of determination? This is the one that was originally preserved in place and now they're requesting relocation?
- Alani Apio–No. There is one inadvertent that has been preserved in place, but the letter of determination wasn't ever given.

G. 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: 2:15:06-2:15:42

- Alani Apio-Awaiting letter of determination from SHPD

H. 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: 2:15:43-2:17:20

- Mara Mulrooney–Presentation provided last meeting, but quorum was lost. No update other than the design and consultation is in progress for the AIS and CIA.

I. 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: 2:17:23-2:28:14

Chair Caceres recuses himself

- Matt McDermott–Discussed supplemental AIS testing results. AIS was done between 2022-2024 and was accepted in July 2024. They met with OIBC in December 2025 and January 2025. The reason for supplemental AIS, a major

AIS was done, the yellow dotted line is the reason which was the utility re-route. They redesigned the columns that's supporting the rail. The work was August 2024 through October 2025. There was already an original AIS. They did find six archaeological historic properties, buried sub surface layers.

Meeting entered closed session at 1:21PM, Meeting reopened at 1:32PM

Motion and vote (2:28:15)

MOTION: To move meeting into closed session

MOVED BY: Member Erhorn

2ND BY: Member Ako

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

- I. Updates Regarding Communication with Chair Dawn Chang Pertaining 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: 2:28:29-2:30:07

- Traven Apiki—No updates.
 - Chair Caceres—There is a new interim chair. Sending aloha and pule to Dawn Chang. Will be reaching out to Ryan Kanakaole. I have not received updates since November. DLNR was doing their best to see that this comes into conclusion.
 - Member Erhorn—I'd like to see this move along, I will be off the council in July and would like to see this come through a full circle.
- J. Discussion and Approval of the Department's Recommendation to Recognize the Applicant, Trisha Kehaulani Watson Sproat, as a Cultural Descendant 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.**

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Recording: 2:30:10-2:33:20

- Chair Caceres-Applicant previously requested this agenda item to be deferred until she can come before the council.
- Member Ako–Wanted to propose a motion to approve her as a descendant. The reason why we were deferring it was to give her the opportunity to be involved in other inadvertent in the ahupua’a. She’s been participating in consultation for the Waikiki aquarium but if she wants to participate in any future inadvertent then she needs to go through the new process.
- Traven Apiki-She wanted to extend her application.
- Chair Caceres-The attorney general said that they had to come before the council if they were agendized.

Motion 2:31:40, vote 2:33:14

MOTION: To Recognize Trisha Watson Sproat as a Cultural Descendant to the iwi kupuna at the Waikiki Aquarium.

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

K. Discussion and Approval of the Department’s Recommendation to Recognize the Applicant, Kealohilani Wong, as a Cultural Descendant to Family Burials, SIHP # 50-80-14-10253, -10284, -10285, and -10286, Located at Waikiki Ahupua’a, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 2-7-001:008.

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Recording: 2:33:21-2:34:08, 2:34:20-2:34:34

Motion and vote (2:33:53)

MOTION: To move meeting into closed session

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Erhorn

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting entered closed session at 1:39PM

MOTION: To Recognize Kealohilani Wong as a Lineal Descendant

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
2ND BY: Member Ako
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting reopened at 1:46PM

L. Discussion Regarding Implementation of the Burial Treatment Plan for Iwi Kūpuna at Kawaiahaʻo Church Multi-Purpose Center/Building Project, Honolulu Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017.

Recording: 2:34:38-2:44:51

- Suzanne Boatman—All Iwi kupuna were returned with thanks to the recognized descendants. The church was there as a support role. All barricades and wooden structure around the area have been removed. They are removing asphalt from old parking lot.
- Vice-Chair Shafer—Wanted to thank Suzanne.
- Chair Caceres—Wanted to thank Mr. Ako for coming for the first night of the reburial as the geographical representative. I've never seen people come together like that. Mahalo Nui Suzanne and the rest of your congregation.
- Member Ako—I also want to add my mahalo. What I witnessed that one night is healing occurring. I've felt that there is a need for healing.
- Vice-Chair Shafer—I also wanted to thank Mrs. Caceres for being part of getting it done.
- Kalehua Caceres—We came in 12-13 years ago and it was anguish for many. The situation around coming together as one Ohana. That's a testament to our ohana. Every family was in attendance. Every time I begged that there would be a place for everybody. When you exclude, there's no healing. When you put kupuna at the forefront everything was met. I hope that from that side of the table that you demand that every time. Mahalo nui for those who came.
- Member Ako—The other thing that needs to be acknowledged is that this wasn't only a Kanaka thing. Aloha doesn't recognize koko, Aloha is aloha.
- Chair Caceres—I hope you know that you raised the standard for reburial. That's the standard we're holding you for burial treatment plans now.

M. Update on Archaeological Inventory Survey and Draft Burial Treatment Plan for Previously Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, Iwi Kūpuna, SIHP # 50-80-14-10191, for the Kamehameha Schools Kaiaulu 'o Kaka'ako Master Plan (KKMP) Increment II Electrical Infrastructure Project in Kaka'ako, Honolulu Ahupuaʻa, Kona Moku, Island of Oʻahu, 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 (Ko'ula Street and Auahi Street ROWs); and (1) 2-1-059:999 (Ala Moana Boulevard ROW)

Recording: 2:44:53-2:45:54

- Ena Sroat-We do not currently have an update. The consultation progress is still actively still in engagement.

N. 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: 2:45:56-2:46:19

- Chair Caceres-I don't see anybody from UH or that project team. Any updates?
- Traven Apiki-No updates
- Chair Caceres-Will follow-up with UH.

O. Discussion Regarding Muse at 1538 Kapi‘olani Boulevard Project, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-021:006.

Recording: 2:46:20-3:03:12

- Michelle Clark-At this part of the project it's at the early part of the archaeological state. We're here now to introduce it to everybody and get it on your radar for future consultation. Presented information about the location.
- Mike Vachio-It's brand-new construction, so we'll be coming from the ground up. We're the ones that did Sky Ala Moana. Between Bronson and I, we have about 20 years of experience.
- Bronson Libed-Again just to start the process. It's exciting but there's a lot that we'll be involved in.
- Michelle Clark-Provided history of project area and archaeological background information. This is a private project. It's a culturally sensitive location; we know that an AIS will be required. The next thing is to submit the LRFIC to SHPD. Based on that they can proceed with consultation and AIS field work.

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

Recording: 3:03:16-3:06:13

- Nick Belluzo-We do have a burial treatment plan completed. We conducted an AIS we did 16 trenches. At that time, we found one individual there. They are preserved in place, we have not been able to find descendants in the area. SHPD has nobody on their list, we did run ads. We did an onsite visit with Makoa. The plan is to preserve in place. They designed the structure. We're proposing a five-sided concrete vault keeping it fenced during construction and leaving it fenced as long as we can. Next month I'll provide a presentation with slides.

- Chair Caceres—I had a really good site visit. The owners are open to whatever suggestions I made. I'm looking forward to whenever the burial treatment plan comes forward.

Q. Discussion Regarding the Archaeological Inventory Survey and Burial Finds of the Private Residence Sunshade Roof Project at 61-769 Pāpa'iloa Rd. Kawaihoa Ahupua'a, Waialua District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 6-1-004:087.

Recording: 3:06:17-3:18:45

- Traven Apiki—Misread an email to put them on the agenda. They will be here next month to talk about this.
- Vice-Chair Shafer—Is there any way to put the decision-making items at the top? So, whenever we don't have quorum we have all of the decision making already done.
- Member Erhorn—I'll second that. The point was raised that the item we usually have at the start was taken off inadvertently by somebody upstairs or down in the basement. The council made the decision to invent that paragraph. The intent was for council members to go back to their districts to hear things on the street and have the opportunity to present it to the other board members. It's also open up to the public. I wanted to make the point that this was an idea of the OIBC. The other thing I'd like to mention is that I don't like zoom committee meeting. If you're going to present a project, then you should be here in the room.
- Member Ako—After four hours, my level of concentration and ability to focus goes down. So for myself, having meetings going to 4:30pm doesn't work for me. I also say this out of recognition for the time of the people. We cannot ask them to stick around till 4:00pm – 4:30PM. Regarding the attorney general's office, I feel that someone needs to be here at 10:00am having looked at the agenda to answer questions.
- Kalehua Caceres—What I would say that you folks consider is why are you guys not a priority? Why is iwi and the OIBC not a priority to your attorney general? If you feel like people should be presenting in person, you should have that same expectation of descendants. How are you going to show up for a reburial if you cannot even show up here. That test of longevity, that's the epitome of a reburial. I would applaud you folks for at least considering it.
- Member Erhorn—I agree with you. I was on the OIBC when we made the decision to require people who wanted cultural decadency to be in person, couple of months go we were told we couldn't do that. I agree to move those projects that are going to be acted upon to the beginning.
- Vice-Chair Shafer—Wants to work on fixing stuff. Every time we gripe we lose purpose of why we're here. If you have ideas, that's what we want. That is where we need to focus on.
- Chair Caceres—Looking into advice on how to get legal counsel separate from the attorney general's office for the OIBC. Would like to stop the next meeting at 2:00pm.
- Traven Apiki—Just to let you know that I would need to stop the zoom at 2:00PM for sunshine law.

- Vice-Chair Shafer-Hopes the meeting minutes reflect every gripe to address what the issues are. We should be able to address every issue that they're talking about.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

Recording: 3:18:47-3:19:07

- Chair Caceres- Meeting will be only in person and need to expect a 2:00pm hard time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourns 2:32PM

****THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 2/11/2026 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.

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 auxillary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact: Traven Apiki, Burial Sites Specialist, at (808) 829-9322 or traven.apiki@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.