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Minutes
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (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
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At Board Room:

**Mike Dega, CSH
Dori Amano-Mitsui, State Parks & Recreation
Jon Tulchin, Kamehameha Schools
Mana Caceres
Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates
Jon Vuylsteke, HART
Anthony Laycock, USCG
Pualani Hao, Kamehameha Schools
Ena Sroat, Pacific Legacy
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Scott Bulluomini
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caceres calls meeting to order at 10:00 AM

II. ROLE CALL/PULE

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

- Chair Caceres reminds everyone that the meeting will have a hard-stop at 2:00pm. Asks that anyone providing public testimony keep it brief and relevant only to the specific agenda item that is being discussed. Also reminds the public that the meeting minutes and recordings are available online.
- Member Ako asks if representatives from organizations can share new material instead of repeating old material. Also wanted to express appreciation for the support of the Hawaii Island Burial Sites Specialist, Traven Apiki.

III. MINUTES

Recording: 5:43-8:03

A. Approval of the Minutes for January 14, 2026

Motions and vote (5:46)

MOTION: To Approve the January 14, 2026 Minutes

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Ako

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Discussion:

- Vice-Chair Shafer thanks preparer for meeting minutes.

B. Approval of the Minutes for January 14, 2026 Closed Session Item V.C.

Motions and vote (6:11)

**MOTION: To Approve the January 14, 2026 Closed Session Item V.C.
Minutes**

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

C. Approval of the Minutes for January 14, 2026 Closed Session Item V.I.

Motions and vote (6:32, 7:10)

**MOTION: To Approve the January 14, 2026 Closed Session Item V.I.
Minutes**

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Member Miller introduces herself.

D. Approval of the Minutes for January 14, 2026 Closed Session Item V.L.

Motions and vote (7:26)

**MOTION: To Approve the January 14, 2026 Closed Session Item V.L.
Minutes**

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Member Erhorn

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

- Member Erhorn reminds council that if there was any opposition to the approval of the closed session minutes that the discussion would need to be a closed session.

IV. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Discussion Regarding the Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at the Ka Haku Project, Waikīkī, Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu. TMK: (1) 2-6-023:029.

Recording: 8:05-10:08

- Chair Caceres recuses himself.
- Michelle Clark – States she is present to answer questions. This is regarding an inadvertent discovery of human remains in in situ position that were encountered during utility excavations along Prince Edward Street. Working with Traven, awaiting a burial determination.
- Member Ako – Asks for clarification on where inadvertent is located.

- Michelle Clark – States that it is the former Kings Village property in Waikiki. Asks colleague for clarification.
- Sara Blaht – States that it's Diamond Head of the International Marketplace. It's on Prince Edward and Koa Avenue.
- Member Ako – Asks what kind of development it is.
- Sara Blaht – It's a Hilton Hawaiian Village high rise.

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

Recording: 10:09-13:16

- Traven Apiki – Original letter of determination was issued years ago for preserve in place. Issued a revised letter of determination for relocation at the request of the descendants. These iwi are potentially going to be impacted by the sea level rise. The letter has been finished and sent out, and they are working on a burial site component right now.
- Chair Caceres – Were waiting for the acceptance of the burial treatment plan for the new project in order for these remains to be reburied?
- Traven Apiki – They can go ahead and do it ahead of time as long as there's a plan and we know exactly where they're going to and we have all of it documented.
- Chair Caceres - Has the project proponents indicated whether or not they intend to rebury relatively soon or is it likely that they're going to wait for the burial treatment plan?
- Traven Apiki – I believe so, but I'd have to double-check.
- Chair Caceres – Okay, if you could just keep us in the loop.
- Member Erhorn – Why are they waiting for the burial treatment plan? Why don't they do this as part of the burial treatment plan and add it to it?
- Traven Apiki – Typically the flow is that once the BTP that outlines exactly where it's going and the preservation measures are accepted by the department, then they implement it. That's typically what most people do. However, it can happen beforehand as long as we know where it's going.
- Member Erhorn – Doesn't the burial treatment plan address what to do if inadvertent discoveries are made? State what happens during the inadvertent?
- Chair Caceres - The burial treatment plan for this hasn't been accepted yet. This is inadvertent was encountered during a previous version of the project. This inadvertent is connected but not exactly to the burial treatment plan.
- Member Erhorn – Now they're going to leave it in place?
- Traven Apiki – Relocate it.
- Chair Caceres – Yes, at the request of the Kailua Kau a Ho'oilo group.

C. 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: 13:19 – 14:35

- Chair Caceres recuses himself.
- Ryan Gross – Presented preliminary information on this in September 2025. The burial treatment plan was approved by SHPD by November 2025. Recovery and reinterment occurred last month. Everything was executed in accordance with the approved burial treatment plan. The monitoring report will have more information on the discovery, details on the iwi, and the contents of the soil etc.

D. 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: 14:42-15:20

- Traven Apiki – Reinterment area has been selected. SIHP requests are underway. No support from council needed.

E. 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: 15:21-15:44

- Traven Apiki – States that he’s just waiting on SIHP request forms.

F. 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: 15:45-21:42

- Traven Apiki – Last meeting I reported on the discrepancy with a missing burial. Burial #5 was skipped over and there was no information on it. I was able to find information on it. It was a feature that was found that could potentially be a burial but there was never any confirmation. SHPD has requested an exploratory investigation to determine if there is a presence of iwi kupuna there and if so, the context and extent of the burial. SIHP assignment is on hold for that specific one pending the conclusion of the investigation. Based off of findings, things are on hold.
- Chair Caceres – This is inconsistent with what was reported by SHPD to the OIBC previously which is that this feature wouldn’t be investigated because there was no plan for ground disturbance in the area and that they were looking at possibly extending the burial preserve to just include the feature because if there’s no need to disturb iwi, then why not just leave the feature alone. What was the

- factors that led to this change in SHPD's determination to request additional investigation?
- Traven Apiki– Me. I was trying to find more information on it, and I reached out to the archaeology firm and am still waiting to hear back about that as well as the investigation itself. I don't think it's actually started yet, but that was strictly just me asking for it.
 - Member Ako – When you make reference to the firm? Are you speaking about Kobayashi or Honua Consulting?
 - Traven Apiki – Honua Consulting.
 - Member Ako – I would say as the Kona representative, this one's got a red flag for me particularly because of our history with this development so for me making sure that all of the l's are dotted and the t's are crossed is really important.
 - Mana Caceres– My family and I are recognized cultural descendant to the Iwi on this site. We appreciate and support the council, Member Ako's mana'o and the red flag.
 - Chair Caceres – In my experience both as a recognized cultural descendant previous to my appointment on this council as well as in my professional capacity as a consultant on job sites specifically on iwi kupuna matters my concern is that often times even when we have an actual burial, if the extent of the burial extends beyond the scope of work for the planned excavations by the project, SHPD does not allow additional recovery or investigations beyond the scope of work for the project. Has the project confirmed any changes in their plan to actually develop the area where the feature is currently located?
 - Traven Apiki – No, but to be safe looking at future construction and any plans that might come up later I figured it might be worthwhile to confirm whether iwi are there that way we know for sure that they're protected in case that burial preserve does not extend to cover it.
 - Chair Caceres- What are the finds of the investigation that SHPD has requested from Honua Consulting?
 - Traven Apiki – We're still in the very beginning.
 - Chair Caceres – Okay. What about the status of the rest of the burials? Has a reburial been planned?
 - Traven Apiki – I'm waiting on updates for that from the archaeology firm.
 - Chair Caceres - And how has communication been with that archaeology firm?
 - Traven Apiki – They were under the weather.
 - Chair Caceres – Eight months they've been under the weather. I think similarly to the Kona representative, Mr. Ako, I know that this project and its proponents has created a very interesting situation for SHPD and again just so everyone in the audience is aware, this whole line of questions is by no means me trying to discredit or question any of what Traven is doing. What Traven is doing at least from my perspective, is responding to irresponsible archaeology and cultural resource management by a project that is much more in favor of development than it is in protecting iwi kupuna so I just want all of this to be on the record so that when it comes to anything showing up in a court case it shows OIBC was very clear in what its expectations were in understanding of the law and to me SHPD understands as well for this project. Keep us updated on your communications. The OIBC would be very much interested to see when the

reburial is planned for given that several of the iwi kupuna have been in that curation unit for over a year.

- Traven Apiki - I requested a timeline for all the iwi kupuna.
- Chair Caceres – Mahalo Traven for all of the work you've done.

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

Recording: 21:44-22:59

- Chair Caceres recuses himself.
- Nick Belluzzo – Item can be removed going forward. We did preservation in place of all six kupuna. One of our vaults was actually a little bit high, in response rather than disturbing it again, the developer is lifting the entire building at four inches to accommodate that.
- Member Erhorn – Appreciates firm saying that the item no longer needs to be on the agenda. On all of these items, if we can get an indication on each one as to when it would be taken off otherwise, we're going to see this list continually grow.
- Chair Caceres – States that the intention is that inadvertent discoveries will remain on the agenda until such time reburial has occurred.

H. 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: 23:04-24:55

- Member Mills recuses himself.
- Nick Belluzzo – Informs council that there were disarticulated human remains found on the surface. They weren't disturbed by the project, but we just observed them while walking around. Those were collected and stored on site. During storm water drain excavation, encountered an intact iwi kupuna. There was a lot of communication with the different agencies and landowner. Yesterday, the redesign was accepted by Kamehameha Schools. We will be proceeding with requesting a determination to preserve in place as well as to store the smaller fragments we found with the iwi kupuna. Hoping this will be off the agenda next month or the following month.
- Chair Caceres – I'm happy to hear preservation in place is what you folks are seeking.

I. 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: 25:03-26:42

- Nick Belluzzo – This was an unmonitored pool excavation. DPP did not send it to SHPD for review. When we showed up on site there was three Kupuna that had been impacted. We hand excavated the rest of the pool through that process found three other individuals. It was a tough conversation ultimately, we were able to preserve two in place, and it was me and the DeSilva's that disinterred four individuals. Those have been reinterred in the corner of the property. Wanted to thank Alani Apio for being out there and making sure that everything was designed well and everybody was happy with that. Two weeks ago, the ceremony was held. Homeowners graciously offered to accept the kupuna from next door (Kaimi Street) which was a similar pool that was not monitored. We're preparing final reporting on that and will have it to SHPD soon. Item can be removed from the agenda.

J. 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: 26:48-27:46

- Traven Apiki – Installation of wastewater system is not going to proceed at the moment due to an ongoing court case.
- Member Erhorn – Did he say ongoing court case? Concerning this?
- Chair Caceres – Yes, this is possible intentional harm done to numerous iwi kupuna.

K. 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: 27:50-30:40

- Chair Caceres recuses himself.
- Matt McDermott – Site is at the ward warehouse where the old spaghetti factory was at the intersection of Auahi Street and Ward Avenue on the diamond head side. This project has been going on for a number of years, we have an archaeological inventory survey. There was a burial treatment plan, there was an inadvertent discovery starting in July 2024 actual monitoring started in April 2024. Has been providing updates to OIBC on inadvertent discoveries. Has letter of determination for all of the known burials up to a certain point. In consultation among SHPD, the project proponents (Howard Hughes), and Cultural Surveys Hawaii it was thought that almost all of the ground disturbance done for the project, there was one portion where we were finding iwi kupuna and this is an area where there had been a great deal of ground disturbance first for the Ward warehouse and we were finding small fragments. We did find some complete

individuals, so the idea was instead of having this stop and start with each individual find and then having a treatment determination they decided to take a pause and do a pre-investigation for this remaining area and that's what they're doing right now. We're having a site visit with Traven today after this meeting to get him further involved.

- Member Mills – Do you think they got brought in from fill material?
- Matt McDermott – This doesn't appear that this came in on fill material. It seems like an area where there were iwi kupuna and then when Ward warehouse came in potentially even earlier, there was disturbance so we're finding fragments in various areas amongst more in situ individuals.

L. 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: 30:45-34:51

- Matt McDermott – This is immediately across in the Ewa direction Ward Avenue. This is where the old Bank of Hawaii building used to be. It's being developed for a high-rise tower. We did an archaeological inventory survey. There were iwi kupuna found during that AIS. A burial treatment plan was made to preserve those remains in place. Recent construction started for the foundation of the building last fall. There's been three inadvertent discoveries so far. I made presentations to you about the first two which were in November 2025. We do have a letter of determination for those for relocation. It was during the disinterment of the second of those that we found the third. This was an area where a large stairwell is going to go they called stairway 2 so a big excavation. The disinterment of the two initial ones has taken place, and they are temporarily curated on site. The investigation of the third is still underway. We're doing a systematic approach for this large area doing individual test units scattered everywhere every two feet. We're in consultation with the project proponents about the full extent of stairway 2 so we can test the entire area to see where they are. So far, we've done a large area, 38 different test excavations going on. No additional remains have been found in this area. We'll probably continue with that and then depending on those results we'll provide you with an update. But again, we're waiting for a letter of determination for that third.
- Chair Caceres – So the increase in MNI (minimum number of individuals) during the disinterment of the second individual didn't constitute reconsidering the original letter of determination for relocation?
- Traven Apiki– Everything's still on pause with that.
- Chair Caceres – He just said that it was in curation already.
- Matt McDermott – It was a scatter that was found in large areas. As we took out the scattered remains, that's when we found the other one. One had already been disinterred based on when we found the third individual.

- Chair Caceres – Is that letter of determination still relocation or is SHPD reconsidering its original letter of determination for the second individual for relocation given the increase in MNI?
- Traven Apiki – It is currently still relocation. After today’s site visit, I’d have more information.
- Matt McDermott – Potentially based on this additional testing that we want to do, we want to provide him with all of the information.
- Chair Caceres – That third individual, so we’re waiting on a letter of determination. Is that individual still currently in place?
- Matt McDermott – Confirms yes.
- Chair Caceres – Okay perfect. What are the conditions of the on-site curation unit? AC? How big? What structure? Is it just like a cabinet?
- Matt McDermott – I don’t know. I can find out and let you know.
- Chair Caceres – I think we’re going to be on the site visit, but I just wanted to double-check what the status of that was. For the first individual whose letter of determination was relocation, where the MNI is still just one, is there a timeline for reburial for that one?
- Matt McDermott – It’s basically third quarter of 2026 when they have that area available for the relocation site.
- Chair Caceres – Like fall of this year?
- Matt McDermott – Confirms yes.

M. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discoveries of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains during implementation of Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRTTP) City Center Archaeological Monitoring Plan, Halekauwila Street and Cooke Street; Nimitz Highway near Fort and Bishop Streets, various TMKs.

Recording: 34:55-36:00

- Chair Caceres recuses himself.
- Matt McDermott – Item can be taken off the agenda. We have the letter of determination for all of these iwi kupuna. Will be providing a more in-depth PowerPoint presentation about the consultation we’re having for the project later in this meeting and we’ll talk in depth about that.

N. 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: 36:05-38:08

- Traven Apiki– No update.
- Chair Caceres – In regard to all of the inadvertent discoveries in the Moku of Waianae, I am currently in discussion with a non-profit organization who own land, we are planning a site visit which an invitation will be extended to SHPD

representatives. We'll see if all of the kupuna from this Moku can be reburied expeditiously, that is the goal.

- Member Erhorn – You're saying all the kupuna from Waianae district would be buried on a site?
- Chair Caceres – Yes, as of right now there's a number of inadvertent discoveries that were encountered at Pōka'i Bay, Mauna Lahilahi and the ones that were encountered yesterday. I'll be requesting to be added onto the agenda. Most of those individuals are currently under temporary private possession by a recognized descendant. That recognized descendant has had a difficult time securing a place for reburial and has asked both SHPD and the OIBC assistance in securing a site and that's why I've been working with just trying to find 'āina. I reached out to DHHL , anybody I could think of that might own land in that area.

O. 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: 38:10-38:30

- Chair Caceres – Same update for me. Any updates Traven?
- Traven Apiki – No updates.

P. 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: 38:33-51:48

- Chair Caceres recuses himself.
- Ryan Gross - I'm here to report three new inadvertent discoveries in a very similar sister project to the one I presented recently it's a fence line that's going up around a public elementary school here in Waikiki. SHPD reviewed the project between 2023 and 2024 indicated that archaeological monitoring was a requested mitigation for the project and they approved the archaeological monitoring plan. SWCA began monitoring in July 2025. To date, three iwi kupuna sites have been identified. SHPD has issued a letter of determination for two of the sites. Currently waiting third site number to be assigned so that we can assemble a burial treatment plan for the whole project. Request assistance from OIBC in identifying any cultural descendants provide mana'o. Also looking for concurrence on recommendation from SHPD and from the archaeologist to preserve in place these remains.
- Member Erhorn - To what extent have you contacted any cultural descendants or interested parties of the area?
- Ryan Gross – SHPD took the lead on identifying the group of this ahupua'a. One descendant did come forward with some recommendations for protection measures which we installed the next day just to ensure the temporary curation was secure.

- Member Erhorn – I asked because I didn't see anything on your notes about that but I'm glad to see that you've made the outreach.
- Ryan Gross – Well again, that was undertaken by SHPD this time. But I'm glad to receive any recommendations moving forward and keeping things pono.
- Member Ako – I think that we're dealing with a gray area right now. There's this whole thing about recognizing people of an ahupua'a as being cultural descendants because there's a procedure for that. I'm wondering how things like this get approached in that context. Because while there may not already be people who are recognized as cultural descendants for the tax map key that's involved, there may be people in the ahupua'a of Waikiki who have an interest in this. I'm wondering how does that potentially affect the timeline for getting things done?
- Ryan Gross – My understanding is that SHPD reaches out to an established group of point of contacts for that and that's my intention in coming here today.
- Member Ako – Related to this, we keep having new discoveries. So presumably there already have been from the very first discovery cultural descendants who have been identified.
- Ryan Gross – I believe SHPD curates a listing of recognized descendants.
- Member Ako – For me what's really important is that when this kind of thing happens over a period of time, we make sure that we circle back to anybody who in the very first inadvertent discovery may have been recognized as a cultural descendant and I'm looking for assurances that that sort of thing happens because it seems what I'm gathering from what's been said so far is that part of the challenge is identifying the cultural descendants to include in consultation. But for me there ends up being a challenge in this kind of work particularly when it spans a period of time.
- Ryan Gross – No that's understood. I believe that's under the jurisdiction of SHPD.
- Traven Apiki– All of the descendants have been notified from the first discovery through this third discovery. SHPD's just been doing it so he hasn't been in direct contact with the descendants. I can provide the list for him.
- Member Ako – I think that's important to ensure that the reach is as thorough as possible in terms of the consultations.
- Member Shafer – You went through the normal channels too like the OHA paper?
- Chair Caceres - That's for previously identified.
- Member Mills – Just like to say I concur with your recommendations to preserve in place.
- Mana Caceres – My family and I are recognized descendants to this ahupua'a and I have to say that this system as it's set up right now, I think it's a little faster. Although, I believe all the recognized descendants of the area were Bcc'd so I can't see everybody else on the list. SHPD notified us the same day as that find as opposed to what I think would be a little bit harder for an archaeological company at this point. Whether it be late in the day or not to sit there and go through a list of potential descendants. In this circumstance on this agenda item, this system works to where recommendations were given the same day and they implemented it the next.

- Ryan Gross – I do have copies of the letter of determination where SHPD is recommending preservation in place if you folks would like copies.
- Member Erhorn – I don't want to prolong the discussion, but I see that this project is building a fence. I take it that the remains were discovered when you were drilling the post-holds?
- Ryan Gross – That's correct.
- Member Erhorn – So they're going to be remained in place? Does that mean your post-holds are going to be relocated?
- Ryan Gross - I think that the fence infrastructure, the sub-surface infrastructure, can be redesigned so that no further impacts can occur once they're reburied. Essentially making it more shallow infrastructure.
- Chair Caceres – Real quick before we move on. Agenda Item Q is identical to agenda item A, is that just a misprint?
- Traven Apiki – That is a misprint.
- Chair Caceres – Okay. Before I request an emergency addition to the agenda, I would be remised to not acknowledge the work sacrifices that Regina Hilo has done for our iwi kupuna throughout all these years. There are very few people that I know personally that have given as much of themselves as Regina did in advocacy of our iwi kupuna and the lack of support that Regina received when she was at SHPD was completely irresponsible and was not just to the detriment of our iwi kupuna but was also at the expense of Regina as a person and Regina I want you to know that as chair of the OIBC it is my intention to as much as I can within my capacity hold people accountable to what they did to you because you can hide minutes, you can hide recordings, you can steal iwi and still be employed by the state. God forbid somebody takes some days off when they're working by themselves for over one year. If this is how they treat our living, imagine how they treat our dead. That's my mana'o on that. I couldn't watch her walk in the room and not acknowledge who you are and what you did for us so mahalo. For everybody else working for SHPD, I know the sacrifices you folks make and I know the cracks you guys catch especially in this room and this room will never turn into a SHPD bash sesh as long as I'm chair because at the end of the day you guys need help. Traven, I really hope that's not you sitting there in a year. I don't know where our iwi kupuna would be if you guys didn't do what you guys do. We're going to talk about it under agenda item B for new business but just mahalo nui Regina.
- Member Ako – Chair, I second all of your comments. But seeing Regina here today, I need to know, is this some kind of official announcement that she's not coming back?
- Chair Caceres – I don't know what can and cannot be said. But all I know is that somebody's going to get it because she shouldn't be sitting over there.
- Member Ako – I think I can read between the lines, but I want to add my support to what you said about the great work that Regina has done on behalf of our council.
- Member Erhorn – I've known Regina as long as anybody in here and I was very happy when I saw you walk in.

Q. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Ka Haku Project, Waikīkī, Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu. TMK: (1) 2-6-023:029.

Recording: 47:44-47:55

Agenda item was a misprint. (Refer to item IV. P.)

Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains in Waianae.

Recording: 51:47-1:02:35

Motions and vote (52:36)

MOTION: To add this agenda item to the meeting

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Member Mills

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Discussion:

- Samantha Hemenway – Yesterday afternoon I received a call from DOCARE that there was potential human remains in Waianae. They were found Monday night around 7:39pm. HPD responded as well as DOCARE, they couldn't reach SHPD at the time because it was after hours, so I went the next day. When I arrived, there was some scattered fragments. It's a cliff edge about 10-15 feet from the top to the bottom. I was able to get to the bottom, there was scattered remains, some vertebrae ribs. In the wall about 10 feet above me was a skull, mandible, teeth and some right humorous so it looks like potentially the left side of the individual was washed away as well as the lower legs. As I was doing some paperwork an individual from the community walked over with another skull in their hand, said that they found this two years ago. They buried it behind their tent, just redug it up because I was there, handed it to me. I asked, "where did they find it from"? So we could get some GPS points. We walked over about 300 meters from burial #1, where the skull was initially found two years ago there was some iwi in the side wall you could see. Again, 10 feet above and then about three meters from that initial burial #2 we could see another iwi fragments in the wall. Total I want to say there was between four or five inadvertent finds in that area along these side walls. So I contacted Traven, Kea and Makoa and said that "I have scattered remains and a skull I can't put back 10 feet above, I can't dig five feet below". I was uncomfortable digging in the area because I didn't want to hit additional iwi. So we all came to the solution that SHPD should take the remains back to possession with us.
- Member Mills – Is this from high surf?

- Samantha Hemenway – I don't know potentially high surf, more wind. I think with all the wind lately. But there is some bleaching on the bones. Some of them have been exposed and some is fairly new.
- Member Erhorn – The cliff face is made out of sand? Calcified Sand?
- Samantha Hemenway – No, not sand. It's like Clay.
- Member Ako – So I'm wondering, under who's stewardship is that 'āina currently? I want to be careful here because I know that we try to be protective of locations of iwi. I'm seeking a little bit more information.
- Traven Apiki – It's state land leased to City and County of Honolulu.
- Member Ako – I want to be really explicit about how I frame things. Notice I said stewardship not owner because in my book there's a big difference. So, it's City and County stewardship right now?
- Traven Apiki – They are leasing the land. I'm looking into options of protecting the iwi that are eroding out by finding material to drape over. Secured at the top, draped over and swung back around to secure to the cliffside. So that it catches any iwi, they're not exposed fully to elements but that's something I have to look more into.
- Member Ako – What kind of measures will be made in terms of consultation?
- Traven Apiki – I have tried to reach out to recognized descendants in that area, I have not heard back yet. It seems like the phone number I have is up-to-date so I'll just keep trying to reach out.
- Member Miller – When you say you're trying to secure material, does that mean that the iwi are still exposed at this current point?
- Traven Apiki – Yes, so the iwi are still exposed with the exception of burial #1. They had some material they were able to drape down and cover the part that was exposed. The other individuals are still exposed.
- Member Ako – This is shoreline?
- Traven Apiki – Confirms this is shoreline.
- Member Mills – Is it possible to control the erosion at all?
- Samantha Hemenway – It's more wind. I would say wind is more of a factor than anything. I don't think there's any wave action that could reach that. It's pretty far back, unless it's a major storm.
- Member Miller – My immediate response is I think that that's the most important thing, exposing bones to the sun is not good, it's hewa in my family. I would like to see that taken cared of immediately. I know this isn't my district or my ahupua'a but that's my inclination and I would like to hear what the proposed solutions are.
- Chair Caceres – It's just that additional material?
- Traven Apiki – Confirms yes.
- Chair Caceres – What is the logistics behind your research that goes into that? Is that something that the City and County as the leasee will assist SHPD in procuring?
- Traven Apiki – That would be great if that's the case. This just happened yesterday and we hardly had time to do any research into it but it's high on the priority list.
- Chair Caceres – So the big thing I wanted to highlight here is since the investigation into potential and alleged chapter 6E violation SHPD has not taken possession of iwi kupuna until yesterday afternoon given the emergency context

- of the situation. This is why I wanted to bring it up to the council for us to be made aware of. Has the kupuna already been taken to the storage unit?
- Samantha Hemenway – Not at this point.
 - Chair Caceres – I don't know if it's possible, I prefer if it didn't. If it stayed in your office, I prefer that because even if there's only one person with the key, you saw how that went last time.
 - Samantha Hemenway – It's in a locked area with a key and as you requested, they're separated.
 - Chair Caceres – That's just my inclination.
 - Member Ako – So can we expect that next month that this will be on the agenda in terms of a formal presentation?
 - Traven Apiki – It'll be on the agenda next month.
 - Chair Caceres – Did you guys have any mana'o about my suggestion for it to not go into that storage unit?
 - Member Erhorn – This all happened last Monday, couple of days ago, where do we go from here? What do we see as the ultimate objective? I know we're unprepared to discuss that, I think it should definitely be discussed next month as Julian mentioned.
 - Samantha Hemenway – I just want to apologize; it happened on Tuesday night at 7:39pm.
 - Chair Caceres – If you can take that back to Kea or whoever, I'd prefer that it stays in your office.
 - Nick Belluzo – Given the revisions to NAGPRA and any state agency that receives federal funding that falls under NAGPRA. Does this trigger NAGPRA?
 - Traven Apiki – Confirms yes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding O'ahu Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.

Recording: 1:02:37-1:14:14

- Member Erhorn – It occurred to me that we're in February. The legislature has been in session for one month. What legislation is being considered that will impact our activities here in this room?
- Chair Caceres – I believe there's a later agenda item where OHA is doing a presentation updating on legislature pertaining to iwi kupuna.
- Member Ako – Related to that I think it's important for our council members to be maka'ala regarding some of the legislation because some of the stuff has potential to impact us for example, the question of what is quorum based for council meetings and we've been fortunate that only once since I've been on the council have we had to cancel a meeting but other councils really struggle with this because they have a lot of vacancies. We have three out of our nine that are currently vacant.

- Member Erhorn – What I’m more concerned about is that three or four years ago, Mana represented this council on a committee to look at possible legislation. To this day as far as I know, nothing has ever come of that.
- Chair Caceres – No, there’s a working group that was created off of the work of the working group Mana is on and we voted me to be on that group. So, there’s a group.
- Member Erhorn – Again, I know there’s going to be a presentation on this but I want to keep abreast what legislation is going to be considered because that affects us directly. Secondly, again, we’re in February and I’ve heard nothing about people being interviewed by the senate for replacement on this board. We have two or three empty seats. Is anybody being considered for that? Is anybody throwing their hats in the ring? I may be getting off at the end of June, is there anybody going to be replacing me? I mean these are rhetorical questions, but they have to be considered earlier than later.
- Chair Caceres – Just so everybody’s aware the OIBC Membership, Roles and Responsibilities was added back onto the agenda. So I have to apologize, apparently, our deputy AG who I was contacting is not the person that works with us anymore, so we got a new one. I didn’t have her contact information but thank you to Traven on getting me her contact information so she is making herself available to specific agenda items, she wouldn’t commit herself to the entire agenda. She wanted it to be emphasized that AG presence is not required for our meetings like it is for other state boards. Their presence is only required when we go into executive session not closed session. I did send a number of questions pertaining to reburial ceremonies and burial practices that have come up at a number of our meetings for her to research so that when she joins us for this agenda item she’d be more prepared. So that everybody is aware, the questions I asked were 1. who determines who is permitted to attend reburial ceremonies particularly in cases involving inadvertent discoveries? 2. when no lineal descendants are identified for inadvertent discoveries, is the OIBC the authority in what is considered commonly accepted reburial practices that is referenced in HAR § 13-300-40(m) which states “Reburial shall be based on commonly accepted cultural practices as routinely recorded by the department. Additional requests by lineal or cultural descendants beyond commonly accepted cultural practices, deemed specific or special by the department following consultation with the appropriate council or ethnic organization, may be accommodated provided that any additional expenses incurred are paid by the descendants”? The reason I asked that question is because I wanted to understand whether or not the OIBC would be considered the appropriate council under HAR § 13-300-40(m) because there were a number of instances where descendants were claiming to be prevented from attending reburials and wrapping. Now we can get an official word from the attorney general on what does that mean.
- Member Ako – Chair, mahalo for your leadership on this. Two things, One I find it really irresponsible that you were not told that there is a replacement deputy attorney general. We’ve been trying to get someone from that office for months now and not to even know that you were contacting the wrong person it’s just unconscionable. Secondly, not for today’s agenda, but for future meetings with the deputy attorney general, I would like to add onto the agenda the issue of

- enforcement because that's something that has been a concern for me when treatment plans are approved and there seems to be a lack of enforcement.
- Chair Caceres – Hiki No.
 - Vice Chair Shafer – Mr. Chair, my mana'o on this is because the attorney general's office hasn't attended for years, except for maybe once or twice, I think it would be a lost cause to expect them to attend and I think what we should do is whatever comes out of this meeting that we have legal concerns with, to write them up, send it to them, and then by the next meeting we'll have time to review the whole thing and come up with the legal basis and answer to those questions. That's probably the easiest way to do it.
 - Chair Caceres – Just so everybody's aware, the questions and comments I asked I emailed on February 3rd I didn't even get confirmation that they were going to attend today. But thank you again for Traven, Traven followed up. Without Traven I would be even more lost with the attorney general's than I already am.
 - Member Ako – I want to support what Ben just said, I've been one of the guys that's been whining about some of this stuff and at the last meeting we talked about people whining. But I feel frankly that we have to whine because we don't get any kind of attention on some of this stuff. I tell you what, I'm going to continue to whine until they do their jobs as far as we're concerned.
 - Chair Caceres – Mahalo. We're going to take a pause on this agenda item.
 - Member Erhorn – I concur with what my two compatriots just said. Earlier I had mentioned legislation maybe we should introduce and amendment to OIBC rules that a member of the attorney general's office attends all meetings, just make it a law.
 - Member Ako – Related to that, these are paid people, we're not paid and it doesn't have to be the deputy attorney general. But they got staff people with legal expertise in their office they can designate to be present. I'd like that to be part of the record as well.
 - Chair Caceres– Aloha Alyssa. We are on agenda item A discussion regarding O'ahu Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities. The reason we are calling you is just to inquire if you had any responses to the questions I posed via email relating to this agenda item.
 - Alyssa Kau – Chair, for transparency's sake, I would request that you state those questions in the open.
 - Chair Caceres – I just read them, but I can read them again if you like.
 - Alyssa Kau – I'm sorry, that's fine. Are these legal questions? Because if they're legal questions then an executive session may be more appropriate.
 - Chair Caceres – Yes, they are legal questions. I believe we're more than willing to enter executive session if that's required. Is it required for us to enter executive session?
 - Alyssa Kau – If you are talking about the board's powers then yes, I would ask for an executive session under HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the attorney's on its powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

Motions and vote (1:13:00)

MOTION: To enter into executive session

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Executive Session starts at 11:13am

Executive Session end at 11:38am

Discussion:

- Member Miller – Chair, is it possible to request that a representative from the attorney general's office be present at our future meetings?
- Chair Caceres – Yes, I've worked out with Alyssa how we're going to schedule that out. They'll be an attendance for certain agenda items, and we need to clarify why their Presence is needed. So to briefly summarize our discussion in executive session we sought clarification on HAR § 13-300-40(m) as well as HAR § 13-300-2.

B. 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: 1:14:17-1:16:40

- Chair Caceres – As some of us may be aware, Chair Chang is on leave, and we have an interim chair of DLNR who I've been in communication with his name is Chair Ryan Kanaka'ole. I emailed him on January 29th, 2026, asking for an update on the ongoing investigation and I also requested his presence. He responded to me on February 3rd, 2026, saying that he will be reaching out to SHPD about the investigation and getting back to me. He responded again on February 9th, 2026, making me aware that the investigation is still pending and that he reaffirms his commitment to come before the council at its conclusion to provide the OIBC with an update.
- Member Erhorn – He said it's pending, does that mean it has not started or its ongoing?
- Chair Caceres – My understanding is that it's ongoing, that it started like in May of last year and it was ongoing throughout our time with Chair Chang and then now it sounds like it's still ongoing. But as a reminder, this was supposed to be done in October.
- Member Erhorn – Agrees that it's been going on for years.
- Chair Caceres – I just want to reaffirm for everybody that we're here to hold people accountable, that includes SHPD, not the guys in the room, they're doing

good, the other guys. I'm going to keep this on the agenda until somebody comes and tells us what happened. You can expect to get an update from me.

C. Discussion and Determination Regarding Approval of Cultural Descendancy Recognition Application of Robert G. K. Domingo to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-80-06-07711 Located at the Kanenelu Beach, Ka'a'awa Ahupua'a, Koolauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-1-013:011.

Recording: 1:16:41-1:17:40, 1:18:18-1:18:36

- Chair Caceres – You have the option since we might be discussing sensitive mo'okū'auhau information. If you would like we can enter closed session. That option is available to you.
- Kealoha Domingo – Ke 'olu'olu.
- Chair Caceres – The applicant has been granted cultural descendancy to the listed SIHP number in addition to all future inadvertent discoveries within the ahupua'a of Ka'a'awa.

Motions and vote (1:17:32)

MOTION: To Enter Closed Session

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Mills

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Closed session starts at 11:43am.

Closed session ends at 11:49am.

D. Discussion, Determination, and Recommendation Regarding Approval of DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP # 50-80-14-10191, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-059:999 (Ala Moana Boulevard ROW).

Recording: 1:18:37-1:42:53

- Member Mills recuses himself.
- Mara Mulrooney, Ena Sroat, Jon Tulchin, Trever Duarte and Pualani Hao introduce themselves before presentation.
- Ena Sroat – Provides information on proposed draft burial treatment plan for SIHP 50-80-14-10191 through presentation. This is a draft burial treatment plan for SIHP #50-80-14-10191 and this was for previously identified iwi kupuna that were encountered as part of an archaeological inventory survey for Kamehameha Schools Kaiāulu 'o Kaka'ako Master Plan Increment II Electrical infrastructure project within their Kaka'ako 'āina. The iwi kupuna have been determined to be likely Native Hawaiian ancestry based on their stratographic location. Iwi kupuna encountered during archaeological inventory survey on June 10, 2025. At that

time there were immediate notifications made to cultural stakeholders, OHA and OIBC moku representative. Cultural stakeholders agreed that due to potential of imminent harm, that temporary relocation was the desired immediate term protective measure and the OIBC concurred. The landowner, project proponent and recognized cultural descendants are in agreement that relocation is the preferred burial treatment and the creation of a burial preserve area. Proposed long term treatment of the burial preserve is a 345 sq area. There is a six-foot landscaping buffer for burials. There is space for the implementation of six burial vaults and 12 concrete cylinders in case there are isolated iwi kupuna fragments that are found during upcoming project development. Due to upcoming project development and construction, the area of the burial preserve will be impacted by this construction. In anticipation of that impact from upcoming construction, the project team has developed a design that the burial preserve can be implemented in phases. So that each phase during project construction the iwi kupuna are most protected. It is the cultural descendants strong desire that the Kanu be held as soon as possible so that the iwi kupuna may be at peace as soon as possible. The logistical issue is that the burial preserve is directly within the ingress/egress. The only feasible solution is to move the ingress/egress mauka and then have a 10-foot buffer between that portion of the ingress/egress and the makai portion of the burial preserve. In the immediate term where this area will be used as a staging ground, is to move that ingress/egress mauka. Because the buffer will be shrunk, there would be room for the installation of two burial vaults and four concrete cylinders. The Kanu will take place immediately upon implementation on that short term burial preserve measure and all cultural stakeholders and recognized descendants will be invited to attend. Upon completion of the KKMP project, the full burial preserve area can be protected at that point. The long-term burial treatment plan will be preserved there will be no ground disturbance from that point forward. We submitted the draft burial treatment plan to SHPD and your folk's consultation did continue at that point. There was one request from cultural descendant and cultural stakeholders for an additional phrase to be added to the burial treatment plan. The proposed revision is "If additional Iwi Kupuna are inadvertently discovered, and preservation in place is not feasible or the most responsible course of action, and a determination is made to relocate them during the redevelopment of KS block H, the additional four vaults and eight cylinders will be installed within the Burial Preserve to accommodate the iwi kūpuna prior to the implementation of long-term burial treatment measures within the Burial Preserve."

- Chair Caceres – The only additional revision I recommend is that you include in this "reburials for inadvertent discoveries, invitations be extended to all cultural descendants, cultural stakeholders, SHPD Staff and representatives from OHA". We were told by our attorney general that reburials regarding inadvertent discoveries can also be included within burial treatment plans moving forward.
- Member Shafer – I think your presentation is excellent. All the cultural descendants agreed and that's what we're looking for thinking ahead about and you did it, mahalo.
- Member Ako – I just wanted to complement you folks for thinking ahead about probable iwi being found Important. Frankly I would like to see that always

included in plans because that's what we're dealing with. So I commend you folks for thinking ahead about potential new discoveries. Secondly, we talked about this last month but it's really important to include in the burial treatment plan statements about Kuleana for ongoing upkeep of the burial site beyond the reburial, particularly as regards as the people who are stewards of the land. So that opala being discarded on the site is attended to.

- Member Erhorn – I think you've done an excellent job to have inadvertent discoveries addressed. You have this outside of a 40-foot setback, why is that? Have you reviewed this with the city DPP?
- Pualani Hao– Confirms yes.
- Member Erhorn – And they said it has to be that far back?
- Pualani Hao– Correct because this is a permanent structure. You can have things like pickleball courts and things like that within that easement but nothing permanent. It's a potential that the road will be widened.
- Member Erhorn – you addressed concrete vaults and concrete pipes, how does that work?
- Mara Mulrooney – Actually, I just want to acknowledge that it was actually the recommendation of the cultural descendants who recommended that we allow space for additional vaults and it was also the recommendation on the nature of those vaults and so what's being proposed is those 2x4 foot HECO vaults with an open bottom and a cap and then alongside them often times we do unfortunately encounter disarticulated remains so they may not need that much space to be protected. So Halealoha Aiyau alerted us to a prefabricated concrete cylinder so it's essentially like that big HECO vault but smaller so it has a 12-inch diameter, open bottom and a concrete cap.
- Member Erhorn – Great answer, Thank you.
- Chair Caceres – Traven, my question is, would it be easier to make two separate motions for the determination of preservation in place or relocation and then two the recommendations for SHPD's approval of the burial treatment plan?
- Traven Apiki – Up to you. You can combine them.
- Member Ako – Traven, do we need to include the verbiage I was talking about earlier in terms of ongoing kuleana for care.
- Traven Apiki – You could say recommending acceptance with the proposed amendments.
- Member Ako – This is an important point for me in terms of upkeep beyond reburial and I think it does need to be a matter of the record.
- Chair Caceres – Is the verbiage that's in the actual document about daily check-ins enough?
- Mara Mulrooney – I just wanted to point out that this is the long-term management section, and it does explicitly state that it is the responsibility of land-owner in perpetuity.

Motions and vote (1:41:55)

MOTION: To Relocate SIHP 50-80-14-10191, in addition the recommendation for approval to SHPD of the proposed BTP,

with the minor revision to page 34 as outlined in the presentation that was provided to the OIBC as well as the revisions to include the invitations to all cultural descendants, cultural stakeholders, OIBC, SHPD Staff and OHA to reburials pertaining to inadvertent discoveries in relation to this project.

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Ako

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

E. Discussion, Determination, and Recommendation Regarding Approval of DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP # 50-80-03-09346 Located at 68-617 Crozier Drive, Mokule‘ia Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 6-8-004:005.

Recording: 1:43:12-1:56:57

- Nick Belluzzo – I'll just indicate that I'm open to everybody's mana'o. Explains location of project, initial inadvertent discovery and testing. Long term measures include preservation in place with the installation of 5-sided concrete vault with no surface treatment, house designed to relocate sensitive utilities. Short-term measures include fencing during construction for as long as possible and spray-paint when fencing is removed to minimize the amount of unnecessary traffic.
- Chair Caceres- The only revision I would ask for is the same revision we just asked the previous agenda item, should any inadvertent discoveries occur, that the reburial ceremony extend to the same parties, Cultural stakeholders, and any future recognized descendants.
- Member Erhorn – How do you handle inadvertent discoveries later on?
- Nick Belluzzo – It sounds like there's going to be some language in the burial treatment plan. I think we're newly learning that inadvertent discoveries can be incorporated into the burial treatment plan which I think is great.
- Member Erhorn – So that would be part of your recommendation?
- Chair Caceres – Yeah. For some background, there is no cultural descendants that we can identify that's recognized to this ahupua'a and we also don't have a OIBC geographical representative for this area either. That's why when Kamana'o was chair he went out for the site visit and then I went out so they're very limited in the people that they can actually seek consultation with and so is SHPD when it comes to the inadvertents.
- Diane Fitzsimmons – I'm looking at this and you have the orange fencing around then you're going to mark it with orange spray paint but I would think that it would be more than proper to mark the area with some kind of pohaku or some plantings so that there will not be any foot traffic in the future.
- Chair Caceres – So the way that the burial treatment plan is before us for consideration is that there will be portions of the structure that's built over the kupuna so that's why there's no inclusion of any pohaku or foliage above.
- Diane Fitzsimmons – Thank you for letting me know. Also, I wasn't able to get here in time, but I'd like to make some comments on some of the agenda items

- that happened before I got here is there a space in the agenda for me to speak on those matters? Or do I have to wait till next meeting?
- Chair Caceres – So you can either wait till next meeting or provide written testimony but because those agenda items have already passed, we'd be in violation of sunshine law if we discussed them moving forward for this particular meeting.
 - Member Erhorn – My question remains, how are you going to handle inadvertent discoveries that might come up during construction?
 - Nick Belluzzo – We are proposing archaeological monitoring during all ground disturbing activities. If we encounter any sort of inadvertent discoveries, we'll notify SHPD, we'll do our appropriate notifications, come before the burial council to notify you, certainly see if there are new individuals that we didn't identify in the first round we can consult with. As always, our approach is always preservation in place. We have though excavated a reinterment site, we discussed that location with Kamana'o at the time. So that space is available should we need it, but our hope is and this is what's in the rules is that we give consideration to preservation in place first.
 - Member Erhorn – That's good. You answered it.
 - Member Ako – I'm convinced that efforts were made to reach out to potential people to consult with but something that just occurred to me after hearing Diane speak is that what we should advise the archaeological firms to do is to go back and minimally to consult with previous members of the council who are no longer on the council. Particularly if there's an issue identifying cultural descendants or lineal descendants to a particular piece of property because I think that had Diane been consulted, some of the questions that are being raised would have been addressed before it got to this point so that's just a suggestion.
 - Nick Belluzzo – We did reach out and they have their own reasons for choosing to participate or not participate. I won't use names, but we did reach out to a couple of individuals.
 - Member Ako – Did you folks reach out to Diane?
 - Nick Belluzzo – Confirms yes.
 - Chair Caceres – The track record of ASM thus far has been very different from others that I'm thinking of with projects on Ala Moana Blvd. And in terms of preservation in place. Just from my opinion, not trying to speak on behalf of the council. If I hear preservation in place, that's all I need to hear so that's what my mana'o is. Knowing ASM, their employees, not concerned at all about making sure that throughout the actual project the protection of this iwi kupuna I know it's going to be respected.
 - Member Ako – Chair, I appreciate that. I'm just looking in terms of process.

Motions (1:49:16) and vote (1:56:34)

MOTION: To approve draft BTP for item E located at Mokule'ia Ahupua'a, Waiialua District, Island of O'ahu for determination of preservation in place with suggested recommendation.

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

F. Discussion Regarding Update to Burial Treatment for Sites within H RTP Operational Phase 4, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, various TMKs.

Recording: 1:57:02-2:00:48

- Chair Caceres recuses himself.
- Matt McDermott starts presentation with intent of discussion and no decision making.
- Member Mills – Just to clarify, this is for discussion and no decision making?
- Matt McDermott – No Decision making. Presents recap information on cultural descendant consultation meeting held on December 3rd 2025 and January 21st 2026. Descendants prefer preservation in place for T-F and relocation to Alia project for T-G.

Motions and vote (2:00:42)

MOTION: To enter closed session
MOVED BY: Member Mills
2ND BY: Member Erhorn
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Closed session starts at 12:33pm.

Closed session ends at 12:45pm.

Member Shafer left meeting during closed session.

G. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey and DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – at the Waikiki Aquarium, Waikiki Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006.

Recording: 2:01:04-2:05:09

- Doug Hazelwood – We've been doing an archaeological inventory survey concurrent with construction of the facility. We came before you in December and you approved an emergency relocation plan for what we believe were fragmentary iwi kupuna that had been recovered in the trenches. The university has built a new crypt in accordance with the plan and we're getting ready to recover the fragmentary iwi kupuna and communicated to you about procedures for wrapping them and reintering them in the crypt. We started the recovery

operations for the iwi kupuna yesterday and after a couple hours it became apparent that we weren't dealing with fragmentary remains. We stopped but from all appearances it looks like we're dealing with an adult in situ burial. At this point we'll go back to the descendants and reopen consultation with what to do in regard to that burial. We thought that it would be inappropriate to continue recovery given it differed so much from what our presumption was.

- Member Mills – Is there a possibility that there are two individuals there?
- Doug Hazelwood – Our osteologist will be out there tomorrow, we couldn't get her out there yesterday or today. But she'll be out tomorrow to examine. We'll take the temporary covers back off and have her examine the remains to see what she can determine. Right now, it looks like one individual. It seems to be in a flex position facing makai. That trench wall is slipping and eroding so we'll have to figure something out. We're also going to be working with our engineering team to see what this implies for the design. We believe they planned for another segment of pipes right through that area, as well as building sidewalk right above it which is not consistent with preservation in place. We'll have to go back and see what's possible in terms of redesign and what's appropriate with descendants.
- Chair Caceres – Thank you for the update. Traven, would it be most appropriate to make an official action of rescinding our original authorization of temporary relocation prior to acceptance of the burial treatment plan? Do we have to vacate that original action?
- Traven Apiki – To be safe, yes.

Motions and vote (2:04:42)

MOTION: To rescind previous action of authorization of temporary relocation.

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Member Erhorn

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

H. Discussion Regarding Burial Site Component for SIHP #50-80-14-09455, Located at 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058.

Recording: 2:05:13-2:09:23, 2:09:55-2:10:48

- Chair Caceres – We will be calling our deputy attorney general for this agenda item and we'll be entering executive session once she joins. For those who are unaware, 810 Halekauwila Street's burial treatment plan was accepted by SHPD, and we haven't even seen it so that's what we're going to discuss with our attorney general. re you able to get the BTP that got approved?
- Mana Caceres – Just out of curiosity, who's the archaeological monitoring company on that project?

- Chair Caceres – Anybody know the answer to that?
- Traven Apiki – Honua Consulting
- Chair Caceres – I guess as a further refresher, so the burial treatment plan that came before us was asking for relocation and all of the plans that were in that burial treatment plan was only for relocation. The OIBC made the determination to preserve that iwi kupuna in place and made the recommendation to SHPD to deny that burial treatment plan because there was nothing about preservation in place in there. That was the last time we saw it.
- Member Erhorn – And they overruled that.
- Chair Caceres – Well no, they can't overrule preservation in place, that's Soley within our jurisdiction. So, it's being preserved in place, but we have no idea what the protection measures look like.
- Member Ako – For further clarification, this item had been on the agenda for several months and then it got with withdrawn and that's kind of why I ended up inquiring what happened with this.
- Chair Caceres – Are there any descendants in the room recognized for this project?
- Mana Caceres – Raises hand to indicate he is a recognized descendant.
- Chair Caceres – Did you have an opportunity to see that burial treatment plan before it was accepted by SHPD?
- Mana Caceres – I had to get it from SHPD. I couldn't get it from the project.
- Chair Caceres – Okay, and that burial treatment plan was the version where they have the protection measures for preservation in place?
- Mana Caceres – No.
- Chair Caceres – So you didn't get the one that was approved?
- Mana Caceres – No, only the one that got denied.
- Chair Caceres – Aloha Alyssa, we're going to make a motion to go into executive session in order to discuss this agenda item with you.
- Alyssa Kau – The board seeks to go into executive session pursuant to section 92-5-84 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to discuss its powers, immunities, liabilities and duties with its council regarding item H the discussion regarding Burial Site Component for SIHP #50-80-14-09455, Located at 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058.

Motion: Enter closed session

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Closed session starts 12:54pm.

Closed session ends at 1:37pm.

Chair Caceres – Sorry that was such a long executive session, I appreciate your folk's patience. Just to summarize the attorney general's office will gather additional information regarding this specific situation and get back to us on whether or not the legal requirements of consultation were met in order for SHPD to have actually approved the BTP that was sent to them on the 90th day of the 90 day timeline that

they have to approve a burial treatment plan. It's safe to say that we as a burial council are very frustrated with a certain CRM firm.

I. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Proposed Kahuku Community Center Improvements and Off-Site Utilities Project, Kahuku and Keana Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupia District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-6-006:011; (1) 5-6-006:015; (1) 5-6-006:021; (1) 5-6-006:023; (1) 5-6-006:999 (Kamehameha Highway); and (1) 5-6-006:999 (Pualalea Street).

Recording: 2:10:49-2:26:16

- Chair Caceres – We do have a hard stop because it was agendaized that way where we're going to stop at 2:00pm. For those that we don't make it to by the end of this agenda, you'll be immediately after approval of meeting minutes at next month's agenda.
- Ena Sroat – Information update on AIS for the Kahuku Community Center. Literature review and Field inspection has been conducted. Proposing an AIS testing strategy to the OIBC. Will reach out to cultural stakeholders and any recognized cultural descendants.
- Member Erhorn – Is this a city project?
- Ena Sroat – Confirms yes.
- Member Ako – I would encourage you folks, and this actually applies to any other archaeological firms as well to already start thinking about possible strategies for reburial of iwi. It's a fact of life and if we wait until we come across the iwi, maybe we lose some valuable time.
- Chair Caceres – What percentage of the project area is going to be sampled during this AIS?
- Mara Mulrooney – We haven't done the calculation yet. But we can get back to you on that.
- Chair Caceres – Sorry, in addition to that, what percentage of the Jaucus sand that will be disturbed during the project is being sampled? So that I can see the two separate percentages.
- Mara Mulrooney – Yes, absolutely.
- Diane Fitzsimmons – Is this in the Kahuku Ahupua'a or the Keana?
- Ena Sroat – It is primarily in the Keana Ahupua'a and has a little corner that goes into Kahuku.
- Diane Fitzsimmons – Keana is my families ancestral land from the Mahele so I was granted cultural descendancy in the same district which was Pūpūkea. Because I was granted cultural descendancy, was it for the entire district of Ko'olaupia? Because I'd like to be consulted with this. I just wanted to inquire what would be my Kuleana with this. Would I have to apply again as a cultural descendant? I was granted cultural descendant but for Pūpūkea.
- Chair Caceres – This process doesn't have any iwi yet. You can provide consultation as a previous recognized descendent and a cultural stakeholder. Should additional iwi be encountered, either during the AIS or the active construction project, apply for recognized descendancy under the new

- application process that's been implemented at SHPD which would then give you the option to be recognized to all future iwi kupuna in the area.
- Diane Fitzsimmons – In the Keana ahupua'a? Is that what you're saying?
 - Chair Caceres – No matter what ahupua'a you've previously been recognized to in order to be considered a recognized descendant under the new process you have to seek recognition one more time and there's a box that you check off on the application that allows you to seek recognition for all future iwi kupuna in that land district as well.
 - Diane Fitzsimmons – Okay, because I was recognized. You know what I'm saying? My ancestral land is Keana, I was recognized for Pūpūkea which is in the same district so am I recognized for the district of Ko'olauloa? That's not clear to me.
 - Chair Caceres – No, you're not. Even if you were previously recognized, you would still have to come forward one more time if additional iwi are encountered.
 - Diane Fitzsimmons – Okay, I understand what you're saying. Thank you.
 - Shannon Gomez (2:21:42)- For cultural stakeholders, do they have to register or apply?
 - Chair Caceres – No. We always recommend that projects be as inclusive as possible because worst case scenario you guys find iwi kupuna during the AIS and you have a burial treatment plan for us to consider, as soon as we hear "oh, I wasn't consulted" I'm like well I'm not approving this. So it's always best to be as inclusive as possible as early as possible.
 - Kawika Mckeague - At the discretion of the Mayor's office, and Director Thielen from Parks the mandate from the beginning has always been to kō kākou. To co-create with the community not just design but through the process we've been doing updates and when I say updates it's not just us talking to them it's actually kūkā kūkā we break out into rooms so now we're here with this particular issue, we'd like to move forward with that same spirit. We appreciate the opportunity to share and solicit that request.
 - Chair Caceres – In addition, similarly, to like how I was talking about ASM when it comes to Group 70 and Kawika you in particular, you know literally know what it's like to be on this side of the table. So the fact that you're involved in the process already to me is like a huge weight off of my shoulders, I don't have to worry as much.
 - Member Ako – I want to go back to the question that Diane asked. The old procedure is that people were recognized as cultural descendants attached to a particular TMK, Diane. The new procedure enables people to get registered as cultural descendants to the ahupua'a and that's why I think you have to go back a second time to get recognized for the entire ahupua'a.
 - Diane Fitzsimmons – Okay, got it. So they would just keep me on their list, as soon as they find any iwi kupuna, that would be great.
 - Member Erhorn – On your next presentation if you could on this map here, blow that up so that on this map here you can see where the ahupua'a line goes.
 - Mara Mulrooney – Yeah. Absolutely.
 - Makanani Bell 2:24:20 - Are you going to do a public posting for cultural stakeholders? I'm from that side and I'm interested.

- Dori Amano-Mitsui - So for the department of parks and recreation, we actually have a website that you can access at any time and we update it regularly every time we have an update from G70 or Pacific Legacy. It's always updated. That's our goal is to be very transparent and open to the public.
- Kawika Mckeague – That's good clarification. I was going to say too that you could get our professional information, but I think the easiest is type in “Kahuku District Park” and you'll see the website. The email will go to all of the team members.
- Chair Caceres – The only thing I will say to is people will often politicize the possibility in the presence of iwi kupuna to try and halt projects. We're not in the interest of that, we're here for iwi kupuna only so whoever comes in this room and it's not for anybody in particular here right not but in the future, our only concern is iwi kupuna and that's the main thing. Whoever steps into this room just know that that's the mindset and mentality that we have.
- Kawika Mckeague - This is partly selfish, but I wanted to put this on the record. I appreciate the kind gesture and extension of faith, but I do have to say Uncle Chad Kane is main in this meeting. He passed away and he was a mentor to me from age 17 so all I'm trying to do is live by that name so that I can see past that he was the key to the history of this council. Uncle Chad Kane mahalo.
- Chair Caceres – Mahalo nui guys. So, we are at 1:55pm. For those who are on the remainder of the agenda, Traven and I will ensure that you folks are at the top of next month's agenda. You'll appear right after the approval for the meeting minutes for this meeting
- Member Ako – I just want to urge our council members to pay attention to stuff that's before the state legislature that pertains to the work of councils because it's an important opportunity for us based on experience to try to influence what happens.

Motions and vote (2:26:40)

MOTION: To Adjourn

MOVED BY: Member Erhorn

2ND BY: Member Ako

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

J. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey for the United States Coast Guard Wailupe Family Housing District, located in Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-5-046:013.

Recording:

- No updates

K. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey for the HECO Extension to 690 Pohukaina Street, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-051:999 (Coral Street ROW and Pohukaina Street ROW).

Recording:

- No updates

- L. Discussion Regarding Update to the Ala Moana Boulevard Tower Project, Hilton Hawaiian Village Campus, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 2-6-009:004–006 and portions of 007, 009, and 013.**

Recording:

- No updates

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

Recording:

- No updates

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

Recording:

- No updates

- O. Discussion Regarding the Archaeological Inventory Survey 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:

- No updates

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

Recording:

- No updates

- Q. Discussion Regarding an Update on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council Recommendation to Recognize Kananelu Beach Park as a Registered Burial Site, Located in Ka‘a‘awa Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olauloa District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-1-013:011.**

Recording:

- No updates

- R. Discussion Regarding Presentation by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on a Portion of Their 2026 Legislative Package, House Bill 2104/Senate Bill 2538 and House Bill 2102/Senate Bill 2536, Relating to the Island Burial Councils and Historic Preservation.**

Recording:

- No updates

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 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: 2:27:36-2:28:34

- Kamakana Ferreira – If anybody is interested there are a couple of OHA bills that are before the legislature. One particularly is about the IBC’s, we are proposing to change the quorum requirements to be a majority of the appointed members to help with quorum issues and also, we’re proposing stipends for the moku reps. Just because we’ve had applicants drop out who said they can’t afford it or once they find out they’re not getting paid, we’ve lost applicants for those reasons, so we just want to make it a little bit more accessible for those individuals.
- Chair Caceres – States the next meeting date and states it will only be in person.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Caceres calls for adjournment at 1:57pm.

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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.

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