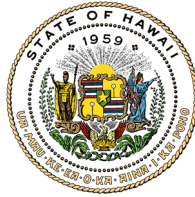


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Hawai'i Island Burial Council

FROM: Traven Apiki, Burial Sites Specialist

RE: **Contents of April 16, 2026 Hawaii Island Burial Council Board Packet**

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1. HIBC April 16, 2026 Meeting Memo
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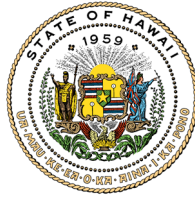
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FROM: Traven Apiki, Burial Sites Specialist

RE: **Notification of the Next Hawai'i Island Burial Council Meeting**

The Hawai'i Island Burial Council meeting has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Place: Online via Teams
—AND—
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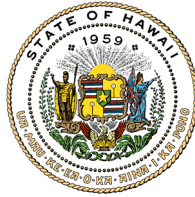
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**AGENDA
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL/PULE**
- III. MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for March 19, 2026.**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**

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E. Discussion Regarding the Next Hawai'i Island Burial Council Meeting Date and Time.

F. Discussion Regarding Robert's Rule of Order and Burial Council Process for Conducting Meetings.

G. Discussion Regarding Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is TBD.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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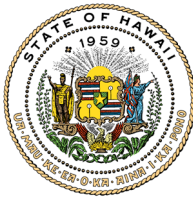
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Minutes
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
PLACE: Online via Zoom
—AND—
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Vice-Chair Kahakalau (Hamakua), Zoom
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū), Zoom
Member Abenes (Kohala), In-person
Member Pōki'i Seto (Hilo), Zoom

SHPD Staff: Traven Apiki, Hawaii Burial Site Specialist
Noah Gomes, Cultural Ethnographer

Guests: Kalena Blakemore

Kaweni Ibara
Mikki Murray
Kiana Murray
Lanell Lua
Jess Waiiau
Jade Chihara

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 9:39AM

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Member Haumea conducts pule

Member Haumea, Member Abenes, Vice-Chair Kahakalau, Member Seto, Chair Crivello

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for February 19, 2026.

Recording: 3:25-4:55

Motion and vote made at 4:22

**MOTION: To Accept the February 19, 2026 Meeting and February 19, 2026
Item IV. B. Closed Session Minutes**

MOVED BY: Member Abenes

2ND BY: Member Seto

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Approval of the Minutes for February 19, 2026 Item IV. B. Closed Session.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding Update with the Burial Sites Working Group.

Recording: 4:55-28:12

- Vice-Chair Kahakalau-5:40
- Chair Crivello-7:21
- Vice-Chair Kahakalau-7:33
- Member Haumea-7:55
- Chair Crivello-8:20
- Member Haumea-11:26
- Chair Crivello-11:30

- Member Haumea-12:15
- Chair Crivello-12:25
- Member Haumea-15:00
- Chair Crivello-18:52
- Member Haumea-24:40
- Chair Crivello-25:32
- Member Haumea-25:52
- Vice-Chair Kahakalau-27:23

B. Discussion and Determination of the Lineal Descendancy Recognition Application of the Applicant, Mikki M. Murray, to Keakaonalii, Interred at Family Burial Cave, Kolomikimiki, SIHP # 50-10-18-18545, Located at, Kaulana Ahupua‘a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-2-005:004.

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Recording: 28:12-34:30

- Chair Crivello-28:12
- Mikki Murray-29:25
- Member Haumea-33:06

Motion and vote made at 33:25

**MOTION: To Recognize Mikki Murray as a Lineal Descendant
 MOVED BY: Member Haumea
 2ND BY: Member Abenes
 VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

C. Discussion and Determination of the Lineal Descendancy Recognition Application of the Applicant, Kiana M. Murray, to Keakaonalii, Interred at Family Burial Cave, Kolomikimiki, SIHP # 50-10-18-18545, Located at, Kaulana Ahupua‘a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-2-005:004.

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Recording: 34:30-39:22

- Chair Crivello-34:30
- Kiana Murray-35:12
- Chair Crivello-36:46
- Member Abenes-37:02
- Chair Crivello-37:25
- Member Abenes-37:50
- Chair Crivello-38:11

Motion and vote made at 38:32

MOTION: To Recognize Kiana Murray as a Lineal Descendant

MOVED BY: Member Haumea

2ND BY: Member Abenes

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

D. Discussion and Determination of the Lineal Descendancy Recognition Application of the Applicant, Kalena K. Blakemore, to David Malo, Benjamin K. Malo, Lucy K. Malo, Kauikoaole, Samuel Kamehaiku, Kapuipui Kamehaiku, Elena Malo, Pua Malo, and Maria Kamehaiku Interred at the historic Keaukaha Cemetery, Located at, Waiakea Ahupua'a, South Hilo District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 2-1-014:025.

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Recording: 41:02-46:54

- Chair Crivello-41:02
- Kalena Blakemore-42:30
- Chair Crivello-43:53

Motion and vote made at 44:28

MOTION: To Recognize Kalena Blakemore as a Lineal Descendant

MOVED BY: Member Haumea

2ND BY: Member Abenes

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

- Member Haumea-45:00
- Kalena Blakemore-45:35
- Chair Crivello-46:06

E. Discussion and Determination Regarding Issuing a Letter of Support for the Repatriation of Carolyn Sue Harp and Ohana to Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park.

Recording: 46:54-47:33

- Chair Crivello-46:54
- Traven Apiki-47:07

Motion and vote made at 47:23

MOTION: To Defer Item to Next Meeting

MOVED BY: Member Haumea

2ND BY: Member Abenes

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

F. Discussion Regarding the Next Hawai'i Island Burial Council Meeting Date and Time.

Recording: 47:33-1:22:33

- Chair Crivello-47:33
- Member Haumea-51:11
- Chair Crivello-52:00
- Vice-Chair Kahakalau-53:01
- Member Haumea-54:17
- Member Seto-54:46
- Member Abenes- 54:55
- Chair Crivello-55:01
- Member Haumea-57:49
- Chair Crivello-58:26
- Vice-Chair Kahakalau-1:00:08
- Chair Crivello-1:00:22
- Traven Apiki-1:05:41
- Chair Crivello-1:06:36
- Vice-Chair Kahakalau-1:06:49
- Chair Crivello-1:08:34
- Vice-Chair Kahakalau-1:10:08
- Traven Apiki-1:11:03
- Chair Crivello-1:11:07
- Member Haumea-1:12:00
- Vice-Chair Kahakalau-1:12:15
- Chair Crivello-1:12:48
- Traven Apiki-1:20:23
- Chair Crivello-1:21:00

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026, 9:30 A.M., TBD.

Recording: 1:22:33-1:25:00

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion and vote made at 1:25:13

MOTION: To Adjourn

MOVED BY: Member Haumea

2ND BY: Member Abenes

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Meeting Adjourns 11:05AM

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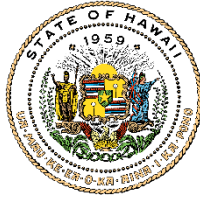
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January 13, 2026

PROJECT NO: 2024PR00161
DOC NO: 2601TA03

TO: Hawai'i Island Burial Council Members

FROM: Jessica Puff, State Historic Preservation Administrator

SUBJECT: **Descendancy Recognition Application of Zae-Michael M. Apele to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-10-45-31430, Located at 15-1570 Maku'u Drive, Hawaiian Paradise Park, Waikahekahe Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 1-5-023:040.**

For the purpose of establishing and substantiating a lineal descendant claim to the human skeletal remains, located at the above property, the named individual, below, has submitted an application to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) for assessment and verification pursuant to Hawai'i Administrative Rules §13-300-35.

Lineal descendant means with respect to Native Hawaiian skeletal remains, a claimant who has established to the satisfaction of the council, direct or collateral genealogical connections to certain Native Hawaiian skeletal remains.

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Therefore, the SHPD recommends deferral of this lineal descendancy claim.

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