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**Minutes
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2026
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
PLACE: Online via Zoom
—AND—
**Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Conference Room
19 E. Kāwili Street
Hilo, HI 96720**

This meeting will be held using interactive conference technology (ICT) under section 92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Board members, staff, applicants, testifiers, and the public can choose to participate in person, online via ICT, or by telephone at +1 253 215 8782.

To Attend/Provide Testimony via ICT:

<https://zoom.us/j/99153244637>

Meeting ID: 991 5324 4637

Passcode: HIBC26

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<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/shpd/about/branches/ibc/meetings/>

HIBC Members: Chair Crivello (LLO), *Zoom*
Vice-Chair Kahakalau (Hamakua), *Zoom*
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū), *Zoom*
Member Abenes (Kohala), *In-person*

SHPD Staff: Traven Apiki, Hawaii Burial Site Specialist

Guests: Lokelani Brandt
Emma Koa
Jade
TJ Kalaniopio

Mike
Lihwai
Jess Waiau

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 9:42AM

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Vice-Chair Kahakalau conducts pule

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

III. MINUTES

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

No Quorum, Agenda moves to item IV. A.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

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

Recording: 3:18-7:00

Vice-Chair Kahakalau-3:18

Chair Crivello-5:23

Vice-Chair Kahakalau-6:00

Current group is working through the report from the previous working group to identify if new laws should be written and who would be best to take on specific responsibilities.

Agenda moves to item IV. C

B. Discussion and Determination of the Cultural Descendancy Recognition Application of the Applicant, 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.

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

Recording: 54:00-1:27:07

Emma Koa-54:38
Chair Crivello-1:00:14
Member Haumea-1:00:27
Chair Crivello-1:04:38
Vice-Chair Kahakalau-1:06:31
Member Abenes-1:08:23
Vice-Chair Kahakalau-1:09:56
Chair Crivello-1:10:52
Member Haumea-1:12:44
Chair Crivello-1:15:24
Member Haumea-1:19:17
Vice-Chair Kahakalau-1:20:20
Chair Crivello-1:21:37
Emma Koa-1:22:10
Chair Crivello-1:24:53

Testimony raised concerns of the cultural descendancy process and the kuleana that follows recognized descendancy as well as proper conduct when individuals malama iwi kupuna. Will be agendized next meeting and chair will reach out to AG about how the council can support the community in this situation at Waikahekahe.

Agenda moves to item VI.

C. 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: 7:08-8:01

Chair Crivello-7:08
Traven Apiki-7:22
Chair Crivello-7:36

No quorum and parties are not present to present to council. Will be deferred until next meeting.

D. Discussion Regarding Update on the Burial Site Component of a Preservation Plan for the Inadvertent Discovery of Human Skeletal Remains on the Hawai'i Preparatory Academy Upper Campus, Kauniho and Waiaka 2nd Ahupua'a, South Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i TMK: (3) 6-5-001:033.

Recording: 8:01-26:43

Chair Crivello-8:01

Lokelani-9:20
Chair Crivello-9:50
Lokelani-10:15
Vice-Chair Kahakalau-14:04
Lokelani-14:18
Member Abenes-14:57
Lokelani-15:30
Chair Crivello-16:16
Member Haumea-17:39
Chair Crivello-19:36
Lokelani-21:00

Multiple representatives from HPA present. Preservation in place proposed with a preservation easement 20ft x 10ft marked by pohaku on the four corners. Consultation with cultural descendants led to not wanting an obstructed view. General hand clearing and trimming of trees with no ground disturbance. Access for descendants would be granted with 48 hour notice to HPA for arranging with maintenance crew.

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

Recording: 26:43-31:02

Chair Crivello-26:43
Member Haumea-29:18
Traven Apiki-29:50
Member Haumea-30:22
Chair Crivello-30:39

Meeting will be changed to 1st Wednesday of each month.

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

Recording: 31:02-49:33

Traven Apiki-31:10
Member Haumea-31:40
Chair Crivello-32:00
Member Haumea-36:18
Chair Crivello-38:00
Member Haumea-39:40
Chair Crivello-40:15
Vice-Chair Kahakalau-42:02
Chair Crivello-43:23
Traven Apiki-45:19

Chair Crivello-46:06
Traven Apiki-46:30
Chair Crivello-47:40

Chair runs meeting, follows agenda strictly, and maintains order. Public testimony can be received prior to decision making. Member would make a motion, it would be seconded, and then discussion would ensue. Motion can be changed through a motion if needed prior to main motion being voted on. Vote would be majority rules unless a special circumstance that requires 2/3 vote. Agendized in relation to agenda item IV. B. where a motion was made to the agenda item and voted on but the main determination itself was never voted on.

G. Discussion Regarding Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

Recording: 49:33-54:00

Chair Crivello-49:33

Next meeting will include approval of March and April minutes as well as items IV. B & C. Include inadvertent section, Pakini and Hokulia.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 9:30 A.M., TBD.

Agenda moves to item IV. B.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourns 11:11AM

To Provide Written Testimony:

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Board members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony via email to: traven.apiki@hawaii.gov. Written testimonies can also be mailed to: 40 Po'okela Street, Hilo, HI 96720. Written testimonies may be posted upon the HIBC 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 record and distributed to HIBC members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure the HIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

To Provide In-Person Oral Testimony:

Attend in-person at: 19 E. Kāwili Street, Hilo HI 96720.

To Provide Testimony by Telephone:

On the day of the meeting at the start of the agenda item you wish to testify on, dial +1 253-215-8782 and follow the prompts.

To Provide Video/Zoom Testimony:

Please send your request in a timely manner to: traven.apiki@hawaii.gov with your information, email address, and the agenda item you wish to testify on. Once your request has been received, you will receive a confirmation email with pertinent information. You may testify without signing up in advance.

We kindly ask that all oral/video 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 an 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.

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

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

Pursuant to §92-2.5(d) HRS, if a meeting must be cancelled due to lack of quorum, the present council members may elect to continue to receive testimony and presentations on items on the agenda.

It is strongly recommended that any member of the public who requests 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 located at 40 Po'okela St., Hilo, HI 96720.

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