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

DATE: Wednesday, May 6, 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/92370853215>

Meeting ID: 923 7085 3215

Passcode: HIBC26

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

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

Guests: Jon Loehndorf
Wahinekoa
Jade Chihara
Lihiwai

Jess Waiau
Kimo Dillard
Keone Kalawe
Clarence Perez
Gale Perez
Keoni Alvarez
Kale Gumapac
Sandee Maeda
Lanell Lua
William Koa
Ladonna Medina
Cloreen Cummings
Aileen Alvarez

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 9:35AM

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Chair Crivello conducts pule

Member Abenes, Member Seto, Chair Crivello

III. MINUTES

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

Recording: 4:26-4:47

- Deferred to next meeting, no quorum

B. Approval of the Minutes for April 16, 2026.

- Deferred to next meeting, no quorum

IV. NEW BUSINESS

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

Recording: 4:47-5:04

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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: 5:04-5:45

- Deferred to next meeting, no quorum

Motion and vote ()

MOTION: To Recognize Zae-Michael Apele as a Cultural Descendant

MOVED BY: Member

2ND BY: Member

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Member Haumea Joins Meeting

Agenda moves to Item IV. D.

C. Discussion and Determination of the Lineal Descendancy Recognition application of Jessica Waiau to Individuals Interred at SIHP# 50-10-47-31480, Located at, Kalama 5 Ahupua'a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 8-2-006:001.

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Recording: 26:34-29:60

- Jess Waiau-26:34
- Chair Crivello-28:40

Agenda moves to Item IV. F.

D. Discussion and Determination of the Cultural Descendancy Recognition Application of Clarence K. Perez to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-10-02-31544 Located at, Honopueo Ahupua'a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 5-4-009:020.

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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: 7:35-18:25

- Clarence Perez-9:42
- Chair Crivello-15:16

E. Cultural Descendancy Recognition Application of Gale K. Perez to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-10-02-31544 Located at, Honopueo Ahupua‘a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 5-4-009:020.

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Recording: 18:25-26:20

- Gale Perez-19:02
- Chair Crivello-22:45

Agenda moves to Item IV. C.

F. 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: 29:60-39:20

- Chair Crivello-29:60
- Paka Harp-34:06
- Chair Crivello-37:59

G. Discussion and Determination Regarding Draft Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP # 50-10-45-31430 Located at, Waikahekahe Ahupua‘a, Puna District, Island of Hawai‘i TMK: (3) 1-5-023:040.

Recording: 39:20-2:33:22

- Chair Crivello-39:20
- Wahinekoa-42:42

- Kale Gumapac-51:30
- Keoni Alvarez-55:05
- Chair Crivello-1:08:25

5 Minute Break

- Chair Crivello-1:17:00
- Lanell Lua-1:20:45
- Jessica Waiau-1:28:47
- Eileen Alvarez-1:35:16
- Chair Crivello-1:43:40
- Lihiwai-1:45:40
- Chair Crivello-1:49:00
- Jon Loehndorf-1:56:43
- Chair Crivello-2:10:23
- Jon Loehndorf-2:24:43
- Member Seto-2:27:33
- Jon Loehndorf-2:29:30
- Chair Crivello-2:31:38

10 Minute Break

H. Discussion Regarding the Review of the Draft State Historic Preservation Plan.

Recording: 2:33:22-2:55:32

- Chair Crivello-2:33:22
- Trisha Watson-

I. Discussion and Determination Regarding Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

Recording: 2:55:32-3:00:04

- Chair Crivello-2:55:32

V. INADVERTENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discoveries of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains Located at, Pakini Nui Ahupua'a, Kau District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 9-3-001:006.

- Traven Apiki-A rancher leasing land from KS did unpermitted grubbing work that resulted in iwi kupuna being impacted. KS had contracted ASM to conduct field work and they came across the iwi kupuna and alerted SHPD. We conducted a site visit with KS and ASM and recovered the surface fragments that we could.

ASM continued to do screening and recovery and reinterred the individual at an agreed upon place on a puu near where they were discovered. ASM is working on the BSC currently.

B. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discoveries of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains Located at, Kanakau Ahupua'a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 8-1-004:068.

- Traven Apiki-After the Kona low storm SHPD received a call about iwi that had been impacted by flooding at Hokulia in two separate areas, one beneath the golf course that showed two individuals that were impacted, and one above the golf course in a FEMA flood channel where a single individual was impacted. The two individuals beneath the golf course were in extremely dense clay making disinterment impossible without harming the iwi. I worked with a cultural descendant of the area and we resealed the iwi in clay in their original place. No surface fragments were found. SHPD and the descendant created a plan to protect them from the next storm that was approaching by creating a berm to redirect water away from the area and it held through both storms. Hokulia is addressing water flow further mauka to ensure flooding of the same degree won't impact these burials again. The individual above the golf course seemed to have been previously impacted by the golf course installation. SHPD made the determination to relocate the individual outside of the FEMA flood channel in consultation with cultural descendants. Prior to disinterment, the iwi kupuna was covered in cloth and a tarp and a temporary dry stack wall was built to mitigate damage from the approaching kona low. The protection measures held up against both storms and the iwi kupuna has since been relocate to a nearby area that shouldn't be affected by future flooding.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Next HIBC Meeting is Schedule for Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 9:30 A.M., TBD.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourns 1:00PM

These Meeting Minutes Were Approved at the 7/1/26 Meeting

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.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact (808) 829-9322 or traven.apiki@hawaii.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this agenda and other materials are available in alternate/accessible formats.