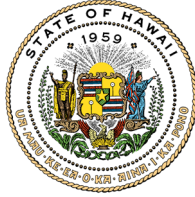


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**Minutes
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM (HST)
PLACE: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Kalanimoku Building
Board Room #132
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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

SHPD Staff: Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Archaeologist
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Daniel Akiyama, CSH
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Sara Blahut, CSH
Michelle Clark, CSH
Ivan Lui-Kwan
Doug Hazelwood
Kawika McKyu

**Diane Fitzsimmons
Ross Morishige
Jason Lee**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caceres calls meeting to order at 10:00 AM

II. ROLE CALL/PULE

Vice-Chair Shafer conducts pule

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

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for May 13, 2026

Recording: 4:15-4:30

Motions and vote (4:19)

MOTION: To Approve the May 13, 2026 Minutes

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Ako

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

IV. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-80-11-08819, at the Kīhāpai Place Development Project, Kailua Ahupuaʻa, Koʻolaupoko District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-058:065 and 066.

Recording: 4:30-5:34

Traven Apiki-The BSC was drafted by IA and accepted by the department. They don't believe the reburial can happen until Q1 or Q2 of 2027 due to needing acceptance of AIS first.

B. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 4561 Aukai Avenue, Waikīkī, Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu. TMK: (1) 3-5-004:020.

Recording: 5:34-6:26

Traven Apiki-Pacific Legacy currently working on BSC. Letter of determination has been issued and I need to follow up with the property owner and descendants about the kanu.

Chair Caceres-Please keep myself and Mr. Ako updated on the reburial dates.

C. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 5799 Kalanianaʻole Hwy, Waikīkī Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 3-7-002:005.

Recording: 6:26-17:03

Doug Hazelwood-This project has been stalled since December. Last week the owner agreed to move the process forward. Hoping will be resolved in next month or two. It was delayed because owners were upset things didn't move quickly but have been working with them to begin to move forward again. Burials were disinterred and the homeowners prepared a crypt to receive the remains. They believed SHPD would coordinate and handle reburial efforts. Expect SIHP request to be sent to SHPD before next meeting. Will work with Traven to make sure all descendants are notified. Iwi haven't been wrapped yet and can be.

Member Ako-What behaviors are being exhibited that lead to the conclusion they're not being cooperative.

Doug Hazelwood-We spent several weeks collecting the remains. They were upset that it was taking so long and they refused to pay us for all the work up to that point and threatened to sue us and the state. No AIS was done on the property, the design was altered to minimize ground disturbance.

Chair Caceres-If future conflicts arise, feel free to reach out to us.

Mana Caceres-We would like to be included in the consultation.

Susan Lebo-SHPD archaeology will work with you on the SIHP request.

D. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discoveries of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Ālia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:017.

Recording: 17:03-19:54

Traven Apiki-No update, will be following up with Trisha now that she's calmed down with the historic preservation plan

Chair Caceres-What discussions? Can loop me into the conversation.

Traven Apiki-The timeline for the reburial as well as the results from the investigation of the potential burial 5.

Member Ako-Should note that development has continued and the iwi have not been handled.

E. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloa Ahupuaʻa, 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: 19:54-24:00

Member Mills recuses himself

Nick Belluzzo-During monitored and unmonitored work for trenching for a wall iwi were found. They initially started without monitoring and then we began afterwards. Had to screen all the backdirt. Grave pits and graves sites outside of the trench seem to have been impacted, 7 burial pits largely intact and a total of 9 individuals represented. Just finished and haven't had a chance to debrief with HDOT and Traven to figure out what designs are possible for preservation in place. Hoping to have a meeting to work through that by next council meeting.

F. 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: 24:00-27:50

Traven Apiki-Last month SHPD conducted a site visit to look at the property owner's recommendation of a reinterment site. The site recommended was close to a small bluff that looks as if it would be impacted by erosion. Another recommendation was provided by SHPD staff and the owner was open to it. Member Erhorn-Are these the remains Diane Fitzsimmons is asking cultural descendancy for?

Traven Apiki-She didn't specify which project she wanted to be consulted on. Vice-Chair Shafer-Please let me know any projects in my area.

G. 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: 27:50-28:56

Chair Caceres recuses himself

Lexie Bennicas-Just received a letter of determination yesterday for 4 inadvertent discoveries. 3 are being preserved in place and 1 being relocated. The developer is working with engineers to figure out how to best proceed.

H. 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: 28:56-30:10

Lexie Bennicas-Have an LOD that was received within the month for preservation in place. Protective measures will be implemented this week. Also received a revised letter of determination for iwi that were originally going to be relocated but are not being reinterred in their original find location and kanu scheduled for Friday evening.

- I. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Pōkaʻī Bay, Waiʻanae Ahupuaʻa, Waiʻanae District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 8-6-001:007.**

Recording: 30:10-31:37

Traven Apiki-No update

Chair Caceres-Has there been any communication with the recognized descendant? If and when appropriate feel free to loop me in to the conversation.

Traven Apiki-They just reached out yesterday about a different project but there is at least communication now.

- J. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park, Mākaha Ahupuaʻa, Waiʻanae District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: (1) 8-4-001:008.**

Recording: 31:37-31:57

Traven Apiki-No update

- K. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Jefferson Elementary School, Waikīkī, Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu. TMK: (1) 2-6-029:002.**

Recording: 31:57-36:25

Chair Caceres recuses himself

Traven Apiki-This is a fencing project for a school, there were 3 fragments of different individuals found during the excavation of the fence post holes. LOD for preservation in place was issued for all of them. While they were digging a hole a new fence post hole they found articulated foot bones in the sidewall. They intended to reinter the iwi from the sites into that hole. During excavation of some of the holes that were excavated with a vac truck iwi were found but it was unclear which of the holes they originated from. They worked to reinter the iwi and they came across this additional individual. It seemed as though it could be a whole individual and so we met to discuss redesign of the fencing.

Mana Caceres-Not speaking on behalf of the project but as a descendant. The iwi kupuna found along kuhio was buried where it was originated from.

L. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at, 'Ōhikilolo Ahupua'a, Wai'anae District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 8-3-001:045.

Recording: 36:25-37:26

Traven Apiki-SHPD met with the property owner who his open to creating a reinterment site on his property for any iwi kupuna found along this coastline.

M. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at, Waianae Ahupua'a, Wai'anae District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 8-7-028:013.

Recording: 37:26-44:53

Doug Hazelwood-Passman residence. In situ burial discovered during a project at the edge of the development line. Determination made with homeowners to preserve in place. The remains were scattered and we had to recover fragmentary remains that were scattered over a week. All recovered remains were reinterred with the insitu burial. Steel plates were placed around the burial to prevent disturbance from construction. The BSC is being prepared. After construction restarted, a trench face collapsed that revealed additional fragments that seem to be from the in situ burial. This project had remains that were stolen in the beginning of the project. Evidence suggested it was homeless that frequented the area and we were unable to relocate them which is why we are temporarily curating iwi at our headquarters and not onsite. We'll be shoring up the trench walls to ensure the walls don't collapse.

Chair Caceres-If the iwi aren't wrapped yet would recommend wrapping them as soon as possible.

N. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Waianiani Cove, Honouliuli Ahupua'a, Ewa District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 9-1-057:027.

Recording: 44:53-56:30

Traven Apiki-May 1 CSH reported an inadvertent discovery from excavation of a catch basin. It was found to be 2 individuals based on the skeletal element, fragments from an adult and a child both who seem to have been previously disturbed. On May 5, an adult femur shaft was also found. May 13, a femur shaft fragment was also found that seems to be associated with the find from May 5. The MNI is 3 individuals, all iwi were secured in place and a 20ft buffer was created.

Mana Caceres-Would like to make a request for a slide deck or a zoom call

Chair Caceres-Did a site visit and it was explained the catch basin is required because of the potential of runoff to the ocean but the catch basin will be filled in later. See two options, both require relocation now until the catch basin is completed and then the kupuna can be reinterred in its find location or relocation to the burial preserve. If relocating now and still have to wait to be put in the burial preserve, would rather have them go back to their original location.

O. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Ka Haku Project, Waikiki Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-6-023:037.

Recording: 56:30-58:23

Sara Blahut-New inadvertent discovery in May from a sidewall collapse during installation of electrical lines near many other inadvertent discoveries. The individual was half displaced from the collapse. The burial is in conflict with the remaining 10ft that need to be excavated. In coordination with SHPD we excavated the last 10ft and did not find any additional iwi. Currently waiting in SIHP and LOD.

P. Discussion Regarding Letter from Townscape, Inc, Dated June 1, 2026 Pertaining to a Consultation Request for the Environmental Assessment for the Ala Moana No. 1 Wastewater Pump Station Improvements.

Recording: 58:23-59:25

Member Erhorn-Pump stations can require a lot of ground disturbance so we should keep our eyes on this.

Q. Discussion Regarding Letter from Department of the Air Force, Dated April 3, 2026 Pertaining to Coordination for an Environmental Assessment for the Northeastern Security Fence, Bellows Air Force Station.

Recording: 59:25-1:00:10

Chair Caceres-Bellows is known for the amount of iwi they have in the sandy areas.

R. Discussion Regarding Letter from Department of the Air Force, Dated March 16, 2026 Pertaining to the Environmental Assessment for Land Retention of Ka'ena Point Space Force Station.

Recording: 1:00:10-1:02:01

Vice-Chair Shafer-Are they doing an AIS with the area?
Chair Caceres-I'll reach out to the letter contact

S. Discussion Regarding Letter from Hawaii Department of Transportation, Dated April 22, 2026 Pertaining to Section 106 Consultation for Kamehameha Highway Intersection Improvements at Waihee Road.

Recording: 1:02:01-1:03:04

Vice-Chair Shafer-The traffic after the roundabout there is horrendous. Now they're going to do something about it, I think that's what this is about. Will follow up with the neighborhood board over there.

Agenda Moves to Item VI. A.

T. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Turtle Bay.

Chair Caceres recuses himself

Recording: 1:12:13-1:17:54

Nick Belluzzo-Verbal updates have been given to SHPD but still in the information gathering stage. Road extension between new resort and development. They're excavating for utility lines and in process there were some fragmented iwi kupuna found. Did a site visit with the Kahuku Burial committee and cultural advisor. There is evidence of deposit associated with mid 1900 tsunami that disturbed the site. There is also additional disturbance in the area. Pre existing cultural layer that has been heavily impacted. Going through the screening process to recover all the fragmented remains. We want to parallel this with the power line that still needs to be installed. Trying to pull together a meeting with the Kahuku burial committee about the next steps and have SHPD reach out to additional descendants. 3 individuals on the Kahuku burial committee are recognized descendants and 11-12 additional descendants that have been recently recognized.

Agenda Moves to Item V. B.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

Recording: 1:03:04-1:12:13

Chair Caceres-Governor did recently approve legislation that changes how quorum works. Its not majority of sitting members with a minimum quorum of 3. Traven Apiki-It was signed into law on June 5. Don't have any information on the stipends.

Member Ako-Quorum for the next meeting will be 3. Is Kawehi on the board?

Chair Caceres-Yes, she is on her way is what we were told.

Member Erhorn-This is my last day but we still don't have any new members coming onto the board. If anyone knows anyone we should encourage them to sign up. Think this is bigger than a Hawaiian issue, it's a human issue and everyone in Hawaii should take part in this.

Chair Caceres-We talked at length at the working sites group with other islands burial councils. Names are being presented but the nominations aren't being put through by the governor's office. Interim appointments can be made for the council until next leg session.

Member Erhorn-Just read there is a new head of DLNR. Was impressed with representation last month from their office.

Chair Caceres-We're a resource that is underutilized in the work around iwi kupuna. Our work doesn't end once a month in this room. Request everyone keeps us informed so we can provide assistance in consultation.

Motions and vote (1:11:55)

MOTION: To Add Agenda Item Regarding Inadvertent Discovery at Turtle Bay (Item T)

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Mills

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Agenda Moves to Item IV. T.

B. 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: 1:17:54-1:18:46

Traven Apiki-Needed to schedule with descendants and city and county of Honolulu for the kanu. Still need to reach out to them.

C. 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: 1:18:46-1:34:13

Traven Apiki-Received written testimony from a community member

Reads written testimony

Member Mills-That is the North Shore community association president

Dianne Fitzsimmons-She is Vice-Chair of the neighborhood board. She was concerned and wanted to be here.

Susan Lebo-The AIS report has been submitted but not accepted. Traditional approach has been that building permit wouldn't be given until the AIS has been completed. Unsure if the permit was given.

Chair Caceres-I received a call from Traven about the flooding that happened and iwi kupuna were pedestaled in the trench, it flooded, and the iwi kupuna was lost. The structure was falling into the trench so they filled it with concrete. The concrete poured was exactly what they needed for the structure.

Traven Apiki-The archaeologist working on it was supposed to come before the council, not sure why he hasn't come before the council.

Chair Caceres-I have a number of concerns. The typical processes with an AIS seem to have been bypassed due to weather.

Susan Lebo-SHPD is currently working with SCS for assignment of SIHP numbers for resources and iwi kupuna. Once done can move forward with completing a review for the AIS and then the next step would be the BTP. The concern is reaching an agreement on where the iwi were identified and the context as well as a series of pit features and other resources. Want to agree on the resources present. There are 4 pit features all coming from the same deposit. What was supposed to be the original excavation area is now twice the size and we want to see the documentation of when the scope was changed.

Member Erhorn-How feasible is it to dig a parallel trench adjacent to what was filled with concrete?

Susan Lebo-There's enough information from photos and documents to have the discussion.

Member Ako-Was the concrete poured requiring any permitting that got circumvented?

Susan Lebo-That's a DPP issue.

Chair Caceres-Will follow up with Michael Kat with DPP.

D. 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: 1:34:13-1:53:54

Kamuela Kalai-Spoke with SHPD and Summer. Kudos to SHPD staff for coordinating a site visit to protect these burials. Would like SHPD to set up a site visit with date and time and give advance notice. The Fukumitsu ohana did everything they could for a year to provide documentation to protect these burials. At the end of that time and site visit, something should've been done to mark them. The Fukumitsu ohana received lineal recognition to these burials. Regina helped facilitate the coordination of this. We couldn't continue to come to these meetings for the six years leading up to this. I'm here today and would like to thank Traven, Josh, and Sam to make this happen. Mahalo Regina for all she did but in this case the ball got dropped. The family wants to be here but they are busy.

Chair Caceres-The purpose of this site visit is so the family can point out the exact location of the burials and SHPD can take the GPS data.

Sam Hemenway-The site visit 6 years ago was to look at the septic tank in relation to the burials. The burials were pointed out but we are trying to go back and see if any data was taken during that time.

Traven Apiki-The purpose of having the family present to point out the exact location of the burials. At this point it's a matter of agreeing on a date and time to go out with the family and take GPS data of the exact place of the burials.

Kamuella Kalai-My understanding is that was not the purpose of the site visit. The registration was already submitted.

E. 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: 1:53:54-2:08:07

Traven Apiki-Just need to talk about potential reinterment sites and then writing a plan in consultation with descendants to address monitoring, temporarily curate, and reinter.

Chair Caceres-The more iwi kupuna previously recognized, the more power we have in terms of preservation in place. Recently, if these iwi kupuna are found to be previously identified, they would have to wait to once a month to be addressed at OIBC. If SHPD is working the way it should, they can respond quicker.

Kamuella Kalai-SHPD hasn't been there to recover any iwi kupuna, its community members. My fear is the iwi kupuna impacted will be stored somewhere on SHPD shelves. There are people that can collect and curate so they're not sitting on shelves.

Chair Caceres-The solution Traven was proposing was having descendants do exactly that. Is it a reasonable timeline to have that draft available by next month?

Kamuella Kalai-The problem is that its not recognized descendants that are down there, its community members who notify SHPD.

Traven Apiki-Only recognized descendants can temporarily curate iwi kupuna legally. There's no issues with community members monitoring though.

Vice-Chair Shafer-A lot of times recognized descendants are busy and there are others in the area that make it their kuleana. Ian goes almost daily because he feels like that's part of his kuleana. Somehow we need someone with kuleana that will take care of them.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Motions and vote (2:14:17)

MOTION: OIBC Support a Claim by Hui Iwi Kuamoo for a Repatriation Claim for 8 Iwi Kupuna from Harvard University

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
VOTE: Motion passes with majority

Chair Caceres-The reasoning with why OHA doesn't want to join is that they wouldn't be able to afford the cost for the repatriation work

Member Ako-Supportive of the NAGPRA claim, under our roles do we have authority to do this.

Traven Apiki-OIBC can be a consulting party but they cannot be a claiming party.

Mana Caceres-Won't speak on behalf of OHA but they would support the claim.

Hui Iwi Kuamoo has in the past partnered with OIBC.

Kalai Kamuela-Shame on OHA for not taking part in this.

Member Ako-Would like to ask the wording change to state that OIBC go on record as being supportive.

Chair Caceres-Should clarity be sought with the Deputy AG's?

Member Mills-We have a conduit into NAGPRA according to the administrative rules as a consulting party.

Mana Caceres-One of the major points for this is working with OIBC to identify recognized descendants to figure out who should be caretakers of the iwi.

A. Discussion and Determination Regarding Approval of Cultural Descendancy Recognition Application of Diane P. Fitzsimmons to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-80-01-07196 Located at, Pupukea Ahupua'a, Koolauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-005:071.

Recording: 2:19:59-2:26:11

Diane Fitzsimmons-Mahalo for the new SHPD crew. I was previously recognized as a cultural descendant. Hina and I went inside the caves and found iwi and salt storage. These caves are on the way up to Mahuka heiau and its on SHPD inventory. When I was recognized, I came to a number of meetings wanting SHPD to seal the caves. Here today to reapply and ask SHPD if they can seal the caves. I also talked to Kamakana Ferriera and its probably connected to Waimea Valley, SHPD is currently working on the caves that opened from the rock fall. OHA said they may be able to assist in sealing of the caves. Would like to see the caves sealed before someone does any damage.

Chair Caceres-The burial caves would have to be a separate item on the agenda which can be agendized next month.

Motions and vote (2:25:28)

MOTION: To Recognize Diane Fitzsimmons as a cultural descendant to Pupukea

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion unanimously

- B. Discussion, Determination, and Recommendation Regarding Approval of the Draft Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP #s 50-80-14-09156 and 50-80-14-09441 at the Ala Moana Boulevard Tower Project, Hilton Hawaiian Village Campus, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 2-6-009:004, (1) 2-6-009:005, (1) 2-6-009:006 and portions of (1) 2-6-009:007, (1) 2-6-009:009, and (1) 2-6-009:013.**

Chair Caceres recuses himself

Recording: 2:26:11-2:37:12

Kawika McKeague-Will introduce the team in just a moment but wanted to show some appreciation for Member Erhorn and his years of service.

Matt McDermott-Have looked at both options of preservation in place and relocation. There is not a clear consensus among descendants. One family is for preservation in place. Another individual is reluctant because of the foot traffic. Another family typically favors preservation in place but in this case doesn't think its appropriate because of the foot traffic and building over it.

Kawika-We wanted to find the solutions that consider both preservation in place and relocation even if it is a bit more work because that's the excellence and standard we should all hold ourselves too.

Motions and vote (2:33:35)

MOTION: To Enter Closed Session

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Member Mills

VOTE: Motion unanimously

Motions and vote (2:36:28)

MOTION: To Preserve Burials in Place

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Member Ako

VOTE: Motion unanimously

Motions and vote (2:36:45)

MOTION: To Recommend Acceptance of BTP

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Member Erhorn

VOTE: Motion unanimously

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

Recording: 2:37:12-2:59:12

Michelle Clark-Introduced project in January 2026, here to present AIS testing strategy. 0.92 acres, proposed project is mixed use residential condominium. 315 units. Private project with no federal involvement. In May architectural study was accepted by SHPD and agreed AIS is needed, they requested consultation with descendants and stakeholders. Property is historically used as wetland and fishponds. Testing strategy involves 12 test excavations measuring 20ft by 2.5 ft. 1.5% coverage of the project area. Trenches placed to provide coverage of historic properties (fishponds and berms). Responses during consultation include a request for additional testing ranging to 100% AIS, request for stronger focus on proposed extensive project excavations, and concerns noting the gap in the testing strategy due to the existing structure. To address concerns, areas where preservation in place can be prioritized, including potential redesign, minimizing impacts during construction with neat cut elements where possible, identifying locations for potential reburial sites should it be necessary. Next steps include refining AIS testing strategy to address consultation, complete AIS fieldwork and reports, and updating consulting parties with results. Final testing strategy hasn't been determined but additional trenches are being added so overall coverage of the project area will increase.

Chair Caceres-Recommend testing the entirety of the grease trap.

Member Ako-Concerned that minimal amount of testing increases potential of inadvertent finds in the future. We should know as much as possible what is present.

Michelle Clark-Trenches go as deep as the water table or as appropriate, in this case about 6 feet.

Chair Caceres-Would be in favor of an addendum AIS if necessary when there is more space available to reduce indoor testing.

Mike-Is it possible after building is removed a trench is done then?

Susan Lebo-We've worked with DPP for project proponents to split their applications for demo and building. Can do the demo and then test everything deemed appropriate before the building.

D. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey and DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kūpuna – at the Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:06.

Recording: 2:59:12-3:20:22

Doug Hazelwood-Here to discuss expanding scope of project. AIS is occurring concurrent with construction. Iwi kupuna have been identified at 5 locations and all are being preserved in place. Proposed changes to project include replacement of edge of reef exhibit and UH would like to expand the ongoing AIS to include this. Proposed changes would delay completion of the AIS and BTP for about 1 year. It would eliminate the potential for having to revise the BTP should any additional iwi kupuna be discovered during the EOR AIS work. Descendants would be asked to consult on the expanded AIS work plans but haven't received any feedback as of yet. Guidance requested is combine the ongoing wastewater project with upcoming EOR project or keep the two projects separate.

Chair Caceres-If long term protections measures can be implemented now, it would be ideal.

Susan Lebo-The measures implemented would be interim measures but could be written into the BTP to be the long term measures as well.

Doug Hazelwood-There is still discussion among descendants about HSR1 and nearby pipes and we can't do that until the BTP is approved.

Mana Caceres-We've had it in the past where the interim measures were turned into permanent measures and it can be as simple as having an eye bolt in the lid of the vault so it can be removed if needed.

Member Ako-Is it possible to get an overview of the whole project?

Member Ehrhorn-I concur, I'd like to see a master plan of the whole project.

Jason Yee-The intake system is part of the footprint of an existing structure. We had a masterplan at one point but not sure what the current plan is for the other areas.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

Chair Caceres-Want to acknowledge and thank Member Erhorn for his years of service

Member Erhorn-In my years here, every chair has gotten better and better so please continue to support our current chair.

Kamuela Kalai-Appreciate Chuck's years of dedication to iwi kupuna. Wondering if there will be another opportunity to fully discuss the results of the investigation. Believe we have a right to know the results. Can this be agendaized?

Chair Caceres-We're currently waiting on SHPD administration and AG clarification on a number of things including whose jurisdiction do these iwi kupuna fall under. I'm determined to get an answer before the next meeting.

Traven Apiki-SHPD has met to figure out these answers and create a process moving forward that includes creating a list of descendants that we can reach out to through letter as well as a timeline of when these things can be completed by.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourns at 1:47pm

To provide written testimony:

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to: Traven.apiki@hawaii.gov. Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: O'ahu Island Burial Council; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC meeting website; as a precaution, please be mindful with any personal information prior to submitting unless you intend it to be shared. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly, but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

To provide in-person oral testimony:

Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.

We kindly ask that all oral testimony be limited to not more than three (3) minutes. We ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking, but you can choose not to do so.

Pursuant to HRS § 92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to present oral testimony or submit data, views, or arguments, in writing, on any agenda item. Public testimony for items listed on the agenda is strongly recommended to be limited to three minutes per agenda item. We ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking, but you can choose not to do so.

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

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

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