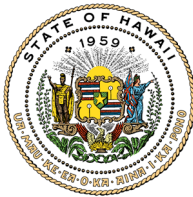
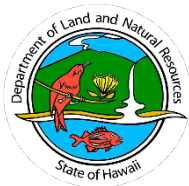


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Hawai'i Island Burial Council

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:

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Time: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Place: Online via Teams
—AND—
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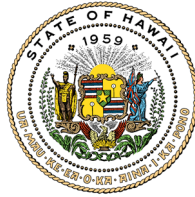
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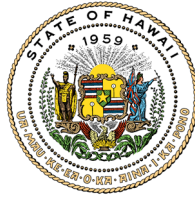
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**DRAFT MINUTES
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

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HIBC Members:

Present:

Vice-Chair Crivello (LLO), *Zoom*
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū), *Zoom*
Member Shantel Freeman (Puna), *Zoom*
Member Abenes (Kohala), *In-person*
Member Kahakalau (Hamakua), *Zoom*
Member Pōki'i Seto (Hilo), *Zoom*

SHPD Staff:

Traven Apiki, Burial Site Specialist
Christian Omerod, Cultural Historian

Guests:

Teresa Bayne, HPPOA
Kari Hoffman, HPPOA
Sandra Ackerman, HPPOA
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Crivello calls meeting to order at 9:38AM

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Member Haumea conducts pule

Desmon Haumea, I'ini Kahakalau, Leimana Albenes, Pōki 'i Seto, Shantel Freeman, La Crivello

III. ELECTION OF CHAIR

- *Member Haumea nominates Vice-Chair Crivello as Chair*
- *Vice-Chair Crivello resigns as Vice-Chair and accepts nomination*
- *Vote for Chair (Aye: Unanimous)*
- *Member Haumea nominates Member Kahakalau as Vice-Chair*
- *Member Kahakalau accepts*
- *Vote for Vice-Chair (Aye: Unanimous)*

- La Crivello voted as Chair, I'ini Kahakalau voted as Vice-Chair

IV. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for April 17, 2025.

MOTION: To accept the minutes

MOVED BY: Member Haumea

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Kahakalau

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

V. BUSINESS

- A. Descendancy Recognition Application of Kalena K. Blakemore to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-10-45-31430, Located in Waikahekahe Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 1-5-023:040.**

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MOTION: To Recognize Kalena Blakemore as a cultural descendant to SIHP #50-10-45-31430.
MOVED BY: Member Haumea
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Kahakalau
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Member Kahakalau leaves 9:53 A.M.

B. Lineal Descendancy Recognition Application of Joel Velez to Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains Interred in the Macomber Family Graves, Located at Kioloka‘a/Pu‘umaka‘ā Ahupua‘a, Ka‘ū District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK (3) 9-4-016:013.

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Recording Begins 9:55 A.M.

Recording: 0:00-8:03

- Joel Velez (0:00)
- Chair Crivello (1:04)
- Member Haumea (1:55)
- Joel Velez (3:11)

Motion and Vote made at 7:30

MOTION: To Recognize Joel Velez as a lineal descendant to Skeletal Remains Interred in the Macomber Family Graves.
MOVED BY: Member Haumea
2ND BY: Member Freeman
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

C. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP #50-10-45-31430 in Hawaiian Paradise Park, Waikahekahe Iki Ahupua‘a, Puna District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 1-5-023:040.

Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan.

Recording: 8:03-55:26

- Keoni Alvarez (8:56)
- Chair Crivello (19:52)
- Kalena Blakemore (21:41)
- Member Haumea (25:34)
- Chair Crivello (27:00)
- Kari Hoffman (29:20)
- Eileen Alvarez (33:10)
- Chair Crivello (40:06)
- Crystal Schiszler (43:45)
- Member Haumea (46:54)
- Kale (49:55)

Recording Paused 51:52

Break 10:47 A.M. - 10:54 A.M.

- Chair Crivello (52:16)

Motion and Vote Made at 52:42

MOTION: To Defer Item V. C. to next meeting.

MOVED BY: Member Haumea

2ND BY: Member Seto

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

D. Request by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to Discuss House Resolution 186 and Senate Resolution 130 Requesting the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to Convene a Working Group to Examine and Consider the Transfer of Native Hawaiian Burial Site Management Under Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from the State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above item. Presentation by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Recording 55:26-1:17:26

- Kaweni Ibarra (58:30)
- Member Haumea (1:03:19)
- Chair Crivello (1:05:20)
- Kamakana Ferriera (1:09:49)
- Member Haumea (1:11:35)
- Kamakana Ferriera (1:12:32)
- Chair Crivello (1:12:56)
- Kamakana Ferriera (1:14:33)
- Paka Harp (1:15:54)

E. Request by Member Haumea to Discuss Concerns of Burial Sites, SIHP# 50-10-76-25876, Located in Kiolaka‘a/Pu‘umaka‘ā Ahupua‘a, Ka‘ū District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 9-4-016:013.

Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above item.

Recording 1:17:26-2:08:30

- Member Haumea (1:18:01)
- Joel Velez (1:20:00)
- Chair Crivello (1:30:45)
- Member Haumea (1:32:10)
- Michael Manuel (1:34:13)
- Christopher Salinas (1:35:52)
- Chair Crivello (1:38:22)
- Shaula (1:40:41)
- Ikaika Marzo (1:42:45)
- Leinaala Kekuhaupio (1:50:55)
- Member Haumea (1:55:05)
- Traven Apiki (2:02:31)
- Member Haumea (2:06:34)
- Chair Crivello (2:06:51)

F. Discussion on Hawai‘i Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.

Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above item.

Recording 2:08:30-2:09:14

- Member Haumea (2:08:46)

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Recording 2:08:14-2:54:38

- Paka Harp (2:08:37)
- Chair Crivello (2:18:19)
- Jimmy Medeiros (2:19:09)
- Makanui Kitahara (2:29:08)
- Wendi Milisits (2:35:21)
- Michelle Niihau (2:36:00)
- Angela Neller (2:39:45)

Member Haumea leaves 2:40:15 (no quorum at this point)

- Paka Harp (2:41:13)
- Chair Crivello (2:44:18)
- Paka Harp (2:49:16)
- Chair Crivello (2:49:50)

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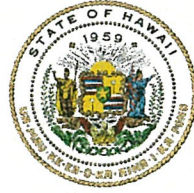
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August 5, 2025

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TO: Hawai'i Island Burial Council Members

FROM: Jessica Puff, State Historic Preservation Administrator

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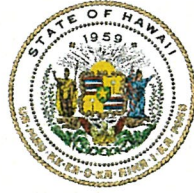
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Therefore the SHPD recommends that the HIBC recognize Paulo H. Huihui as a lineal descendant to the above named individual.

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August 5, 2025

PROJECT NO: 2025RE00051
DOC NO: 2508TA02

TO: Hawai'i Island Burial Council Members

FROM: Jessica Puff, State Historic Preservation Administrator

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SUBJECT: **Lineal Descendancy Recognition Application of Pono T. Huihui to Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-10-28-24206, Located at Kalaoa Ahupua'a, North Kona District, Island of Hawaii, TMK: (3) 7-3-028:105.**

For the purpose of establishing and substantiating a lineal descendant claim to 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.

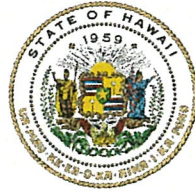
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Therefore the SHPD recommends that the HIBC recognize Pono T. Huihui as a lineal descendant to the above named individual.

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August 5, 2025

PROJECT NO: 2025RE00051
DOC NO: 2508TA03

TO: Hawai'i Island Burial Council Members

FROM: Jessica Puff, State Historic Preservation Administrator

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SUBJECT: **Lineal Descendancy Recognition Application of Saei P. Huihui to Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-10-28-24206, Located at Kalaoa Ahupua'a, North Kona District, Island of Hawaii, TMK: (3) 7-3-028:105.**

For the purpose of establishing and substantiating a lineal descendant claim to 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.

The Administrative Rules require that the applicant provide evidence of direct or collateral genealogical connections to certain Native Hawaiian skeletal remains. In this case, the applicant has submitted information genealogically connecting himself to the Native Hawaiian skeletal remains of Kaukali'inea, who is interred at the above location.

Therefore the SHPD recommends that the HIBC recognize Saei P. Huihui as a lineal descendant to the above named individual.

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August 5, 2025

PROJECT NO: 2025RE00051
DOC NO: 2508TA04

TO: Hawai'i Island Burial Council Members

FROM: Jessica Puff, State Historic Preservation Administrator

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SUBJECT: **Lineal Descendancy Recognition Application of Henry Huihui III to Identified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-10-28-24206, Located at Kalaoa Ahupua'a, North Kona District, Island of Hawaii, TMK: (3) 7-3-028:105.**

For the purpose of establishing and substantiating a lineal descendant claim to 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.

The Administrative Rules require that the applicant provide evidence of direct or collateral genealogical connections to certain Native Hawaiian skeletal remains. In this case, the applicant has submitted information genealogically connecting himself to the Native Hawaiian skeletal remains of Kaukali'inea, who is interred at the above location.

Therefore the SHPD recommends that the HIBC recognize Henry Huihui III as a lineal descendant to the above named individual.

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TO: Chairs of the Island Burial Councils

THRU: Kea Calpito, History & Culture Branch Chief 

FROM: Jessica Puff, SHPD Administrator 

SUBJECT: Revised Descendancy Claim Application and Administrative Information and Clarification Regarding the Definition, Recognition, and Application Process for Cultural Descendants.

The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has received inquiries regarding the definition of cultural descendants, their recognition status, and the circumstances under which individuals must go through the application process. To promote consistency and clarity in practice, SHPD will be revising its *Descendancy Claim Application* to include an option for applicants to indicate if they are seeking recognition only to the specific iwi kupuna listed in their application. Otherwise, the applicant, if recognized by the respective council as either a lineal or cultural descendant, would be considered a “known cultural descendant” to all iwi kupuna within the same ahupua‘a as the iwi kupuna in which they are seeking recognition to and therefore, does not need to reapply to be recognized as a cultural descendant to subsequent iwi kupuna within that same ahupua‘a.

The revised application will also include an option to indicate if an applicant has been “previously recognized” to iwi within an ahupua‘a to help expedite the review process for those who initially opted to be recognized to specific iwi kupuna but wish to expand their recognition to additional iwi kupuna within that ahupua‘a.

SHPD offers the following administrative information to explain the above changes.

Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-300-2 defines a “cultural descendant” as follows:

“Cultural descendant” means with respect to non Native Hawaiian skeletal remains, a claimant recognized by the department as being the same ethnicity, or with respect to Native Hawaiian skeletal remains, a claimant recognized by the council after

establishing genealogical connections to Native Hawaiian ancestors who once resided or are buried or both, in the same ahupua‘a or district in which certain Native Hawaiian skeletal remains are located or originated from.

This definition indicates that in the case of “cultural descendants,” a genealogical connection does not need to be tied to any specific iwi kupuna, but instead, to an ancestor within the same ahupua‘a in which certain iwi kupuna are located. For that reason, once a claimant has been recognized by the council as a lineal or cultural descendant to iwi kupuna found within an ahupua‘a, recognition as a “cultural descendant” inherently extends to all iwi kupuna within that same ahupua‘a because the claimant has already satisfied the HAR requirement of demonstrating a genealogical connection to ancestors within the ahupua‘a in which iwi kupuna are located or originated from. Therefore, they meet the cultural descendant criteria for any additional iwi kupuna discovered in that same ahupua‘a since those iwi kupuna would fall within the same geographic and cultural context to which the original recognition applied.

This is also consistent with the terms “known lineal or cultural descendants” in HAR 13-300-40(e), where the unanticipated nature of inadvertent discoveries would mean that no descendants could have been recognized to those specific iwi kupuna at the time of discovery thus, descendants can only be considered “known” if they were previously recognized to other iwi kupuna within that same ahupua‘a.

SHPD notes that individuals seeking recognition as a “lineal descendant” to iwi kupuna must submit a new application each time, regardless of any prior recognition and in accordance with the below definition provided in HAR §13-300-2:

“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**, or with respect to non Native Hawaiian skeletal remains, a claimant who has established to the satisfaction of the department, direct or collateral genealogical connections to certain non Native Hawaiian skeletal remains.

SHPD recognizes that in some cases, descendants might only choose to apply for recognition to specific iwi kupuna rather than all iwi kupuna within that ahupua‘a. Those previously recognized as lineal or cultural descendants to iwi kupuna within a specific ahupua‘a will continue to be treated as cultural descendants for all iwi kupuna within that ahupua‘a in the notification and consultation process. However, if an individual prefers to be consulted only on the specific iwi kupuna for which they were originally recognized, they may either choose not to respond to unrelated notifications or inform SHPD that they do not wish to receive future notices for inadvertent discoveries or consultations outside of the specific iwi kupuna for which they were initially recognized.