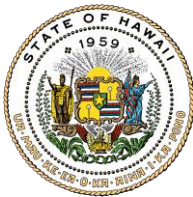


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**AGENDA**  
**O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM (HST)  
**PLACE:** Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Kalanimoku Building  
Board Room #132  
1151 Punchbowl St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
—AND—  
Online via Zoom

*This meeting will be held using interactive conference technology under section 92-3.7, Haw. Rev. Stat. (HRS). Board members, staff, applicants, testifiers, and the public can choose to participate in person, online via Zoom, or by telephone at +1 699 900 6833.*

**To Attend/Provide Testimony via Zoom:**

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**OIBC Members:**

**Present:** Chair Mills (LLO), In-person  
Vice-Chair Ehrhorn (LLO), In-person  
Member Caceres (Waianae), In-person  
Member Ako (Kona), In-person  
Member Shafer (Koolauloa), In-person

**SHPD Staff:**

Jessica Puff, Administrator  
Regina Hilo, Burial Site Specialist  
Kea Calpito, Acting History & Culture Branch Chief  
Susan Lebo, Archaeology Branch Chief (on Zoom)  
Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Archaeologist (on Zoom)

**At Board Room:**

Mana Caceres, 'Ohana Kupono Consulting  
Max Pinsonneault, Keala Pono Archaeological Consulting  
Matt McDermott, CSH  
Dennis Gossier  
Brandon Shima, University of Hawaii  
Lise Ditzel-Ma, University of Hawaii

**Nick Lozanoff, University of Hawaii**  
**Tate Ikehara, University of Hawaii**  
**Ross Richards, University of Hawaii**  
**Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates**  
**Henry Fong, Descendant**  
**Darren Flanagan, Arete**  
**Joey Buchan, Arete**  
**Kiele Muraco, NSC**  
**Jason Lee, Oceanit**  
**Dodge Watson, Honua**

**On Zoom:** **Keala Norman**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Mills calls meeting to order at 10:06AM*

**II. ROLE CALL/PULE**

**Recording: 0:15-2:12**

*Kalehua conducts pule*

*Chair Mills, Vice-Chair Ehrhorn, Member Caceres, Member Ako, Member Shafer*

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025**

**B. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2025**

**C. Approval of the Minutes for May 14, 2025**

**D. Approval of the Proposed Amendments to the April 13, 2022 Approved Minutes**

**Recording: 2:12-15:25**

- Mana Caceres-Request council deny approval of minutes since public hasn't had chance to review.
- Member Ako-Attendance not noted on April minutes
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Different format on attendees
- Member Caceres-Minutes don't reflect summarization of comments made by the public
- Kalai--SHPD has opportunity to summarize and is subject to bias, cautions extr
- Kalai-Have missing minutes been resolved?
- Chair Mills-Previous minutes haven't been adopted due to timestamps on minutes but no recordings. They need to be posted together. Waiting on SHPD to produce recordings
- Kamuela-SHPD should not be allowed to get away with missing minutes. Have been waiting 3 years.
- Member Caceres-Council was made aware of ongoing investigations into SHPD staff. Limited in disclosure of information due to ongoing investigation.
- Member Shafer-Asked for minutes at first meeting. Should have someone to do minutes.
- Member Ako-Worry about adequate staffing at SHPD. If there is staffing issue, council should be made aware. Should problem solve to get at root of what's happening.
- Member Shafer-OIP said 40 days is max to produce minutes
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Deputy AG coming, was helpful when she came several months in a row.
- Chair Mills-Proposed amendment to April 2022 minutes would strike Mana Caceres from descendancy of Waipa

*Motions and vote (14:55)*

**MOTION:** To Approve Proposed Amendments to April 13, 2022 Minutes  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried (YAY: 4, NAY: 0, Abstain: 1)

Action on other minutes deferred

#### IV. BUSINESS

##### A. Discussion on O‘ahu Island Burial Council membership, roles, and responsibilities

**Information/Discussion:** Discussion on the above items.

**Recording: 15:25-27:00**

- Member Caceres-Inquiry to emergency addition to OIBC, when could it be addressed?
- Chair Mills-Request Agenda Item K not be addressed. Recommend KS Kaiaulu Masterplan as Item K in place of Kauwela Apartments

*Motions and vote (16:36)*

**MOTION:** To Change Item K on Agenda to Kaiaulu Master Plan Electrical Infrastructure Project

**MOVED BY:** Member Shafer

**2ND BY:** Member Caceres

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-A few months ago we had an executive session with AG. Month ago report was completed but couldn't be presented at the main meeting. Two months report has been completed.
- Regina Hilo-I've received no update
- Member Ako-How do we initiate a request for the status.
- Chair Mills-The new chair should contact.
- Member Ako-What needs to be done to get email messages received over the weekend on the agenda relating to Turtle Bay and Reburial Ceremony. Not going to interact with emails one on one. Should address them as a council.
- Chair Mills-Can be discussed
- Kamuela-How many seats are vacant on OIBC? What districts are open?
- Regina Hilo-Atleast 5 seats. We have an incoming rep on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ewa and Wailua are open positions. Looking to have another Kona rep and large landowner.
- Kamuela-Name was submitted to OHA 10 years ago and willing to serve for Kona rep. Why does OHA not have a seat at the table? Encourage SHPD to get OHA represented.
- Member Ako-Was recently appointed as Kona rep. Status of council is confusing, who is still a member and who is not? Brickwood has not been present for a couple meetings. At beginning of meetings should acknowledge who is and isn't present.
- Regina Hilo-This is Brickwood's last meeting as a member
- Member Ehrhorn-When I first joined OIBC, we had 13 members, now we're down to 9 or 11
- Chair Mills-Last meeting as chair, following the meeting we will have election for new chair.

**B. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kūpuna - located at the Waikiki Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 27:00-30:15**

Member Caceres recuses himself

- Mana Caceres-Apologize for so many applications on one agenda. Had to hold off on submitting applications for 1 year after leaving council

*Motions and vote (29:00)*

**MOTION: To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant**  
**MOVED BY: Member Ako**  
**2ND BY: Member Shafer**  
**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously among those voting**

**C. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at the Ala Moana Blvd. Tower Project, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-6-009:004-006**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 30:15-31:19**

Member Caceres recuses himself

*Motions and vote (30:50)*

**MOTION: To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant**  
**MOVED BY: Member Ako**

**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**D. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 31:19-32:34**

Member Caceres recuses himself

*Motions and vote (31:59)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**E. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at 1701 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-6-013:017**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 32:34-33:31**

Member Caceres recuses himself

*Motions and vote (33:09)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako

**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**F. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at The Park at Ward Village, ‘Ili/Mo‘o of Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-002:114, 115, and 116**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 33:31-34:40**

Member Caceres recuses himself

*Motions and vote (34:12)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**G. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at the Blaisdell Center Redevelopment Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-008:001, 002, and 003**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 34:40-**

Member Caceres recuses himself

*Motions and vote (35:31)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Cultural Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**H. Lineal Descendancy Recognition of Norman “Mana” Kaleilani Caceres to Identified Native Hawaiian Iwi Kupuna located at Kawaiaha‘o Church, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 34:40-39:05**

Member Caceres recuses himself

- Member Ako-Notice that the agenda has a recommendation as a cultural descendant
- Regina Hilo-That is a typo, the recommendation is for lineal descendancy

*Motions and vote (38:42)*

**MOTION:** To Recognize Applicant as Lineal Descendant  
**MOVED BY:** Member Ako  
**2ND BY:** Member Shafer  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously among those voting

**I. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Brandy Kalehua Kamohali‘i Caceres and KahuakaokekamaaKawai Kamanaoka‘ōpu‘ulehua Kamohali‘i Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at the Waikiki Aquarium, Waikiki Ahupua‘a, Kona District, O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department’s recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 39:05-43:42**

- Kalehua Caceres-On heels of new working group to be convened, my daughter was subject of commentary included in the previous working group about what an 8 year old could do. Since she's been recognized, she is a practitioner. Her age is irrelevant. She's been active in consultation, led reburials, a teacher in community, been on repatriations, and assumed her responsibility on her own. Want her to read that someone spoke up for her.
- Halealoha-Kalehua forgot to mention her daughter was at a repatriation Belfast Northern Island. Young person but the old soul is very much in charge.

Member Caceres recuses himself

*Motions and vote (43:05)*

**MOTION: To Recognize Applicants as Cultural Descendant**  
**MOVED BY: Member Caceres**  
**2ND BY: Member Shafer**  
**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously among those voting**

**J. Cultural Descendancy Recognition of Brandy Kalehua Kamohali'i Caceres and Kahuakaokekamaa Kawai Kamanaoka'ōpu'ulehua Kamohali'i Caceres to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – located at 810 Halekauwila, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058**

**Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination on the Department's recommendation to recognize the applicant as cultural descendant to the unidentified Native Hawaiian skeletal remains located at the above project.

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**Recording: 43:42-44:53**

Member Caceres recuses himself

*Motions and vote (44:25)*

**MOTION: To Recognize Applicants as Cultural Descendant**  
**MOVED BY: Member Ako**  
**2ND BY: Member Shafer**  
**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously among those voting**

**K. Archeological Inventory Survey for the Kamehameha Schools Kaiāulu 'o Kaka'ako Master Plan (KKMP) Increment II Electrical Infrastructure Project in Kaka'ako, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona Moku, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-053:031, (1) 2-1-053:031 (por.), (1) 2-1-053:032 (por.), and (1) 2-1-053:999 (Cooke Street ROW); (1) 2-1-054:001 (por.), (1) 2-1-054:036 (por.), (1) 2-1-054:999 (Auahi Street and Coral Street ROWs); (1) 2-1-055:002 (por.), (1) 2-1-055:018 (por.), (1) 2-1-055:999 (Coral Street ROW); (1) 2-1-056:010 (por.), (1) 2-1-056:015 (por.), (1) 2-**

**1-056:999 (Kō‘ula Street and Auahi Street ROWs); and (1) 2-1-059:999 (Ala Moana Boulevard ROW).**

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

**Update/Discussion: Update on the above agenda item.**

**Recording: 44:53-1:36:25**

Chair Mills recuses himself

- Halealoha-Requests to explain circumstances. Discovery of remains last week, site visit was conducted Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. She’s buried in the road of Ala Moana Blvd. Recognized cultural descendant, flew in from Hilo to inspect. Concern is iwi is in imminent harm being in middle of road and it’s a baby. Under jurisdiction of OIBC to determine treatment.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-The recommendation is to be to relocate remains?
- Halealoha-Temporarily until a decision can be made.
- Mara Mulrooney-Jon Tulchin and Raul Serrano are also here and can answer questions. This is addressing a previously identified burial.
- Member Ako-Requests clarification, as a retiree of Kamehameha Schools should I be recused?
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-I don’t think you should be recused. I see there’s a hole in the pavement, how does this fit into the plan?
- Mara Mulrooney-This is an infrastructure project that would feed future projects.
- Member Ako-I got a call about this when I was in Chicago, understanding this relates to HECO
- Mara Mulrooney-It is a HECO line that would be extended to where future projects would be.
- Ines-6 test trenches in right away of Ala Moana, this was the last trench as part of the AIS.
- Halealoha-Important to complete thought Member Ako started. Providing proper legal advice that should be given. If you’re not employed by KS you don’t have a direct financial interest. You are allowed to sit in the meeting as I’m concerned. Be careful of free advice.
- Member Ako-I do receive a pension from them
- Mara Mulrooney-Project consists of utility corridor. Completed all test trenches. Iwi found within T-02, neonatal or perinatal infant within natural sand deposits. Excavation methods include backhoe, cleaning via shovel scraping and trowel of exposed sand surface to investigate for features, hand excavation of all natural sand deposits down to coral shelf. Burial found within northwest corner of T-02. Unmarked utility line just above the iwi kupuna was found, thought to be an electrical line about 4ft deep. Cultural layer dated to 1400’s located above burial. Cluster of coffin burials located nearby, a bundle burial was located even further northwest similar to this one.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Halealoha’s recommendation is to remove the iwi to get them out of danger, what is your take?
- Mara Mulrooney-Implemented protective methods. 4 sided wooden box was constructed to place over iwi that were covered in muslin cloth and small amount of clean sand. CMU blocks placed on sides and overlaid with metallic strip. Trench was backfilled and road surface restored.
- Halealoha-Want to make sure pepe is receiving proper care. Located within 4 lane road not too far beneath the surface. Think iwi should be recovered and moved from out of the road in a safe place not subject to future excavation.
- Member Shafer-There will always be more building in the future, also recommend we relocate iwi.
- Member Caceres-Important we make clear where the iwi are relocated to if we make a

motion.

- Jon Tulchin-KS has been in discussion with Kobayashi Group, current landowner of the adjacent Alia project, to look at potential of a long-term reinterment location. KS has a curation facility in Kapalama and is here to support but would defer to descendants.
- Halealoha-Sensitivities are heightened with this being a baby. Discussions with Kobayashi Group and other nearby landowners for a temporary curation would be good.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-When iwi are found first choice is to leave in place, second choice is to relocate them to as close as to where they were originally found. What are the chances of finding more iwi? In the BTP make sure there is a provision of what will happen if more iwi are discovered.
- Mara Mulrooney-Potential always exists unless there is 100% excavation which is not possible for this project.
- Member Caceres-Would the relocation site need to be included in the motion today?
- Halealoha-The essential question is whether to leave in place or relocate. SHPD can discuss with nearby landowners for temporary curation. Infants were never buried alone, cautions future excavation.

*Motions and vote (1:32:33)*

**MOTION: To Authorize Temporary Relocation of Iwi Located on AIS and Order SHPD in Consultation with Landowners to Find Space to Temporary Relocate Near the Burial Space in a Culturally Respectful Way**

**MOVED BY: Member Caceres**

**2ND BY: Member Shafer**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously among those voting**

- Member Ehrhorn-When it is determined where the iwi will be temporarily curated, please come back and update OIBC.
- Mara Mulrooney-Will continue consulting with descendants of the area with KS.

**L. Archaeological Inventory Survey at Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**

**Information/Discussion:** Informational presentation and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:36:25-1:37:03**

- No updates

**M. Update on Implementation of the Burial Treatment Plan for Iwi Kūpuna at Kawaihae‘o Church Multi-Purpose Center/Building Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-032:017**

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

**Recording: 1:37:03-1:59:30**

- Member Ako-Second meeting without an update. This has dragged on for years.
- Lani-Was asked to read short report from church. Church had originally contracted in August 2022 to prepare documents for submittal to County of Honolulu. December 2023, application was submitted and church was told it could take a year or more. Submitted when DPP was revamping their platform and will only communicate status of application with the individual that filed. Church contracted with 2<sup>nd</sup> firm to acquire documents,

which were filed in May. Previous contract was cancelled. Believe permit will be issued by end of July 2025 and it will be submitted to SHPD. Permits are to implement joint BTP, permits are for demolition and grading.

- Mana Caceres-Believes the demo permit is for the elevator shaft that needs to be backfilled
- Member Caceres-Please express to leadership at the church that an update be given by September or the AG's office will be consulted about violations in not implementing the BTP.
- Member Ako-Requests a copy of the BTP. Concerning that council is relying on voluntary compliance.
- Halealoha-Requests the following question be passed on to the church: Was any action from the church in the past five years that delayed the granting of these permits? Asks council to make a motion to make clear the actions of the council come September if there is no progress.
- Kamuela-Would like to encourage Lani to take this back to the church and keep families informed. If compliance is being delayed, family should be updated.

*Motions and vote (1:51:44)*

**MOTION: Kawaiahao Church Implement Joint BTP Immediately and Council Seek Counsel from AG About Ramifications of Failure to Comply if it is Not Implemented**

**MOVED BY: Member Caceres**

**2ND BY: Member Shafer**

**VOTE: Motion carried unanimously**

- Member Ako-Why wait to seek council? It's been 5 years. We shouldn't be waiting anymore. Concerned AG is not advocating for Kanaka
- Member Shafer-This gives them notice to follow up. Can still inquire with the AG in meantime
- Vice-Chair-Ehrhorn-Motion should be to seek counsel from AG now if the BTP isn't implemented by September. AG is not enforcing preservation laws.

**N. 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 Sites 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 agenda item. Presentation by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**Recording: 2:00:21-2:38:42**

- Leinaala- Presents on Burial Sites Working Group – Working group is to address concerns of community about OHA's role in burial program. 2 reps from OHA, 2 from SHPD, and 1 from each IBC, and 5 community groups. Timeline is to have each IBC select a representative by the end of August so community representatives can be voted in. Working group will be able to comment on: needs relevant to transferring duties to OHA, implementation plan and timeline, what duties may be shared with or assumed by OHA, and any legislation necessary to improve burial sites protections. OHA will be contracting a facilitator for the meetings and reports over the next year. Final report available November 1, 2026. There is ongoing recruitment for IBC seat vacancies. Past

- applicants will need to reapply.
- Member Ako-Request a copy of the slideshow. What is the process and vision for each IBC to determine representative? Is there anything that would bar a council member from applying for a community rep position?
  - Leinaala-No formal process in place for IBC representation, it's up to the council. Council members can also apply for the community seat.
  - Member Caceres-Made several requests each month on council. Was present at Senate hearing when OHA pushed to remove large land owners from councils and said they would support IBCs. Would like clarification how OHA will implement the support in the interim of working group.
  - Leinaala-Have been understaffed past several years and are hiring to have compliance staff that can attend meetings and respond to community concerns. Recently sent letter to AG office about having someone present at IBC meetings, awaiting reply. Trying to work cooperatively with SHPD with getting notes and agendas publicized.
  - Kai Markell-OHA's history assisting burial council included having staff serving as council members. 5 years into initial program, funding was cut. OHA funded positions for 3 years. In 1998 OHA brought all councils together, all issues from then are the same as 2021 when councils were brought together again.
  - Member Shafer-OHA should go to governor and ask for ceded land money for this project.
  - Member Caceres-Spent a decade as a descendant, easy for descendant to feel along in advocacy of iwi kupuna. OHA continues to be what communities look toward. Hope OHA provides active consultation for inadvertent discoveries, community, and IBC meetings.
  - Kai Markell-Issue in past is OHA has been Oahu centric. A lot of issues to work out but with have compliance enforcement advocates on each island, they can attend in person. Advocacy faded out over years but we are committed to step up to the plate.
  - Halealoha-Please read SR130. Resolution calls for report in 2 years, the presentation timeline shows it at 1 year. Resolution says experience and expertise needed for community members of the working group. SHPD will still need to maintain burial program for non-Hawaiian burials if its transferred to OHA. OHA needs to get involved with Kawaiiahao.
  - Kamuela-Have asked OHA Board of Trustees for help for Kawaiiahao and only received a letter but never held them accountable. Continued to go to OHA for help for iwi kupuna and SHPD has shown to be a big barrier.

**O. Update on Oahu Historic Preservation Commission meeting, May 27, 2025**  
**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 2:38:42-2:54:55**

- Nick Belluzzo-Commission has been trying to find ways to better manage development at accretion berm. DPP staff was present, if everything was sent to SHPD for review, it was stated it would be a burden for SHPD and DPP. All known resources will be flagged and sent to SHPD. Permit for demolition of Kawaiiahao was pulled and noted that it was not sent to SHPD for review. Another meeting will be held and commissioners are requesting an MOU between DPP and SHPD on how to best handle moving forward to ensure there is an AIS and monitoring when its needed.
- Member Ako-I drafted the resolution for the civic clubs and lobbied after convention to get the Mayor to approve the act. What apparatus is in place to ensure the commission doesn't step on each other's toes as state agents? Since 1993 Oahu was the only island that didn't stand up these commissions.
- Nick Belluzzo-The MOU would allow for consultation with all commissions and councils

- Member Caceres-Susan Lebo was present and made it clear there's no excuse for DPP to not forward permits to SHPD for review. Community pointed out multiple projects nearby where iwi were present. Projects are circumventing process
- Nick Belluzzo-Hoping to have a template to address these issues. Next meeting is June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-The history goes back to the 80's when the commission was supposed to be set up but it was never implemented until a few years ago. Why set up commission when state is doing an adequate job of reviewing?

## V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Inadvertent Discovery at Turtle Bay Resort; 'Ō'io 1, Ulupehupehua, and Punalau Ahupua'a; Ko'olauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 5-7-001:050 **Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

#### **Recording: 2:56:00-3:40:05**

- Member Caceres recuses himself
- Nick Belluzzo-There was a shoreline erosion inadvertent discovery. Too fragmentary to determine if human or not but in vicinity of known burials. SHPD was notified and authorized private possession until reinterment. Yesterday a small fragment was found and stored on site pending recommendation from SHPD. To date, never disinterred any intact burial sites. Buffers have been established around all iwi that exceeds SHPD's recommendation. Email was sent with accusations of myself violating burial law. All activity was monitored under SHPD's recommendations and Chapter 300 was followed. Kahuku Burial Committee is not a formerly recognized entity for burial consultation but organizes advocacy among descendants. The KBC is working with more descendants to go through the process of filling out their paperwork to submit to OIBC.
- Regina Hilo-Majority of displaced disarticulated skeletal remains are single or small fragments with no archeological context and were reinterred at site feature 7289, an established burial preserve with buffers. The in situ remains were preserved in place, including the individual encountered during the elevator shaft.
- Member Ako-There is an allegation that SHPD has not been monitoring
- Regina Hilo-The monitoring responsibility goes to the archeological firm, ASM in this case. They would notify us and have been forthcoming. Testimony was received from individuals, it was archived in HICRIS but not sent to council members and will be sent after this meeting.
- Member Shafer-They've been asked where the graveyard is and they haven't shown anything. This isn't about burials, this is about development.
- Chair Mills-Testimony was received from Kaimana Plemmer, Kupaa Kualima, Jessica DosSantos, Melissa Cammit, Ramsey Calimlim, Lily Makaila, Ida Kawailani Blum, and Shannon Gomez.
- Diane-Since 2005, how many iwi have been found? The area is a special area that is set aside for burials. It should be preserved. As a cultural descendant, haven't been consulted
- Nick Belluzzo-3 intact burials have been found for this project, 2 shoreline erosions finds separate from the project. About a dozen small fragments. Believe the fragments were initially bulldozed away from where the intact burials were found. The whole point is placed under a preservation easement.

- Member Ako-Be cautious the language that is used, like graveyards. English words are for English thinking. All of Hawaii is a graveyard.
- Kawai Blum-Confusion of Kahuku Burial Committee, last meeting Henry Fong stated he was the only member. Not sure how the burial committee can be used for consultation. If its used for bringing descendants together, are they going to contact all descendants? They shouldn't be consulted if that's its current status. As a community member, the testimonies should have been sent in to the council from SHPD. How many more iwi need to be found before its not inadvertent? There are 5 SIHP sites already. In the 2006 AIS, it states its in the Jaucus sand region. Most iwi are located in Jaucus sand and urge another AIS be conducted. One SIHP site was discovered from sand mining.
- Chair Mills-Like the fact there is Kahuku Burial Group, wish there was one in Ewa and Honolulu. Hoping it can be fixed and more descendants can join. If you're committed to action, OIBC is looking for more members and encourage you to put in an application.
- Member Shafer-Should have been open to anyone that had family in the area. Ralph Makiao would ensure that iwi are protected for years. In 2005 a letter was wrote to DPP to conduct a supplemental AIS. Sand dunes should always be off limits.
- Regina Hilo-Much of the testimony was sent Tuesday, some came Sunday and Monday. The email was sent to her by someone who forwarded it. Probably about 11 testimonies need to be sent. SHPD is planning on writing a response or confer with the deputy AG about the email with allegations.
- Member Ako-When allegations are made, when and how do we follow up to see if they're valid?
- Kamuela- [To Kawai] As much good as IBC do, a lot of things get stopped in SHPD that they have no control over. As a community member that is concerned, the challenge is up to you. Do what you have to do to protect iwi kupuna, its hard but most worthwhile thing in your life.

**B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Alia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:017.**

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

**Recording: 3:40:05-3:46:52**

- Member Caceres-Made request last month for this project that a project proponent be present to address how quickly a reinterment can happen
- Regina Hilo-Will reach out again to provide update at next meeting, would be good for them to send email update on the reburials they had.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Should make that request of all projects
- Kalehua-Has a letter of determination been provided for all finds? Recommend council be given letter of determination for all finds. Can see patterns in determinations from SHPD or descendants of who wants to relocate iwi. There is a difference between experience and expertise.
- Regina Hilo-

**C. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at The Park on Keeaumoku Project, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-018:052.**

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

**Recording: 3:46:52-3:48:22**

- **Member Caceres recuses himself**
- Regina Hilo-In late March or early April, indeterminant fragments were found, couldn't be assessed if they were human or faunal but treated as human. Found in lab, letter of determination for relocation to burial preserve was issued.

**D. 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) 2-3-001:133.**

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

**Recording: 3:48:22-3:49:03**

- Regina Hilo-May 9<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> remains were found along sewer line excavation. May 9<sup>th</sup> finds SHPD recommended relocation due to proximity to sewer line. No determination for 27<sup>th</sup> finds.

Discussion on Agenda Item I Begins

**E. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloa Ahupua'a, Waiālua 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.**

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

**Recording: 4:11:30-4:11:35**

- Member Caceres recuses himself
- No updates

**F. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 32 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:047.**

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

- No updates

**G. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 44 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:048.**

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

- No updates

**H. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 59-585 D Ke Iki Road, Pūpūkea, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-003:016**

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

**Recording: 4:13:35-4:14:50**

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-There is a criminal complaint related to this project, we should keep

this on our agenda.

- Member Ako-Recommend that items that aren't discussed are moved up in the next agenda

Discussion on Agenda Item K Begins

**I. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Ulana (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block F), Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-053:001**

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

**Recording: 3:49:03-4:11:30**

- Kalehua-Care of iwi is not one persons job. Sharing of kaumaha is paramount to teaching people better practices. When advocating that everyone be invited is to connect to the iwi. With disconnect of iwi, it leads to clinical decisions. My family is being excluded from the reburial of this project. Reburial shall be based on commonly accepted practices routinely accepted by SHPD, lineal descendants, or the council. Was told could not come to a reburial as a cultural descendant. 5 projects can be named with attempts to exclude my family
- Regina Hilo-She's testifying for Ulana on Item I
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-It should be stated clearly on BTP's who is involved with inadvertent discoveries. Wish that the issue would have been raised the first time this came up.
- Kalehua-Exclusion was at the recommendation of another descendant
- Member Caceres-Exclusion of any descendant is concerning as well as SHPD. Concern is that are no checks to ensure the burial site component is accurate if the arch firm and SHPD are prevented from attending. This would undermine the integrity of the entire BSC.
- Member Shafer-An option would be to have AG's office write a letter
- Member Ako-Disturbing kanaka are fighting each other for money for who they're working for.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-The law allows developers to get away with inadvertent discoveries.
- Kalehua-The council decides the appropriate
- Member Caceres-This can be agendized at the next meeting and voted on what is accepted practice.
- Chair Mills-This is not a precedent we want to see continue for any inadvertent discovery and can be agendized for formal action at our next meeting.
- Kamuela-Disheartening to hear this is continuing to happen. Big puka in all this is SHPD, who in SHPD is letting one descendant make these decisions.

**J. Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts at Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park, Wai'anae Ahupua'a, Wai'anae District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 8-5-017:006, 007, and 022; 8-5-018:001, 002**

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

**Recording: 4:12:05-4:13:35**

- Member Caceres-Conducted a site visit with Nick Belluzzo and other community members. Iwi are found every visit because of erosion. Will probably be addressed in OHA working group but it needs to be addressed how to handle iwi discovered from

shoreline erosion. Responsibility would typically fall to SHPD but Regina is under supported in her role.

Discussion on Agenda Item VI. A Begins

- K. Letter from the Department of Planning and Permitting (Ka ‘Oihana Ho‘olālā A Me Nā Palapala ‘Ae), City and County of Honolulu, dated May 9, 2025, to Chair Kamana’o Mills, received at the SHPD on May 14, 2025**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above communication.

- L. Letter from The State of Hawaii House of Representatives (Hale o nā Luna Maka‘āinana) to Chair Kamana’o Mills and the O‘ahu Island Burial Council, dated May 16, 2025, received at SHPD on May 27, 2025, regarding House Resolution No. 186, H.D. 2**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above communication.

- M. Letter from the Board of Water Supply (Ka ‘Oihana Wai), City and County of Honolulu, dated May 21, 2025, received at SHPD on May 27, 2025; NHPA Section 106 Request for Comments, Nu‘uanu Reservoir No. 1 Dam Improvements**

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

- N. Letter from DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife, dated May 22, 2025; NHPA Section 106 Consultation for Conserving and Restoring Forests and Watersheds Project; Enhancing Regional Community-Based Coastal Stewardship Project; and Restoring Marine Abundance Project; ‘Āina restoration through community governance to advance climate resilience in the Hawaiian Islands, Islands of Kaua‘i, O‘ahu, Moloka‘i, Maui, and Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i**

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

- O. Letter from Brown University to O‘ahu Island Burial Council Members, dated April 30, 2025, received at the SHPD on June 2, 2025, regarding NAGPRA Duty of Care Guidance Request**

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

- P. Older inadvertent discoveries without treatment determinations or letters of determination**

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

## **VI. ELECTION OF AN OIBC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

- A. Election of an Oahu Island Burial Council Chair and Vice Chair**

**Recording: 4:21:45-4:27:00**

- Chair Mills-Term is ending but will continue as a carryover however will be stepping down as chair and not seeking a nomination.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Think this decision should be put off until July when new members

- come on the board.
- Chair Mills-Can have this as the first item on the July agenda or can be done now.

*Nomination and vote (4:24:05)*

- *Member Ako nominates Member Caceres as Chair*
- *Member Shafer seconds nomination*
  
- *Vice-Chair Ehrhorn nominates Member Shafer as Vice-Chair*
- *Member Ako seconds nomination*
  
- *Vote for Chair and Vice-Chair carries with unanimous AYE*

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motions and vote (4:28:13)*

**MOTION:** To Adjourn  
**MOVED BY:** Chair Caceres  
**2ND BY:** Member Mills  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

**\*\*THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 10/8/2025 OIBC MEETING\*\***

**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: [Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: Regina Hilo - Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; 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 Hawaii Revised Statutes (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. Additionally, pursuant to a policy adopted by the Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

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

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