MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2020
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Maui Ola Boardroom
Na Lama Kukui
560 N. Nimitz Highway
Honolulu, HI 96817

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Public Testimony*
III. Approval of Minutes
IV. Unfinished Business
   A. 2020 OHA Legislative Package Updates - Matrix 1**†
V. New Business
   B. 2020 OHA Legislative Positioning - Matrix 2**†
VI. Community Concerns*
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Action Item Issue: To Approve the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' 2020 O'ahu Island Burial Council, Kaua'i & Ni'ihau Island Burial Council, Maui & Lāna'i Island Burial Council, and Hawai'i Island Burial Council Nominations

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Chair, Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE)
I. Action

To approve the following candidates as nominees for immediate appointment to the O'ahu Island Burial Council, Kaua'i & Ni'ihau Island Burial Council, Maui & Lāna'i Island Burial Council, and Hawai'i Island Burial Council:

- **Kyle K. Nakanelua**, *Nominee for Hāna regional representative on the Maui/Lāna'i Island Burial Council*
- **Walter Kalani Nakoa**, *Nominee for Kona regional representative on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council*
- **Susan Talbot Herhold**, *Nominee for Kohala regional representative on the Hawai'i Island Burial Council*
- **Naki'a Naeʻole**, *Nominee for Koʻolauloa regional representative on the O'ahu Island Burial Council*
- **Tatiana Kalaniopua Young**, *Nominee for Wai'anae regional representative on the O'ahu Island Burial Council*

II. Issue

Should the OHA Board of Trustees approve staff's proposed OHA 2020 nominations to the Island Burial Councils for transmittal to the Governor?

III. Discussion

HRS § 6E-43.5 establishes the Island Burial Councils within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the process for appointment of Island Burial Council members. The amended statute provides that each Island Burial Council shall be composed of nine members, with the exception of the Moloka'i Island Burial Council, which shall be composed of five members. There must be one representative from each identified geographic region of the islands, who must possess an understanding of the culture, history, burial beliefs, customs and practices of Native Hawaiians. In addition, no more than three representatives of development and large property owner interests may also be appointed to each council. The Governor appoints members to the councils from lists provided by DLNR and OHA; at least two of the regional representatives on each council must be appointed from lists provided by OHA.

Historically, OHA has assisted the State Historic Preservation Division of DLNR and the Governor’s Office in identifying, soliciting and recommending candidates for appointment to the Island Burial Councils, and has submitted a number of nomination lists for this purpose.

In order to consistently fulfill OHA’s kuleana, OHA staff have established an internal process for filling Island Burial Council seats. This process incorporates collaboration among OHA’s Community Engagement, Research, and Advocacy lines of business to reach out to interested community members, identify and solicit qualified candidates, and evaluate applications from individuals willing to step into existing and future vacancies. Through this process, OHA selects its nominees and annually transmits a list of these nominees to the Governor’s Office to fill current and pending vacancies.
Nominees for Appointment

Based on their review of applications, the staff selection committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve the following candidates as nominees for appointment to the Island Burial Councils:

- **Kyle K. Nakanelua, Nominee for Hāna regional representative on the Maui/Lānaʻi Island Burial Council**

  Mr. Nakanelua and his ‘ohana have deep lineal and cultural connections to Hāna. Over the past 35 years, he has worked on his family’s farm with his grandmother who in turn has passed on to him ancestral knowledge and oral traditions of their ahupua’a and moku. In light of her gift, he feels a duty and responsibility to contribute to the thoughtful management and protection of our iwi kūpuna. Mr. Nakanelua has worked as a cultural consultant for the State of Hawai‘i since 1996. He specializes in educating clients about Native Hawaiian traditions, customs, and protocols. Mr. Nakanelua has served as the Operations Officer of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, and sits on the Pu‘ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site Advisory Committee and the Pihanakalani/Hale Kiʻi Heiau Restoration Committee. He received his degree in fire science from the Los Angeles Community College and is a member of the Hawai‘i Fire Fighters Association (IAFF Local 1463).

- **Walter Kalani Nakoa, Nominee for Kona regional representative on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council**

  Mr. Nakoa currently serves as the County of Maui’s member on the Game Management Advisory Commission. He is an active licensed hunter who has leadership experience in working directly with local hunter and shooting organizations, such as Kaupō Wildlife Club, Aukai Archery Club and Molokai Bowhunters. He also works with the Maui Casting Club. Through his various volunteer efforts he has been involved with heiau restorations and participated in notable Native Hawaiian ceremonies. Mr. Nakoa’s knowledge and experience in hunting will serve as a well of native intelligence that make him an excellent addition to the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council.

- **Susan Talbot Herhold, Nominee for Kohala regional representative on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council**

  At the age of 9, Ms. Herhold and her ‘ohana moved to Waimea from Pennsylvania in 1965. Growing up in Waimea, Ms. Herhold recalls a time when the land between Kauna‘oa Bay and Kona Village was pristine and untouched. She rode her horse all over the Kohala mountain range and went hiking with her ‘ohana to the top of Mauna Kea. These memories motivated Ms. Herhold to return to Waimea many years ago and is the impetus for volunteerism with Hui Alapa, a group of stewards for the ‘Ōuli Ahupua’a just south of Waimea, and for her desire to serve on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council.

  Ms. Herhold received her AS in Leadership Development in Recreation and Human Services from the Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts, a BA in Counseling from the University of Massachusetts, and her MA in Counseling from San Francisco State University. Now retired, she has had a fulfilling twenty-two year career as a counselor and
social services, ten years of which she spent as a Peer Counseling Coordinator at Hawai‘i Preparatory Academy and as a Guidance Counselor at Laupahoehoe High and Elementary School.

Ms. Herhold’s commitment to service, experience and deep connection to the concept of Aloha ‘Āina will make her an excellent addition to the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council.

- **Naki’a Nae’ole, Nominee for Ko‘olauloa regional representative on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council**

Mr. Nae‘ole is a life-time resident of Kahuku and proud graduate of Brigham Young University and Kahuku High School. He currently is a part-time educator with Ke Kula Kaiapuni o Hau‘ula. Mr. Nae‘ole is a young emergent leader in Ko‘olauloa and his commitment to community and preserving the Hawaiian culture is demonstrated through his advocacy work in Kahuku and beyond, including to help identify, preserve and protect unmarked burial sites in his community. He is a lua practitioner and credits his training with enhancing his focus and discipline.

- **Tatiana Kalaniopua Young, Nominee for Wai‘anae regional representative on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council**

Ms. Young shares:

“As a Kanaka ‘Ōiwi Maoli and māhūwahine (Native Hawaiian transgender woman) scholar and committed community activist, I am seeking to work as a representative for iwi kūpuna on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council. I am seeking this position to advance my career, deepen my understanding of the dynamic and evolving connections between my advocacy on behalf of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries, local and non-local residents, and iwi kūpuna (ancestors) whose ea (breath, life, sovereignty) inform my work within and outside the professoriate. My culture, ethnicity, and history remain woefully underrepresented in large institutions, however, I am committed to change this.

I obtained my PhD in Anthropology at the University of Washington-Seattle in March of 2019 with a focus on contemporary Hawaiian issues related to environmental and Native Hawaiian justice. Please see my attached C.V. for a list of research and teaching experience. I would like to serve on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council to protect the interests and rights of Hawaiian cultural practitioners and local residents, to ensure that state and federal laws are being followed, and to weigh in on the balancing act of meeting the needs of development with the demands of stewarding environmental protections.

I am also interested in protecting iwi kūpuna in a way that nourishes responsible decision-making and positive outcomes for the future, particularly in my district of Wai‘anae. As a child, I greeted Mauna Ka‘ala (the tallest mountain on O‘ahu) each morning with a heart full of aloha. Today, after having lived on distant shores for school and work, I
return that aloha back to Wai‘anae, the place that I call home. I am seeking to serve my aumākua/ancestors and kūpuna/elders who have been kia‘i (protectors) of this incredible region since time immemorial. As a cultural anthropologist specializing in contemporary Hawaiian issues by trade, I would like to utilize my doctorate to engage meaningful change for my community, ‘ohana and State within and beyond the academy.

I have extensive experience with ethnographic research theories and methods and have worked closely with communities in the Wai‘anae region since returning home in 2016. While I do not have experience working on a burial council, specifically, I am fortunate to have skilled mentors willing to guide me through the process. ‘Auli‘i Mitchell and Hinaleimoana Wong have both agreed to serve as mentors and I look forward to working with them and all other council representatives to make positive change for our homelands. I am able and willing to serve in the capacity of a representative on the burial council and will make every effort to attend monthly meetings and site visits.”

Nominees for Reappointment

Based on their review of applications, the staff selection committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve the following candidates as nominees for reappointment to the Island Burial Councils:

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- Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, Nominee for reappointment for Kona regional representative on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council

Ms. Wong-Kalu was born and raised in the Kona region, and honors many of her family members who are buried there. She has tirelessly served on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council representing the Kona moku for eight of the last nine years, consistently attending countless meetings and site visits to ensure proper respect and care for iwi kūpuna. She has witnessed the unearthing of iwi kūpuna and has participated in reinternment ceremonies as well. During her tenure with the O‘ahu Island Burial Council, she has developed an excellent rapport with state and local government officials and has mediated many contentious situations between developers and recognized descendants, including various large development projects such as the Rail Transit Project of Honolulu. Ms. Wong-Kalu has also demonstrated exemplary burial council leadership as her Council’s chair, and has inspired members and leaders to use a hands-on approach in acquiring the depth of knowledge necessary for balanced and effective decision-making. In her year off from council leadership, Ms. Wong-Kalu has expanded her social influence as an award-winning documentary film star, bringing awareness to transgender issues. For her work on and after her film, *Kumu Hina*, Ms. Wong-Kalu won the White House Challenge Presidential Award for Champions of Change as well as the National Education Association Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Award. She seeks to continue passing on her ‘ike as a fluent speaker of the Hawaiian language, a kumu hula, and a haku mele, as an O‘ahu Island Burial Council member and otherwise.
• **Norman Kaimuloa, OHA Nominee for reappointment for Kona regional representative on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council**

Mr. Kaimuloa maintains strong ties to his moku as his family has lived on their Kuleana since 1850. His cultural knowledge is grounded in his experiences as a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I and a caretaker of ‘Aha Umi and Likelike.

• **Scott Haili Mahoney, Nominee for reappointment for Ka‘ū regional representative on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council**

Mr. Mahoney currently resides at his family’s homestead in Waimea, but traces his Haili ‘ohana genealogies to Ka‘ū and Kawaihae. Mr. Mahoney is currently retired, but has spent the last twenty years assisting with the removal of unexploded ordnance on Hawai‘i Island, O‘ahu, Moloka‘i, and Kaho‘olawe. Although he is not an archaeologist by training, Mr. Mahoney has accompanied many archaeologists on investigative assignments as safety support, while they conducted studies on archaeological resources and burial sites in dangerous areas. Through this experience he learned much about why and how to mālama iwi and developed a deep connection to the preservation and protection of iwi kūpuna. He has also taken every opportunity he could to learn about burials law and policy, studying the *Ho‘i Hou i Ka Iwikuamo‘o “Iwi Primer”* as well as *Native Hawaiian Law: A Treatise*. He brings this knowledge, kuleana, and willingness to continue learning to his candidacy for the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council. Additionally, in his free time, Mr. Mahoney remains actively engaged in various cultural and community organizations including the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Kua‘aina Ulu ‘Auamo and its E Alu Pū Network, the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Home Lands Assembly, and Mālama Kōloa (as he previously assisted with the restoration and protection of the Hapa Trail).

• **Nalei Pate-Kahakalau, Nominee for reappointment for Hāmākua regional representative on the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council**

Mr. Pate-Kahakalau is the current Chairperson of the Hawai‘i Island Burial Council and previously served multiple terms on this council in the 1990s and also served in the capacity as Chair during that time. He is a co-founder of, and has been a kumu at, Kanu o Ka ‘Āina Hawaiian Charter School and continues to serve as lead kumu through today. His ties to Hāmākua and Waipi‘o Valley, and his long-standing commitment to community education, empowerment and advocacy position him as an ideal council member and leader with his extensive and broad experiences with some of the islands most difficult historic preservation cases.
• **Sandra Quinsaat, OHA Nominee for reappointment for Kōloa regional representative on the Kaua‘i/Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council**

Ms. Quinsaat has expressed a life-long commitment to keeping our cultural traditions pono. She gained much experience with burial laws and practices as well as collaborative problem solving when she previously served on the Kaua‘i/Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council. As a project manager at the Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa, Ms. Quinsaat has witnessed many burial discoveries during construction of the Hyatt as well as neighboring hotels. In many cases, she assisted with reinternment protocols, always seeking the advice and respect of kūpuna. Ms. Quinsaat currently serves on the Protocol Committee at the Hyatt and with Nā Kālai Wa‘a o Kaua‘i.

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• **Kaheleonalani Dukelow, Nominee for Honua‘ula regional representative on the Maui/Lāna‘i Island Burial Council**

Ms. Dukelow has dedicated her life to education that fosters a thriving Hawaiian culture and language and builds character, identity, pride and spirit among keiki. She has taught at the University of Hawai‘i Maui College for 10 years and formerly taught in Department of Education Kula Kaiaapuni for nine years before that. She has also avidly contributed to advocacy groups including Nā Leo Kāko‘o o Maui and ‘Aha Kauleo. Her interest in burials preservation stems from her vivid memories of Honokāhau. She and her ‘ōpio are currently seeking to become the stewards of the cultural preserve at Palaeua in Honua‘ula.

**IV. Alternative Actions:**

A. Approve only selected individuals from staff’s proposed OHA 2020 nominations for the Island Burial Councils for transmittal to the Governor.

B. Decline to approve staff’s proposed OHA 2020 nominations for the Island Burial Councils for transmittal to the Governor.

**V. Recommended Action:**

Approve staff’s proposed OHA 2020 nominations for the Island Burial Councils for transmittal to the Governor.

**VII. Funding:**

No funding is required.

**VI. Timeframe:**

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