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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Multipurpose Room

Commission Attendees Per Roll Call: **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i), **Kalei Hoffman** (Island of Kaua'i), **Kehaulani Keana'aina** (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Beverly Lee** (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Jame Schaedel**, (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Pamela Alconcel**, (Island of Lāna'i), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Leinā'ala Lopez** (Island of Moloka'i), **Leilani Kahoano**, (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Puake'ala Mann**, Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua.

Attendees: **Clint Kalaola** (Kala Foundation), **Ocean Kaowili**

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Reminders, Establish Quorum** -- Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Ian Custino, Vice Chair. Meeting minutes for October were approved.
- II. Public Testimony** -- Will be held under the agenda item.
- III. Executive Director's Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy reported that she has been completing her regular duties and tasks with special emphasis on year end reports. She submitted the HTA Final Grant Report for 2024. In addition, she has attended the DAGS Finance Operating Budget Analysis Meeting, submitted the 2024 OSHA Report and Legislative Reference Bureau Directory Update. She completed the website updates with event information for 2025. Kainoa and she met with Karen Ewald with State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) to discuss the potential department transfer that may be proposed by Senator Wakai initiated the legislation to transfer SFCA and King Kamehameha Celebration Commission (KKCC) into Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) and will possibly pursue this legislation once again during the legislative session. Amy attended the WAM and FIN meetings at the State Capitol to respond to any questions from legislators about the program. Contacted, prepared and mailed certificates to Beverly, Louise, Leinā'ala and Pamela regarding confirmation to the commission. Applied and secured the Art in Public Places Grant and provided invoice to SFCA. Contacted Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts for support with O'ahu Lei Draping and Parade. Once the bills are presented, they can be provided should we need additional testimony for support.

**IV. Financial Report** (Amy Hammond) -- SFCA reported that they misplaced the sponsorship check form \$20,000 from Kamehameha Schools so it was never deposited. KKCC will pursue another check being issues as well as 2025 sponsorship from Kamehameha Schools. Please note that all the islands submitted the HTA grant requests directly this year to avoid procurement delays if secured from KKCC. We received our final funding payment from our HTA grant in the amount of \$60,000 and are awaiting confirmation form SFCA on the deposit.

**V. KKCC Business/Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee Report** (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.

- a. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
- b. **Statuary** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- c. **Retention** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani reported the Papakōlea Community Association seat is still vacant. Amy reached out to Wendy Kondo who confirmed that Beverly, Louise, Pam and Leinā‘ala have been confirmed. Keke has the ability to apply to take the balance of Desiree’s term plus additional 4-year term. Kēhaulani noted her term is up on 6/30/25 but she will be renewing for an additional term when her term expires. As requested, Kēhaulani will email the information to Beverly to put in a spreadsheet. Ian congratulated Kēhaulani on securing nearly filling the seats.
- d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- e. **Friends of KKCC** -- Nothing to report.
- f. **Outreach and Education** -- Nothing to report.

**VI. Events**

- a. **Kaua‘i Ho‘olaule‘a** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Kalei noted their committee met last Tuesday and are planning for the events this year their event will be on June 14.
- b. **O‘ahu, Parade, Ho‘olaule‘a, Pā‘ū** (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade Chair and Ho‘olaule‘a Chair) -- Clint reported the events are set for June 13 - Lei Draping Ceremony and June 14 - Floral Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a. He has advised they have secured a grant for funding from HTA and are pursuing additional sponsors. Currently they are pursuing permits, etc. Application links for everything are online at present.
- c. **Statue Lei Draping** (Louise Alina) -- Ocean Kaowili submitted written testimony and provided oral testimony requesting the participation of the Honolulu Fire Department in the Lei Draping Ceremony. He stood on his written testimony and was available to answer questions. His testimony was distributed prior to the meeting. Leilani would like to support this request. Jame inquired what was the previous and current role of the fire department. Ian noted that the fire department had been on site in previous years providing a ladder which has since been replaced by the use of lou. Further he noted that we have not used the fire truck bucket since 2020. At that time the Commission convened a Committee on statue protocol reviewing everything that happens on the mound. It was the job of the Committee to gather information and revamp all protocol for day of on the mound. After going through that process one of the decisions made was to discontinue the use of the fire department providing a lift bucket for muliple reasons. The current process is to use the young men of Papakōlea and the lou to place the lei. One of many things that were tied to that decision not to use the fire truck was the protocol regarding touching the statue. Culturally we know you can not place anything over an Ali‘i’s head or the likeness, touch the head or the technically the shoulders. If someone is wearing an ‘ahu ‘ula that cannot be touched at all. Also, in talking to the State Conserverator regarding the maintenance there were questions about the finish and on the potential of damage from the truck to the statue which played a factor into the decision. Also fiscally, the City and County did not support

the allocation of guaranteed resources. Ian noted he was paraphrasing regarding the discussion of the decision. Jame suggested that we review the decision based on their previous participation. Ian noted that as always the fire department has been invited to participate and is always welcomed to participate in the ceremony along with everyone else but this was a Committee decision. Ian further noted that the Commission normally does not provide decisions in response to testimony but will provide the testimony to the Committee. Also, Mr. Kaowili reminded the Commission that he had also submitted a copy of his request for funding he shared with several Hawaiian entities regarding the Kings Float. Ian noted that this is being address in the Parade Committee. Kēhaulani thanked Ocean for his interest in participation. Puake‘ala noted that Prince Albert was also a member of the fire department which is an additional tie.

- d. ***Moloka‘i Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a*** (Leina‘āla Lopez) -- Leina‘āla plans to meet with Tylor to discuss the events which are planned for June 7 and 8.
- e. ***Maui Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a*** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.
- f. ***Lāna‘i*** (Pam Alconel) -- Pam noted that she has been meeting with community members to discuss how to start some events on Lāna‘i and is trying to incorporate some summer school programming.
- g. ***Island of Hawai‘i -- Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a*** (Keke Kaniho) -- Nothing to report.
- h. ***Kona Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a*** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani noted they have a new Parade Chair and are searching for members to join the Kona Board of Directors. They are mourning the loss of their funding but plan to get back on track.

#### **VII. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives**

- a. ***Royal Order of Kamehameha*** (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
- b. ***‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu*** (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.
- c. ***Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i*** (Ian Custino) -- Ian noted that they recently lost one of their members Aunty Moana Lum they will be celebrating her life this weekend.
- d. ***Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua*** (Puake‘ala Mann) -- Puake‘ala noted that Jeanette Moana Nahinu passed recently. She was previously a commissioner and was involved with pā‘ū for many years. She passed on New Years Eve and her service will be on January 28.
- e. ***Daughters of Hawai‘i*** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani noted that it is mu‘umu‘u month on January 18 from 11 am – 5 pm at Queen Emma Summer Palace. She also noted that they are hiring at both palaces.
- f. ***Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs*** (Beverly Lee) -- Nothing to report.
- g. ***Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association*** (Jame Schaedel) -- Nothing to report.
- h. ***Kapahulu Music Club*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- i. ***Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association*** (Leilani Kahaono) -- Leilai reported that she has submitted a report that they have appointed and confirmed Tane Kamalulani Enoka-Togia as new Ali‘i Commission Chairperson. She also wanted to follow up on the three items for review a few items from the last meeting. 1.) Papakōlea KKCC seat: Eric Keawe was unable to commit, however, he will reach out to Mahealani Woods (former name) and believes she would be a good representative. 2.) She would like to request reserved seating for Lei Draping and Parade with support huaka‘i to include transportation, lunch and return to home for all kūpuna wishing to attend from housing. Accompanying guests TBD. She is inviting Kūlanakauhale Māluhia o Nā Kupuna (Waimānalo Kūpuna housing) Kūpuna to attend the 2025 King Kamehameha festivities. Pending. 3.) Hawaiian Lei Sellers Association – per Aileen Camello, daughter of Dora’s Lei Stand, and sister Dora continues

to run #11 Dora's Lei Stand interests and concerns. Many of the lei sellers feel "run over" "left out" as progress continues and the disregard for their businesses. Would like to see a seat at the table and support for the generations of lei sellers who dedicated their lives and livelihood to an art that is in every pageantry, competition, celebrations, etc.

- j. ***Papakōlea Community Association*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- k. ***Island of Hawai'i*** (Keke Kaniho, pending) -- Nothing to report
- l. ***Island of Maui*** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.
- m. ***Island of Kaua'i*** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Nothing to report.
- n. ***Island of Moloka'i*** (Leina'ala Bishaw) -- Nothing to report.
- o. ***Island of Lāna'i*** (Pam Alconel) -- Nothing to report.

**VIII. *Public Testimony*** -- Nothing to report.

**IX. *Upcoming Meeting*** -- The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

**X. *Adjourn*** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.