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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

- Commission Attendees Per Roll Call: **Beverly Lee** (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'i), **Ikaika Bantolina** (Royal Order of Kamehameha), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Puakeala Mann** (Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors - Māmakakaua), **Kalei Hoffman** (Island of Kaua'i), **Jame Schaedel** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Kimo Alama Keaulana** (Kapaehulu Music Club), **Leina'āla Lopez** (Island of Moloka'i)

Attendees: **Clint Kalaola** (Kala Foundation)

Call to Order, Roll Call and Reminders, Establish Quorum -- Chair Beverly Lee called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and established quorum. The June Meeting Minutes were approved.

- I. Public Testimony** -- Nothing to report.
- II. Executive Director's Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy reported that she has been completing her regular duties and tasks. Executed the Parade and Lei Draping events. Held a recap meeting for Lei Draping and began work on 2026 planning including securing funding from SFCA who has preliminarily committed to provide \$30,000 instead of our \$50,000 due to funding cuts. Distributed mahalos to outside entities for their participation in 2025 Lei Draping Ceremony. Updated the KKCC website updates with event information for 2026 including Lei Draping Reservation Form, Protocols and also O'ahu Parade Applications. Amy has also sent mahalos to parade participants. She worked with DAGS and confirmed position renewal.
- III. Financial Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy noted she successfully worked with SFCA on expediting check processing for the O'ahu procurement payment. Confirming the funds were mailed to Kala Foundation completing this year's procurement process.
- IV. KKCC Business/Committee Reports**
 - a. **Executive Committee Report** (Beverly Lee) -- Beverly noted this is her first meeting as the Chair and appreciated everyone's attendance. She noted that she and Kainoa are working on a smooth transition and will have more to report next month.
 - b. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.

- c. **Statuary** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Amy has been communicating with the groundskeeping at the Judiciary to request they stop working on the landscaping at the statue as their efforts are damaging the area. Amy provided the contact to Beverly for the Judiciary landscaping crew. Beverly plans to have a meeting to include all the necessary entities from the Commission to participate.
- d. **Retention** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Nothing to report.
- e. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report. Kimo inquired if anyone knew if Kapena Ake had retired.
- f. **Friends of KKCC** (Moani Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.
- g. **Outreach and Education** -- Nothing to report.
- h. **Kaua‘i Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Kalei reported that they received the Kilohana grant funds for 2025 and are awaiting the 2026 grant award. They also received the Kala Foundation reimbursements as well. She noted that they need financial support to purchase costumes for the King’s Court. They are grateful that Kaua‘i Museum and the Drake ‘ohana loaned them costumes for this year. They have a drycleaning service on Kaua‘i now, therefore they will not need to send attire to O‘ahu for laundering. She congratulated their team for pulling everything off this year.
- i. **O‘ahu, Parade, Ho‘olaule‘a, Pā‘ū** (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade Chair and Ho‘olaule‘a Chair) -- Clint reported that he is awaiting award notification for 2026 from Kilohana. He noted he just held the Parade wrap up meeting. For O‘ahu he still has a few outstanding invoices to clear up and will soon begin planning for 2026.
- a. **Statue Lei Draping** (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.
- b. **Moloka‘i Gala/Ho‘olaule‘a** (Leina‘āla Lopez) -- Leina‘āla noted that they have successfully closed out their event. She commented that the Gala and Ho‘olaule‘a went well. She is awaiting to meet with Tylor regarding the financial recap.
- c. **Maui Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani noted that she and Daryl have not met to review, however, the events were a huge success, without incident. She noted that the winner of the Pā‘ū units gets to go to the Makawao Stampede. That Princess entered that Parade and won the grand prize. Mahalo to everyone that supported the Maui events.
- d. **Lāna‘i** (Pam Alconel) -- Nothing to report.
- e. **Island of Hawai‘i -- Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a** (Keke Kaniho) -- Nothing to report.
- f. **Kona Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Nothing to report.

V. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives

- a. **Royal Order of Kamehameha** (Ikaika Bantolina) -- Ikaika sent out a mahalo to all of the volunteers who participated in float building. Each year they challenge themselves to complete the mō‘i and Royal Order Floats in one night and they were successful again this year. Grateful for the space to build the floats at the Convention Center which was wonderful.
- b. **‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu** (Louise Alina) -- Louise reported that everything went well, and she was grateful for everyone who participated including Moani who came from Maui to participate. She also noted that they are celebrating their 120th Anniversary this year on July 18, 19 and 20 at the Ala Moana Hotel with chapters from other islands coming in to participate.
- c. **Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.

- d. ***Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua*** (Puake‘ala Mann) -- Puake‘ala wanted to thank everyone who participated in their statue tribute. She noted that they had their announcers at the Moana Hotel for the Parade who were announcing in both English and in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i which was wonderful. However, the announcers noted that fronting the hotel the pā‘ū units seemed to be very close together, so it was difficult for them to read the narrative in the allotted time. She noted that they were advised that their vehicles were told to stay two car lengths away from the previous unit. Puake‘ala commented that it might be helpful to remind everyone as they may be anxious to get to the end of the parade. Also, the announcers would sing the songs from each island the pā‘ū units represented. Puake‘ala noted that the family of Mary Kawena Pukui participated and were very happy that they were allowed to participate as well as put their own signage on their vehicles. She thanked everyone who made the event possible.
- e. ***Daughters of Hawai‘i*** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Nothing to report.
- f. ***Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs*** (Beverly Lee) -- Beverly noted there is a board meeting this coming Saturday.
- g. ***Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association*** (Jame Schaedel) -- Nothing to report.
- h. ***Kapahulu Music Club*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo reported that he had one new pā‘ū wrapper this year and he had a very good experience and wishes to continue participating. He also reported that three of the members of the Kapahulu Music Club went to Ni‘ihau and it was a wonderful experience to be invited and attend. Kimo noted that former and past president of the club Candice Kanani Lee passed away on June 8 and had been suffering with dementia for several years. He noted she was a previous Commissioner along with her mother Adeline. Services will be at Diamond Head Memorial on Monday, July 14 at 8:30 am.
- i. ***Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association*** (Leilani Kahaono) -- Nothing to report.
- 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) -- Moani noted that Thursday they have their final wrap up meeting, and she will have more to report next month.
- m. ***Island of Kaua‘i*** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Kalei reported that they have selected their date for the events which will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 9 a.m. – noon.
- n. ***Island of Moloka‘i*** (Leina‘ala Bishaw) -- Nothing to report.
- o. ***Island of Lāna‘i*** (Pam Alconel) -- Nothing to report.

VI. Public Testimony -- Nothing to report.

VII. Upcoming Meeting -- The next meeting is currently scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

VIII. Adjourn -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.