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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 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), **Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Kalei Hoffman** (Island of Kaua'i), **Leilani Kahoano**, (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Ikaika Bantolina** (Royal Order of Kamehameha), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali'i), **Kehaulani Keana'aina** (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Kimo Alama Keaulana** (Kapaehulu Music Club), **Pamela Alconcel** (Island of Lāna'i)

Commissioners not present: **Jame Schaedel** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Kimo Alama Keaulana** (Kapaehulu Music Club), **Puake'ala Mann** (Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors - Māmakakaua), **Vacant** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Keke Kaniho** (pending) (Island of Hawai'i), **Leinā'ala Lopez** (Island of Moloka'i)

Call to Order, Roll Call and Reminders, Establish Quorum -- Chair Beverly Lee called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and established quorum. The July and August Meeting Minutes approved. Ian Custino noted for the record that this was take two of our meeting as the first meeting got disrupted by hackers and we had to restart the meeting logging off and logging back in. The three identified individuals were not allowed back into the room.

- 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 including completing the annual inventory report, attending the Procurement IQ training course, FY 2026 Budget Execution Policies and Operational Expenditure Plan, also participated in the ASO training refresher course, Pursued locations for O'ahu float building area and coordinated the Lei Draping Practice dates for 2026.
- III. Financial Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Nothing new to report.
- IV. KKCC Business/Committee Reports**
 - a. **Executive Committee Report** (Beverly Lee) -- Beverly noted that she has been meeting with Amy to review transition plans and set some deadlines for 2026 plans. Noting that we are on a waiting list for the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall as the Convention Center is not available next year as a float building location. We do not have a great deal of floats, but we are encouraging participants. Beverly is also meeting with DAGS for improvements on the mound and will report more on that next meeting. She noted that she would like to get suggestions for our theme for the parade next year. Kimo Keaulana suggested the theme from a line in an oli by Mary Kawena Pukui. "E kū, e ho'ololi." (To stand and make change). Beverly requests that every Commissioner thinks of a theme and come

back to the October meeting with a theme. She noted that she would like to cancel the November and December meeting.

- b. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
- c. **Statuary** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo shared a mahalo with Beverly, Clint and Amy and was glad that the statue and surrounding area is on the radar to get the area cleaned and refurbished.
- d. **Retention** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani noted that she may have a potential Commissioner for Papakōlea Community Association. She also congratulated Pam for the outreach and impacting Lāna‘i as it is a perfect example as to when we have participation of a Commissioner it can have a big influence on the activities. Our goal is to keep the seats full.
- e. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- f. **Friends of KKCC** (Moani Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani reported that we can use the name Friends of KKCC as it is available.
- g. **Outreach and Education** -- Ikaika noted that when he has been officially acknowledged by the Legislature, he has volunteered to Chair the Committee.
- h. **Kaua‘i Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Nothing to report.
- i. **O‘ahu, Parade, Ho‘olaule‘a, Pā‘ū** (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade Chair and Ho‘olaule‘a Chair) -- Beverly reported that the applications have gone out for Pā‘ū. She will name the Princesses by the end of September. They have selected a Queen and there is someone interested in being the Pā‘ū Marshal.
- a. **Statue Lei Draping/Practice Dates**; May 19, May 26 and June 3, 2026 (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.
- b. **Moloka‘i Gala/Ho‘olaule‘a** (Leinā‘ala Lopez) -- Nothing to report.
- c. **Maui Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a** (Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Nothing to report.
- d. **Lāna‘i** (Pam Alconel) -- Pam noted that they did hold activities for the King Kamehameha Celebrations at the Community Center including having weavers and lei makers do demonstrations. There were attendees from keiki to kupuna with everyone expressing interest in participating again next year.
- e. **Island of Hawai‘i -- Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/Ho‘olaule‘a** (Keke Kaniho) -- Kēhaulani reported that for the parade the pā‘ū units are full with back up groups also expressing interest. Their Hawai‘i Island Committee will be taking a break in November and December. She also noted the their new leader Keisha will be joining us in future meetings.
- 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 reported that they just finished off the Kalani Ali‘i Awards along with the rest of the Royal Societies.
- b. **‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu** (Louise Alina) -- Lousie reported that she attended and worked on the Kalani Ali‘i Awards which was a great success.
- c. **Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- d. **Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua** (Puake‘ala Mann) -- Nothing to report.
- e. **Daughters of Hawai‘i** (Kēhaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhaulani reminded everyone that they have A Day at Hānaiakamalama, Queen Emma's Summer Palace will be coming up on October 18 with the event from 9 am – 2 pm. They are undergoing a big project at the Summer Palace and are looking for a temperature-controlled unit for keeping the artifacts while they are undergoing renovation. They are looking for a company to provide a 9’ x 14’ controlled unit.

- f. ***Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs*** (Beverly Lee) -- Beverly noted are gearing up for the Civic Convention in Kona and gearing up for the many things they need to do prior to the end of October.
- 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) -- 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) -- Nothing to report.
- m. ***Island of Kaua‘i*** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Kalei reported that the Kaua‘i Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026.
- 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. *Miscellaneous*

VIII. *Upcoming Meeting* -- The next meeting is currently scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025. It was noted that we will not hold meetings in November and December of 2025 we will resume with a meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2025.

IX. *Adjourn* -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.