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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

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), **Moani Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Kimo Keaulana** (Kapahulu Music Club), **Kalei Hoffman** (Island of Kaua'i), **Kehaulani Keana'aina** (Daughters of Hawai'i), **Beverly Lee** (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Pending), **Jame Schaedel**, (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Leilani Kahaono**, Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association, **Pamela Alconcel**, (Island of Lāna'i, Pending)

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

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Reminders, Establish Quorum** -- Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Ian Custino, Vice Chair. Meeting minutes for September were approved.
- II. Executive Director's Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy reported that she has been completing her regular duties and tasks. In addition, she has completed the DAGS 2025 Goals and Objectives Plan. Worked with Kala Foundation to complete the HTA Grant Application and provided letters of support as needed for the HTA Grant Applications as requested. She also prompted neighbor island to gathering information for the HTA report. We are waiting to complete the website updates with event information for 2025 so please submit as soon as possible. We learned that Senator Wakai initiated the legislation to transfer SFCA and KKCC into DBEDT and will possibly pursue this legislation once again during the legislative session. Ian noted that for grants HTA has moved from a calendar year to a align with a state fiscal year.
- III. Financial Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Amy noted she provided the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts the invoice for the 2025 Art in Public Places Grant.
- IV. 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. Kēhaulani and Amy previously reported that she is creating a document to update everyone with their term expiration dates.
  - d. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Ian suggested to talk offline regarding State Archives and volunteering.
  - e. **Friends of KKCC** -- Nothing to report.
  - f. **Outreach and Education** -- Nothing to report.
- V. Events**

- a. ***Kaua'i Ho'olaule'a*** (Kalei Hoffman) -- Kalei noted that Melissa Sugai will be assisting with some of the events on Kaua'i. Ian suggested connecting Kalei with the Kaua'i Economic Development Board.
- b. ***O'ahu, Parade, Ho'olaule'a, Pā'ū*** (Clint Kalaola, O'ahu Parade Chair and Ho'olaule'a Chair) -- Nothing to report.
- c. ***Statue Lei Draping*** (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report.
- d. ***Moloka'i Parade/Ho'olaule'a*** (Leina'āla Lopez) -- Events are planned for June 7 and 8 in 2025. Tylor is working on the report to submit for HTA.
- e. ***Maui Parade/Ho'olaule'a*** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani noted they will begin meeting on October 19 and Aloha Festivals is still traveling the island circuit.
- f. ***Lāna'i*** (Pam Alconel, pending) -- Nothing to report.
- 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 are scheduling their meetings for next year and they are also looking for board members.

**VI. 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 they concluded the annual convention on Kaua'i a few weeks ago. No large leadership changes on the state board.
- d. ***Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua*** (Puake'ala Mann) -- Nothing to report.
- e. ***Daughters of Hawai'i*** (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhaulani thanked everyone for coming to Day at Queen Emma Summer Palace on October 5. It was a huge success, with 42 vendors, lei making and Kamaka Pili emceed the event.
- f. ***Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs*** (Beverly Lee, pending) -- Beverly noted they have the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs meeting coming up next month at the 'Alohilani Resort. They clubs are working on putting everything together and will be working on various resolutions.
- g. ***Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association*** (Jame Schaedel) -- Jame noted they had their annual general meeting a few ago and they had a very interesting panel on the Kamehameha Schools Trustee selection process. The panel members were Dr. Mike Chun and previous president Julian Ako. He noted there is a petition with the probate court to consider adjusting how the Trustees are selected to consider more involvement from alumni and stakeholders in the Native Hawaiian Community. The judge did not make a decision at the last hearing. There is going to be a hearing at the probate court on November 14 at 11 am in Judge Castagnetti's Chambers at the Court House located at 777 Punchbowl Street. He commented it should be an interesting decision coming out from the court to see how the Trustees will be selected in the future or if it will remain status quo. If you want more information on the background please reach out to Jame for more information.
- h. ***Kapahulu Music Club*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo noted that on October 5 he attended the Hawai'i International Film Festival to see the showing on Aletha, story of Aletha Puna Kaohi which was very well done.
- i. ***Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association*** (Leilani Kahaono) -- Leilai reported that she has for items to report. 1. 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. 2. Leilani brought forward to see if we can have

banners along the route from Downtown to Kapi‘olani Park. She requested if any entity who holds their event(s) on the same week and parade weekend will be requested to provide banners for King Kamehameha Lei Draping and Parade on the opposite side of the street route. Our event would take precedent as a Legacy Event of Hawai‘i. 3. Hawaiian Lei Sellers Association asking to reinstall their seat from 1937 and provide education on pageantry. Request to reinstall this seat that once was part of the KKCC beginning in 1937 to 1947. Would be wonderful to be inclusive of lei growers/gatherers/makers to be esteemed as hula, musicians, pā‘ū courts, etc. also are recognized. They are the heart of every significant or simple display of aloha. We can educate on pageantry, sacredness, protocols, etc. The Hawaiian Lei Sellers Association became a part of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission in 1937. This inclusion was significant because the lei sellers played a key role in supporting and perpetuating the tradition of lei draping during the King Kamehameha Day celebrations, which honor King Kamehameha I's legacy in Hawaii. Their involvement helped strengthen the cultural and ceremonial aspects of the event. The Hawaiian Lei Sellers Association was removed from the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission in 1947. This change occurred when the commission's structure was revised, and the Lei Sellers Association was no longer included as an official member. Despite this, lei sellers have continued to play an important role in the celebrations, especially in the traditional lei draping ceremonies for King Kamehameha I. Some research to support the above:

<https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/server/api/core/bitstreams/fd595b04-eb55-4a45-9ab3-04bf04f2983c/content> Jame asked if the organization was still active and the answer was no but Leilani has reserved the name and was going to try and restart the organization in hopes it can eventuall gain a seat on the King Kamehameha Celebration commission. In noted there is a good deal of support for lei making and growing the flowers. 4. WHHA 2024 Event Waimānalo Christmas Parade will be Sat., December 9. She would like to confirm participation and connect to KKCC legacy and lei theme.

- j. ***Papakōlea Community Association*** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- k. ***Island of Hawai‘i*** (Keke Kaniho) -- 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, pending) -- Nothing to report.

**VII. Public Testimony** -- Ocean Kawoili attended but was not able to get his microphone working but he texted Leilani. If there is an open Commission Seat, he would like to have a chance to participate however he lives in Waianae and the open seat is for someone that lives in Papakōlea however Kēhaulani was planning to reach out to him following the meeting. Leilani noted that she could reach out to Kaleo Keawe.

**VIII. Upcoming Meeting** -- The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

**IX. Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.