



NĀ ALA HELE

Hawai'i Trail & Access System

NĀ ALA HELE ADVISORY COUNCIL HAWAI'I ISLAND

MEETING AGENDA

NĀ ALA HELE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Terrence Noda, Chairperson; Nani Pogline, Vice Chairperson; Charles Flaherty, Secretary; David Rietow; Roger Kanealii Jr.; Kawehi Ryder; Jeffrey Yamauchi; Christopher Seymour; *vacant*; Jackson Bauer, ex-officio; Rick Gmirkin, ex-officio.

DATE: February 4, 2026

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Council members, staff, public observers, and testifiers can choose to participate either in person, via Zoom or by telephone:

- In-person at 19 E. Kawili Street (Division of Forestry and Wildlife Hilo Baseyard),
- Online via Zoom video conference:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87038129978?pwd=OwTQKiKgkxP0RxdtNzaRcuPMpfl3wF.1>

Meeting ID: 870 3812 9978

Passcode: 1988

- Telephone conference: (669) 444 9171 (same Meeting ID and passcode above)

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<https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/>

Testimony may be provided at any of the meeting location methods above. No registration is required to attend the meeting or provide testimony. To ensure that members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we encourage interested persons to submit written testimony 24 hours prior to the meeting:

- jackson.m.bauer@hawaii.gov, Subject: "Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council Testimony"
- or
- Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council
19 E. Kawili Street,
Hilo, HI 96720

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call (6:00 pm)

II. AC CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

The Chairperson will welcome all attendees, go over meeting housekeeping and present procedural updates for the meeting.

III. Review DRAFT MINUTES of August 20, 2025 meeting

a. Vote to approve the minutes, if motioned.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (Three minutes maximum)

The public may also testify at any other time during the meeting.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Program Plan update and discussion ("PBR" staff/Nā Ala Hele staff)

"PBR" has been contracted to update the 1991 Nā Ala Hele Program Plan. During this portion of the agenda PBR may present updates on this Plan Update as well as answer any questions the Council or public may have.

B. Nā Ala Hele Program update (Nā Ala Hele staff)

Nā Ala Hele Trail and Access Program staff will present updates as it relates to Nā Ala Hele Program Trails and activities. This is informational only and no discussions or votes will take place during this agenda item.

a. Program Trails updates

i. Pololū Trail

ii. Muliwai Trail/Waimanu Campground

iii. Upper Waiākea ATV & Dirt Bike Riding Area (Terrence)

iv. Kūlanihāko'i Mountain Bike Park (Chris)

v. Puna Trail

vi. Other program trail updates

b. Historic Trails updates

i. Judd Trail

ii. Other historic trail updates

c. Access updates

i. Kaupakuea Access to Hilo Forest Reserve (Nani)

ii. Other access updates

d. Administrative Tasks update

e. Other NAH program updates

i. Nā Manu 'Elele Trail Steward Program

ii. Nāpu'u Recreation Plan (Forest Solutions/Nā Ala Hele Staff)

iii. Ala Kahakai Interpretive Plan

iv. New Koai'a Trail

v. Statewide Nā Ala Hele Program Manager

C. Budget/Legislative Update (Nā Ala Hele staff)

Nā Ala Hele staff will present budgetary and legislative updates as it relates to the Nā Ala Hele program. This is informational only and no discussions or votes will take place during this agenda item.

D. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update (Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff)

Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff will present updates as it relates to the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Corridor. This is informational only and no discussions or votes will take place during this agenda item.

E. Subcommittee Updates:

a. OHV Subcommittee (Terrence, John Howerton)

The OHV Subcommittee is tasked with identifying new locations for an OHV riding area on the west side of Hawai'i Island.

b. Waipi'o Valley Access Road Subcommittee (Terrence, Nani, Debbie Chang) [64]

The Waipi'o Valley Access Road subcommittee is tasked with coordinating with the County of Hawai'i to ensure public access rights are met along the Waipi'o Valley Access Road.

i. Presentation by County Council Member Heather Kimball

Hawai'i County Council Member Heather Kimball will present to the council and answer questions about updates regarding the Waipi'o Valley Access Road.

c. Wailuku River Confluence Lookout Access Subcommittee (Terrence, Nani, Jeff, Chris, James Eller) [74]

The Wailuku River Confluence Lookout Access subcommittee is tasked with identifying more appropriate and historically accurate nomenclature for this site, coordinating with the resident and descendant community impacted by users to the site, and researching access issues and solutions to this site. (This site is also known on social media as "Narnia.")

d. Nā'ālehu Hills Subdivision Subcommittee (Charles, Nani, Terrence, Keola Childs)

The Nā'ālehu Hills Subdivision subcommittee is tasked with researching Advisory Council matters regarding the proposed Nā'ālehu Hills subdivision and to draft and submit on the Advisory Council's behalf a comment letter to the Hawai'i County Planning Department.

F. HAR 13-130 Rule Revision Update (Nā Ala Hele staff)

The Nā Ala Hele Program is currently updating its rules, HAR 13-130. This agenda item will present updates on the progress of the revision. Attachments are included for this agenda item.

G. Hawai'i County General Plan (Charles)

Discussion on the Hawai'i County's General Plan update as it relates to trails, accesses, and connectivity.

H. Council member trail experience sharing

During this portion of the agenda, Council members share any trail or hiking experiences they may have enjoyed. This is informational only and no discussions or votes will take place during this agenda item.

I. Council Attendance Policy (Terrence)

Discussion on Council Member attendance expectations and the development of an attendance policy for this Council.

- a. Motion to approve Chair Terrence's proposed policy to disqualify a member after two to three missed meetings a year.
- b. Vote to approve motion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Selection of Advisory Council Leadership Positions for 2026

- a. Nomination and discussion for Advisory Council Leadership positions for 2026:
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Vice Chair
 - iii. Secretary
- b. Vote on Advisory Council Leadership positions for 2025

C. Set next meeting agenda

D. Set next meeting date

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Enclosures:

- HAR 13-130 Nā Ala Hele Rules
- Approved minutes from August 20, 2025