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.; Jeffrey Yamauchi; Christopher Seymour; *vacant*; *vacant*; Jackson Bauer, ex-officio; Rick Gmirkin, ex-officio.

DATE: November 18, 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/88681884551?pwd=yaUiwQWrthaMBHtBiAxleJdDjGteZd.1

  Meeting ID: 886 8188 4551
  Passcode: 1988
- Telephone conference: (669) 444 9171 (same Meeting ID and passcode above)

Meeting materials are available for public review in advance of the meeting at: https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/

Public 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 September 17, 2026 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. Makāula-'O'oma Trails
vii. Koai'a Loop
viii. Kalōpā Trails
ix. Other program trail updates

b. Historic Trails updates

i. Other historic trail updates

c. Access updates

i. Kaupakuea Access to Hilo Forest Reserve (Nani)
ii. Wailele Road Access to Hilo Forest Reserve, Honomū Section (Nani)
iii. Other access updates

d. Administrative Tasks update

e. Other NAH program updates

i. Nā Manu 'Elele Trail Steward Program
ii. New Koai'a Trail
iii. Nāpu'u Recreation Plan (Forest Solutions/Nā Ala Hele Staff)

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.

   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.")

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, including recent amendments.

H. Proposed New Punahoa State Park (Chris, Representative Matthias Kusch)

During this portion of the agenda, Council members discuss the new Punahoa State Park, as proposed by State Representative Matthias Kusch.

I. New Advisory Council applicant: Topher Fast

During this portion of the agenda, the council will consider an application for a new member to join the Advisory Council.

   a. Discussion and interview of the applicant

   b. Vote, if motioned, to recommend Topher Fast to join the Hawai'i Island Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council.

J. 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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Set next meeting agenda

B. Set next meeting date

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Enclosures:

1. Approved minutes from July 23, 2026
2. Map of proposed new Punahoa State Park
3. Application for Topher Fast