

HO'OUULU LĀHUI
Regenerating Oceania
13th Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture
Hawai'i 2024



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Commission on the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture (FestPAC) MEETING

Commission on the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture

Monday, October 23, 2023
3:00 p.m.

Chair

Kalani Ka'anā'anā
Hawai'i Tourism Authority

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Commissioners

Shanty Asher
City & County of Honolulu

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Māpuana de Silva
Community

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Sen. Jarrett Keohokālole
Hawai'i State Senate

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Colin Kippen
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

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Jamie Lum
*Dept. Of Business, Economic
Development & Tourism*

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Makana McClellan
Governor's Designee

AGENDA

Rep. Richard Onishi
*Hawai'i State House of
Representatives*

I. Call to Order

Mail:
Hawai'i Tourism Authority
1801 Kalākaua Avenue, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815

II. Wehena

III. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

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IV. Report on Permitted Interactions, pursuant to Act 103, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021

V. Approval of October 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

VI. Presentation, Discussion and/or Action Regarding the Festival Director Report

VII. Presentation, Discussion and/or Action Regarding the appointing of a FestPAC Organizing Committee (FestPACOC) with subcommittees and establish the responsibilities of sub-committees.

- VIII. Presentation, Discussion and/or Action Regarding Administrative Committee Update
- IX. Presentation, Discussion and/or Action Regarding Venues and Programming Committee Update
- X. Public Testimony on Agenda Items
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Next Meeting – November 6, 2023
- XIII. Adjournment

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1801 Kalākaua Avenue
1st Level / HTA Conference Room
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815

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FestPAC Testimony
c/o Hawai'i Tourism Authority
1801 Kalākaua Avenue, 1st Floor
Honolulu, HI 96815

Please include the word “testimony” and the subject matter following the address line.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE 13TH FESTIVAL OF
PACIFIC ARTS & CULTURE (FestPAC) MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2023 AT 03:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL APPLICATION ZOOM

Commission Members Present were:

Kalani Ka'anā'anā, Chair	-	Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) Designee
Shanty Asher	-	City & County of Honolulu
Snowbird Bento	-	Community
Māpuana de Silva	-	Community Member At-Large
Colin Kippen	-	Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)
Jamie Lum	-	Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT)
Makana McClellan	-	Governor's Designee

Guests:

Aaron Salā	-	Festival Director
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Staff:

Elise Amemiya	-	Office of the Attorney General
Micah 'Ākau	-	Hawai'i Tourism Authority
Maka Casson-Fisher	-	Hawai'i Tourism Authority
Irina De La Torre	-	Hawai'i Tourism Authority

Apologies:

Sen. Jarrett Keohokāhole	-	Hawai'i State Senate
Rep. Richard Onishi	-	Hawai'i State House of Representatives

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kalani Ka'anā'anā at 03:06 p.m., who welcomed everyone present via ZOOM.

The Chair called upon Commissioner Bento to provide the wehena (opening).

Commissioner Bento started her wehena with a reminder that October 09, 2023 is Indigenous People Day. This day is for all indigenous people and a reminder to celebrate our millennium of rich tradition, innovation, explorations, knowledge, and profound human achievements. We believe that with indigenous knowledge and ingenuity we have the capacity to heal the earth, promote global peace, and advance humankind. Let us strive together towards a future where all indigenous communities are healthy and thriving; are stewards and protectors of our precious resources; freely express ourselves in our native tongues, and through our creative arts and cultural practices. That we can convey our own history in our own languages; lead and control our own governance and institutions; and engage in sustainable food systems and economies that enhance the well-being of our peoples.

Commissioner Bento then shared a video of the first ever WIPCE Lā ‘Ōpio Youth Day in 2014. Festival Director Salā also shared some sentimental remarks about his experience at the WIPCE Lā ‘Ōpio Youth Day.

Chair Ka‘anā‘anā conducted the roll-call attendance. Chair Ka‘anā‘anā, Commissioner Asher, Commissioner Bento, Commissioner de Silva, Commissioner Kippen, Commissioner Lum, and Commissioner McClellan were present via Zoom.

Commissioner Keohokālole and Commissioner Onishi were excused.

Also in attendance were Deputy Attorney General Elise Amemiya, Festival Director (FD) Aaron Salā, as well as HTA support staff: Micah ‘Ākau, Maka Casson-Fisher and Irina De La Torre.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

Testimony was received in advance of the day’s meeting. The Chair invited Mikki-Tae Tapara from Creative New Zealand, Project Manager for the Aotearoa delegation, to give his verbal testimony. Mikki-Tae Tapara expressed his gratitude to Festival Director Salā and member of SPC for joining their 4th of October hui online. The presentation updated instilled confidence to our committee members that Hawai‘i is well under planning for 2024. It’s our committees Māori unanimous feeling of importance of supporting kānaka maoli during these challenging times. Acknowledging the devastating fires of Maui and the need to bring joy to the Hawai‘i. He then thanked SPC and Hawai‘i for increasing regional communication around FestPAC 13th and finally he noted that Aotearoa recently posted a press release titled A Call For Pacific Unity: FestPAC 2024 seeks supports to uplift Hawai‘i post-fires.

Festival Director Salā also shared a mahalo to Mikki-Tae.

The chair invited members of the public to testify on the agenda items. Hearing none, he continued with agenda items.

REPORT ON PERMITTED INTERACTIONS, PURSUANT TO ACT 103, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI‘I 2021

Chair shared that he met with Commissioner Bento and Lum met on October 03, 2023 at the Hawai‘i Tourism Conference for the FestPAC Panel. Chair shared that the Admin Committee met on October 04, 2023 via Zoom and that the Programming/Venue Committee met on

October 06, 2023 via Zoom. Chair also shared that he met with Commissioner de Sliva, Lum and McClellan on October 06, 2023 at the Capitol with Governor Green and First Lady Green.

Hearing no additional meetings, the Chair continued with the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were previously distributed and reviewed by Commissioners. Chair Ka'anā'anā requested a motion to adopt the September 25, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Bento motioned, and it was Seconded by Commissioner de Silva. September 25, 2023 minutes were adopted unamended. Chair Ka'anā'anā conducted a roll-call vote. Chair Ka'anā'anā, and Commissioners Asher, Bento, de Silva, Kippen, Lum, and McClellan voted in favor of approving the unamended minutes of the September 25th, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Keohokāhole and Commissioner Onishi were excused. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE FESTIVAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Festival Director Salā provided an update regarding the following items:

- 1) Program and Content
- 2) Logistics & Operations
- 3) Marketing & Promotion

FD mentioned that for Programming they have been focusing on the ceremonies with an emphasis on wa'a, opening and closing. This includes performing, heritage and visual arts.

Visual Arts will be hosted at Capitol Modern (HiSAM).

The Youth Ambassador Program call went out each delegation will have two representatives ages 18-35. HOD Dossier #1 was sent out on 10/06/23. FD will report bi-weekly to SPC.

FD mentioned that First Lady Green is calling a meeting with members of the FestPAC Commission to discuss operations and logistical support. Those invitations will be going out soon. Chair Ka'anā'anā reminded commissioners of the need to stay in alignment with Sunshine laws.

FD Salā updated on Logistics and Operations with a focus on Accommodations and Transportation. The UH housing contract is pending finalization and they are also working on securing hotel blocks and promos. Details should be firm by mid-October. For transportation, there is two main lifts: Wa'a Ceremony at Kualoa and Hō'ike at the Bishop Museum. He mentioned that although charter flights aren't our main responsibility they will be assisting when needed.

FD mentioned that logistics for invitations for Heads of State and Traditional Leaders is currently underway and they expect to have it ready by mid-November.

FD noted that the Biosecurity Standing meeting is once a month. Housing and storage for fumigated and post-fumigated items is being worked on and should be firm soon.

FD discussed the 10/06 Operations Meeting at the Office of the Governor with Governor Green and First Lady Green. The convening included most necessary partner agencies needed for the major lift of the festival. The Governor and First Lady Green expressed their support, and they are looking forward to the next convening in end of October/ beginning of November.

For marketing and promotions FD talked about the local communications and globally. The websites and delegation portal are open for emails and questions.

FD closed his presentation noting that they are working on the logistics for media and broadcasting as well as they will start having consistent updates on social media.

Chair Ka'anā'anā asked FD Salā and June Matsumoto to use and lean on Meet Hawai'i in regards to Venues. FD replied that they have already met with Meet Hawai'i / John Reyes to start conversations.

Chair Ka'anā'anā asked the commission if we had previously selected Commissioner Keohokālole to deliver the ali'i invitations because of his lineage and his role on the commission. Hearing no comments, Chair Ka'anā'anā recommended Commissioner Keohokālole as the appropriate person to deliver said invitations.

Hearing no objections or comments from Commissioners, the recommendation was adopted.

Chair Ka'anā'anā asked his admin to schedule a meeting with AG Elise to discuss the MOA.

Hearing comments from Commissioners, the Chair continued with the next agenda item.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair Ka'anā'anā mentioned that the Admin Committee met on Wednesday, October 04, 2023 2:30-3:30p via Zoom. He called upon the committee's Chair to provide the report. Chair Lum shared that they discussed the following items: Funding Updates and Fundraising Efforts, Commissioner Keohokālole, Kippen and FD Salā were present. Commissioner McClellan was excused.

Chair Lum mentioned they are approved for \$10 million; \$5 million from Legislative appropriation and \$5 million from the Governor's discretionary fund. They are waiting for final approval from State Procurement office for an exemption to use those funds with their contract and submit a supplemental contract.

The committee did submit a request to release/contract the \$5 million Legislative appropriation. It is moving through B&F. Commissioner McClellan will contact B&F Director to ask them to expedite. DBEDT also submitted a second request for an additional \$5 million from the Governor's discretionary fund to support FestPAC. Commissioner Lum assured the Committee and Commissioners that pending receipt of all approvals, a contract can be executed and at least a portion of the funds paid by the end of the calendar year. FD Sala and Chair Lum have discussed that the housing cost is between UH and DBEDT. DBEDT will cover those costs.

Chair Lum mentioned they discussed what to do with any remaining funds and if they would be returned to the state. If that becomes the case, the committee was in favor of returning the funds to the state.

Chair Lum noted that in the meeting Commissioner Kippen said that they can beginning engagement with OHA and with private foundations. Commissioner Kippen noted that they have a tentative date for November 2, 2023 to meet with the OHA board.

Commissioner Keohokālole strongly advocates that the Committee have a conversation expeditiously with local funders, especially those that will be involved in the festival, like OHA.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING VENUES AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

The newly constituted Venues & Programming Committee met on Friday, October 06, 2023 via Zoom. Chair Bento's mentioned they discussed: Carving, Wa'a, Festival Village and Protocol logistics. The committee had not action items that need to be voted on for this meeting. Commissioner Onishi and FD Salā were present. Commissioner Asher and de Silva was excused.

Chair Ka'anā'anā mentioned that the Commissioners need to direct and work with FD Salā on how to navigate hosting in Hawai'i while also understanding the mixed backgrounds in Hawai'i. We have to remember that this is Hawai'i hosting for Hawai'i. Chair Ka'anā'anā asked if we can clarify what it means for us to host ? what that means? How its expressed? Where its expressed?

FD Salā replied with confirmation of the request and that they will work on it.

Hearing no additional comments from Commissioners, the Chair continued with the next agenda item.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

The chair invited members of the public to testify on the agenda items. Hearing none, he continued with agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held virtually on Zoom on October 23, 2023 at 3pm (unless otherwise noted). Wehena to be provided by Commissioner Lum.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ka'anā'anā adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kalani Ka'anā'anā
Chair

Date



Festival Director Report

Aaron J. Salā

23 October 2023

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- Program and Content
- Logistics and Operations
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 - Call for Visual Arts, YAP
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- Accommodation
 - Supplemental – EWC, St. Andrew's
- Biosecurity
- Intent to Participate – 17/28 countries



Marketing and Promotion

- Press Release
- Contact Emails
- FestPAC Archives
 - SPC Digital Archives
 - UH - Pacific Collections
- Social Media
 - Website, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), Facebook
- HVCB Media Blitz



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HŌ'ŌLE'ĪA | Performing Arts

- Maoriwaka (Theatre)
- Hula (Hula Heritage Dance)
- Hula (Hula New Music)
- Hula (Hula Cultural Arts)
- Hula (Choral Performance)

HŌ'ŌLE'ĪA | Visual Arts

- Kapa Kī (Drawing)
- Kapa Kī (Painting)
- Kapa Kī (Traditional Craft)
- Kapa Kī (Sculpture, 3D Work)
- Kapa Kī (Photography)
- Kapa Kī (Multimedia, Installations)

Hana No'ou | Heritage Arts

- Uka (Weaving)
- Kapa (Carving)
- Kapa (Traditional Craft)
- Kapa (Jadornment, Featherwork, Shellwork)
- Kapa (Weaving)
- Kapa (Cultural Arts)
- Kapa (Sculpture)
- Kapa (New Media)
- Kapa (Fashion)
- Kapa (Literature)

Nā Hanana Kāhaka | Ceremonies

- Wāya (Canoe Arrival Ceremony)
- Wāhala (Opening Ceremony)
- Panina (Closing Ceremony)
- Ekalesia (Ecumenical Service)

FestPAC Delegations

American Samoa	Oman	Nauru	Solomon Islands
Aruba	Hawaii	New Zealand	Tahiti
Cook Islands	Kiribati	New Caledonia	Tonga
Easter Island (Rapa Nui)	Republic of the Marshall Islands	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
The Federated States of Micronesia	Niue	Pitcairn Island	Wallis and Futuna
Fiji	New Zealand	Samoa	Taiwan
French Polynesia			



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WĀ'A | CANOE ARRIVAL CEREMONY
Kualoa Regional Park
5 JUNE, 2024

WEHENA | OPENING CEREMONY
Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex, UH Mānoa
6 JUNE, 2024

EKALESIA | ECUMENICAL SERVICE
Stan Sheriff Center, UH Mānoa
9 JUNE, 2024

PANINA | CLOSING CEREMONY
Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex, UH Mānoa
16 JUNE, 2024

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Mahalo

Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture 2024
Venues + Programming Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Via ZOOM 11:30am - 12:30pm

Members Present: Rep. Onishi, Commissioner Bento
Time Started: 11:45am
Time Completed: 12:30pm

Apologies: Commissioner de Silva, Commissioner Asher
Submitted by: Commissioner Bento

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Next Steps by Commission/Members
Youth Ambassador Program	Call has gone out to all Heads of Delegation (HOD) regarding participation in YA programming.	n/a
“Our Sea of Islands”	Call for art/artisians to participate in the exhibit will go out in 2 weeks.	n/a
Wa‘a Programming	Meeting with ‘Ohana Wa‘a and Polynesian Voyaging Society representatives on Monday, 10/23 @ 12pm via ZOOM	FD Salā and Commissioner Bento to attend the meeting.
Opening / Closing Ceremonies	<p>Begun the process of engaging Lālākea Foundation for opening/closing ceremonies.</p> <p>Lālākea Foundation [https://lalakea.org/] is a non-profit organization of Kumu Hula from diverse hula genealogies that represent our islands from Kaua‘i - Hawai‘i island.</p> <p>They were responsible for staging the opening + closing ceremonies for IUCN Conservation Congress</p>	<p>Commissioner Bento facilitated the initial engagement on behalf of FD Salā with LF board members at their annual board meeting held 10/15.</p> <p>A request for more information as details become available in order for LF to determine commitment/understanding of the ask is being requested by LF to be presented at the next Board meeting</p>

	<p>held on O‘ahu in September 2016. A short clip from the Opening Ceremonies is provided here for reference: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8heB_wNuL4</p> <p>As this is one point that the Governor’s office has asserted that they will handle, FD Salā will be discussing with the First Lady in standing meeting, W - 10/18.</p>	<p>scheduled for early Dec. 2023.</p> <p>Check-in with FD Salā to follow-up.</p> <p>Further discussion with the LF board of directors to be held before the end of 2023.</p>
‘Aha ‘Awa - Traditional + FestPAC	<p>FD Salā has engaged and confirmed that ‘Aha Kāne and Nā Kāne ‘Awalani will be handling the ‘aha ‘awa for both the traditional leaders and FestPAC proper.</p> <p>They will also serve as kahu during the formal gift giving exchange.</p>	None at this time.
Events International	FD Salā is working to contract with Events International for the buildout of stages and other technology both at the HCC and other venues.	n/a
Other / Questions for follow-up	<p>In planning logistics for all outdoor events e.g. Wa‘a Arrival Ceremony and Opening + Closing Ceremonies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have we engaged with the City + County, State and DLNR, etc agencies to understand what the needs we may have to cover are? ● EMT/EMS - first aid services tied in to the above ● Mapping out venues and what needs to be covered at all venues 	<p>Need to discuss at next V+P meeting scheduled for:</p> <p>Tuesday, 10/31 from 11:30am - 12:30pm</p>



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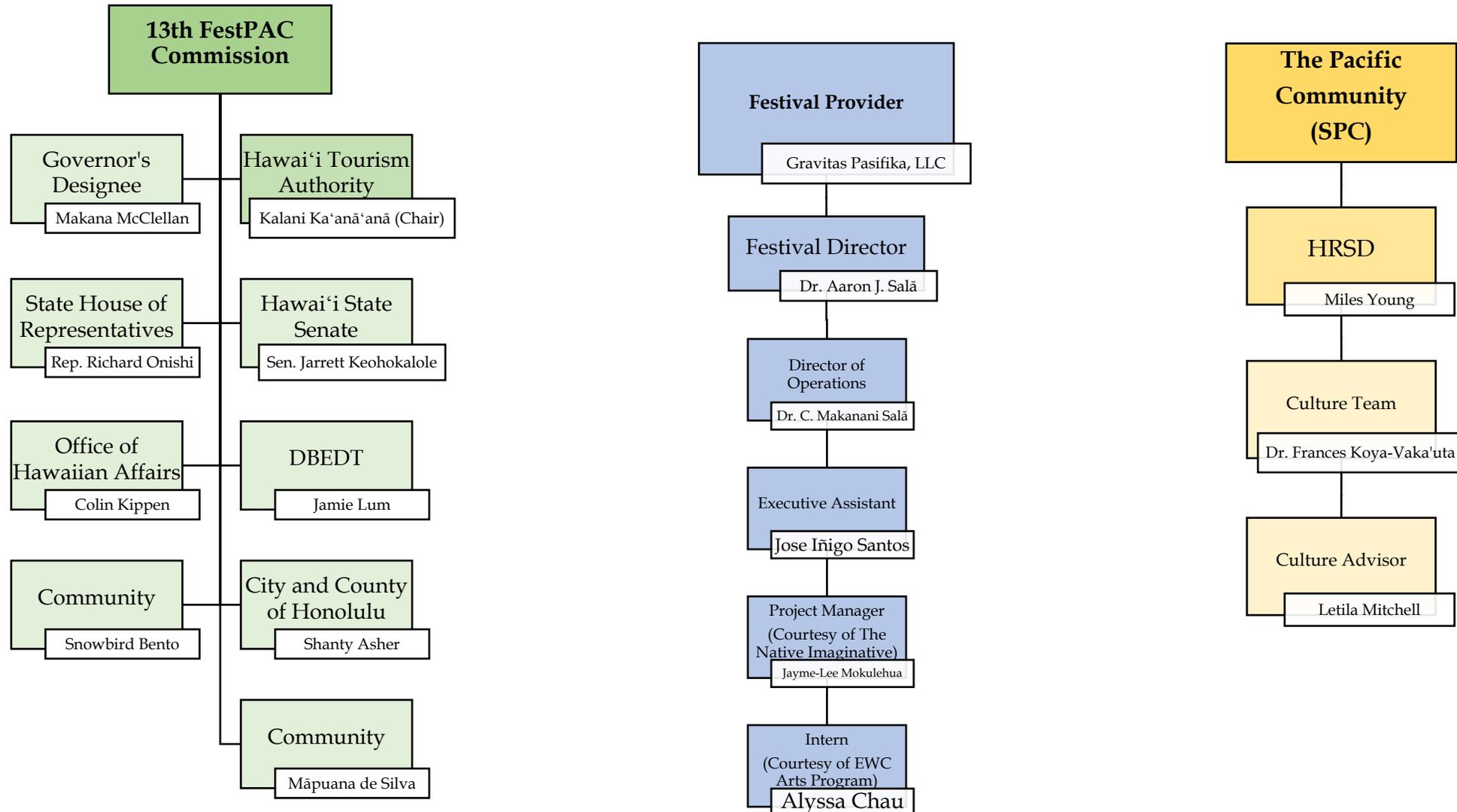


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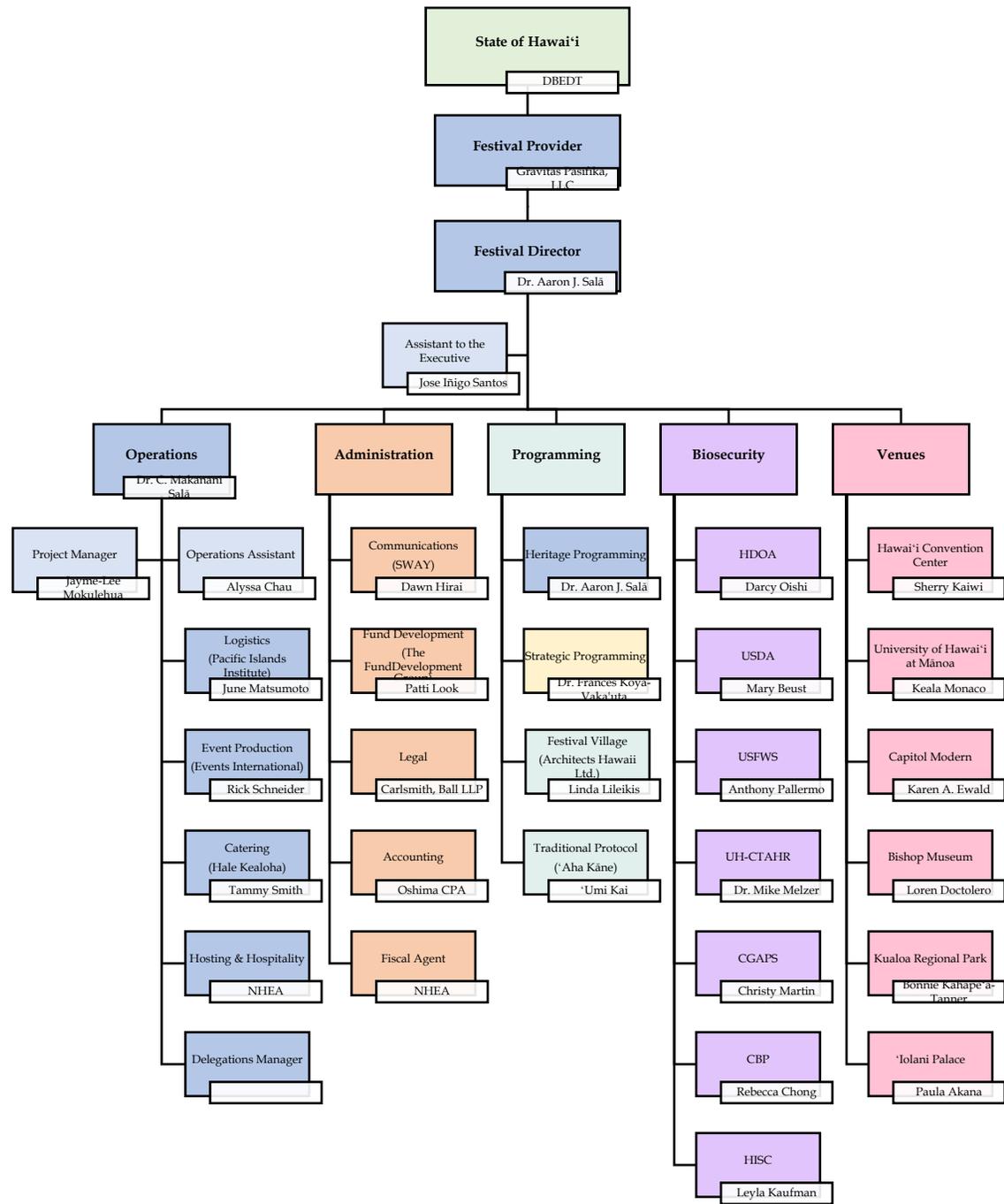
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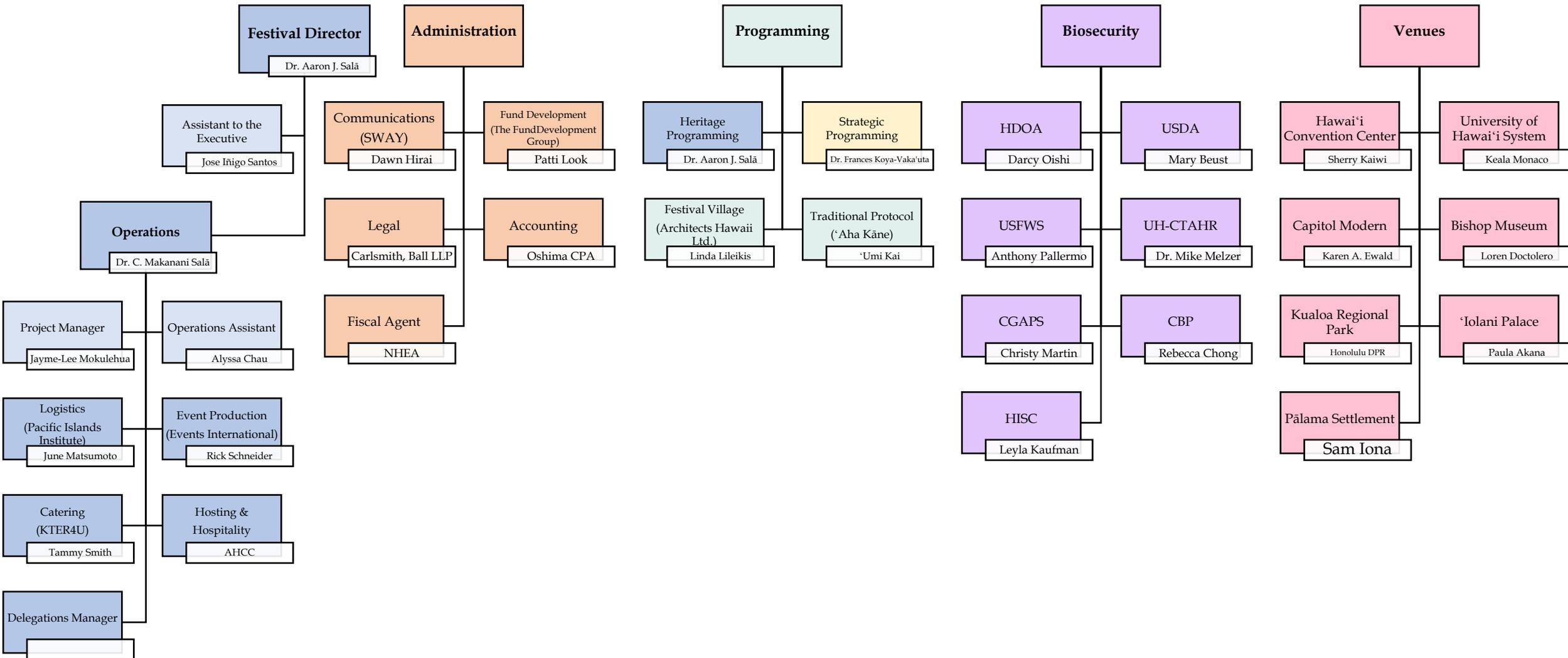
FestPAC Organizing Team



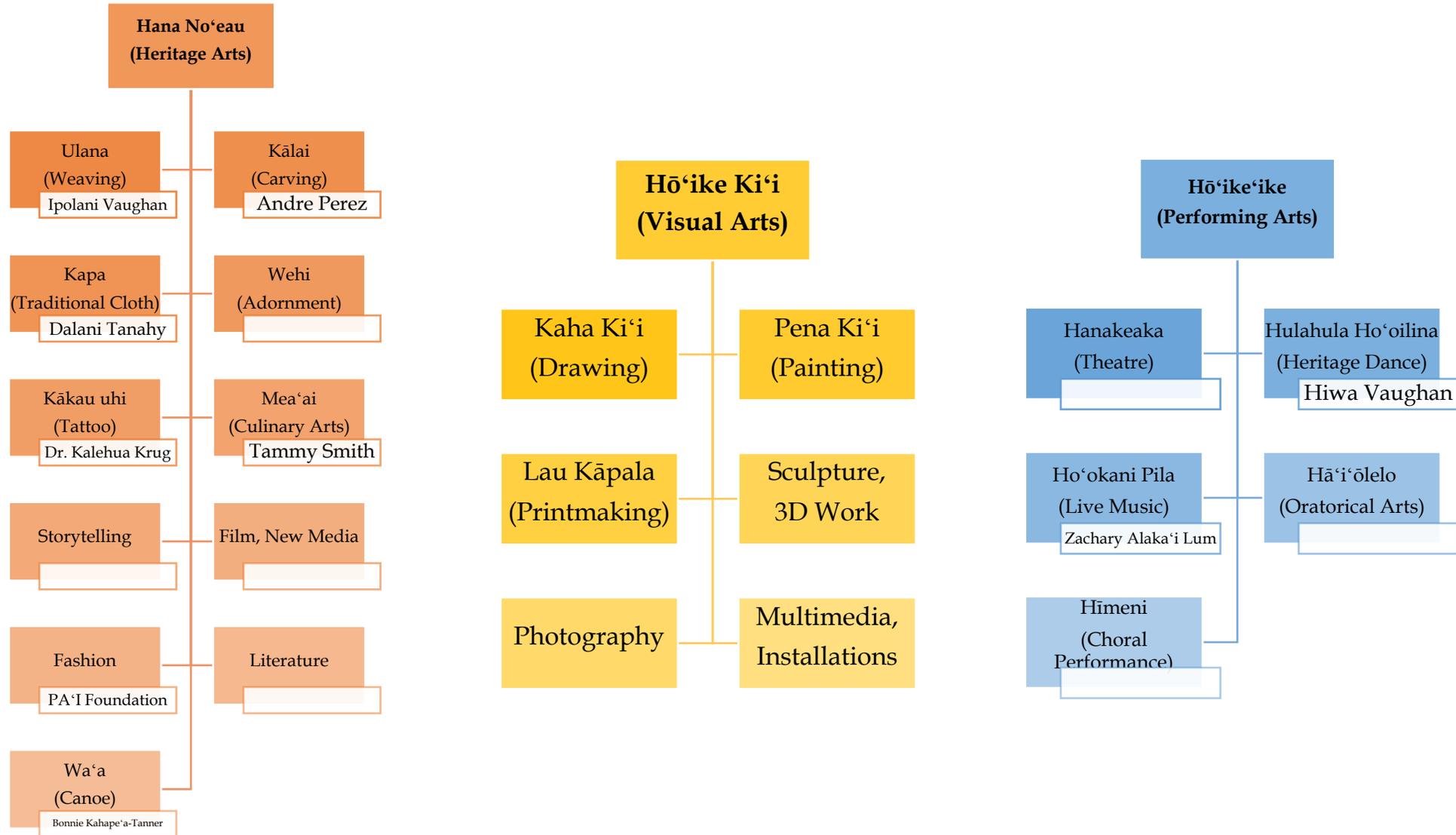
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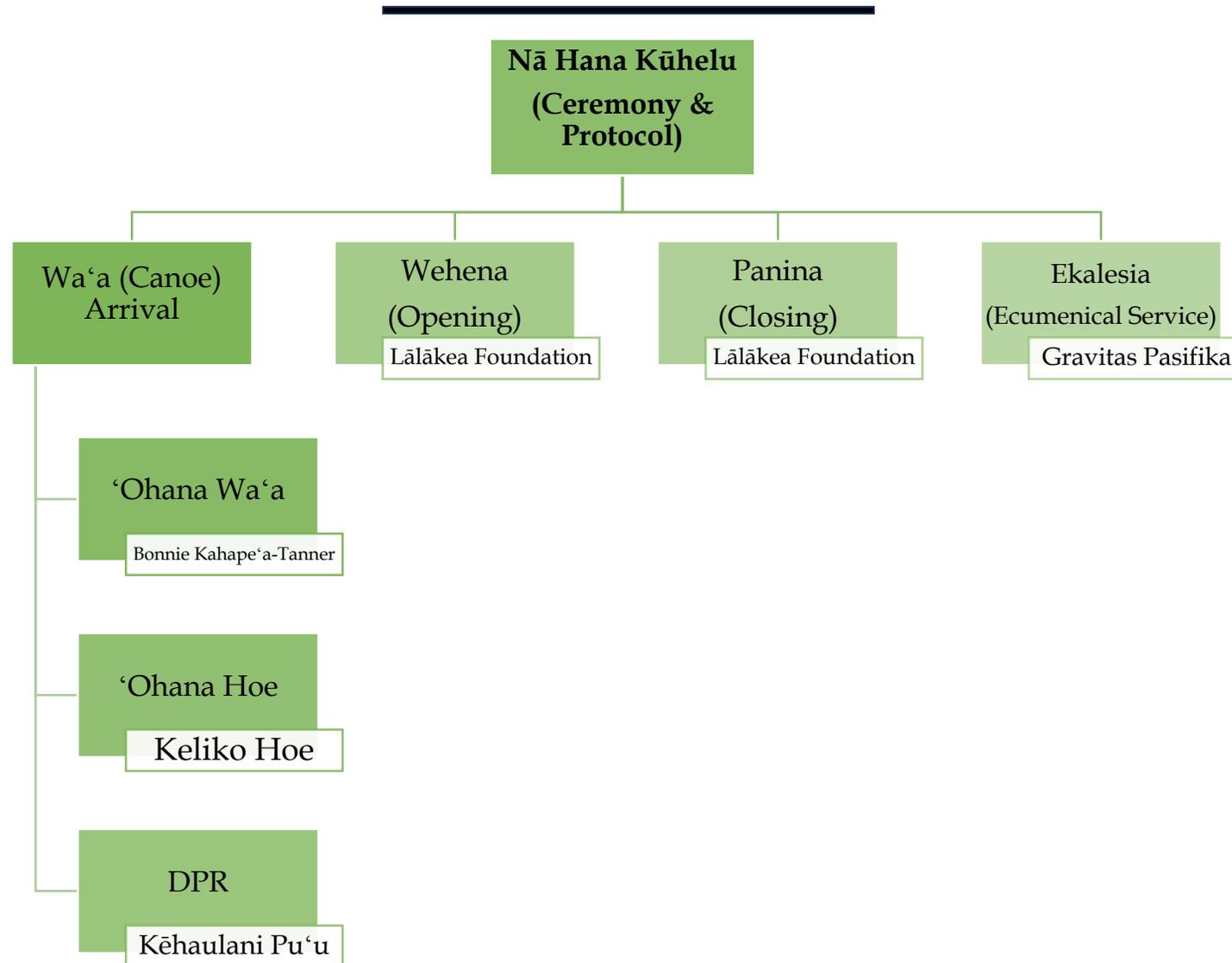
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