

HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (HBGN)

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

235 S. Beretania Street

6th floor Library

Honolulu, HI 96813

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

2:00 p.m.

As authorized under Act 220, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021, this meeting will be held with Board Members, Staff, and Agencies participating in-person at the above location or via Zoom online meeting venue.

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URL: https://bit.ly/hbgn_2024

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Meeting ID: 810 5134 5336

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A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes for April 2, 2024
The Board will review/amend the minutes from the previous meeting and will vote on whether or not to approve them at this time. [Action item]
3. Public comments.
Participants may provide comments about issues not on the agenda for possible inclusion on a future agenda. [Not an action item]
4. Announcements.
Participants may share information not requiring Board discussion, action, or decision making. [Not an action item]
5. Discussion and decision on establishing a Permitted Interaction Group to research the name of the Island of Hawai'i.
Board members will discuss the option of establishing a Permitted Interaction Group to research the name of the Island of Hawai'i, including membership, the scope of the investigation, and the scope of each member's authority. [Action item]
6. Discussion and decision on selected feature names on the Island of Hawai'i.
Mr. Camara will provide follow up. Board members will discuss the results of their research and may make naming decisions. [Action item]

7. Discussion and decision on selected feature names on O‘ahu.
Board members are reviewing and researching feature names from its review list. Board members will discuss the results of their research and may make naming decisions. [Action item]
8. Adjourn

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MINUTES DRAFT
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
HAWAI‘I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DATE: April 2, 2024
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
235 S. Beretania Street, 6th Floor Library
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

[0:00:00] **AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order**

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum) [remote]
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division) [remote]
Lilliane Makaila (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)) [remote]
Keith Gutierrez (Office of Hawaiian Affairs) [remote]
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources) [in-person]
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning and Sustainable
Development) [in-person]

ABSENT: Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa) [remote]

GUESTS: Lena Pahia [in-person]
Bryce Moor (KHON2) [in-person]
Regina Hilo (Department of Land and Natural Resources) [in-person]
Bobby Camara (retired) [remote]
Jenny Runyon (USGS) [remote]
Others (see Appendix) [remote]

[0:02:45]

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2024

[0:03:42]

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2024. Ms. Makaila seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of March 1, 2024.

[0:04:08]

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

No public comments.

[0:04:21]

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

No public announcements.

[0:04:40]

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion and decision on Island of Hawai‘i

Mr. Marzan explained that this item is on the agenda at the request of a Board member to initiate discussion about the official name of the Island of Hawai‘i. The Board can only take action on items that are on the agenda.

Mr. Buto explained that the discussion is about the official name of the Island of Hawai‘i, that is the name as it appears in the USGS’ Geographic Names Information System database (GNIS). The primary name in the GNIS is the name and spelling that all federal agencies are required to use in any maps, documents, signage, brochures, etc. when referring to a particular geographic feature. The primary name in the GNIS does not usually affect common or local usage. A notable recent exception might be the designation of Ahu‘ailā‘au as the name for “Fissure 8.”

Ms. Makaila shared her screen in which she demonstrated accessing and searching the GNIS (<https://geonames.usgs.gov> > click on ‘Domestic Names’ > click on ‘Search Domestic Names’ > type in a feature name to search (and/or other criteria) and click on ‘Query’). She highlighted “Island of Hawai‘i” in the GNIS search and pointed out that other islands have simpler names – Kaua‘i, O‘ahu, Maui, Moloka‘i, Lana‘i, Kaho‘olawe – but the Island of Hawai‘i’s might be so named to reduce confusion with the name of the State. The discussion today will be around the inconsistency and possibility of changing the name to Hawai‘i.

Mr. Buto noted that the general sentiment of the phone calls and emails received was surprise about the issue and unhappiness about the short comment timeframe. The Board is not in a rush to make a decision and welcomes public participation and feedback in the process.

Mr. Marzan called on members of the public who had comments and questions.

[0:15:40]

Leila Kealoha from Puna, Hawai‘i Island.

Ms. Kealoha noted miscommunication about the renaming of the island. She asked that the information about what is being proposed be clearly articulated and communicated to the public and the media.

Mr. Marzan thanked Ms. Kealoha for her comments and suggestions and stated that the Board will designate a media spokesperson for future communication.

[0:17:52]

Bobby Camara, Island of Hawai‘i.

Mr. Camara referred to the results of Ms. Makaila’s demonstration of the GNIS search capability. Under the name of the feature that was found there is a “Details” link that displays variant names for that feature, as well as other information about the name.

He has been doing research into place names for Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park for almost forty years. The purpose of the GNIS is to standardize names, but a problem that the GNIS has is outreach to the community to further understanding of what it is and what role it fulfills. The GNIS is for federal agencies; State agencies have their own set of rules. Mr. Camara stated that not everyone will be happy with the Board’s decision, regardless of what it is. But the decision is about standardization for maps and written documents.

[0:22:10]

Hui Ho‘ōla ‘Āina.

He asked who requested the name change and what Constitutional rights does the Board have to change the name of a place and what is the federal definition for Hawai‘i and how is it being used by the concerned entities. He feels that the name of the island has been around historically for many years and doesn’t need to be changed.

Mr. Marzan clarified that the statutory authority of the Board is to ensure that place names in the State are identified and spelled correctly. Since the 2000s the Board has been reviewing feature names to include appropriate diacritical marks in the spellings [where the meaning and origin of the name is clear] in both the State and federal systems.

[0:28:05]

Tara Rojas.

She has two questions: 1) by when does a decision have to be made? How often does the Board meet and how often does the public need to follow up on this issue? And 2) over what names does this Board have authority?

Mr. Marzan explained that the Board meets monthly and it was requested at the last meeting that we discuss this issue today. The Board can only discuss and make decisions on items that are on the agenda. The discussion is just starting and a decision will not be made today. The Board engages with the community to gather input and feedback on feature names; decisions are not arbitrary. It will be some time before the Board is close to making a decision on this matter.

Ms. Makaila clarified that the Board’s kuleana rests with geographic feature names – pu‘u, islands, bays, mountains, etc. Often appear in maps and federal government documents. Airport names [and man-made features – roads, bridges, buildings, parks, etc.] are not the Board’s kuleana.

She also addressed questions in the chat that the Board's intention is not to change the inoa Hawai'i in the feature name. The intention is to look at the name of the geographic feature, currently Island of Hawai'i. Her preference is to look at the traditional name or commonly known name, e.g., Hawai'i or Hawai'i Island, but there has to be a full discussion to include community comments and community mana'o.

[0:34:17]

Lanakila Willard.

She does not believe that the Board has any authority to change anything that belongs to the Kingdom of Hawai'i. In the many historical documents that she has dating back to the Kingdom, the Republic, the Territory, and the American Legislature, the island is referred to as "the Island of Hawaii," no 'okina, or "Moku o Keawe." It doesn't make sense to change it to anything else just to "standardize" the name.

[0:36:42]

Kiara Lorenzo Rodrigues.

The mo'olelo of Hawai'iloa states that in his dreams he sees Mauna a Wakea and he comes to the island on his wa'a and names the island after himself and then names the other islands after his children, except for Maui, which already had its name.

The Great Mahele gave the name of this land as Moku o Keawe, Hawai'i. These names need to be understood and protected. Asks that the Board help ensure that the history is told correctly and that future generations understand where the names came from.

The island is also called Moku o 'Umi because of the ties to Liloa, especially in the ahupua'a of Hāmākua. She does not believe that the Board has the authority to change the name of the island. She wants to ensure that the Hawaiian language is put first and that changes are not made to make it easier for people to understand and that none of the history will be erased by changing a name. For example, many of the allodial titles are incorrectly written; false titles hold false names that have been changed, which is very important for securing sovereignty. She hopes that the Board understands the mo'olelo and the mana inoa as Hawai'iloa and the lines of Keawe are very rich and very well today.

[0:39:37]

Nalei from Maui.

She went to the website and didn't find any details about this agenda item. She did view the recording of the March 2nd meeting and got a sense of the discussion and research that the Board undertakes for these feature name reviews. Her understanding of the current discussion about the name is like a legal name for a person versus a common name or a nickname, and that the alternatives being proposed are "Hawai'i" or "Hawai'i Island."

Mr. Marzan confirmed that this meeting is the first opportunity for the Board to talk about the name and is the beginning of a longer discussion that will include engagement with the community.

Ms. Makaila was not aware that the official name of the island is “Island of Hawai‘i” and she looked at the official names of the other islands which are just “O‘ahu,” “Kaua‘i,” “Maui,” etc. She and another Board member raised the question about the appropriateness of

[0:47:28]

Luahiwa Namahoe from Hilo.

She would like to clarify what the naming issue is trying to resolve – ambiguity in the GNIS database between the State name, the county name, the island name. Wants to caution about unintended consequences. Remembers that “Island of Hawai‘i” has been used since her childhood and does not recall that “Hawai‘i Island” was used at all at that time.

[0:50:25]

Lena.

She shared her mana‘o. The consistent name when referring to the island – the Big Island of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i Island, Island of Hawai‘i – is “Hawai‘i.” No matter what you want to call it, its name remains the same, “Hawai‘i.” If you want to use a place-based name, then it’s “Moku o Keawe.”

[0:51:46]

Keala.

No response (audio issues?)

[0:52:40]

Lilliane Makaila.

She polled attendees on the call who are from the Island of Hawai‘i to weigh in on whether they would have concerns about changing the island name to “Hawai‘i.”

[0:53:26]

Kalei Kailikini originally from Moloka‘i, but currently a resident of the Island of Hawai‘i. Her father’s family is from Waimea, Hawai‘i, so she considers it her island now. Her generation didn’t have the benefit of Hawaiian studies and history that the more current generation has. She is not a native speaker of Hawaiian, but her children and grandchildren are, and her late husband was. With the lack she has to catch up and research. She thinks that the spark started by this discussion. She wants to preserve the names. Protecting her homeland means everything; protect this special place that helps to feed the rest of the State.

[0:58:27]

Bobby Camara.

He appreciates the discussion. His great-grandparents came to Hāmākua on Hawai‘i to work sugar in the mid-1800’s and never left. The name of the island is Hawai‘i. He has no objection to the name being just “Hawai‘i” with an ‘okina.

[1:00:30]

Kyla Turner.

She is a County of Hawai‘i Youth Commissioner but is speaking in a personal capacity. As a young person she doesn’t know much about the history, but as a previous speaker noted, “Island of Hawai‘i” is how the island was referred to in the Kingdom days. She is curious about how the other islands were referred to back then. As an ‘ōpio of Hawai‘i the island has just been “Hawai‘i” or “Moku o Keawe.” She asks that the Board help the community research and understand the historical and traditional names for the island so that they can collectively come to an agreement.

Mr. Marzan complimented Ms. Turner on her knowledge and insight. We learn from, support, and uplift each other to better understand our kuleana to our ‘āina and to our community.

[1:04:20]

Missy.

She is a new resident on the Island of Hawai‘i; her husband is from O‘ahu. She has a lot of respect for the culture. How do we maintain involvement and follow along. Do we meet on a monthly basis; when do the agendas come out.

Mr. Marzan clarified that the Board does meet on a monthly basis and that this item will be on next month’s agenda; meeting packet items are uploaded onto the HBGN website prior to the meeting.

To facilitate public participation in the meetings, Ms. Makaila asked that the schedule of meetings for the year be posted on the HBGN website. Mr. Buto stated that the website will be updated to include placeholders for the rest of the Board meetings through the end of the calendar year. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 2pm-4pm.

[1:08:05]

MOTION: Mr. Buto moved to continue the discussion of this item at the next meeting of the Board. Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to continue discussing this item at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Buto asked people to put their email addresses in the meeting chat if they want to be included on the Board’s email distribution list.

[1:09:42]

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discussion and decision on selected feature names on the Island of Hawai‘i.

Mr. Camara met with Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park’s Kupuna group. They are continuing to discuss feature names, including **Lua Poholo**. He will report back next month after the Kupuna group meets later this month. He will put together a list of preliminary names to be addressed.

He also spoke to Ku‘ulani Auld at the Kona Historical Society. She sent him information about **Mizota’s Kīpuka**. Mizota was a Japanese carpenter who worked on the mountain. This kīpuka is below and to the right of **Pu‘u Ikaaka** and to the right of **Waha Pele**. No one had any information about **Pu‘u Ikaaka** itself. He will forward the email about **Mizota’s Kīpuka** which is an interview between Ku‘ulani Auld and Frank Silva.

Mr. Camara suggests that for a future meeting we include Larry Kimura, Puakea Nogelmeier, Naomi Losch, and/or others for a high-level kūpuna discussion about the use of ‘okina and kahakō.

[1:22:50]

MOTION: Mr. Buto moved to concatenate **Pu‘uikaaka** with an ‘okina in pu‘u and change the Status to “7” – we have exhausted our available references and resources and will reconsider the spelling if some additional evidence surfaces. Ms. Makaila seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to concatenate **Pu‘uikaaka** with an ‘okina in pu‘u and change the Status to “7.”*

[1:23:35]

AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion and decision on selected feature names on O‘ahu.

[1:24:17]

[358757] **Diamond Head.** Ms. McEldowney noted that this is a State Park; she asked if the Feature Class, “summit” is appropriate. In common usage, the name **Diamond Head** refers to much more than just the summit. The GNIS shows **Koko Head**, **Pu‘u‘ōhulehule**, and **Mauna Kea** are listed as summits; **Punchbowl** is listed as a crater.

Le‘ahi and **Lae‘ahi** are listed as variants as are **Diamond Hill** and **Kaimana Hila**. Ms. Makaila recommends further research into the variant names to get a more complete understanding of the place name.

Ms. McEldowney noted that the name is almost 200 years old; there may be some consideration for it as a historic name. It is known nationally and internationally. There is no federal land ownership.

Ms. McEldowney also noted that the State can designate an Alternate Name, which carries the equivalent weight for State agencies as the primary name.

Mr. Cummins agreed that more research into the traditional and historical names is needed; he is looking at a survey map from 1870 with the **Diamond Head** name on it. Ms. McEldowney found that the name **Diamond Head** was first recorded in 1825.

Ms. McEldowney had boundary questions as well. In common usage **Diamond Head** refers broadly to an area beyond the crater. Ms. Runyon noted that the GNIS does not include boundaries for the extent of a summit feature.

Ms. Makaila found that GNIS indicates that **Diamond Head** is designated as a National Natural Landmark. Ms. Runyon stated that because that's designated by the National Park Service, there may be an issue with a name change.

Ms. McEldowney noted that the State Department of Defense would be impacted by a name change, the community college might be affected also.

[1:37:03]

MOTION. Ms. McEldowney moved that the Board continue to research what name should apply to the feature now known as **Diamond Head**. Mr. Buto seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to continue to research what name should apply to the feature now known as **Diamond Head**.*

[1:37:26]

[363581] **Punchbowl.**

Ms. Makaila shared some information from the GNIS. Feature class: Crater; variants: Punch Bowl, Punch-Bowl, Punchbowl Hill, Puowaena, Puowaina, Puu-o-waina, and Pu'uwaina. Past decisions Punchbowl (1/1/1954) and Punchbowl Hill (5/6/1914).

Puakea Nogelmeier did some extensive research when he was at Kamehameha Schools. Mr. Camara will reach out to him to see if he can share the results of his research with the Board.

Melia Lane-Kamahele added that Punchbowl is the name given to the National Memorial Cemetery. The federal government holds the fee title for the land within the bowl of the crater. Ms. Makaila noted that DHHL has lands along the outside of the crater. She has some maps associated with a regional plan including Papakōlea, Kalāwahine, and Kewalo Homesteads. There is also a 14 acre parcel along the outer slopes near the elementary school that Papakōlea Homestead groups are planning for community and cultural uses. She would like to look into the major landowners in that area to get a better understanding of who has kuleana regarding Puowaina.

Kiara Lorenzo Rodrigues.

She brought some historical and cultural context into the discussion. At the time of the Kingdom, disease was rampant, four out of five kanaka died, many are buried there. There are a lot of iwi kūpuna in this area. This is a leinaaka'uhane, a pulling point for the 'uhane after they die; through here the 'aumakua help on the journey to the gods.

[1:43:46]

[358471] **Aimuu Gulch.**

Ms. Makaila shared some information from the GNIS. Feature class: Valley; no variants. Her preference is to remove the word “Gulch” from the name, but there’s not enough information to change the “Aimuu” spelling.

Mr. Camara asked about the dates that are shown in the GNIS. Ms. Runyon explained that Decision Date is the date that the US BGN made a decision about a name; the Decision Card attached to the record, if there is one, is downloadable – most of the ones that she saw date back to 1914. There was a big effort in 1954 to catalog feature names. In 1981 there was a big effort to transfer names from topographic maps into the GNIS. In the 2000s the effort began to add diacriticals to the spelling of feature names.

Mr. Marzan suggested that more research is needed for this feature name.

[1:50:07]

[358496] **Akupu.**

Ms. Makaila shared some information from the GNIS. Feature class: Populated place. She is unsure why it’s classified as a populated place when it does not appear from the imagery to be populated.

Ms. Runyon explained that the US BGN has no authority over incorporated populated places, but does have authority over unincorporated populated places – you can differentiate them in the Census –
C1 = incorporated
U5 = unincorporated

Although the current satellite imagery does not show any structures, historical topo maps show a cluster of buildings. Mr. Marzan stated that he knows that there are occupied residences on the ridge close by.

Ms. Makaila noted that in *Ulukau* in “Hawaiian Place Names,” **Akupu** is identified as a pu‘u and a spring located in the ahupua‘a of Honouliuli with a comment: “*All water for Akupu [camp] was brought up from the Akupu Spring, which was carved out of the solid rock below the ridge, a distance of over a mile from camp. This area was called "Palehua" on the USGS 1953 edition.*” The source is *Sites of O‘ahu [Sterling and Summers, 1978]*.

There is not a lot of current use of **Akupu**. Gill Ewa Lands has partnered with Mālama Learning Center on the Akupu Ridge Restoration Project, a reforestation project of about 5 acres. There were no other references of **Akupu** as a place name.

She doesn’t think that there’s an issue with the name as written and it is referenced in Sites of O‘ahu and a current reference in the Akupu Ridge Restoration Project.

[1:59:20]

MOTION. Mr. Cummins moved to recognize that **Akupu** is correctly spelled in the GNIS. Ms. Makaila seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to recognize that **Akupu** is correctly spelled in the GNIS.*

[2:00:05]

MOTION. Mr. Buto moved to continue research on **Punchbowl** and **Aimuu Gulch**. Ms. Makail seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to continue research on **Punchbowl** and **Aimuu Gulch**.*

[2:00:25]

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn

[2:01:09]

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 4:06pm

Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected; 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change; 7 = HBGN partial correction, exhausted available reference and research resources

Stat	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
7	363733	Puu Ikaaka	Summit	Pu'uikaaka	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: combined, Pu'uikaaka; HBGN: Mr. Camara will consult with the Kona Historical Society, 03-01-2024 HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 04-02-2024	Hualalai
3	358757	Diamond Head	Summit			PNH: Diamond Head; world-famous tuff crater... the highest point is Lē'ahi Peak...formerly called Lae'ahi and sometimes Diamond Hill (Kaimana Hila) in the 1800s. HBGN: The name is almost 200 years old (ca. 1825); designated as a National Natural Landmark; more research needed on variant names and historical context, 04-02-2024	Honolulu
3	363581	Punchbowl	Crater			PNH: Punchbowl; post-erosional tuff cone in Honolulu... The National Cemetery of the Pacific is in the crater... see Pūowaina. HBGN: Puakea Nogelmeier did extensive research; Mr. Camara will reach out to him; DHHL has lands outside of the crater; cultural significance as a Ieinaaka'uhane; more research needed, 04-02-2024	Honolulu
3	358471	Aimuu Gulch	Valley			PNH: not listed; HBGN: more research needed, 04-02-2024	Waimea
5	358496	Akupu	Populated Place	Akupu	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: in Sites of O'ahu as Akupu, pu'u and a spring; part of contemporary project: Akupu Ridge Restoration Project, a partnership between Gill Ewa Lands and Mālama Learning Center; currently occupied residences in the area; name appears to be current and correct, 04-02-2024	Schofield Barracks

APPENDIX

Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names

April 2, 2024, 2pm-4pm

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Nani		42	Yes
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Tod Whitaker		145	Yes
Penny Kaliko		20	Yes
.		13	Yes
Hui Hoola Aina		68	Yes
Jeff		16	Yes
Sandra		17	Yes
motorola one 5G ace		87	Yes
Shelley Maka'ala Nakoa III Mahi o Ha'i		93	Yes
Nick		87	Yes
Malia Louis		145	Yes
Elaine SanJose		139	Yes
Kalani Mondoy		55	Yes
Bobby Stivers-Apiki		63	Yes
Leilani DeMello		113	Yes
PMR-2		69	Yes
Lanakila Willard		84	Yes
Jennifer Kelleher		135	Yes
Jay West-audio		256	Yes
Michelle Kahakalau, RB-19329		96	Yes
Bridget Mowat		133	Yes
iPhone (4)		74	Yes
Marques Hanalei Marzan		139	Yes
Loewen		64	Yes
Arthur Buto		138	Yes
Logan Green		78	Yes
Lehua K.K. Stuart		77	Yes
Leila Kealoha# Puna# Hawaii Island (Leila Kealoha)		79	Yes
Kulani		85	Yes
Lennie Espinoza		128	Yes
Jenny Runyon, USBGN		129	Yes
KITV4 NEWS		136	Yes
Jeff Kohn		78	Yes
Katei Bridges - IHVB		129	Yes
nalei		135	Yes
CumminsMA		128	Yes
Kyla Turner		134	Yes
Drew Kapp		77	Yes
Chloe Uhl		67	Yes
Keith Makale'a Gutierrez		128	Yes
Jill Hall		15	Yes
Lori Okami		67	Yes
Jr T		42	Yes
Bamz		30	Yes
Keahi Parker		50	Yes

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Donna Kimura, IHVB		126	Yes
Lillie Makaila# DHHH (Lillie Makaila)		132	Yes
18089616393		4	Yes
Bobby's iPad		114	Yes
18088870040		132	Yes
18082987298		4	Yes
Gloria		23	Yes
Lono Laimana		108	Yes
180829385586 (Kadyn Veincent)		38	Yes
Solomon Posner		106	Yes
Hawaii News Now		131	Yes
Roger Christie's iPhone		1	Yes
Michael Loewen		131	Yes
Lenelle's iPhone		1	Yes
Sue Kanohe, KVB		50	Yes
Buddy		12	Yes
Kylie Akiona (she/they/'o ia)		5	Yes
18089377991		1	Yes
Scott Pauli		75	Yes
Sherri N.		122	Yes
Logan (STN 6)		67	Yes
Deanna Isbister - IHVB		1	Yes
Leimomi Kekina, Univ. of Hawaii		40	Yes
Ashlyn Kaneshiro		18	Yes
LN		67	Yes
Ken Hoyle		19	Yes
iPhone		62	Yes
18086403237		11	Yes
Kevin Kekoa		119	Yes
Keoni Payton		44	Yes
Mitch Roth		13	Yes
stanton and lynda corotan		49	Yes
AJ Taaca		74	Yes
Kim T		58	Yes
Peyton Botelho		1	Yes
Niniau Kawaihae		30	Yes
Jayda (Jayda Decker)		75	Yes
Tasia Hays		74	Yes
Jansen Micko Labuguen		33	Yes
Thomas Rivera		70	Yes
Juana Gardin		73	Yes
Sebastian's iPad		62	Yes
Tara Rojas		67	Yes
John Aragon		80	Yes
Gillen Jusi		69	Yes

Name (Original Name)	User Email	Total Duration (Minutes)	Guest
Tyler Fujimoto		73	Yes
Ryan C.		74	Yes
Annabella Kimitch		69	Yes
Bree Cabigas		21	Yes
Zoom user		65	Yes
Destiny		78	Yes
Kim Dinh		68	Yes
eddie		70	Yes
Kayla Branco (she/her)		66	Yes
Malie		44	Yes
Julia - Hawai'i Island DD Council		76	Yes
Jessica B		113	Yes
Leslie Martinelli		105	Yes
Bob Bonar		6	Yes
18083455906		119	Yes
Tammy Harp		113	Yes
Baron		106	Yes
G		113	Yes
iPhone (88)Sanfy H		20	Yes
Leisha Santana		75	Yes
Kalei Kailikini (Fay Kailikini)		116	Yes
Tracy Kim		9	Yes
Sally Eitenberg		45	Yes
Keala's iPad		55	Yes
Candice's iPhone (2)		2	Yes
Hannah Hartmann		50	Yes
Mitch McLean		69	Yes
gavintanouye		53	Yes
shirleyvandyke		58	Yes
Darde Gamayo		30	Yes
Missy's iPhone		99	Yes
Kiara Lorenzo Rodrigues		97	Yes
MLane-Kamahale		95	Yes
Audience member Priscilla Reyes		9	Yes
Vivian Chang		37	Yes
Jamie Perry		26	Yes
L Callahan		15	Yes
Ekini		82	Yes
mindy		22	Yes
18089561111		22	Yes
18084999422		45	Yes
Laila (Miloli'i CBSFA)		38	Yes
Heather Goodwin (she her)		1	Yes
18087790424		2	Yes
James Kong		65	Yes
Mervyn Cagampang		48	Yes

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18083813262		54	Yes
Puanani Rogers		7	Yes
Benjamin Agdeppa		1	Yes
Yanni		7	Yes
jcunningham		1	Yes
hi		1	Yes
Chris		1	Yes
Kehau Hedlund-Kohala		8	Yes
Michelle Ahn, Esq.		2	Yes
THEO		9	Yes
Kim Raney		1	Yes
Maj-Lis Jensen		1	Yes
Carla Kuo (Miles Yoshioka)		6	Yes
Hannah		2	Yes
Aaron Page		16	Yes
Nāmaka Whitehead		1	Yes
Susie		26	Yes
Jason Yagi		72	Yes
Mark Mitchell		6	Yes
mkhenson		5	Yes
Lindsey		3	Yes

Quick Review: Who Board Members Can Talk To and When (Part 3) (Revised December 2022)

OIP often is asked whether board members can talk to one another in various situations when not in a meeting. To help board members understand what they can talk about when they are not in a meeting, OIP put together a three-part Quick Review. The entire series can be found online on [OIP's Sunshine Law training webpage at oip.hawaii.gov](https://oip.hawaii.gov).

Boards subject to the Sunshine Law, Part I of Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), are generally required to conduct all business in open meetings that have been properly noticed to allow for public participation. This Quick Review discusses an exception to the open meeting requirement for “permitted interaction groups” or “PIGs,” as set forth in section 92-2.5(b), HRS. While other types of permitted interactions were previously discussed in Part 2 of this Quick Review series, this article explains how members of a board may form a PIG to investigate or to negotiate a matter.

PIGs Established to Investigate

Two or more members of a board, but less than the number of members which would constitute a quorum, may be assigned to investigate a matter relating to the official business of their board.

In order for a board to take action on a matter investigated by a PIG, **three separate board meetings must occur** in the order described below. At the **FIRST** meeting of the full board, the investigative PIG is formed and the scope of the investigation and the scope of each member's authority are defined. No new members or issues can be added to the PIG after the first board meeting. The PIG may then conduct its investigation outside of open meetings, which may take months to complete.

At a **SECOND** meeting of the full board, the findings and recommendations of the PIG are presented to the board, **but the board cannot discuss or act on the report at this meeting.**

- A PIG may present its findings to the full board in an executive session *if* the reason for entering into the executive meeting is one of those set forth in section 92-5(a), HRS, or other law. For example, if a PIG was created to investigate whether to take certain disciplinary action against an employee, it may present its findings to the full board in accordance with section 92-5(a)(2), HRS, which allows boards to enter executive meetings to consider the discipline of an employee. In such a situation, OIP generally recommends

that the PIG also present a “sanitized” report during the public session that omits the confidential information but informs the public of the general nature of the PIG’s findings and recommendations, so the public is at least generally informed of the PIG’s work and has something upon which to base testimony at the subsequent meeting where the board will discuss and perhaps act on the report.

After the PIG makes its report to the board at the second meeting, the PIG is automatically dissolved and should not continue working. The Sunshine Law does not allow a PIG to make more than one report or to continue working on its assignment after its report, so a PIG should not be providing “updates” on its work or more than one report. See [OIP Op. Ltr. No. F23-01](#) on OIP’s [Opinions page](#) for an in-depth discussion on investigative PIGs.

The board cannot discuss, deliberate, or make any decisions regarding the PIG’s report until a **THIRD meeting** held separately and after the meeting at which the findings and recommendations of the investigation were presented by the PIG.

Waiting until a subsequent board meeting to discuss and act on the PIG’s report gives the public the opportunity to present informed testimony at the meeting where the board will discuss and act on the report.

Some Practical Considerations for Investigative PIGs

- A PIG is fundamentally a permitted interaction with detailed reporting requirements, not a special type of committee.
- Because they are a permitted interaction rather than a type of committee, PIGs are not subject to the Sunshine Law’s requirements for giving notice, holding open meetings, or keeping minutes.
- PIG members may communicate by interactive technology (Skype, teleconference, etc.), and by email, telephone, etc., on matters within the scope of the PIG’s authority without violating the Sunshine Law.
- Although a PIG is not required to hold public meetings, it can choose to do so if it wishes.
- PIGs may solicit input from the public as part of an investigation without the need of filing a meeting agenda in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

- A PIG may include among its members people who are not members of the board that created the PIG. A PIG may also consult with others (i.e., staff, members of the public, individuals with expertise in a field, stakeholders, etc.) in furtherance of its investigation, but should NOT consult with other members of its parent board.
- Members of a board who are not part of the PIG may NOT attend PIG meetings or be included in PIG communications.
- Before the PIG reports to the board, PIG members should not discuss the status of their investigation with other board members who are not part of the PIG.
- A standing committee of a board may create a PIG, and such PIGs must follow all the requirements of section 92-2.5(b), HRS, including reporting back to the committee that created them.
- Sometimes, it may be better for a board to establish a temporary committee instead of a PIG, or to delegate authority to one member to perform a task and report back to the board. See OIP Op. Ltr. No. F23-01 at 15-16 for more information.
- A PIG may continue its work after the loss of a PIG member. For example, if a PIG's member's term on the board ends, that member also ceases to be a PIG member, but the PIG can continue working with the remaining original members. The board should not substitute another board member into that vacant PIG position. The PIG's membership was previously established at the initial meeting that created the PIG and new members cannot be added. The PIG can continue without the now-departed member, but if a board wants to change the PIG's membership, it should first allow the current PIG to report back and automatically dissolve. After hearing the investigative PIG's report and waiting until a subsequent board meeting to discuss and act on the report, the board can then create a new PIG to carry on the now-dissolved PIG's work.
- Similarly, once a PIG is formed, the board may not add new assigned tasks to an existing PIG.

PIGs Established to Negotiate

Another less common type of PIG can be formed when two or more members of a board, but less than a quorum, are assigned to present, discuss, or negotiate any position adopted by the board at a meeting. The assignment of members to a PIG for the purpose of negotiation, and the scope of each member's authority, must be defined at a board meeting prior to the presentation, discussion, or negotiation. The three-meeting requirement for investigative PIGs does not apply to PIGs established to negotiate.

As a final note, boards should keep in mind that they may be subject to other laws or rules in addition to the Sunshine Law, which could affect members' ability to discuss pending matters. This may be particularly relevant for boards that exercise adjudicatory functions (which are not subject to the Sunshine Law), as they must generally avoid *ex parte* communications. Similarly, some boards are subject to confidentiality provisions outside the Sunshine Law, and if a board is involved in a procurement, it must follow procurement laws. Boards should consult with their own attorneys on the application of such laws and rules.

Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names

Island of Hawai'i

Selected Feature Names

05/07/2024

Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected; 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change; 7 = HBGN partial correction, exhausted available reference and research resources

Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
5	365308	Island of Hawai'i	Island				Kokoolau
3	361907	Lua Poholo	Crater			PNH: not listed; HBGN: Since this is within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Mr. Camara will take this up with them, 09-20-2023	Mauna Loa
4	362348	Kīpuka Mizotas	Area				Puulehua

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Selected O'ahu Names

Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
3	358757	Diamond Head	Summit			PNH: Diamond Head; world-famous tuff crater... the highest point is Lē'ahi Peak... formerly called Lae'ahi and sometimes Diamond Hill (Kaimana Hila) in the 1800s. HBGN: The name is almost 200 years old (ca. 1825); designated as a National Natural Landmark; more research needed on variant names and historical context, 04-02-2024	Honolulu
3	363581	Punchbowl	Crater			PNH: Punchbowl; post-erosional tuff cone in Honolulu... The National Cemetery of the Pacific is in the crater... see Pūowaina. HBGN: Puakea Nogelmeier did extensive research; Mr. Camara will reach out to him; DHHL has lands outside of the crater; cultural significance as a leinaaka'uhane; more research needed, 04-02-2024	Honolulu
3	358471	Aimuu Gulch	Valley			PNH: not listed; HBGN: more research needed, 04-02-2024	Waimea
3	358537	Alapena Pool	Lake				Honolulu
3	358539	Alau Gulch	Valley				Kaena
3	358546	Alei Pali	Cliff				Kaena
3	358606	Aniani Nui Ridge	Ridge				Koko Head
3	358618	Api Spring	Spring				Koko Head
3	358648	Awanui Gulch	Valley				Ewa

Late Submission

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Aloha,
I have a suggestion regarding life in Mililani.

I would like to see Kipapa Gulch officially renamed to Kipapa Valley.

I grew up in arid terrain and I can tell you that ain't no gulch! (No sage brush, no rattlesnakes, and no coyotes !!).

Every other such landscape is called a valley. Why Kipapa is called a gulch is a mystery to me. Its too scenic to be a gulch.

Our lush vale should have a more appropriate name.

Mahalo,

Kevin J. Cole, Mililani