

HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (HBGN)

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

235 S. Beretania Street

6th floor Conference Room

Honolulu, HI 96813

Wednesday March 12, 2025

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.

Zoom meeting information:

URL: https://bit.ly/hbgn_20250312

or dial: (253) 205 0468 [audio only]

Meeting ID: 818 4749 8354

Passcode: 560184

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes for December 3, 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. Selection of Chairperson.
Board members will select a chairperson to lead the meetings and will establish a term of office for the chairperson. [Action Item]
6. 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]
7. Discussion and decision on selected feature names on Kaua'i.
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

Meeting Materials:

Meeting materials will be available in advance of the meeting on HBGN's website (<https://planning.hawaii.gov/gis/hbgn/hbgn-meeting-materials>).

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<https://planning.hawaii.gov/ghgstf/agendas-and-minutes>.

If connection is lost, the meeting may reconvene when either audiovisual communication or audio-only communication is established within thirty minutes. The public may access the reconvened meeting by clicking the link again.

If it is not possible to reconvene the meeting within 30 minutes after an interruption, then check HBGN's website (<https://planning.hawaii.gov/gis/hbgn>) for information as to whether the meeting will be continued to an alternative date and time, or the meeting may be terminated.

Information about submitting and providing testimony:

Written testimony may be submitted on any agenda item:

by email: arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov or
by postal mail: Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
ATTN: Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, HI 96804-2359

Written testimony should include the word "testimony" with the agenda item number and description in the Subject line, and should be received no later than **Friday, March 7, 11:59 p.m.**, in order to be included in the meeting packet. Testimony received after that time will be distributed at the meeting and posted on the website but may not be included in the meeting packet.

Members of the public may also provide oral testimony and participate in discussions for any agenda item during the meeting. If attending in person, please indicate that you wish to speak by raising your hand. When recognized by the Chairperson, you may present your testimony. If attending virtually, please indicate that you wish to speak by using the raise hand function in Zoom, or if calling in by telephone, entering * and 9 on your phone keypad. When recognized by the Chairperson, you will be unmuted. If calling in by phone, you can unmute and mute yourself by pressing * and 6 on your keypad. When testifying, you will be asked to identify yourself and the organization, if any, that you represent.

Information about attending the meeting in person:

Persons may attend the meeting in person at: Leiopapa A Kamehameha, 235 S. Beretania Street, 6th Floor Library, Honolulu, HI 96813. Visitors will be asked to:

- Present a government issued picture ID at the security desk in the lobby;
- Wear a mask which covers both the nose and mouth;
- Maintain social distance of minimum 6 feet apart from others whenever possible.

Information about auxiliary aids:

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Arthur Buto at (808) 587-2894 or by email at arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

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

DATE: December 3, 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 2:02 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) [remote]
Hailama Farden (Office of Hawaiian Affairs) [remote]
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning and Sustainable
Development) [in-person]
Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa) (*joined at 3:06pm*) [remote]

ABSENT: Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)

GUESTS: Jenny Runyon (Staff, US BGN, USGS) [remote]
Dr. Shellie Zahniser (Executive Secretary, Domestic Names Committee
(DNC), US BGN, USGS) [remote]

[0:00:55]

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

[0:01:37]

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to accept the minutes of October 1, 2024. Mr. Farden seconded the motion but will abstain on the vote since he was not present at the meeting on October 1st. Ms. Makaila will also abstain.

[0:02:16]

The remaining members present voted to approve the meeting minutes of October 1, 2024.

[0:02:30]

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

No public comments were received.

[0:02:36]

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

There were no announcements.

[0:02:48]

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion and decision on changing the official name of the “Island of Hawai‘i”

Mr. Buto recalled that at a previous meeting the Board members decided to draft materials to make available to the public prior to meeting to decide on the name change, in order to allow time for public input and comments. Mr. Cummins prepared some drafts of information about the background of HBGN, a long version and a shorter version more suitable for posting, and a draft combining the background of HBGN with information about the reason for HBGN’s consideration of the name change for the **Island of Hawai‘i**.

The Board reviewed and revised the drafts. Mr. Buto will expand the sections about the US BGN and about submitting comments and feedback. Ms. Makaila noted the importance of hearing from lineal and cultural descendants in an area being considered by the Board.

Ms. Makaila suggested that the meeting to take up this naming decision should take place in the summer. That would give people ample time to look at recordings and minutes from previous meetings. Board members can also disseminate the information through their networks to get the most feedback.

Information about the proposed name change as well as information about the meeting itself should be posted on the HBGN website and agency websites (or links to the HBGN website), and the information sent out to all of the Board members’ networks as well.

This will be on the agenda for a future meeting, but not the next meeting. Once we know what the meeting schedule is, the Board can decide on when it will take this up.

[1:06:45]

Ms. Oliveira joined the call.

[1:08:25]

AGENDA ITEM 6: Meeting schedule for 2025

Members settled on a quarterly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month starting on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 2pm-4:30pm.**

[1:27:50]

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn

Mr. Marzan suggested adding the selection of a Chairperson for the Board to the next meeting agenda. He has been serving continuously since 2016.

[1:28:05]

MOTION. Mr. Buto moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cummins seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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03/12/2025
Selected O'ahu Names

Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
3	359197	Hina Gulch	Valley		HBGN	PNH: Hina, Moloka'i	Kahuku
3	359484	Ihiihi Gulch	Valley		HBGN		Kahuku
3	359607	Kaaoao Gulch	Valley				Kahuku
3	359731	Kahawainui Gulch	Valley		HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: Kahawainu	Kahuku
3	359732	Kahawainui Stream	Stream		HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: Kahawainu	Kahuku
3	361152	Kepi Gulch	Valley				Kahuku
3	361399	Kōloa Gulch	Valley			PNH: Koloa Street, O'ahu; Kōloa, K	Kahuku
3	361708	Lamaloa Gulch	Valley			PNH: Lamaloa, Moloka'i	Kahuku
3	363816	Pu'ukauweweole	Summit				Kahuku
3	363846	Pu'ukī	Summit			PNH: Pu'ukī on Hawai'i & Kaua'i	Kahuku
3	364999	Wini Gulch	Valley				Kahuku

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Selected Kaua'i Names

Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
3	359786	Kahoano	Summit				Koloa
3	361592	Kumanumanu	Summit				Koloa
3	363262	Pihakekua	Crater		AH3	var: Pikakekua (UHP); PNH: not listed; AH3: Pikakekua	Koloa
3	364119	Puu Wanawana	Summit		AH3 / UHP	PNH: not listed; AH3 / UHP: Pu'uanawana	Koloa
3	364827	Waiohonu	Summit			PNH: Waiohonu, Maui	Koloa