

## HAWAI‘I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (HBGN)

Notice of Meeting and Agenda  
**235 S. Beretania Street**  
**6th floor Conference Room**  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Friday, June 12, 2026  
10:00 a.m.

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### A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes for April 24, 2026  
*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. Selected feature names in the ahupua‘a of Waimea on the island of 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]*

6. Selected feature names in the ahupua‘a of Kaluako‘i on the island of Moloka‘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]*
7. Discuss place names of interest.  
*An open forum to provide Board members and the public an opportunity to identify names of interest that should be discussed in more depth at a future meeting. [Not an action Item]*
8. Identify other agenda items for next meeting.  
*Board members will identify items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting. [Not an action Item]*
9. Adjourn

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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

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**Minutes draft**  
**FOR THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

DATE: April 24, 2026  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building  
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development  
235 S. Beretania Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

*[Timestamp: 0:00:00]*

**Agenda Item 1: Call to Order**

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum) [remote]  
Ryan Morales (Land Survey Division) [remote]  
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning and Sustainable  
Development) [in-person]  
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources) [in-person]  
Hailama Farden (Office of Hawaiian Affairs), *joined 10:16 a.m.* [remote]

**ABSENT:** Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)  
Lilliane Makaila (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)

**GUESTS:** Jill Kuramoto (KHON2) [remote]  
Shellie Zahniser (USGS) [remote]

*[Timestamp: 0:00:50]*

**Agenda Item 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2026**

*[Timestamp: 0:01:44]*

**MOTION.** Mr. Morales moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2026. Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

*[Timestamp: 0:02:22]*

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2026.*

*[Timestamp: 0:02:35]*

**Agenda Item 3: Public Comments**

No comments.

*[Timestamp: 0:03:54]*

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements**

No announcements.

*[Timestamp: 0:04:17]*

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Followup on the renaming Sand Island, O‘ahu to Mauiola**

Mr. Buto worked with Ms. Shellie Zahniser (USGS) to complete the USGS’ Name Proposal Form and asked Board members for comments or revisions before submitting the form to the US BGN. Because there are still some possible steps in the process, the draft will be finalized later.

Two additional items to follow up on: 1) does the Board want to send a letter to Radiant Cordero, who introduced the Honolulu City Council resolution and the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association to let them know that the Board approved the name change; and 2) there is also a question about whether or not the Land Board needs to make decision. Ms. McEldowney noted that the State Parks Division may want to discuss it internally and hear from more community members about the name change as it reviews the Master Plan for the park. She agreed with Mr. Farden’s reluctance to pause the name change process – State Parks supports the use of traditional place names. She also noted that HBGN has an “Alternate Name” category that carries the same official weight as the Primary Name, which may be an option for displaying both names simultaneously, until the Hawaiian name becomes more well-known and prevalent.

Ms. Zahniser commented that the federal use of “Variant Name” is similar; agencies use the Primary Name and can add a Variant Name in parentheses. Regarding the Name Proposal Form, the USGS will add the federal landowners to the form in the appropriate sections. The State should just indicate the State landowners.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6: Identify agenda items for the next meeting.**

Mr. Buto would like to include this as standing agenda item for future meetings.

Mr. Farden asked to also include an agenda item for an open forum to discuss specific names of interest. This would not be a decision-making item but would allow names to “popcorn up” from Board members and the public. He cited the common usage examples of Kaka‘ako Makai, Kapālama Makai, and Kahalu‘u Makai – the more they are used, the more it gets ingrained in people’s heads. If it is deemed appropriate, it could be agendized for a future meeting. Set a time limit, e.g., 30 minutes, and ask people to bring names forward.

Mr. Marzan asked Mr. Buto’s recommendation for a handful of names in specific areas. Mr. Camara had suggested that the Board look at undecided names within an ahupua‘a, rather than go through the undecided names for an entire island.

Mr. Farden asked that the agenda for today's meeting be corrected to show the correct spelling of "Mauliola." Mr. Buto will make the correction.

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**Agenda Item 7: Adjourn.**

*[Timestamp: 0:33:58]*

**MOTION.** Mr. Farden moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Buto seconded the motion.

*[Timestamp: 0:34:12]*

*The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.*

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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Ahupua'a: Waimea  
Mokupuni: Kaua'i

FEATURE_ID	FEATURE_NAME	FEATURE_CLASS	Status	Corrected_Name	Source	Notes	USGS_Quad_Name	ahupuaa	moku	MAP_NAME
358306	Ka'anamahuna Valley	Valley	3		HBGN	PNH: not listed ; HBGN: Ka'anamahuna Valley	Makaha Point	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358307	Ka'awaloa Valley	Valley	3		UHP	PNH: Ka'awaloa; Hawai'i; UHP: Ka'awaloa Valley	Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358315	Kaluanamā'ulu Valley	Valley	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Kaluanamā'ulu Valley	Makaha Point	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358318	Ka'ohe Valley	Valley	3			PNH: Ka'ohe; Hawai'i, Maui	Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358326	Kepapa Spring	Spring	3		Flores/Kaohi	PNH: not listed; Flores/Kaohi: Kepapa Spring	Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358331	Kuapa'a Valley	Valley	3				Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358334	Lapa Ridge	Ridge	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Lapa Ridge	Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358351	Papa'alai	Summit	3		AH3 / UHP	PNH: not listed; AH3 / UHP: Papa'alai	Makaha Point	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358362	Pu'ulua	Summit	3			PNH: Pu'ulua, Moloka'i	Makaha Point	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358363	Pu'uohanalei	Summit	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Pu'uohanalei	Makaha Point	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358369	Wai'aka Ridge	Ridge	3		UHP	PNH: Wai'aka, Hawai'i, O'ahu; Waiaka, O'ahu ; UHP: Wai'aka Ridge	Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358370	Wai'aka Valley	Valley	3		UHP	PNH: Wai'aka, Hawai'i & O'ahu; Waiaka, O'ahu ; UHP: Wai'aka Valley	Kekaha OE S	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha OE S
358797	'Elekeni'iki Stream	Stream	3				Haena	Waimea	Kona	Haena
358798	'Elekeniui Stream	Stream	3				Haena	Waimea	Kona	Haena
358934	Halehaha Stream	Stream	3				Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
358939	Hale'iele Valley	Valley	3				Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
358976	Halepa'akai Stream	Stream	3				Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
359208	Hipalau Valley	Valley	3				Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
359458	Hukipō Ridge	Ridge	3				Kekaha OE S	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha OE S
359562	Ka'ahole Valley	Valley	3				Makaha Point	Waimea	Kona	Makaha Point
359748	Kahekapō'ele'ele Valley	Valley	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Kahekapō'ele'ele Valley	Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
360104	Kaleinamanu Ridge	Ridge	3				Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha OE S
360209	Kaluaokalani Valley	Valley	3				Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
360454	Ka'ou	Summit	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Ka'ou	Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
360996	Keanapahu	Summit	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Keanapahu	Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
361259	Kipalau Valley	Valley	3				Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
361337	Koali	Summit	3			PNH: Koali, Maui; Koali	Haena	Waimea	Kona	Haena
361360	Koiohi	Summit	3				Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
361425	Kopakaka Ridge	Ridge	3			UHP: Kopakapa; DLNR/DoFAW?	Kekaha	Waimea	Kona	Kekaha
361612	Kunini Gulch	Valley	3			PNH: not listed	Hanapepe	Waimea	Kona	Hanapepe
361875	Loli River	Stream	3				Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
362368	Moeloa Falls	Falls	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Moeloa Falls	Haena	Waimea	Kona	Haena

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 Mokupuni: Kaua'i

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362644	Nihoa Gulch	Valley	3			PNH: Nihoa, Moloka'i	Hanapepe	Waimea	Kona	Hanapepe
362827	Oneopaewa Valley	Valley	3				Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
362901	Pa'aiki Valley	Valley	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Pa'aiki Valley	Makaha Point	Waimea	Kona	Makaha Point
363235	Peekauai Ditch	Canal	3				Hanapepe	Waimea	Kona	Hanapepe
363401	Po'okaeha	Summit	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Po'okaeha	Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
364418	Wahane Valley	Valley	3			PNH: Wahane, Lāna'i	Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
364509	Waiakōali Stream	Stream	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Waiakōali Stream	Haena	Waimea	Kona	Haena
364906	Waipo'o Falls	Falls	3		UHP	PNH: not listed; UHP: Waipo'o Falls	Waimea Canyon	Waimea	Kona	Waimea Canyon
365069	Anaki	Summit	3				Makaha Point	Waimea	Kona	Makaha Point

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 Ahupua'a: Kaluako'i  
 Mokupuni: Moloka'i

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359661	Kahaiawa	Cape	3			PNH: uncertain p & m; PNH: Kahaiawa	Kaluako'i	Kona	Ilio Point
359850	Kahu'uwai Gulch	Valley	3				Kaluako'i	Kona	Molokai Airport
359961	Kaka'a'u'uku Gulch	Valley	3				Kaluako'i	Kona	Molokai Airport
360504	Kapālauo'a	Cape	3			PNH: uncertain p & m; PNH:	Kaluako'i	Kona	Molokai Airport
360779	Kawahuna	Area	3			PNH: uncertain p & m; PNH: Kawahuna	Kaluako'i	Kona	Molokai Airport
361503	Kuinihu	Summit	3			PNH: uncertain p & m; PNH: Kuinihu	Kaluako'i	Kona	Ilio Point
362399	Mokio Point	Cape	3			PNH: uncertain p & m; PNH: Mokio Point	Kaluako'i	Kona	Ilio Point OE N
362766	Okoli	Summit	3			PNH: uncertain p & m; PNH: Okoli	Kaluako'i	Kona	Ilio Point
362836	Onopalani Gulch	Valley	3			PNH: uncertain p & m; PNH: Onopalani	Kaluako'i	Kona	Molokai Airport
363762	Pu'ukaheu	Summit	3			PNH: uncertain p & m ; PNH: Pu'ukaheu	Kaluako'i	Kona	Ilio Point
364565	Wai'o'oli Gulch	Valley	3			PNH: Waiaooli, uncertain p & m ;	Kaluako'i	Kona	Molokai Airport
365148	Mahana (historical)	Populated Place	3			PNH: uncertain p & m ; PNH: Mahana	Kaluako'i	Kona	Molokai Airport
1890586	Kaupoa Beach	Beach	3			PNH: uncertain p & m ; PNH: Kaupoa	Kaluako'i	Kona	Ilio Point