

HAWAII BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (HBGN)

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

235 S. Beretania Street

**6th floor Library**

Honolulu, HI 96813

Tuesday, August 6, 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.*

**Zoom meeting information:**

URL: [https://bit.ly/hbgn\\_2024](https://bit.ly/hbgn_2024)

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

Meeting ID: 810 5134 5336

Passcode: 542392

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes for July 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 about using Hawaiian terminology instead of English descriptors in feature names and suggesting Hawaiian terminology in the GNIS Feature Class descriptions.  
*Board members will discuss the possibility of standardizing naming conventions using Hawaiian terminology to replace English descriptors such as "Gulch," "Crater," and "Stream." The Board will also review the GNIS Feature Class descriptions to suggest corrections in the use of Hawaiian terminology and to suggest additional Hawaiian terminology that might be appropriate. [Action item]*
6. 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 (PIG) to research the name of the Island of Hawai'i and to facilitate engaging with community members and stakeholders. The discussion will include identifying members of the PIG, setting the scope of the investigation, and setting the scope of each member's authority. [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

**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>).

**Zoom meeting information:**

To participate via the Zoom link provided, you will need a computer or mobile device with internet access, video camera (recommended), and microphone. You will be muted during the meeting unless you are testifying or actively participating in a discussion. You may also access the Zoom meeting by phone only by using the dial-in phone number, meeting ID, and meeting passcode information provided at the top of this agenda. Further instructions for how to use Zoom are available at: <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](mailto: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 **Wednesday, July 31, 2024, 4:30 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 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](mailto:arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

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