

HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (HBGN)

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

235 S. Beretania Street
6th floor Conference Room
Honolulu, HI 96813

Wednesday December 10, 2025

2:00 p.m.

The Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names (HBGN) meetings will be switching from a Zoom meeting format to a Zoom webinar starting with this December 10, 2025 meeting. This change will ensure greater security and hopefully prevent any malicious meeting disruptions. With this change, remote attendees will not be able to speak, ask questions, show their video, or use screen share unless recognized by the Chair.

If you're attending remotely and you have questions or would like to provide comments during the meeting, please use the **Raise Hand** function to notify the host that you would like to speak. The meeting facilitator will recognize you and unmute your microphone. Or, if you prefer or don't have a microphone, you may ask your questions or make comments using the Zoom **Q&A** function.

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_20251210

or dial: (669) 900 6833 [audio only]

Webinar ID: 827 7338 6414

Passcode: 529407

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes for April 9, 2025
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 renaming Sand Island, O'ahu to Mauiola.
Board members will review and discuss Resolution No. 25-63 from the Honolulu City Council urging the Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names to rename Sand Island to Mauiola. [Action Item]

6. Discussion and decision on changing the official name of the Island of Hawai‘i.
Board members will review previous discussions about changing the name of the island to “Hawai‘i.” [Action Item]
7. Review Board meeting schedule.
Board members will consider changes to the current quarterly meeting. [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, and a microphone (recommended). You will be muted during the meeting unless you have been recognized by the Chair and 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.

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, December 5, 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 appropriate, the Chair will recognize you and 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 appropriate, the Chair will recognize you and you will be unmuted. When testifying, you will be asked to identify yourself and the organization that you represent, if any.

Information about attending the meeting in person:

Persons may attend the meeting in person at: Leiopapa A Kamehameha, 235 S. Beretania Street, 6th 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 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.