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

DATE:       July 14, 2016
TIME:       1:10 p.m.
PLACE:      Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building
            Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
            235 S. Beretania Street
            Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

AGENDA ITEM 1:    Call to Order

Mr. Marques Marzan called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS:    Kamanaʻo Mills (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) left at 2:45pm
            Kalani Akana (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
            Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai‘i)
            Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)
            Ryan Morales (Land Survey Division)
            Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning) arrived at 1:30 pm; left at 2:00pm

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

STAFF:      Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

ADVISORS:   Renee Louis
            Naomi Losch

GUESTS:     None

AGENDA ITEM 2:   Review of Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2016

Motion: Mr. Mills moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Morales seconded the motion.

The board members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of June 9, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM 3:    Public Comments.

There were no public comments.
AGENDA ITEM 4:  Announcements

There were no announcements.

AGENDA ITEM 6:  Review of Kahoʻolawe Island Place Names.

In Mr. Asuncion’s absence, the Board voted to take the agenda items out of order. The review of Item 6 began before Item 5a was discussed.

The Board discussed the questions that Jenny Runyon (USGS) had regarding the spelling correction for Kamōhio from the June meeting:

*Is the location of the shrine indicated in the GNIS database correct?*
According to Rowland Reeve’s research documented on the KIRC website (“Consultant Report No. 16 – Kaho‘olawe Place Names” prepared for the Kaho‘olawe Island Conveyance Commission, http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/KICC/16 Place Names.pdf), the shrine is located “at the foot of the cliffs flanking the western edge of Kamohio bay.” The current location indicated in the GNIS database is probably shifted due to a datum shift.

*Is the site historic (i.e., no longer exists)?*
According to Reeve (“Consultant Report No. 17 – Na Wahi Pana O Kaho‘olawe: The Storied Places of Kaho‘olawe”, http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/KICC/17 Na Wahi Pana O Kaho‘olawe.pdf), the site was rediscovered and excavated in 1913 by John Stokes, an archaeologist with the Bishop Museum. Reeve also notes that as recently as the 1990’s members of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana have visited the site for religious and educational purposes. Although Board members have no first-hand knowledge of the site, they believe that it still exists in some form. The reference to the site as “historic” will be removed from the name.

*Should “Kamōhio Ko‘a” be listed as a variant?*
Members agreed that “Kamōhio Ko‘a” should be kept as a variant.

Mr. Asuncion joined the meeting, so the Board paused the review of Kaho‘olawe place names and returned to Agenda Item 5a.

AGENDA ITEM 5:  Board Discussion.

5a:  Continued Discussion:  Regarding changing the legal spelling of the state's name from "Hawaii" to "Hawaiʻi"

Mr. Asuncion recommended that the Board come to some closure on this item. At the June meeting it was suggested that members approach key legislators and stakeholder groups in the community.
Mr. Mills suggested approaching a legislator first, then when talking to community organizations we can identify a lead in the Legislature.

Mr. Akana recommended talking to the Native Hawaiian Caucus rather than to a single legislator. Also his civic club will be putting forth a resolution at the Hawaiian civic clubs’ convention in November.

Mr. Asuncion suggested that the staff could draft a letter to the Native Hawaiian Caucus on behalf of the Board outlining its intention to approach community organizations to gauge the strength of their support. Because of transparency concerns, the draft can be circulated to Board members for public discussion at a later meeting.

Mr. Asuncion mentioned that the Judiciary’s style guide calls for proper Hawaiian spelling for filings with the courts. The State’s deputy attorneys general are following the style guide, but private attorneys may not be.

Mr. Asuncion left the meeting at 2:00pm. The Board returned to Agenda Item 6, the review of Kahoʻolawe Island place names.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Review of Kahoʻolawe Island Place Names (continued).**

The Board reviewed nine Kahoʻolawe island place names. Of these, two were recommended for further research, five were determined to be correct in the GNIS database, and two were corrected (added variants). Individual name decisions can be seen below.

Mr. Mills left the meeting at 2:45pm.

**Names reviewed and decisions:**

*Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected; 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change; 7 = Other*

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**AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn**

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 3:01 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 11, at 1:00 p.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.