



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

DATE: October 12, 2016
TIME: 10:00 a.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. Kamana'o Mills called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Kamana'o Mills (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
Kalani Akana (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
Ryan Morales (Land Survey Division)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)

ABSENT: Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai'i)
Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning)
Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)

STAFF: Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

ADVISORS: Renee Louis
Naomi Losch
Regina Hilo (State Historic Preservation Division)

GUESTS: Kaahiki Solis (State Historic Preservation Division)
Michael Wahl (State Historic Preservation Division)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2016

Motion: Mr. Akana moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

The board members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments.

Kaahiki Solis and Michael Wahl described the project they're about to undertake – to map the boundaries of ahupua'a utilizing correct spellings. The current ahupua'a layer was created using an older font library that does not translate properly to the web.

Ms. Louis was the contractor who worked on the ahupua'a layer many years ago for OHA before fonts were introduced that render properly in a web browser. She suggested that they download the fonts that have since been made available by UH Hilo. She also suggested that they check with the State Surveyor's office for more accurate maps than she used for her original research.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Request to change name of the town of Mountain View.

Staff received a request from Mr. Bob Ernst of Mountain View on Hawai'i island to change the name of the town of Mountain View to "Maunahu'ihu'i." Mr. Ernst cited *Place Names of Hawaii* (Pukui, Elbert, Mookini, 1974), which states that "Maunahu'ihu'i" is the old name of Mountain View. As changing the name of the town and post office is outside of the purview of HBGN, the submittal before the Board is to recommend "Maunahu'ihu'i" and "Mauna Hu'ihu'i" (found in *Atlas of Hawai'i* (Juvik and Juvik, 1998)) to the US Board on Geographic Names (BGN) as variants to Mountain View in the GNIS database.

Motion: Mr. Akana moved to approve recommending to the BGN to add "Maunahu'ihu'i" and "Mauna Hu'ihu'i" as variants to Mountain View. Mr. Morales seconded.

The board members present voted unanimously to approve recommending to the BGN to add the variant names in the GNIS database.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Draft of letter to State Legislature regarding the spelling of the name of the state.

The Board reviewed an email response from Jenny Runyon (USGS) confirming her previous emailed statement that "only the Congress or President can change the name of a state."

Mr. Buto stated that the letter to Legislature was being prepared by the clerical staff and will be addressed to the respective Senate and House Native Hawaiian committee chairs with copies sent to the Senate President and the Speaker of the House. A suggestion was made that copies also be sent to members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Review of Kaho‘olawe Island Place Names.

Ms. Louis reported that she hasn’t attempted the image enhancement yet of the shoreline area of Kaho‘olawe on Registered Map No. 1272 in order to better decipher the writing visible on the map.

The Board continued its review of Kaho‘olawe island place names. Of 18 reviewed, two were recommended for further research, four were corrected, and twelve were found to be correct in the GNIS database.

Names reviewed and decisions:

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Stat	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes
3	1924952	Kanuku	Cape			PNH: not listed; KIRC recommended Kanuku; HBGN: Discussion of the possibility of the name being "Kunaka" per Reeve's report p 67, board decides more research, 7-14-16; HBGN: Discussion continued with reference documents from State Archives and determined this is not related to "Kunaka" the cave or the 'ili land section, so the Board decided to conduct more archival research, 8-11-16; HBGN: Further research at DAGS revealed the scanned registered map 1272 does have writing on it near the shoreline of Kaho'olawe and will be Photoshopped for next meeting, 9-14-16
3	1924953	Kaukamaka Gulch	Valley			PNH: not listed; KIRC recommended Kaukamaka Gulch; HBGN: Discussion of the origin of the name per Reeve's report p 70, board decides more research, 7-14-16
5	362011	Maka‘alae	Cape	Maka‘alae	PNH	KIRC: recommended Maka‘alae, 10-12-16
5	362473	Molokini	Island	Molokini	PNH	KIRC: recommended Molokini, 10-12-16

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5	1924964	'Oawawahie	Area	'Oawawahie	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended 'Oawawahie; HBGN: according to Reeve p.145 and noting that 'Oawa is a variant spelling 'Ōawaawa or 'Owāwa both of which mean valley and wahie means firewood, 10-12-16
5	1924965	Olohia Gulch	Valley	Olohia Gulch	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Olohia; HBGN: after Reeve p.147 decides it is pretty vanilla and accepts the KIRC recommendation, 10-12-16
4	1924950	Pali 'O Kalapakea	Cliff	Paliokalapakea	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Pali 'O Kalapakea; HBGN: initially accepted KIRC recommendation even though not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines and has updated according to HBGN guidelines, 10-12-16
5	363124	Papaka Iki	Bay	Papaka Iki	PNH	KIRC: recommended Papaka Iki, HBGN: Reeve p. 154 has Papakaiki and is recommending Papaka Iki according to HBGN Guidelines, 10-12-16
5	363125	Papaka Iki Gulch	Valley	Papaka Iki Gulch	PNH	KIRC: recommended Papaka Iki, HBGN: Reeve p. 154 has Papakaiki and is recommending Papaka Iki according to HBGN Guidelines, 10-12-16
5	363126	Papaka Nui	Bay	Papaka Nui	PNH	KIRC: recommended Papaka Nui, HBGN: Reeve p. 158 has Papakanui and is recommending Papaka Nui according to HBGN Guidelines, 10-12-16
5	363127	Papaka Nui Gulch	Valley	Papaka Nui Gulch	PNH	KIRC: recommended Papaka Nui, HBGN: Reeve p. 158 has Papakanui and is recommending Papaka Nui according to HBGN Guidelines, 10-12-16

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4	363496	Puhi 'O Kōheohala	Cape	Puhikōheohala	HBGN	PNH: Kōheohala and Puhikōheohala; KIRC: recommended Puhi 'O Kōheohala; HBGN: originally accepted KIRC recommendation even though it was not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines and is now accepting one of PNH spellings and asks that Kōheohala is added as a variant, 10-12-16
5	1924963	Puhianenuē	Cape	Puhianenuē	HBGN	PNH: not listed, KIRC: recommended Puhianenuē, HBGN: Reeve p.164 has Puhianenuē which is already a variant, 10-12-16
4	362361	Pu'u 'O Moa'ula Iki	Summit	Pu'uomoa'ula Iki	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Pu'u 'O Moa'ula Iki; HBGN: Reeve p. 181 as Pu'u o moaulaiki, initially board accepted KIRC recommendation though not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines and has updated this according to the HBGN Guidelines, 10-12-16
4	361902	Pu'u 'O Moa'ula Nui	Crater	Pu'uomoa'ula Nui	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Pu'u 'O Moa'ula Nui; HBGN: Reeve p. 184 as Pu'u o moaulanui, initially accepted KIRC recommendation though not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines and has updated this according to the HBGN Guidelines, 10-12-16
5	1924967	Pu'ukahua	Summit	Pu'ukahua	KIRC	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Pu'ukahua; HBGN: Reeve p. 172 lists Pu'u Kahua and accepts KIRC recommendation, 10-12-16
5	363863	Pu'ukoa'e	Island	Pu'ukoa'e	PNH	KIRC: recommended Pu'ukoa'e; HBGN: Reeve p.174 as Pu'u koae, accepts PNH recommendation, 10-12-16
5	1924968	Pu'ula'i	Summit	Pu'ula'i	KIRC	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Pu'ula'i; HBGN: Reeve p.178 as Pu'u lai and accepting KIRC recommendation, 10-12-16

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn

Mr. Mills adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.