



**MINUTES
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 Mr. Morales 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 as variants to Mountain View.

Motion: Mr. Akana moved to approve the recommendation 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 the recommendation to add the variant names.

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 moved on to continue reviewing 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:

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

Status	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
4	361657	Lae ‘O Kūaka‘iwa	Cape	Kūaka‘iwa	PNH	HBGN: corrected the KIRC recommendation, Lae ‘O Kūaka‘iwa, as it does not exist in PNH, Request to include Lae o Kūaka‘iwa and Laeokūaka‘iwa as variants which is in PNH and consistent with HBGN guidelines, respectively, 9-14-16

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4	361658	Lae 'O Kuikui	Cape	Kuikui	PNH	HBGN: corrected the KIRC recommendation, Lae 'O Kuikui as it does not exist in PNH, Request to include Lae o Kuikui and Laeokuikui as variants which is in PNH and consistent with HBGN guidelines, respectively, 9-14-16
4	1924961	Lae 'O Nākoholā	Cape	Nākoholā	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: corrected the KIRC recommendation, Lae 'O Nākoholā as it does not exist in PNH, Request to include Laeonākoholā as a variant which is consistent with HBGN guidelines, 9-14-16
5	1924966	Laepakī	Cape	Laepakī	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: accepted the KIRC recommendation, 9-14-16
4	361898	Lua 'O Keāliālalo	Crater	Luakeālia Lalo	PNH	KIRC: recommended Lua 'O Keāliālalo, HBGN: decides to use PNH, 9-14-16
4	361899	Lua 'O Keāliāluna	Crater	Luakeālia Luna	PNH	KIRC: recommended Lua 'O Keāliāluna, HBGN: decides to use PNH, 9-14-16
4	1927014	Lua 'O Keauālalo	Crater	Luakeāua Lalo	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Lua 'O Keauālalo; HBGN: decides to be consistent with the other Lua feature, 9-14-16
4	1924959	Lua 'O Keauāluna	Crater	Luakeāua Luna	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Lua 'O Keauāluna; HBGN: decides to be consistent with the other Lua feature, 9-14-16
4	1853054	Luamakika	Crater			PNH: Luamakika HBGN: variant: Lua Moaula (RR) , 9-14-16

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.