



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

DATE: March 8, 2017  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building  
Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10:09 am.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Kalani Akana (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)  
Ryan Morales (Land Survey Division)  
Kamana'o Mills (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) left at 11:17am  
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)  
Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai'i)

**ABSENT:** Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)  
Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning)

**STAFF:** Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

**ADVISORS:** Renee Louis  
Naomi Losch

**GUESTS:** None

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2017 and February 8, 2017**

**Motion:** Mr. Akana moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting, and Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2017.*

**Motion:** Mr. Akana moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting, and Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2017.*

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments.**

Mr. Akana stated that Sen. Galuteria would not be able to introduce a bill in the Legislature this session to change the official spelling of the name of the State. Sen. Shimabukuro introduced a bill SB 643 to require all public acts and transactions be in the Hawaiian language, and that upon request by a member of the public for the Hawaiian language version, all reasonable efforts would be made to make it available in Hawaiian. Section 1-13, HRS would be changed from “Hawaiian shall not be required...” to “Hawaiian shall be required...”

Mr. Akana suggested that a Constitutional amendment might be the way to go. Article XV contains the section identifying the official languages. An additional section could be added to define the official spelling.

Ms. Louis followed up on tasks from last year. Two words on maps were undecipherable, one was on Kahoolawae (Kunaka) the other on Lanai.

Mr. Akana received an email from the Kailapa Community Association on the Big Island. They want to change the name of their subdivision and association to Honokoa, which is the historical name of the area. They asked if HBGN needs to do anything? Since Kailapa is not in the GNIS, HBGN doesn't need to do anything. The association should take up the subdivision name change with the county.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Review of Selected Place Names on the Island of Hawai‘i.**

The Board reviewed place names on the Island of Hawai‘i. Of six reviewed, one was not reviewed, two were corrected, and three require further research.

*Names reviewed and decisions:*

Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes
<i>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</i>						
2		Lo‘ihi				BC: Kama‘ehu or Kama‘ehuakanaloa; HBGN: Awaiting report of Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), 3-8-17
4	358963	Halema‘uma‘u Crater	Crater	Halema‘uma‘u		BC: Halemaumau; HBGN: Agreed the generic term Crater is unnecessary, <b>request that Halema‘uma‘u Crater be added as a variant</b> , 3-8-17
3	1847292	Halema‘uma‘u Overlook	Locale			BC: Halemaumau
3	1847293	Halema‘uma‘u Parking Area	Locale			BC: Halemaumau
3	358964	Halema‘uma‘u Trail	Trail			BC: Halemaumau
4	361216	Kilauea Crater	Crater	Kīlauea Caldera		BC: Kaluapele; HBGN: Agreed to use the generic term "Caldera" to reflect the modern geologic term for this feature, 3-8-17

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Review of Selected Place Names on the Island of Lāna‘i.**

The Board reviewed place names on the Island of Lana‘i. Of eight reviewed, four were correct in the GNIS (variants requested for two of these), and four require further research.

*Names reviewed and decisions:*

Stat	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes
<i>Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected; 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change</i>						
3	359650	Kaena	Summit			PNH: not listed as a summit, HBGN: Ka‘ena appears to be associated with the trig station on Lanai Government Survey map RM#1394, 3-8-17

Stat	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes
3	1919804	Kaena Heiau	Locale			PNH: not listed, HBGN: a heiau is shown on RM#1394 in the vicinity of Ka'ena Point but is not named Ka'ena Heiau. Coordinates put this feature in the ocean, 3-8-17.
5	360052	Kalamanui Gulch	Valley	Kalamanui Gulch	HBGN	PNH: not listed, HBGN: 3-8-17
5	360222	Kalulu	Civil	Kalulu	PNH	3/8/2017
3	360273	Kamao	Civil			PNH: not listed, HBGN: Parker dictionary says that Kamao is a land section and means wild cotton plant, ma'o, Soehren found this feature as misspelled as kamo'o indicating an 'okina could be present, in a report by Kepa Maly, he indicates this is kama'o, perhaps we should contact him for more information, 3-8-17
3	360419	Kaohai	Civil			PNH: not listed, HBGN: RM#1394 shows Kaohai as a land section, in a report by Kepa Maly, he indicates this is Ka'ohai perhaps we should contact him for more information, 3-8-17
5	365010	Kaumalapau	Populated Place	Kaumalapau		HBGN: request for variant, <b>Kaumālapa'u 3-8-17</b>
5	1853019	Kaumalapau	Locale	Kaumalapau		HBGN: request for variant, <b>Kaumālapa'u 3-8-17</b>

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn**

Ms. Silva adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.