



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

DATE: September 13, 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 3: Public Comments.**

*[10:00 am – 11:00 am. In the absence of a quorum, the members, advisors, and guests present discussed public comments.]*

- a) Mr. Buto reviewed an email thread received from Jennifer Runyon (USGS) regarding place name decisions that the HBGN had made at its last meeting:

Kiowea Beach Park. Ms. Runyon asked for confirmation that HBGN has authority to correct the spelling of the name of this park. All online references show the uncorrected spelling.

Kualapuu Census Designated Place. U.S. Census Bureau needs to sign off on a spelling correction.

Kualapuu Elementary School. This is now a charter school, Kualapu‘u Public Conversion Charter School. The HBGN should review this and other school name changes.

Molokai General Hospital. Ms. Runyon asked for confirmation that the hospital management will be using the ‘okina.

- b) Mr. Buto brought attention to a project by Mr. Tom Patterson of the National Park Service to update to a map of Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. Mr. Patterson submitted a list of place names that, for the most part has already been reviewed by HBGN and spelling corrections made. However, the GNIS does not reflect the changes yet. There are a couple of names for which Mr. Patterson has proposed corrections and a handful for which the HBGN may not have jurisdiction. Mr. Runyon will add the rest with HBGN-suggested spelling corrections to the GNIS.

Mr. Camara believes that the location of Wainānāli‘i Pond on some maps is incorrect. This may be an agenda item for a future meeting, if there is some evidence to support the re-location.

- c) Mr. Camara asked the HBGN to consider a list of several dozen place names on the island of Hawai‘i. There are a number of inconsistencies that should be corrected – some names should be concatenated; some similar names are concatenated while others are not; some associated names have the correct spelling, others do not.
- d) Mr. Camara provided some information about some place names on the island of Hawai‘i that he believes are not place names, but are the names of triangulation stations in the Kaluapele area. Mr. Camara referred to Registered Map No. 1275 and the spots on the map labeled Alelekolea, Holoholokolea, Kaniakolea – the map symbols for these points indicate they are survey reference points. Conversely, Akanikolea is a place name found in chants, but does not appear on the map – this was a legendary broad flat place, where Kamapua‘a taunted Pele.
- e) Mr. Camara provided some biographical material for Joseph Kealiikuikamoku Ilalaole. He was originally from the island of Hawai‘i and provided an early description of the area of Akanikolea where the “-kolea” trig stations are located. He was a contemporary of J. Ulumahiapua Pea, the local guide for Emerson and Dodge, the Hawaiian Government Surveyors of that area in the late 1880’s.

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**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order**

*[Mr. Leo Asuncion from the Office of Planning arrived at the meeting. Prior to Mr. Asuncion’s arrival at 11:00 am, there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.]*

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)  
 Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)  
 Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)  
 Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning) – arrived at 11:00 am

**ABSENT:** Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai‘i)  
 Kalani Akana (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)  
 Kamana‘o Mills (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)

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

**ADVISORS:** Melia Lane-Kamahele (National Park Service)

**GUESTS:** Bobby Camara

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2017**

**Motion:** Ms. McEldowney moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2017 meeting, and Mr. Cummins seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2017.*

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Announcements**

See discussion above prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Discuss procedures for reviewing place names within National Park Service boundaries.**

The Administration at the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park disagreed with a recent decision by the HBGN to concatenate a Pu'u'ō'ō place name within the park boundaries. The question was then raised, "should HBGN adopt a more formal process to solicit input and feedback from the National Park Service (NPS) in the place name review process?"

Currently from NPS only Melia Lane-Kamahele is included on the mailing list for the meeting notices and agenda, but she is not always able to attend the meetings. Ms. Lane-Kamahele suggested adding park superintendents to the mailing list as well, so that they will be aware of the upcoming agenda items; she offered to provide their addresses. Mr. Buto noted that the agenda and even the lists of place names to be reviewed will most likely not identify whether sites are located within or outside of NPS boundaries. However, NPS staff may be familiar enough with the place names to be able to identify them from the listings. Additionally, a concern was expressed that lack of resources and capacity at NPS may affect their ability to review place names in a timely manner.

Mr. Buto will draft a written procedure to address the communication and consultation issue with NPS that the HBGN can review at its next meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Review of selected place names on the island of Hawai'i (Bobby Camara).**

Because of the late start of the meeting, the HBGN did not review these place names.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Review of Selected Place Names on the Island of Moloka'i.**

Because of the late start of the meeting, the HBGN did not review these place names.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn**

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.