

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

DATE: March 20, 2019
TIME: 2:00 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: Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum at 2:10pm

MEMBERS: Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)
Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

ABSENT: Jobie Masagatani (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)
Brad Ka'aleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai'i)

ADVISORS: Melia Lane-Kamahele (National Park Service)

GUESTS: None

Lacking quorum, the Board members present took up some of the agenda items that didn't require decision making.

Agenda ITEM 6: HLSA/HIGICC Conference presentation review

Those present reviewed the presentation that will be delivered at the joint HLSA/HIGICC Conference (surveyors and GIS professionals) tomorrow, March 21st. Mr. Cummins will lead the presentation; Mr. Buto and Ms. Louis will also be at the conference and available to assist with the presentation and to answer questions. Some suggestions were made to clarify some slides and to enhance the visual appeal of the presentation.

Ms. Lane-Kamahele suggested that a report on the conference be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Agenda ITEM 3: Public Comments

US BGN Name Decisions. The group reviewed the list of name changes that were decided on by the US BGN at its March 2019 meeting. The name changes affecting Hawai'i included some for which descriptors were added or removed

from the primary name, e.g., from Kalaeokahano to Kalaeokahano Point, from Cape Kumukahi to Kumukahi, etc.

Name Proposals. Mr. Buto noted that three new name applications were received for Fissure 8 and one received for the entire flow.

Website revisions. Mr. Buto pointed out some recent changes to the HBGN website. A compiled listing of names proposed for features associated with the Kīlauea eruption was added. The Office of Planning has receive several requests from the public and the media to make a listing available. The name proposals were available before, but only individually in the packets for the meetings at which they were introduced.

An earlier change to the website was also in response to requests from the public, again related to the Kīlauea eruption. An explicit link to the HBGN Name Application Form was added to the website to facilitate submission of name proposals.

Agenda ITEM 5: Legislative Update

Two bills directly impacting HBGN have died – HB 209 and SB 835 (adding a community liaison to the Board).

Several resolutions (HR 137 and SR 165) and concurrent resolutions (HCR 150 and SCR 205) have been introduced, but have not yet been scheduled for hearings. All echo the language in the 2018 Hawai‘i County Council Resolution 640-18. The Office of Planning has drafted testimony in support, pointing out that HBGN is already taking steps toward engaging with “community members who have direct traditional, cultural, and familial ties to the district of Puna.” The Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) that the Board established at its February meeting will be responsible for meeting with and gathering input and feedback from the Puna community. The Division of State Parks has not drafted testimony, but is prepared to answer questions.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn

The discussion was ended at 3:00pm

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019 at 2:00pm in the Office of Planning conference room.