MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
HAWA‘I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DATE:  June 24, 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:  Call to Order

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.

The following were in attendance:

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

ABSENT:  William Aila (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
          Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai‘i)
          Brad Ka‘alele Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)

ADVISORS:  Melia Lane-Kamahele (arrived at 2:35pm)

AGENDA ITEM 2:  Review of Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2019 and April 22, 2019

No vote was taken on the notes from the March 20, 2019 meeting, at which there was no decision making due to lack of quorum.

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2019; Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 22, 2019.*

AGENDA ITEM 3:  Public Comments

Email from Matthew O’Donnell, contractor with US BGN. Mr. O’Donnell is asking if HBGN wants to proceed with a request to change the name of “Laulaunui Island” to “Laulaunui Islet” in spite of opposition from Navy Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, which is managing and actively using the island. The name change was proposed by the HBGN sometime in 2012. Mr. Buto inserted a snippet from an internal spreadsheet indicating that the change to “Islet” was made in error. Nevertheless, the proposed name


change to “Laulaunui Islet” appears on the HBGN spreadsheet. Mr. Buto will contact Mr. O’Donnell to inform him that this name change proposal was made in error.

Email request from Danielle Foster, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park staff. Ms. Foster asked about the Bobby Camara’s relationship to the HBGN and name proposals within park boundaries. Mr. Buto responded to Ms. Foster that Mr. Camara had on many occasions submitted lists of feature names to the HBGN for its consideration, and that anyone can do the same. Features within park boundaries are referred to NPS staff for approval before being forwarded to the US BGN.

Name applications. Two name applications for “Fissure 8” were received:

- **Pohāka‘ena**
  - Hannah Hana Pau

- **Hopena**
  - Lori Ann Baker on behalf of Lori Ann Baker, Rachel Melekahiwa Stallard, Robert Lowell Stallard, Tina Marie DuVoison, Zac Stump, Nicole Ku‘uipo Stallard, Lance Rittenhouse, Alika Hill, Thomas and Norma Jean Blair, and Mark and Mary Curtis

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** Announcements

2019 Financial Disclosure reminder. Mr. Buto forwarded an email from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission reminding New and Current Board Members to file their financial disclosure forms.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:** 2019 Legislative Update

Included in the meeting packet were copies of transmittals from the Clerk of the Senate of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 205 and Senate Resolution No. 165, which were adopted by the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i. Both resolutions urge the HBGN to “consult with community members who have direct traditional, cultural, and familial ties to the district of Puna to establish appropriate names for the Fissure 8 vent and other features on the 2018 eruption of Kīlauea Volcano.”

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Selected place names on the island of Hawai‘i

Summary of decisions:

Five feature names were reviewed: one was correct as listed in the GNIS, three spellings were corrected, and one requires more research.
AGENDA ITEM 7:  Review Regular Meeting Day and Time

Board members present reaffirmed the fourth Monday of each month from 2pm – 4pm as the regular meeting day and time of the HBGN.

AGENDA ITEM 8:  Adjourn

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 4:01pm.