

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

DATE: November 25, 2019  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building  
Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
235 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

*The start of the meeting was delayed due to lack of quorum.*

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order**

Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 3:14pm.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)  
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)  
Brad Ka'aleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)  
Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

**ABSENT:** William Aila (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)  
Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)  
Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai'i)  
Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning)

**GUESTS:** Bobby Camara

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2019**

**MOTION:** Mr. Wong moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 2019; Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of August 26, 2019.*

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements**

Expecting letter from President David Lassner delegating Board responsibility to Kapā Oliveira.

Letter sent to William Aila, Jr. asking for designation of DHHL delegate.

Reminder to PIG that presentation of report due next month.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Selected place names on the island of Hawai‘i**

*At 3:22pm Mr. Bobby Camara joined the meeting by phone.*

[360015] Kalaieha. Mr. Camara emailed Dr. Larry Kimura. He said that the spelling should be “Kalei‘eha” but it’s sometimes pronounced “Kalai‘eha.” Mr. Camara will forward the email.

[362746] Ohia Mill. Mr. Camara is not familiar with the area but thinks that the spelling of ‘ohia should be corrected, “‘Ohia Mill.”

[363703] Puu Hilea. Mr. Camara said that this was a town in Ka‘u. PNH: village, gulch, and land division; it doesn’t look like a pu‘u on the topo maps; more research needed.

[361306] Kipuka Mamani. HBGN: Mr. Camara suggested the name be changed to “Kīpuka Māmane” to be consistent with current spelling; mamani is an obsolete spelling. Ms. McEldowney noted that this is a common misspelling of the name of the tree. Mr. Cummins noted that there’s a comment in Ulukau that mentions that this is a māmane tree oasis. Mr. Camara confirmed that there are māmane trees there. Hawaiian Dictionary (Pukui and Elbert) lists māmane, but doesn’t have a listing for mamani. Board members present support correcting the spelling to “Kīpukamāmane.”

**Summary of decisions:**

Four feature names were reviewed: one spelling was corrected, and three require more research and discussion.

*Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change*

Stat	FeatID	Name	Class	Corrected	Source	Notes	USGSQuad
3	360015	Kalaieha	Summit			PNH: not listed; HBGN: Mr. Camara will contact Dr. Larry Kimura who may have some insight into the correct spelling of this place name; more research needed, 9-23-19 HBGN: Mr. Mr. Camara emailed Dr. Larry Kimura. He said that the spelling should be “Kalei‘eha” but it’s sometimes pronounced “Kalai‘eha;” Mr. Camara will forward the email from Dr. Kimura; more research needed, 11-25-19	Puuoo
3	362746	Ohia Mill	Locale			PNH: not listed; HBGN: Mr. Camara is not familiar with the area, but thinks that the spelling of ‘ohia should be corrected, “‘Ohia,” more research needed, 11-25-19	Papa

Stat	FeatID	Name	Class	Corrected	Source	Notes	USGSQuad
3	363703	Puu Hilea	Summit			PNH: village, gulch, and land division; Hilea not listed as a pu'u; HBGN: combined: Pu'uhilea; HBGN: the name of a town in Ka'u; it doesn't look like a pu'u on the topo map; more research needed, 11-25-19	Pohue Bay
4	361306	Kipuka Mamani	Area	Kīpukamāmane	HPN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: Mamani is an obsolete spelling of māmane. Ms. McEldowney noted that this is a common misspelling of the name of the tree. Mr. Cummins noted that there's a comment in Papakilodatabase.com that states that this is a māmane tree oasis. Mr. Camara confirmed that there are māmane trees there; the Hawaiian Dictionary (Pukui and Elbert) lists māmane, but doesn't have a listing for mamani. Board members present support correcting the spelling to "Kīpukamāmane."	Puulehua

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Adjourn**

Board members present stated their availability for a December meeting. The week of December 16<sup>th</sup> is the most likely. Mr. Buto will send out a poll to the members to decide the meeting date and time at which the PIG will submit/present its report.

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 4:04pm.