

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

DATE: March 3, 2020  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building  
Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Library  
235 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order**

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)  
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)  
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)  
Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa)  
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning)

**ABSENT:** William Aila (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)  
Brad Ka‘aleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)

**GUESTS:** Dane DuPont  
Philip Ong

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2020**

**MOTION:** Mr. Buto moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020; Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2020.*

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments**

Eric Sadoyama submitted a Geographic Name Application for “Hoaniani Falls” on O‘ahu. Discussion of the application will be included on a future Board agenda.

Matt O‘Donnell, a contractor with US BGN, followed up on his earlier 2019 request from the US Navy that the Board reconsider its 2012 decision to change the name of “Laulaunui Island” to “Laulaunui Islet.” In June 2019 the Board reversed its name change decision based on an internal spreadsheet that indicated that the decision was made in error. Mr. O‘Donnell forwarded a report that does show “Laulaunui Islet,” so the Board may want to reconsider this name.

Ms. McEldowney withdrew her earlier request that the Board consider adding the name “Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline” to the GNIS. This state park is an associative name related to the “Kaiwi Channel” which is in the GNIS. State Parks may submit a Name Application in the future. Because it’s a state park, it falls under the jurisdiction of DLNR.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements**

Mr. Buto announced that the physical security for the State Office Tower has been enhanced to include a security guard in the lobby who will be checking IDs and issuing temporary badges to visitors.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion and Action on the Report of the Permitted Action Group (PIG) established to gather information and review name proposals for the feature known as “Fissure 8.”**

Mr. Marzan reached out last week and yesterday to the small group of Mahealani Henry, Hannah Pau, Pi’ilani Ka’awaloa, Kalani Makekau-Whittaker, Lei Kaleimamahu, and Keone Kalawe, but only Kalani responded with available dates – middle of March, during spring break.

Mr. Marzan is trying to convene this small hui to discuss their positions and hopefully come together with a consolidated name as a first step.

Mr. Buto will follow up with Mahealani Henry and Hannah Pau about their availability to meet in March.

Mr. Wong mentioned that the OHA office in Hilo has a conference room and it’s available for a meeting. Councilmembers Lee Loy and Kierkiewicz offered to look into available space in the county building building, if needed.

Board members discussed defining the process in advance of the meeting.

- In March, as one of its final steps, Board members Marques Marzan and Brad Kaaleleo Wong, and possibly advisor Renee Pualani Louis will try to meet with the three groups of submitters that met the Board’s criteria for proposed names. At this meeting, it is hoped that the group can come to a consensus on a single proposed name that the Board will then move forward with in the naming process. At this meeting, the submitters will be informed that the naming decision will be made in May at a Board meeting in Puna.
  - ✓ If consensus is reached, then the Board will proceed with moving forward with the name that is agreed upon.
  - ✓ If consensus is not reached, then the Board will proceed with moving forward with the name that received the most support during the process so far.

- ✓ The Board will let the community know that testimony supporting proposed names will be accepted until April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Board's April meeting.
- In April, the Board will meet and discuss the outcome(s) of the group meeting. The Board will not make its decision at the April meeting, but will do so in May at a meeting in Puna to which the community will be invited. At the April meeting the Board will plan for the May meeting, including a discussion about logistics and associated ceremonies.
- In May, the Board will travel to Puna to hold a meeting at which the Board will make its naming decision. The community will have an opportunity to provide oral or written testimony prior to the Board's discussion and decision. The Board can provide a "genealogy" of how the Board came to its naming decision. If this is part of the ceremony, the name submitters should be invited to participate as well.
- Mr. DuPont, a community member attending the meeting remotely, noted that the Leilani Community Association (LCA) pavilion or community room is two streets from Fissure 8 and the private landowner is putting in a road to Fissure 8 for better views. The LCA parking lot could accommodate 50 or more cars. Mr. DuPont offered to talk to the landowner to get permission to use the road and site. HBGN can follow up later with a formal request letter.
- Ms. McEldowney will check with the Attorney General about the site visit to see if there are any issues with a public meeting on private land.
- Mr. Buto will check with the Office of Information Practices (OIP) to see if more than two Board members can attend a community ceremony, if no business is discussed.

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

Item deferred.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Office of Planning Conference Room.

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.