

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

DATE: December 1, 2020
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Library
235 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning)
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)
Brad Ka‘aleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa)
Niniau Kawaihae (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Dave Corrigan (Big Island Video News)
Danielle Foster (Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2020

MOTION: Ms. Kawaihae moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2020; Mr. Wong seconded the motion. Mr. Buto will revise the minutes to add guests, Melia Land-Kamahele, Bobby Camara, and Mahealani Henry.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2020 as revised.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

Mr. Buto introduced Ms. Niniau Kawaihae from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Ms. Kawaihae will represent DHHL on the Board. She is originally from Hilo, graduated from UH Hilo with a degree in political science, and then a Masters Degree from

Gonzaga. For the past 20 years has worked for various state, county, and nonprofit organizations.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Review selected place names on the island of Hawai‘i

Mr. Buto did not have a spreadsheet of feature names to review. Mr. Wong asked for the spreadsheets of names for the islands of Hawai‘i and O‘ahu in advance of the meeting so that the OHA researchers and Board members have some time to review them.

Mr. Marzan gave a brief overview of the Board’s history and current efforts. The Board was established in 1970’s to formalize and standardize place names and feature names in Hawai‘i. One recent decision was to the name of I‘ao Stream to Wailuku River. The Board held its meeting on Maui, where testimony was presented, and the decision was officially made.

Mr. Buto added that state agencies are required to adhere to the name decisions made by the Board. And in recent years, the Board has been reviewing the spelling of place names to add ‘okina and kahakō as technology has advanced to enable the display and printing of the proper diacritical marks in electronic documents and maps.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Adjourn

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.