

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

DATE: September 7, 2022  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building  
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development  
235 S. Beretania Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order**

Mr. Cummins called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division) [remote]  
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning and Sustainable  
Development) [in-person]  
Niniau Kawaihae (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) [remote]  
Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa) [remote]  
Keith Gutierrez (Office of Hawaiian Affairs) [remote]

**ABSENT:** Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)  
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)

**GUESTS:** Jenny Runyon (USGS) [remote]

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for August 3, 2022**

**MOTION:** Ms. Kawaihae moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 2022; Ms. Oliveira seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the revised meeting minutes of August 3, 2022.*

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments**

Mr. Buto received an email inquiry from Mr. Peter Young about HBGN’s naming decision in 2012 adding “(Military Reservation)” to “Pōhakuloa Training Area.” It is listed in the GNIS as “Pōhakuloa Training Area.” Mr. Young attached his research into the name, including the HBGN decision and the GNIS entry. He also mentioned that the parenthetical phrase appears in a 1975 USGS topo map. He would like to know why and when the decision was made and by whom. The GIS Program staff are going through the files to review the 2012 minutes. Mr. Buto will forward the inquiry from Mr. Young following this meeting and will email the results of the review to the Board members.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements**

Mr. Buto announced that a training session about Robert's Rules of Order will be conducted by the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The training is virtual and free, and registration is open to the public. He will forward the email with a registration link to the Board members following this meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion and decision on selected place names on the Island of Hawai'i**

Mr. Cummins looked through the records in the Survey Office. Some maps of this particular area with the kīpuka; he found one labeled "Mamane Kīpuka" on RM 2388 but is in a slightly different location than is shown in the GNIS.

Ms. Kawaihae asked if the name on the spreadsheet "Kīpuka Major" is a typo; Mr. Buto confirmed that "Kīpuka Major" is the name of the feature in the GNIS. Ms. Runyon commented that the GNIS entry was added in 1981 during Phase I in which names were collected from the topo maps. The 2000 entry added the diacriticals to the spelling. She noted that if research shows that the name "Kīpuka Major" is not in common usage, it can be noted as "historical." Mr. Cummins will look at this area further for this feature.

Mr. Buto noted that there is another kīpuka in that area with the name "flipped" (like "Mamane Kīpuka") – "Waiio Kipuka" is the primary name, but "Kīpukawai'io" is listed as a variant name and has been concatenated and includes 'okina and kahakō in the spelling. Ms. Runyon noted that the topo maps linked to the GNIS are older ones and feature names may have been updated in the GNIS but are not updated on the map. Mr. Cummins added that many of the maps that he has show the names "flipped."

The Board began reviewing the rest of the names on the list.

[361295] **Kipuka Kepunoi**. The Board members present were unable to find out anything more about this name using the resources available to them. Mr. Cummins proposed that the Board continue the practice it adopted last month to concatenate the names following the HBGN Style Guide and add the kahakō over the "i" in kīpuka, but not add other 'okina or kahakō unless it is unambiguous, then mark these with a Status Code of "7," meaning "*HBGN partial correction, exhausted available reference and research resources.*"

The Board confirmed for Ms. Runyon that this code can be a trigger for the USGS staff to update the spelling of the feature name in the GNIS once the meeting minutes are approved. This is similar to the current practice of updating the GNIS for features with a Status Code "4," meaning "*HBGN Corrected*" [i.e., spelling correction only].

**MOTION:** Ms. Kawaihae moved that the names on the current list be concatenated, with the exception of Kīpuka Major for which Mr. Cummins will do further research and add

the kahakō for “Kīpuka” where it is missing and for “Māmane.” Ms. Oliveira seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to concatenate the names on the current list, with the exception of Kīpuka Major, and add the kahakō for “Kīpuka” where it is missing and for “Māmane.”*

*Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected; 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change; 7 = HBGN partial correction, exhausted available references and research resources*

Stat	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
7	361295	Kipuka Kepunoi	Area	Kīpukakepunoi	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 09-07-2022	Kahuku Ranch
7	361297	Kipuka Koheleha	Area	Kīpukakoheleha	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 09-07-2022	Kahuku Ranch
7	361301	Kipuka Maheo	Lava	Kīpukamaheo	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 09-07-2022	Kahuku Ranch
3	361302	Kīpuka Major	Area			PNH: not listed	Puulehua
7	361303	Kipuka Mali	Lava	Kīpukamali	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 09-07-2022	Kalae
7	361305	Kipuka Mamane	Lava	Kīpukamāmane	HBGN	PNH: not listed; Kelo Awong: lots of māmane trees in the area; will bring it to attention of Kupuna group, 2-14-18; HBGN: added kahakō to “māmane;” concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 09-07-2022	Kahuku Ranch
7	361306	Kipuka Mamani	Area	Kīpukamamani	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 09-07-2022	Puulehua
7	361307	Kipuka Mana o Ka Lili	Lava	Kīpukamanaokalili	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 09-07-2022	Kahuku Ranch

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Ms. Kawaihae moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Buto seconded the motion.

Ms. Kawaihae thanked Mr. Cummins for chairing the meeting.

Mr. Buto added that Dr. Smith should be available for the October meeting, so the discussion of Lō‘ihi Seamount / Kama‘ehuakanaloa will be added back to the agenda.

Ms. Runyon congratulated Ms. Kawaihae on her appointment to the Federal Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names. Ms. Kawaihae and former HBGN member, Kamana‘o Mills were appointed by Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland last month.

Ms. Runyon also noted that next week is the annual conference of the Council of Geographic Names Authorities (CoGNA). This year the conference is being held in Maryland, but there is a virtual component as well. Mr. Buto will forward information about the conference to Board members after this meeting.

*The members present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.*

Mr. Cummins adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.