

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

DATE: December 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 2:05 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division) [remote]  
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources) [in-person]  
Niniau Kawaihae (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) [remote]  
Scott Glenn (Office of Planning and Sustainable Development) [remote]

**ABSENT:** Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)  
Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)  
Keith Gutierrez (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)

**GUESTS:** Jenny Runyon (USGS) [remote]  
Arthur Buto (Office of Planning and Sustainable Development) [in-person]

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Kawaihae moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2022;  
Mr. Glenn seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the revised meeting minutes of November 2, 2022.*

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments**

Mr. Buto shared an email inquiry from Mr. Evan Miyaki, Jr., who asked if the HBGN had authority over town names. HBGN does not have jurisdiction over town names. Mr. Miyaki also asked about the relationship between the HBGN and the US BGN. Mr. Buto related to him that HBGN's decisions are forwarded to the US BGN for its consideration and review. If US BGN approves the decisions, they are entered into the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). All federal agencies are required to use the primary names listed in the GNIS on maps, signage, and other documents. If US BGN does not approve and

has questions or concerns, it will send the name back to HBGN for clarification or reconsideration.

Mr. Buto also shared an email from Ms. Runyon about the US BGN Quarterly Review List. The web page listed in the email includes a link to the US BGN’s latest Action List. The Action List includes approvals for ten names from Hawai‘i for which the HBGN made decisions at its May 4, 2021, meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements**

Mr. Scott Glenn introduced himself. He is the incoming Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) and as such is the newest member of the HBGN. Mr. Glenn served most recently as the Chief Energy Officer in the State Energy Office, and prior to that was the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) in the Department of Health.

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

[361665] Lae Mamo. Mr. Cummins found “Lae Mamo” on two registered maps (RMs), RM 1796 and RM 1445. It is spelled as two words with no diacriticals.

[361647] Lae o Humuhumu. Mr. Cummins found “Lae o Humuhumu” and “Lae Humuhumu” in RM 2469 and RM 1677, respectively.

[361646] Lae o Ahole. Ms. McEldowey found a reference to this area in *Catalog of Hawai‘i Place Names* (HPN) [Lloyd J. Soehren]. Soehren describes the Ahole heiau, “Lae o Ahole,” Ahole Stream, and the ‘ili of Ahole.

Board members present did not find any information about the remaining names on the list.

*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 reference and research resources*

Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
5	361665	Lae Mamo	Cape		HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: RM 1796 and RM 1445 feature is labeled as two words, 12-07-2022	Honaunau
5	361646	Lae o Ahole	Cape		HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: HPN: listed as "Lae o Ahole" in the ahupua‘a of Kapua; lexicology shows "lae o āhole;" Bishop Estate Map No. 2525; near a heiau; the whole areas was referred to as Ahole, south of Miloli‘i; ca. 1930 John Reinecke described the area and nearby sites, 12-07-2022	Milolii

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7	361666	Lae o Hiiaka	Cape			PNH: not listed Bobby Camara: should be Lae o Hi'iaka; no promontory there; HBGN: more research needed, 1-11-17; HBGN: more research needed; exhausted available reference and research, 12-07-2022	Anaahoomalu
5	361647	Lae o Humuhumu	Cape		HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: RM 2469 ("Lae o Humuhumu") and RM 1677 ("Lae Humuhumu"), 12-07-2022	Milolii
7	361669	Lae o Ili	Cape			PNH: not listed; HBGN: more research needed; exhausted available reference and research, 12-07-2022	Puu Hinai
7	361652	Lae o Kamimi	Cape			PNH: not listed; HBGN: more research needed; exhausted available reference and research, 12-07-2022	Milolii
7	361670	Lae o Panipou	Cape			PNH: not listed; UHP: Laeopanipou, uncertain p & m; HBGN: more research needed; exhausted available reference and research, 12-07-2022	Puu Hinai
7	361671	Lae o Puili	Cape			PNH: not listed; HBGN: more research needed; exhausted available reference and research, 12-07-2022	Anaahoomalu

#### AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn

**MOTION:** Ms. Kawaihae moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Ms. McEldowney.

Mr. Cummins confirmed that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 4th. Mr. Buto will poll the members before the meeting; if there are at least six members present, discussion and decision making on Lō'ihī / Kama'ehuakanaloa will be on the agenda.

*The members present voted unanimously to adjourn.*

Mr. Cummins adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.