

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

DATE: April 9, 2025
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
235 S. Beretania Street, 6th Floor Conference Room
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

[0:00:00] **AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order**

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum) [remote]
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources) [in-person]
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning and Sustainable
Development) [in-person]
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division) [remote]

ABSENT: Lilliane Makaila (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa)
Hailama Farden (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)

GUESTS: Kimber Collins (KITV)

[0:0:40]
AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2025

[0:01:08]
MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to accept the minutes of March 12, 2025. Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

[0:01:27]
The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2025.

[0:01:35]
AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

No public comments were received.

[0:01:48]
AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

There were no announcements.

[0:02:10]

AGENDA ITEM 5: Review and Finalize Outreach Materials Related to Proposed Name Change from “Island of Hawai‘i” to “Hawai‘i.”

Mr. Buto made some non-substantive changes to the document that Mr. Cummins provided in December; adding clarifying language and rearranging items.

Mr. Cummings was unsure if the characterization of the meeting at which the name of “**Island of Hawai‘i**” was raised was accurate and if the narrative is incomplete or too weak.

Collectively, members revised the language in the document to strengthen language inviting participation in the discussion and providing input.

“...Therefore, HBGN is reaching out now to invite the community to submit testimony and comments or provide more information about the proposed name change. The Board also invites you to bring your questions and concerns regarding the Hawai‘i Board on Geographic Names, its authority and its mission to its June 2025 meeting. For more information about the Board, visit our website (<https://planning.hawaii.gov/gis/hbgn>) or see the information provided below.

We look forward to a meaningful and respectful discussion on this important topic.

[0:23:10]

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to accept the revised document prepared for the June 2025 meeting. Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

[0:23:33]

The members present voted unanimously to accept the revised document prepared for the June 2025 meeting.

Mr. Buto will send the documents to the Board members to disseminate among their respective networks.

[0:24:30]

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn

[0:24:34]

MOTION. Mr. Buto moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

[0:24:43]

The members present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.