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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating the Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board.

I. Background and Purpose

The Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board (Board) will assist and cooperate with the United States Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) by evaluating all proposals concerning name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State of Colorado (State) and then making official recommendations to the Governor. The USBGN has final approval authority for place naming for federal maps and products.

The purpose of the Board is to help review and vet proposals for geographic and place name changes and new names for the entire State. Accordingly, it is important that the members of the Board are familiar with and represent different constituencies across the State.

II. Mission and Scope

- A. The Board's mission shall be to evaluate proposals and applications concerning name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State and make recommendations in a timely manner to the Governor.
- B. The Board may periodically recommend guidelines or processes to ensure an efficient review process to make recommendations to the Governor.

III. Membership

The Board shall consist of up to fifteen (15) governor appointed representatives, and may include, but is not limited to the following:

- A. Representatives appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor as follows:
 - i. The Executive Director of History Colorado or his or her designee;

- ii. Three representatives from the Colorado General Assembly, two of which must represent each of the major political parties;
 - iii. Two representatives of local governments;
 - iv. One representative from the Colorado Commission for Indian Affairs;
 - v. One representative from the Center of the American West;
 - vi. One representative from the Colorado Geological Survey;
 - vii. One representative from the tourism and outdoor recreation industry;
 - viii. Two representatives who have a background in race or ethnic studies or who are from an institution of cultural learning that focuses on traditionally underrepresented or displaced communities; and
 - ix. The Governor may, at his discretion, appoint additional Board representatives.
- B. The Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee.
- C. The Executive Director of the Department of Local Affairs or his or her designee.
- D. The Director of the Colorado Tourism Office or his or her designee.
- E. Initial appointments to the Board shall be for two-year or four-year terms, and thereafter members shall serve four-year terms. In the event of a mid-term vacancy, the appointment shall be for the remainder of that representative's unexpired term.

IV. Powers and Duties

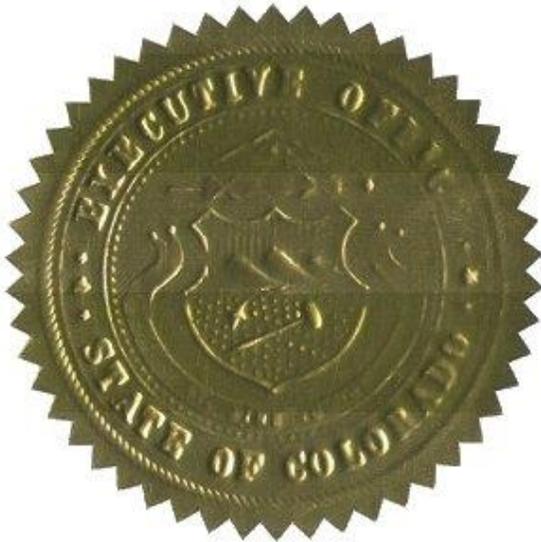
- A. The Board may review applications and provide advisory recommendations to the Governor for name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State.
- B. The Board shall not be required to review, process, or respond to all requests for name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State, unless specifically directed by the Governor.
- C. The Board shall meet as necessary as the Governor deems appropriate.
- D. The Board shall establish internal policies and procedures it deems appropriate for conducting its meetings and for providing recommendations to the Governor.

V. Staffing and Resources

The Board is established within the Department of Natural Resources, with staff assistance to be provided by the Office of the Governor and the Department of Local Affairs as needed.

VI. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, second
day of July, 2020

Jared Polis
Governor