

**19th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 31, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.
Recessed and reconvened on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
Via Zoom (see link below)
Sinapalo Elementary School Library
Sinapalo, Rota**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present:

Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong
Anthony Dela Cruz Barcinas
Antonio L. Borja
Andrew L. Orsini
Maisie B. Tenorio
Dora B. Miura
Vinnie Juan Q. Sablan

Members absent:

Ronald E. Snyder (Virtual/Out of CNMI)

Seven (7) members were present, and a quorum was established.

BOE/PSS Staff Present:

Lawrence F. Camacho – Commissioner of Education (COE)
Eric Magofna – Associate Commissioner of Administrative Services (ACAS)
Michael Ernest, Esq. – Legal Counsel
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel (*Virtual*)
Rizalina Liwag – Senior Director of Office of Curriculum & Instruction (OCI)
Arlene Lizama – Director of Finance (DOF)
Jacqueline Che – Federal Programs Officer (FPO)
Lucretia Deleon Guerrero — Director of Human Resource Office (HRO)
Lorraine Catienza – Director of Instructional Technology & Distance Education (ITDE)
Donna Flores – Director of Special Education Program (SPED)
Natalie Mill-Beyer – Marianas High School Librarian
Maria Ornes – Kagman High School Librarian
Robert Coldeen III – Coordinator of the School Attendance Review Committee (SARC)
Elohn Deleon Guerrero – Certification & Licensure Officer (CLO)

Jocelyn Saures – Administrative Assistant, Board of Education (BOE)

Mary-Jo Camacho – Administrative Specialist, Board of Education (BOE)

Others present via Zoom:

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DJCM	yong	Dominic Pangelinan
Jackies iPhone	MM	Asap Ogumoro
Christine Joy Cabang	Victorino Borja	FC
MCT	Derwin Johnson	C
Glenn	Ilyssa Mae Geronimo	DGM
Naomi Nishimura	Mar	EI Office
J Villagomez	Preston Basa	H. Stole
Ben Jr.	F. Camacho	iphone
Asakai	ED	iPhone
PSS AD, Nick Gross	Mendiola	JQ
James Sablan	Madel Janine Manaya	J Villagomez
OQuitugua	ML	J Taylor
Chelsea	Robin	K
USER	Iphone 12(2)	Kim chee hoo
Michelle Taisacan	Zoomy McZoom	Kyle Menter
Cherlyn Cabrera Osung	Jr's iPhone	LH
Iphone 13 pro max	JQ	Librarians
Tony	Elia Santos	Mariaamog
Special	Citizen	Me
Robin Palacios	C	ML
PSS	Guest	MM
Jace Pineda	Lathania Angui	MW
APS	943765	Ronna Eriich
Trini	Denise King	Tanya Vila
T Bascon	FD	Victoria
JSA	Tiberius Mocanu	Justise Quitugua
Jasylene Parico	RHI	Alisa Pangelinan
Reanna	Melisha San Nicolas	SNorita
iPhone	Ferdy	Ignacia Demapan
Parent	BOE I.A.	Governor's Special Advisor
Jonathan Aguon	Yvonne Pangelinan	Tammy
VQ	Randee-Jo	Fasefulu Tigilau
Iphone	Denicia Dela Cruz	Jeannifer Cubangbang
Riya	Monica Pua	KB
Sky	Jesse Tenorio	Iphone (80)

Guest 13
Iphone
John
P.Coleman

D Roberts
Ron Snyder
GRACE NAPUTI
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Tyler Palacios
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iPhone

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Tiberius Mocanu
PSS
CNMI SLDS TECH
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Dale Roberts
Robin
Guest
Mercedes Deleon Guerrero
Justise Quitugua
Karen
Ms. DLG
Jerry Diaz
SNoria
Zoom user
Jackie's iphone
Me
Rayleen Cabrera
Iphone
Jenny
ADMIN
Citizen
Ferdy Ngirmekur
Maranda Smith
Jasylene Parico
Annette Pladevega Sablan
James Sablan
Guests
Mar
Jennifer Villagomez
Tanya Vila
Nick Brennfleck

Lathania
943765
Dave Wickstrom
Jaclyn Quitugua
Melisha San Nicolas
Ronna Eriich
Derwin Johnson
Denicia DLC
ARE-Ruth
Maria Cruzat
OQuitugua
Glenn
CNMI PSS
Joann
Elizabeth Aguon
PSS AD, Nick Gross
Trini
iPhone (14)
Chelsea
Femie Rey
D DLC (IT&DE)
RC
Kimberly Oxaes
Shawn San Nicolas
Cathy
Jesse Tenorio
Dominic Pangelinan
SKY
Preston Basa
Naomi Nishimura
JQ

BOE IA
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Nadia B. Pua
KSPN2
DGM
iphone
Governor's Special Advisor
Michelle Taisacan
Victoria
Heather Stole
Jill Pladevega
SSN
Master
Fasefulu Tigilau
Renea SNOU
Alisa Pangelinan
FC
EI Office
L
Christina Babauta
Christine Joy Cabang
NN
USER
GTC
Miss Leora
JMB
Eden Mercado
Justise Quitugua

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Andrew Orsini motioned to adopt the agenda with the following amendments in regards to the order of business: adopt minutes, receive all public comments, bypass reports, move New Business Item 11 to New Business Item 1, move New Business Items 5 and 6 to New Business Items 11 and 12, recess the Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. in courtesy of the Rota delegation's town hall meeting, and resume the meeting at a later date in Saipan. Secretary/Treasurer Antonio Borja seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor. The motion carried, and the agenda was adopted as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ACTION NO. 001:

Member Orsini motioned to adopt the meeting minutes of the December 13, 2024 Special Board Meeting and the January 13, 2025 Regular Inaugural Meeting. Vice-Chairman Anthony Barcinas seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the December 13, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes and the January 13, 2025 Regular Inaugural Meeting Minutes were adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Secretary/Treasurer Borja mentioned there was a public comment sent via email by Anthony Frank. Chairman Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong acknowledged the email and noted that it is a personnel issue that will be further discussed in executive session. Member Orsini stated for the record that the subject of Mr. Frank's public comment is the absence of short and long term disability coverage.

Kagman High School Librarian Maria Ornes gave a verbal public comment on the proposed district wide rotation of principals. Member Maisie Tenorio requested that Ms. Ornes submit her comment via email for written and official record.

Teacher Representative Dr. Dora Miura read a letter on behalf of a formerly non-renewed employee who wished to remain anonymous.

Chairman Ogumoro-Uludong inquired about the public comment that the Fiscal, Personnel, and Administration (FPA) Committee received at their meeting on March 18, 2025. Member Orsini referred the respective public comment to executive session for further briefing, requesting that it be a confidential discussion.

Chairman Ogumoro-Uludong further inquired about another public comment that the FPA Committee received and asked Teacher Representative Dr. Miura to read it out. Dr. Miura stated that the public comment is from "Biba Marianas" and the subject of the comment is the shuffle of school principals.

Michelle Taisacan, who was attending the meeting virtually through Zoom, requested that public comments be moved towards the end of the agenda. She also commented that they should not make any changes to the current spring break schedule for the Public School System (PSS).

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 002:

Member Orsini motioned to form an Ad Hoc Committee on behalf of the Board for Federal Grants. Two (2) members voted in favor, and three (3) members voted against it. With the majority voting against it, the motion declined.

ACTION NO. 003:

Member Tenorio motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Draft Budget Proposal to be submitted to the CNMI Legislature by April 1, 2025, and to keep the item on the agenda for a final vote when the Board reconvenes from recess. Secretary/Treasurer Borja seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to recess the Regular Board Meeting until April 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting recessed at 4:51 p.m. on March 31, 2025.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECONVENING – April 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on April 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. The roll call determined a quorum with five (5) voting members present, and two (2) non-voting members present for a total of seven (7) present members. Non-Public School Representative Ronald Snyder was excused.

ACTION NO. 004:

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to approve the AI Responsible Use Policy Proposal. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. All (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 005:

Member Orsini motioned to approve the Standard Operating Procedures as Board Policy in Resolution formatting. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 006:

Member Orsini motioned to ratify the 2025 Career and Technical Education Month Proclamation, the 2024 CNMI School Counseling Week Proclamation, the 2025 Pupil Transportation Week Proclamation, and the 2025 School Library Month Proclamation and to

approve the 2025 Servicemembers' Appreciation Week Proclamation. Secretary/Treasurer Borja seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 007:

Secretary/Treasurer motioned to waive the make-up day due to school closure from the typhoon on November 13, 2024. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. Four (4) members voted in favor, and one (1) member voted against it. With the majority voting in favor, the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 008:

Member Orsini motioned to approve Option 1 of the SY 2025-2026 K-12 Calendar. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 009:

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to approve the SY 2025-2026 Early Intervention Calendar. Member Orsini seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 010:

Member Orsini motioned to approve the land designation request to the Department of Public Lands for the properties on Francisco M. Sablan Middle School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, and Marianas High School. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 011:

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to approve CLO Report No. 2015-19-01. Member Orsini seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 012:

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to acknowledge the Special Education Program's Part B Grant Application. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 013:

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to acknowledge the Early Intervention Program's Part C Grant Application. Member Orsini seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Tenorio motioned to descend into Executive Session. Secretary/Treasurer Borja seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting descended into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to ascend from Executive Session. Member Orsini seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting returned to plenary session at 7:49 p.m.

Legal Counsel Michael Ernest stated that the content of Executive Session included discussions on grievances and legal updates, all of which were appropriate for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:



Antonio L. Borja
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

10/15/2025

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong
BOE Chair

11/10/25

Date

¹ These Minutes were adopted at the October 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.