

**19th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Friday, May 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Recessed and reconvened on Wednesday May 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Recessed and reconvened on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

**Board of Education Conference Room
Building No. 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Members present:

Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong
Anthony Dela Cruz Barcinas
Antonio L. Borja
Andrew L. Orsini
Maisie B. Tenorio

Members absent:

Ronald E. Snyder
Dora B. Miura
Vinnie Juan Q. Sablan

Five (5) members were present, and a quorum was established.

BOE/PSS Staff Present:

Lawrence F. Camacho – Commissioner of Education (COE)
Michael Ernest – Legal Counsel
Tiberius Mocanu – Legal Counsel (Virtual)
Rizalina Liwag – Senior Director of Accountability, Research and Evaluation (ARE)
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)
Jesse Tenorio – Director of State Infrastructure and Technology (SIT)
Liela Yumul – Director of Family Engagement & Community Involvement (FECI)
Randee-Jo Barcinas-Manglona – Communications and Media Manager
Jolene Muna – Internal Auditor (IA)
Elohn Deleon Guerrero – Certification & Licensure Officer (CLO)
Valerie Malwelbug – Office Manager, Board of Education (BOE)

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

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

Others present:

Governor Arnold I. Palacios

Senator Ronnie Calvo

Representative Roman Benavente

Herman T. Guerrero

Others present via Zoom:

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Mary-Jo Camacho	BOE IA	Liela Yumul
C	HS/EHS	iPhone
LM	Marvin Tamangided	Tiberius Mocanu
Victorino Borja	JTaylor	Ferdy Ngirmekur
AG	Karen	Jaclyn Quitugua
user	Jucy Alcaraz	iphone
Norman	E	RLP
H. Stole	Guest	RP
Claire Cecilia Peralta Borja	Tanya Cruz	TBN
CNMIPSS	Ben Jr.	August Loste
RC	Femie Rey	Rita
Norita	BOE CLO	Jocelyn Saures
Justise Quitugua	Paulette Tomokane	KO
Cherlyn Osung	EI Office	Jackie's iPhone
Johnny Sam	PSS AD, Nick Gross	CNMI PSS
louconnie.manglona	Annette Calvo	iPhone h.Taylor
Mrs. Borja	Monica	Shawn San Nicolas
yong	Kimberly Oxaes	Glenn
Chasmyn	b	Art
PT	Ben Seman	GTC
Derwin Johnson	Fasefulu Tigilau	Nenne Villagomez
D Roberts	cnmipss	Lyzabdra Borja
L	Alisa Ann Pangelinan	MA
Robin Palacios	iPhone (38)	

May 7, 2025:

C	iphone	Liela Yumul
Robin Palacios	RJ	Claudia
Ronna E	Mariama Nakazato	GRINA MIZUTANI

user	JROTC	JTAYLOR
Jeaniffer Cubangbang	TMS	osiniromolo
Donna Flores	KR	Tanya Cruz
Jesse Tenorio	EOM	yong
JV	Tanya Vila	

May 12, 2025:

FD	ME	PSS
Toram's iPhone	Vice Chair	Tiberius Mocanu
Nerine Villagomez	PSS	Jackie's iPhone
Dominic Pangelinan	BOE IA	Seman
MC	Ben Jr.	TMS
Victorino Borja	RJ	LCYumul

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Andrew Orsini motioned to adopt the agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Antonio Borja seconded the motion. All five (5) Members voted in favor, and the agenda was adopted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Herman T. Guerrero gave a public comment regarding Unfinished Business Item 2 and New Business Items 5 and 10 on the agenda.

The Honorable Governor Arnold I. Palacios gave a public comment regarding New Business Item 10 "Litigation on Article XV section 1(e), the CNMI Constitution." Present with Governor Palacios was Senator Ronnie Calvo and Representative Roman Benavente.

Member Orsini motioned for a short recess. Vice-Chairman Anthony Barcinas seconded the motion. All five (5) Members voted in favor. The meeting recessed at 11:17 a.m. and resumed at 11:35 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 001:

Member Orsini motioned to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start Continuation Grant Application Packet. Member Maisie Tenorio seconded the motion. All five (5) Members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 002:

Member Orsini motioned to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start Criminal Background Check Policy. Secretary/Treasurer Borja seconded the motion. All five (5) Members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 003:

Member Orsini motioned to formalize a basic Resolution with the Gyeonggido Office of Education (GOE) in Korea and the CNMI State Board of Education Vice-Chairman Bacinas seconded the motion. All five (5) Members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 004:

Member Orsini motioned to approve the CLO Report No. 2025-19-02. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion. All five (5) Members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Member Orsini motioned to recess for lunch at 12:42 p.m. and return for Executive Session. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. All five (5) Members voted in favor, and the motion carried. The Meeting recessed at 12:42 p.m. for lunch and resumed with Executive Session at 1:30 p.m.

Member Orsini motioned to recess the Executive Session until May 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Secretary/Treasurer seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting was recessed at 3:59 p.m. on May 2, 2025.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING RECONVENING – May 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on May 7, 2025, at 1:34 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. Student Representative Vinnie Juan Sablan was excused.

Member Orsini motioned to descend into Executive Session. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting descended into Executive Session at 1:42 p.m.

Member Tenorio motioned to rise out of Executive Session. Secretary/Treasurer Borja seconded the motion. The meeting returned to plenary session at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to recess the meeting until May 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the meeting recessed at 7:21 p.m. on May 7, 2025.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING RECONVENING – May 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on May 12, 2025, at 2:36 p.m. The roll call determined a quorum with all seven (7) members present.

Member Orsini motioned to descend into Executive Session. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting descended into Executive Session for about one (1) hour at 2:38 p.m.

Member Orsini motioned to ascend from Executive Session. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. Four (4) members voted in favor, and the meeting returned to plenary session at 4:07 p.m.

Legal Counsel Tiberius Mocanu summarized the contents of the Executive Session which included discussions on the litigation on Article XV § 1(e) of the CNMI Constitution, personnel and procurement matters, the rotation of School Principals, and BOE legal representation.

ACTION NO. 005:

Member Orsini motioned to elevate the position of Legal Counsel to the Board of Education. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion. Three (3) members voted in favor, and one (1) member voted against it. The motion carried.

ACTION NO. 006:

Member Orsini motioned to approve the Resolution drafted by Legal Counsel Mocanu regarding the “Non-Renewal Without Cause” Employment Contract Clause. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion. Four (4) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 007:

Member Orsini motioned to approve the Resolution between the Gyeonggido Office of Education and the CNMI State Board of Education. Member Tenorio seconded the motion. Four (4) members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

At 4:40 p.m., there was no longer a quorum. The meeting ended at 4:46 p.m.¹

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

CERTIFIED BY:



Antonio L. Borja
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

10/15/2025

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong
BOE Chair

11/10/25

Date