

**18TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
Tinian Jr. Sr. High School Cafeteria
Tinian, Jr. Sr. High School, Tinian MP
Via Zoom (see link below)**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)
Antonio L. Borja
Gregory P. Borja
Dora B. Miura
Andrew L. Orsini
Maisie B. Tenorio
Ronald E. Snyder

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

PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D. – Commissioner of Education
Eric Magofna – Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)
Donna Flores – Special Education Program, Director
Lorraine Catienza – Instructional Technology, Distance Education (ITDE), Director
Jolene Sablan – Head Start/Early Head Start Program, Acting Director
Liela Yumul – Family Engagement & Community Involvement, Coordinator
Arlene Lizama – Finance Director
Lucretia Deleon Guerrero- Human Resources Office (HRO) Director
Randee-Jo Barcinas-Manglona – Communication Specialist
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel, BOE
Michael Ernest, Esq. – Legal Counsel, PSS
Jesse Tenorio – State Infrastructure Technology (SIT), Director
Ferdinand Ngirmekur – Network Specialist, SIT
Nikita P. Robert – Administrative Specialist, BOE
Jocelyn M. Saures – Administrative Assistant, BOE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Dora Miura moved to table under V. New Business No. 16. Teacher Representative as a voting member.

Secretary/Treasurer Gregory Borja moved to take under V. New Business No. 12 Update on ARPA Spending Plan for discussion in Executive Session and table No. 13 Fiscal Cliff Discussion.

Member Andrew Orsini moved to take up V. New Business No. 2 Extension of Interim Positions for discussion in Executive Session and table No. 11 Gender Neutral Restroom Policy as a case has been filed in the U.S. Supreme Court; move No. 18 Certification & Licensure Matters to No. 19, insert Bilingual matters as No. 18, recess for Executive Session, and resume at 2:00 p.m. on Saipan at the BOE Conference Room. Vice Chairman SGM Herman Atalig seconded, all (5) members voted yes, motion carried. The agenda was adopted as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Member Orsini moved to adopt as a whole the minutes listed from a to d. The Minutes of November 18, 2022 and March 23, 2023 Regular Board meetings, April 21, 2023 Special Board meeting, and May 31, 2023 Emergency Board meetings were adopted as Final.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lucia Blanco-Maratita commented that under New Business No. 1. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Regulations, it was not specific to regulations (number) so there is no way the public may be availed public comment. Counsel Michael Ernest mentioned it was something that was already passed and published in the May 31, 2023 Commonwealth Register.

REPORTS

Chairman Borja reported on the events he attended and documents he signed. His report was emailed to all members as well.

Commissioner Alfred B. Ada (Commissioner Ada) read his report and stated that Federal Programs Office (FPO) Director Jacque Che will report on the Federal Funds Status and Director of Finance (DoF) Arlene Lizama will report on the Local Funds Status. All reports were emailed to the Board for their information and review prior to the meeting.

The Head Start Program (HSP) Report was tabled to be shared under V. New Business No. 3 Head Start/Early Head Start a. One-Time T/TA Supplemental Grant Application-HI/OP Institute 2024.

The Chairpersons of the CIP (SGM Atalig), FPA (Gregory Borja), ISA (Orsini), LIA (Dr. Miura), and SICPP (Member Maisie Tenorio) shared their committee reports. SARC Coordinator Robert L. Coldeen III had nothing to report at the time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Regulations was tabled.

ACTION NO. 001

Member Orsini moved to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start a. One-Time T/TA Supplemental Grant Application-HI/OP Institute 2024; Member Tenorio seconded. Four (4) members (SGM Atalig, Gregory Borja, Orsini, Tenorio) voted yes; one (1) member (Antonio Borja) recused himself, the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 002

Member Orsini moved to approve the Rota OPT Bus Facility; Vice Chairman SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 003

Member Orsini moved to approve the Tinian OPT Bus Facility; Vice Chairman SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 004

Member Orsini moved to approve the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School Maintenance Work Station; Vice Chairman SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 005

Vice Chairman SGM Atalig moved to approve Changing Tinian Jr./Sr. High School to Tinian Middle School and Tinian High School; Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 006

Member Orsini moved to approve the CLO Report Nos. 2023-18-04 and 2023-18-05; Vice Chairman SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 007

Member Orsini moved to recess at 3:26 p.m. and descend into executive session on Saipan at 2:00 p.m.; Member Tenorio seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

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The meeting descended to Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. at the BOE Conference Room, Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

Legal Counsel Tiberius Mocanu stated that things discussed in executive session were Personnel with updates from Counsels which were appropriate for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT- Member Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting, Secretary Tenorio seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:



Gregory P. Borja
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

8/16/2023

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Antonio L. Borja
BOE Chairperson

8/16/2023

Date

¹ This Minutes was Adopted at the December 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.