

**18th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan
Via Zoom (link below)**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Antonio L. Borja
Gregory P. Borja
Andrew L. Orsini
Maisie B. Tenorio
Dora B. Miura
Ronald E. Snyder

Members absent:

Jane Mozunder (excused)

Six (6) members were present, and a quorum was established.

PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Lawrence F. Camacho, EdD – Commissioner of Education
Eric Magofna – Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)
Jacqueline Che – Federal Programs Officer (FPO)
Arlene Lizama – Director of Finance
Lucretia Deleon Guerrero – Human Resources Office (HRO) Director
Jesse Pangelinan — Student & Support Services (Acting Director)
Lucille Deleon Guerrero – Special Education Program (Acting Director)
Jolene Sablan – Head Start/Early Head Start (Acting Director)
Lorraine Catienza – Instructional Technology and Distance Education (ITDE) Director
Rizalina Liwag – Office of Accountability, Research and Evaluation Senior Director
Jackie Quitugua – Office of Curriculum and Instructional Services Senior Director
Jesse Tenorio – State Infrastructure Technology (SIT) Director

Liela Yumul – Family Engagement & Community Involvement Program Director
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – BOE Legal Counsel
Michael Ernest, Esq. – PSS Legal Counsel
Ranee-Jo Manglona – Communications and Media Manager
Jolene Muna – Internal Auditor, BOE
Elohn Deleon Guerrero – Certification and Licensure Officer, BOE
Mary-Jo Camacho – Administrative Specialist, BOE
Jocelyn Saures – Administrative Assistant, BOE

Others Present via Zoom:

Justise Quitugua
KB
Ken To'omata
Kevin John De Torres
KD
Manny
Marian Tudela
Marvin
Monica Pua
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Shawn SN
Sheena Saures
Shirley Cepeda
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SSS
Tony A. Frank M.A
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Victoria
Derwin Johnson
Jaclyn Quitugua
Jaylene Parico
Master
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Lynette Villagomez
Michelle
Trini
Karen Manuel

Franvina
Nick Gross
MCC
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Joann
Frances
Melisa Mendez
Victorino Borja
Daok
Ms. Tudela_Da'ok
Shirley Cepeda
JTaylor
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D'Anna
Arlene
Preston Basa
Concepcion
LM
Fasefulu Tigilau
Ben Jr.
Olopai
Parent
Ruth
Kaydee
Asap Ogumoro
Alisa Pangelinan
APANO
Donna Flores
HI
KES
Liela Yumul
Melisha San Nicolas
Monica Pua
Refaluwash Community Member
RJ
Taya Vila
Tibi Mocanu

User
Melisha SN
Doc
KES
Amber Tudela
Chai
CNMI SLDS Tech
Denicia DLC
Elia Santos
Guests
Janessa
Esther
PSS
Mark McDonald
Elle
P Roberts
Martin
Rj
JT
ADMIN
Hello
Dominic Pangelinan
Nadia Benjamin Pua
Josiah Kyonka
Jane
YRP
Ruth
JT

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Orsini motioned to include Austerity Measures as Item 6 and move Certification & Licensure Matters to Item 7 under New Business. Member Antonio Borja seconded the motion. All four (4) members voted yes; the motion carried.

Member Orsini motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Member Antonio Borja seconded the motion. All four (4) members voted yes; the motion was carried. The agenda was adopted as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Member Antonio Borja motioned to adopt the minutes from 01/24/2024, 01/26/2024, 03/11/2024, and 07/24/2024. Member Gregory Borja seconded the motion. All four (4) members voted yes; the motion carried. The stated minutes were thereby adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Regarding the Public Comments previously received from Mr. Towai, Member Orsini recommended that the Commissioner's response be sent to him, and Member Antonio Borja agreed. Member Orsini recommended that the discussion of the Commissioner's responses to Mr. Towai's public comments be deferred to Executive Session, but Madam Chair Tenorio and Legal Counsel Mike Ernest stated that since the comments were made public that the responses should be discussed and published publicly as well. Member Gregory Borja motioned to table this discussion until Item 1 under New Business was reached in the agenda. Member Orsini seconded the motion. All four (4) members voted yes, the motion was carried, and the discussion was tabled.

REPORTS

1. **Chair's Report** – Madam Chair Tenorio stated that she does not currently have a written report but that it will be forthcoming.
2. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **CIP** – Chair Antonio Borja shared about the last meeting held on April 19, 2024.
 - b. **FPA** – Chair Gregory Borja shared about the last meeting held on July 12, 2024.
 - c. **ISA** – Chair Orsini shared about the last meeting that was held on August 6, 2024.
 - d. **LIA** – Chair Dr. Miura shared about the last meeting that was held on August 5, 2024.
 - e. **SICPP** – Chair Tenorio shared about the last meeting that was held on August 2, 2024.
 - f. **SARC** – None
 - g. **Internal Auditor** – Jolene Muna shared updates on her SOP reviews.
 - h. **Student Representative** – None
3. **Commissioner of Education**
 - a. Federal Programs Officer Jacque Che reported on Federal Funds. Finance Director Arlene Lizama reported on Local Funds. Director Lathania Angui reported on the Head Start/Early Head Start Program.
 - b. COE Camacho and ACAS Magofna reported on the Marianas High School and Hopwood Middle School repairs and opening plans.
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. None

5. New Business

- a. OCI Senior Director Jackie Quitugua, CCLHS Program Manager Monica Pua, and HR Director Lucretia Deleon Guerrero shared updates on the CCLHS Program.
- b. COE Camacho shared updates about the organizational chart and its functions, duties, and responsibilities.

ACTION NO. 001

Member Antonio Borja motioned to approve the expenditure of funds for the construction of the all-gender restrooms. Member Orsini seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 002

Member Orsini motioned to approve the Carolinian Proficiency Exam as presented to the six (6) individuals. Member Gregory Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 003

Member Gregory Borja motioned to approve the CLO Report No. 2024-18-05 as presented. Member Orsini seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; the motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Gregory Borja motioned to descend into Executive Session at 2:14 p.m.. All four (4) members voted yes; the motion carried.

The meeting resumed into a plenary session at 3:07 p.m. Legal Counsel Mike Ernest summarized that the topics discussed in the Executive Session were litigation and legal services matters.

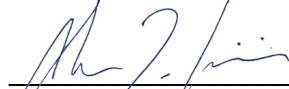
ACTION NO. 004

Member Gregory Borja motioned that the Board enter into a Sole Source agreement with Nutting Law Firm for a one-year contract, renewable up to two additional one-year terms, at an annual salary of \$85,000. Member Antonio Borja seconded the motion. All four (4) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Orsini motioned for adjournment. Member Antonio Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:




Andrew L. Orsini
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

11/07/2024

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Gregory P. Borja
BOE Chairperson

11/07/2024

Date

¹ This Minutes was adopted at the November 7, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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