

**18TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 13, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
Board of Education Conference Room
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan
Via Zoom (see link below)¹**

FINAL MINUTES

SWEARING-IN OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Chairman Antonio Borja administered the Oath of Office for Student Representative Ms. Jane Mozunder from Marianas High School (MHS). The U.S. and CNMI Anthems were sung by the MHS Rhythm & Harmony/Glee Club after the swearing-in. After a brief speech from the new Student Rep, photo opportunities were taken with the Board and Interim Commissioner of Education (ICOE).

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.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
Jane Nicole Mozunder

All eight (8) members were present, and a quorum was established.

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PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Donna M. Flores – Interim Commissioner of Education
Eric Magofna – Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)
Jackie Quitugua – Office of Curriculum & Instruction Senior Director
Rizalina Liwag – Office of Accountability, Research, and Evaluation Senior Director
Yvonne R. Pangelinan – Student Support Services Senior Director
Nora Fujihira – Acting Special Education Program Director
Lorraine Catienza – Instructional Technology, Distance Education (ITDE), Director
Lathania Angui – Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director
Liela Yumul – Family Engagement & Community Involvement Coordinator
Arlene Lizama – Finance Director
Lucretia Deleon Guerrero- Human Resources Office (HRO) Director
Ranee-Jo Barcinas-Manglona – Communication Specialist
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel, BOE
Michael Ernest, Esq. – Legal Counsel, PSS
Jesse Tenorio – State Infrastructure Technology (SIT), Director
Jocelyn M. Saures – Administrative Assistant, BOE
Delia S. Maratita – Administrative Officer, BOE
Jolene N. Muna – Internal Auditor, BOE
Robert L. Coldeen III – School Attendance Review Committee (SARC) Coordinator, BOE
Jessica H. Estrada – Certification & Licensure Officer, BOE
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Office Manager, BOE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Andrew Orsini moved to amend the agenda to include under Old Business updates on FEMA Funding, CTE, Da’ok, and HMS. Vice Chairman SGM Herman Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried. The agenda was adopted as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim Commissioner of Education Donna Flores introduced James Whitt from the Ernst & Young Auditors to present the closing of the FY 2022 Audit. Inquiries were answered and clarifications were made. Chairman Borja thanked Mr. Whitt as they exited the meeting after their presentation.

Secretary/Treasurer Gregory Borja shared that he was not aware that the FPA Committee should be meeting once a month.

Member Orsini welcome the new BOE Internal Auditor (IA), Ms. Jolene Muna, and requested that she be included in the next meeting and to submit a report. IA Muna gave a brief update to the Board as to what she started doing. She will submit a report at the next meeting as expected.

The deliberation of the Interview of the Commissioner of Education was conducted in Executive Session. It was announced that an offer would be sent to Dr. Lawrence Camacho.

ADJOURNMENT- Member Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting, and Secretary/Treasurer Borja seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.²

CERTIFIED BY:



Gregory P. Borja
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

12/11/2023

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Antonio L. Borja
BOE Chairperson

12/11/2023

Date

² This Minutes was Adopted at the December 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.