

**18th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan
Via Zoom (link below)**

FINAL MINUTES

SWEARING-IN OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Kagman High School Junior Vinnie Juan Q. Sablan was sworn in as Student Representative on the Board of Education for the School Year (SY) 2024-2025.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

ACTION NO. 001:

Member Antonio L. Borja nominated Secretary/Treasurer Gregory P. Borja to fill the vacant position of Board of Education (BOE) Chairperson. Vice-Chairwoman Maisie B. Tenorio seconded. Five (5) members voted yes, and Gregory Borja is now BOE Chairperson.

ACTION NO. 002:

Member Borja nominated Member Andrew L. Orsini to fill the vacant position of BOE Secretary/Treasurer. Member Daniel O. Quitugua seconded. Five (5) members voted yes, and Andrew Orsini is now BOE Secretary/Treasurer.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Antonio L. Borja	Daniel O. Quitugua
Gregory P. Borja	Vinnie Q. Sablan
Dora B. Miura (via Zoom)	Ronald E. Snyder
Andrew L. Orsini	Maisie B. Tenorio

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

PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Lawrence F. Camacho, EdD – Commissioner of Education (COE)
 Eric Magofna – Associate Commissioner of Administrative Services (ACAS)
 Jacqueline Che – Federal Programs Officer (FPO)
 Arlene Lizama – Director of Finance (DOF)
 Lucretia Deleon Guerrero – Director of Human Resources (HRO)
 Rizalina Liwag – Senior Director of Office of Accountability, Research, and Evaluation (ARE)
 Lorraine Catienza – Director of Instructional Services and Distance Education (ITDE)
 Lathania Angui – Director of Head Start/Early Head Start Program (HS/EHS)
 Donna Flores – Director of Special Education Program (SPED)
 Liela Yumul, M.Ed – Director of Family and Community Engagement Program (FECI)
 Rande-Jo Barcinas-Manglona, M.Ed – Communications and Media Program Manager
 Tahj Salas – Communications and Media Specialist
 Benjamin Jones, Jr. – Kagman High School Principal
 Michael Ernest, Esq. – PSS Legal Counsel
 Tiberius Monacu, Esq. – BOE Legal Counsel
 Robert L. Coldeen III – Coordinator for the School Attendance Review Committee (SARC)
 Jolene Muna, MHRM, CFE – Internal Auditor (IA)
 Elohn Deleon Guerrero – Certification and Licensure Officer (CLO)
 Valerie Malwelbug – BOE Office Manager
 Delia Maratita – BOE Admin Officer
 Jocelyn Saures – BOE Administrative Assistant
 Mary-Jo Camacho – BOE Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Vinnie Juan Sablan
 Roca Sablan
 Thomas Manglona

Others Present (via Zoom)

ARE Office	Nick Gross	BOE I.A.
Tatiana	Robert C.	CNMI PSS
Deb M.	Dianna	D Roberts
IT	FDM	Derwin Johnson
IPhone	Louconnie Manglona	DMiura
Jolene Sablan	Kimberly Duenas	Elohn’s AI Notetaker
Mark McDonald	Tanya Villa	FC
Rita	Joann	gtc
Elizabeth Romolor	Justise Quitugua	guests
A	Ben Seman	Heather Stole

Christine Joy Cabang
Nadia Pua
Mercedes DLG
KES
Kimberly Oxales
Monica Pua
Parent
read.ai meeting notes
Tibi Mocanu
TMO
USER
Victorino Borja
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Nerine Villagomez
Albert Camacho
Alisa Ann Pangelinan
Jaclyn Quitugua
Jessica Taylor
Jonathan

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Secretary/Treasurer Orsini motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Member Borja seconded the motion. Five (5) members voted yes, and the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ACTION NO. 003:

Member Quitugua motioned to adopt Items 4a through 4f under Preliminary Matters on the Agenda. Secretary/Treasurer Borja seconded the motion. Five (5) members voted yes, and the six (6) proposed Minutes were adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented at this meeting.

REPORTS

- 1. Chair's Report** – Vice-Chairwoman Tenorio shared that her report was sent via email and includes details about meetings attended and documents reviewed and signed during her Actingship
- 2. Committee Reports**
 - a. CIP** – Chair A. Borja shared about the last meeting held on August 27, 2024.
 - b. FPA** – Chair G. Borja shared about the last meeting held on September 30, 2024.
 - c. ISA** – Chair Orsini shared about the last meeting held on October 4, 2024.
 - d. LIA** – Chair Miura shared about the last meeting held on October 16, 2024.
 - e. SICPP** – None
 - f. SARC** – SARC Coordinator Coldeen shared about their last meeting held on September 24, 2024, and other updates from the committee.

4. **MRE PPA Analysis** – COE Camacho and Legal Counsel Mocanu gave an update and overview of the final draft of the Micronesian Renewable Energy (MRE) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).
5. **CUC Land Use Dandan Water Tank** – COE Camacho gave updates on his meeting with the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) and the Department of Public Lands (DPL).
6. **Marijuana Law**
ACTION NO. 007:
Secretary/Treasurer Orsini motioned to continue conducting pre-employment drug testing and seek exemption from PL 23-27. Member Borja seconded. Five (5) members voted yes, and the motion carried.
7. **Certification and Licensure Matters – CLO Reports No. 2024-18-06 and No. 2024-28-07**
ACTION NO. 008:
Secretary/Treasurer Orsini motioned to approve CLO Reports No. 2024-18-06 and No. 2024-18-07 as presented. Member Borja seconded. Five (5) members voted yes, and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairwoman Tenorio motioned to descend into Executive Session at 2:38 p.m. Member Borja seconded. Five (5) members voted yes, and the motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Orsini motioned to rise out of the Executive Session. Vice-Chairwoman Tenorio seconded. Five (5) members voted yes, and the meeting resumed into plenary session at 3:51 p.m.

Legal Counsel Ernest summarized legal updates concerning procurement matters and cases that are currently before the Court which were appropriate to discuss. He also reported that a personnel matter was discussed in his absence.

MISCELLANEOUS

Member Quitugua shared that he was recently approached regarding an incident at one of the Elementary schools.

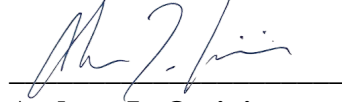
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Chairman Borja shared that the next Special Board Meeting will be held in December for the annual evaluation of the Commissioner. Vice-Chairwoman Tenorio shared that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary/Treasurer Orsini motioned for adjournment. Vice-Chairwoman Tenorio seconded. Five (5) members voted yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:



Andrew L. Orsini
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

12/13/2024

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Gregory P. Borja
BOE Chairperson

12/13/2024

Date

¹ These Minutes were adopted at the December 13, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

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