

**16<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
via google hangouts at [meet.google.com/eqz-cmio-aiz](https://meet.google.com/eqz-cmio-aiz)  
Board of Education Conference Room  
Building 1241, Capitol Hill**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)  
MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.  
Andrew L. Orsini  
Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIFA, RF  
Paul T. Miura  
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero

All seven (7) members present, a quorum was established.

**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**

Alfred B. Ada – Commissioner of Education  
Eric Magofna – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)  
George Palican- Acting Director of Finance  
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Office (FPO) Director  
Lucretia Borja – Human Resources Office (HRO) Director  
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer  
Edward Tenorio – PSS Financial Consultant  
Ferdinand Ngirmekur - IT

**Others Present (online):**

Ashley Roberto  
Bobby Cruz  
Brandon Nicholas  
Celina Biado

**Others Present (online):**

Chasmyn Santos  
Clarissa Masga  
Denise King  
Dominic Pangelinan  
Ellen Rayphand  
Emmanuel Erediano  
Frances Ulloa  
Jackie Quitugua  
Jacqueline Che  
Jillian Pladevega  
John Darag  
Jonas Barcinas  
Julie Curry  
Kevin Adachi  
Kimberly Camacho  
Kyle MAtero  
Leah Murphy  
Leslie Rodolfo  
Lynette Villagomez  
Lynn Mendiola  
Marian Tudela  
Marvin Tamangided  
Micah Page  
Naomi Nishimura  
Nick Gross  
Nora Fujihira (x2)  
Rob Harrell  
Robin Palacios  
Shawn San Nicholas  
Shirley Norita  
Walter Mendez  
Yvonallyn Salalila  
Ben Jr.  
Amy Bohman  
Bernice Fejeran  
Rizalina Liwag  
Lorna Mae Calvo-King  
Ericka Dela Rosa  
Lori Torres  
LovelyJoJo  
Uly  
Maria Takai  
Myrna Babauta

**Others Present (online):**

Evonne Cabrera  
Anthony Frank  
Amber Tudela  
Anna Yamada  
Frankie Camacho  
Glenn Smith  
James Sablan  
Maria Ornes  
Mark Staal  
Michelle Taisacan  
Stephen Woodruff  
Joaquin Kyoshi Jr.  
Derwin Johnson  
Elizabeth Aguon  
Jessica Taylor  
Vince Dela Cruz  
Nerine Villagomez  
Bibang Pangelinan  
James Sablan  
Elizabeth Aguon  
Dominica Tebuteb  
Juan Leon Guerrero  
Pedro Baquilles  
Fidelia Ruben  
Momoko Halstead

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Vice-Chair SGM Herman M. Atalig moved to adopt the agenda as amended to move V. New Business no. 1 FY2021 Budget to be discussed in Executive Session. Secretary/Treasurer Marylou S. Ada seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Due to world teacher's day, Member Miura recognized and expressed gratitude to Ms. Lynette Villagomez for her years of service in the PSS. Madam Secretary/Treasurer Ada expressed her gratitude to the late Ms. Suzanne Lizama.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***ACTION NO. 001***

Madam Secretary Ada moved to approve the revision to the SY 2020-2021 Calendar K-12 to change austerity Fridays to Mondays to align with the CNMI Government. Vice Chair SGM Atalig seconded. Two (2) members voted yes (Atalig, Long) and three (3) members voted no (Ada, Orsini, Tenorio), motion did not carry. Austerity remains on Fridays.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to descend into executive session at 12:04 p.m. Vice-Chair SGM Atalig seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried. The public was advised that the members will rejoin in open session at 1:30 p.m.


The public was informed that the members were still in executive session and will be back in open session at 2:30 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to rise out of executive session at 4:33 p.m., Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

The meeting resumed in open session at 4:34 p.m. Legal Counsel gave a summary of the executive session. Things discussed in executive session were regarding legal ramifications, personnel matter pending litigation and updates which were appropriate to discuss in the executive session.


**ADJOURNMENT-** Madam Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to adjourn the meeting, Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.  
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

11.18.2020  
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Date

**CONCURRED BY:**

  
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Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
BOE Chairperson

11.18.2020  
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Date

<sup>1</sup> This Minutes was adopted at the November 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.