

FINAL MINUTES  
11<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 22, 2009 9:00 a.m.  
BOE Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Bldg.,  
Capitol Hill, Saipan

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Chairwoman Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita  
Vice Chairman Herman T. Guerrero  
Ms. MaryLou S. Ada  
Ms. Tanya King  
Mr. Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero  
Ms. Francine R. Babauta

**Members Absent:**

Scott Norman

**There is a quorum.**

**PSS Staff Present:**

Dr. Rita A. Sablan – Commissioner of Education  
Mr. Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Coordinator  
Ms. Kathleen Keiko Yamagata – Head Start Director  
Ms. Suzanne Lizama – Acting Special Education Coordinator  
Ms. Jackie Quitugua – Assoc. Commissioner for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment  
Mr. George Palican – Federal Programs Monitor  
Karen Klaver, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Kelley Butcher, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Ms. Eli Odoshi – COE Administrative Officer

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – The agenda was adopted.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – The Minutes of October 30, 2008 RBOE Meeting was tabled.

**REPORTS**

- a. Chair – Chair Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita reported on her meeting with the Youth Advisory Panel; meeting with Senator Mendiola re: Tinian Transformer; meeting with NMC President and Board of Regents Chair on ADI, Tinian issue, student programs; discussed about Workforce Development; John Gonzales Show; Head

Start Community Assessment; JGO Committee Public Hearing on Juvenile Justice Act; Teacher Tea Event; USDOE Meeting in Washington, DC; meeting with Dan Nielsen re: HS, EMO, Schools and attended Educational Leadership Summit.

b. Board Committees

- i. CIA – Chair Tanya King said the committee met on December 9, 2009 and discussed transition from public to private, ASVAB testing (parental concerns); BOE Polic 2525 – in lieu of Chemistry, take physical sciences, Ms. Jackie Q. to collect data; Portfolio progress report; CNMI History Book Publication and revised Standards and Benchmarks;
- ii. CIP – No report
- iii. FPA– Chair Herman T. Guerrero stated the committee met on November 12, 2009 and January 20, 2009; discussions were on CDBG – GTC issue; update on budget issues/bills; praxis updates; stimulus bill; CUC billing, Troops-To-Teachers, retirement unfunded liability; Aquaculture SVES; ETC interest bearing; Travel Regulation 3430 10% rule; SpEd Pay Differential; Head Start Organizational Chart and Family Medical Leave Act.
- iv. Special Education & Early Intervention – No report
- v. LIA – Chair Blanco-Maratita stated committee reviewed comments for HB 16-135 and 16-178;
- vi. School Reform – Chair Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero said the committee discussed BOE Regulation 2601 and 2310 and discussed ways to increase parental involvement and scheduled next meeting in February.
- vii. Private Schools & Non-Public School Representative – No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***ACTION:*** Vice Chair Herman T. Guerrero moved to approve the 2009-2012 Americorps Grant Application; Member MaryLou S. Ada seconded, motion carried.

***ACTION:*** Vice Chair Guerrero moved to adopt the Revision/Update of CNMI History Book Publication; Member D. Tanya King seconded, motion carried.

***ACTION:*** Vice Chair Guerrero moved to approve the SPED Pay Differential Proposed Regulation; Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

***ACTION:*** Vice Chair Guerrero moved to adopt the Head Start Organizational Chart Amendment No. 6; Member King seconded, motion carried.

***ACTION:*** Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero moved for the approval of the 2008-2009 Head Start Community Assessment; Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Guerrero moved to adopt the State Performance Plans (SPP) and Annual Performance Reports (APR); Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

**ACTION:** Member Deleon Guerrero moved to approve the Comments re: HB 16-135; Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

**ACTION:** Member Deleon Guerrero moved to approve the Comments re: HB 16-178; Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Guerrero moved to approve the FMLA Changes; Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

**ACTION:** Member Deleon Guerrero moved to nominate Member Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita as Board Chairperson for 2009; Member Ada seconded, All members voted yes, motion carried.

**ACTION:** Member Deleon Guerrero moved to nominate Member Herman T. Guerrero as Board Vice Chairperson for 2009; Member Ada seconded, All members voted yes, motion carried.

**ACTION:** Member Deleon Guerrero moved to nominate Member MaryLou S. Ada as Board Secretary/Treasurer for 2009; Vice Chair Guerrero seconded, All members voted yes, motion carried.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Chairwoman Blanco-Maratita appointed the following Chairs for assigned committees:

- i. FPA – Herman T. Guerrero<sup>1</sup>
  1. Tanya King
  2. MaryLou S. Ada
- ii. CIA – Tanya King
  1. Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero
  2. Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita
- iii. LIA – Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita
  1. MaryLou S. Ada
  2. Herman T. Guerrero
- iv. CIP – MaryLou S. Ada
  1. Herman T. Guerrero
  2. Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita
- v. SpEd & Early Intervention – Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero
  1. Tanya King
  2. MaryLou S. Ada
- vi. School Reform – Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero
  1. Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita

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<sup>1</sup> The Members of the FPA Committee was subsequently changed via Memo dated January 22, 2009 for Member Tanya King to be replaced by Chair Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita.

2. Francine R. Babauta
  3. Tanya King
- vii. Head Start Policy Council – Tanya King

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Member Ada moved to go into executive session; Vice Chair Guerrero seconded, motion carried.

Legal Counsel Karen Klaver reports on discussions made during the executive session on Legal updates, personnel matters.

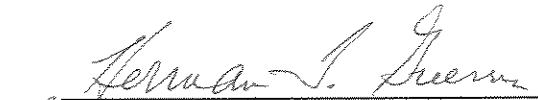
**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.<sup>2</sup>

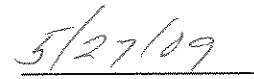
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**Marylou S. Ada**  
**BOE Secretary/Treasurer**

  
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**CONCURRED BY:**

  
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**Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita**  
**BOE Chairperson**

  
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**Date**

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<sup>2</sup> The CNMI State Board of Education adopted this Minutes on May 14, 2009 Special Board Meeting.