

**17TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom with Meeting ID: 994 7602 4902 and Passcode: 040496

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FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)
Antonio L. Borja
Gregory P. Borja
Andrew L. Orsini
Maisie B. Tenorio (online)
Phyllis M. Ain (online)

Member(s) absent:

Ronald E. Snyder
Jed R. Sta. Theresa

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

PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D. – Commissioner of Education
Yvonne R. Pangelinan – Senior Director, Student & Support Services
Jacqueline Quitugua – Senior Director, Curriculum and Instructional Services
Rizalina Liwag – Senior Director, Accountability, Research & Evaluation (ARE)
Bernie Calvo – Acting Federal Programs Officer
Arlene Lizama – Finance Director
Lucretia Borja- Human Resources Office (HRO) Director
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel
Marian Tudela – Accreditation Program Manager, ARE
Edward Tenorio – PSS Financial Consultant
Jesse Tenorio – Director, State Infrastructure Technology (SIT)
Ferdinand Ngirmekur – Network Specialist, SIT
Crystal Deleon Guerrero – Director, Facilities, Development & Management
Lathania Angui – Director, Head Start/Early Head Start Program
Ignacia Demapan – Elementary School Principals Representative
Martha Kintol – Middle School Principals Representative
Jonathan Aguon – High School Principals Representative
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Office Manager, BOE

Others Present (online):

Adela
Arnold Erediano
Beverly FC
Belle L.
Ben Seman
Donna Flores
Bobby Cruz
Amber Tudela
Victoria Nicholas
Shirley Norita
Shirley Cepeda
Liela Yumul
Alisa Pangelinan
Brel
Carla
CNMI PSS
Glenn Smith
Greg
Hilda Rios
James Sablan
Jasylene Parico
Jessica Estrada
Jessica Taylor
Joel
Jolene Sablan
Kai
KES
Kevin De Torres
KMS
Le'ah
Leiwischem
Ben Jr
Amy Blanco
Anette Calvo
Charlene Valle
Chasmyne
FC
Juana Atalig
Margarita Castro
Manssa
Mark McDonald
Martha Kintol

Others Present (online):

Manin
Matilde Rasa
Mdguerrero
Melanie Rdiall
Nora Fujihira
Orsini Romolo
Parent
Paulette Tomokane
Preston Basa
RHI
Rich and Jen Villagomez
Rita
Shirley Cepeda
SPN-Cherlyn Osung
Tanya Bila
Tony A Frank
Tricia Manglona
Victoria Nicholas
Dominic Pangelinan
Jackie C.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Antonio L. Borja moved to adopt the agenda as amended to move the Preliminary 4. Election of Officers to 5. Adoption of Minutes. Madam Secretary Maisie B. Tenorio seconded, all five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Member Antonio Borja moved to adopt the meeting Minutes of May 21, 2021, July 8, 2021, August 6, 2021, September 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021 Board meetings. Madam Secretary Tenorio seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Andrew L. Orsini opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

ACTION NO. 001

Member Antonio L. Borja moved to nominate Gregory P. Borja for Chairperson. Madam Secretary Tenorio seconded the motion. Chairman Orsini also nominated himself but the call for votes was for nomination of Gregory P. Borja. Four (4) members (HMA, ALB, GPB, MBT) voted yes; one (1) member (ALO) voted no, motion carried. Congratulations were extended to Member Gregory P. Borja as Member Orsini handed over the gavel to take over the Board meeting as the new Chairperson.

ACTION NO. 002

Madam Secretary Tenorio moved to nominate Antonio L. Borja for Vice-Chairperson. Member SGM Herman M. Atalig seconded. Vice Chair Atalig seconded; four (4) members (HMA, MBT, GPB, ALB) voted yes, one (1) member (ALO) voted no, motion carried. Congratulations to Antonio L. Borja as the new Vice-Chairperson.

ACTION NO. 03

Vice-Chair Antonio L. Borja moved to nominate Maisie B. Tenorio for Secretary/Treasurer. Member SGM Herman M. Atalig seconded; four (4) members (HMA, MBT, GPB, ALB) voted yes, one (1) member (ALO) voted no, motion carried. Congratulations were extended to Madam Secretary Tenorio for keeping the position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Alfred B. Ada presented updates to the Board on the School Opening and Waiver for Face-to-Face Instruction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Madam Secretary Tenorio moved to descend into executive session at 2:20 p.m. Vice-Chair Antonio L. Borja seconded. The public was advised that the members will rejoin in open session at 3:10 p.m. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. Vice-Chair Antonio L. Borja moved to rise out of executive session at 3:24 p.m., Member SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried.

Legal Counsel Michael Ernest gave a summary of the executive session. Things discussed in executive session were regarding a potential lawsuit and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT- Member Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting, Member SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:



Maisie B. Tenorio
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

05.06.22

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Gregory P. Borja
BOE Chairperson

5/6/22

Date

¹ This Minutes was adopted at the April 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.