

**19th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR INAUGURAL MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.
Governor P. Pedro Multi-Purpose Center
Susupe, Saipan
Via Zoom (see link below)¹**

AGENDA²

Posting of Colors

CNMI and National Anthem

Michael Ernest, Esq.
Pro Tem Chair

Recognition of New Board Members

Anthony DLC. Barcinas, Rota
Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, Saipan
Maisie B. Tenorio, Saipan

Oath of Office

Honorable Justice John Manglona
Associate Justice, CNMI Supreme Court

Retirement of Colors

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. A roll call confirmed the presence of eight (8) members establishing a quorum.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Andrew Orsini suggested tabling item 9, Discussion of Agenda for next Board Meeting.

Member Maisie Tenorio motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Member Antonio Borja seconded. All members voted in favor. The motion carried, and the agenda was adopted as amended.

¹ Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/92832034520?pwd=MrpefBkabU2TaCwXeJqBuzEMwgEymx.1>
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Passcode: 420727

² In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chairperson:

Member Anthony Barcinas nominated Member Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong for the position of Chairperson for the Board of Education (BOE). Member Orsini seconded the motion.

Member Borja nominated Member Tenorio for the position of Chairperson for the BOE. Member Tenorio seconded the motion.

ACTION NO. 001: Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong received the majority votes and became the Chairperson of the 19th CNMI State Board of Education.

B. Vice-Chairperson:

Member Barcinas nominated himself for the position of Vice-Chairperson for the BOE. Member Orsini seconded the motion.

ACTION NO. 002: Anthony Barcinas received all five (5) votes and became the Vice Chairperson for the 19th CNMI State Board of Education.

C. Secretary/Treasurer:

Member Tenorio nominated Member Borja for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the BOE. Vice-Chairman Barcinas seconded the motion.

ACTION NO. 003: Antonio Borja received all five (5) votes and became the Secretary/Treasurer for the 19th CNMI State Board of Education.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – 18th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Member Tenorio shared that they would like to recognize SGM Herman M. Atalig (Ret.), Gregory P. Borja and Daniel O. Quitugua for their service on the Board of Education.

SPECIAL REMARKS

Member Tenorio expressed her gratitude to everyone who showed up. She gave thanks to the BOE staff and CNMI Public School System (PSS) Staff, and Key Management (KM). She shared that she is honored to continue this journey. She gave thanks to her family for all their support. She thanked her co-workers at the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (NMCADSV). She thanked all the teachers, staff, and students of PSS.

Vice-Chairperson Barcinas expressed that he was honored and humbled by the trust placed in him. He shared that he looks forward to the journey of growth and opportunity to make a positive impact.

Chairperson Ogumoro-Uludong expressed that he is truly honored to serve the CNMI islands in this capacity to meet the education needs of our young citizens. He shared that, in the months leading up to the election, he engaged in many conversations with stakeholders where they exchanged ideas on what areas could be improved. Key questions that were discussed during these conversations were, “What resources do we currently have to fulfill our mandate?”, “What additional resources are needed?”, “How can we further empower and support our teachers, instructors, etc.?” Chairman Ogumoro-Uludong further shared that he is looking forward to collaborating with youth leaders and education partners of the Northern Marianas College (NMC) and the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTech). He remains committed to the continued implementation of established goals for education. He expressed his gratitude to the BOE staff, Associate Justice John Manglona, and the Commissioner of Education (COE) and his staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS


Senator Celina Babauta congratulated the new BOE and extended her support and confidence in their leadership abilities. She shared that she is ready to assist and collaborate with the BOE.

Mayor Ramon “RB” Camacho shared his congratulatory remarks. He invites the BOE to join in promoting safe villages and a safe community. He humbly asked the BOE to create programs to promote a safe community.

ADJOURNMENT

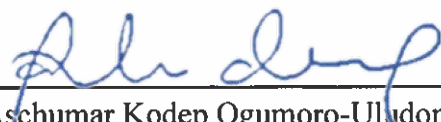
Secretary/Treasurer Borja motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Tenorio seconded. All members voted in favor. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.³

CERTIFIED BY:



Antonio L. Borja
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

CONCURRED BY:



Aschumar Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong
BOE Chairperson

³ These Minutes were adopted at the March 31, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.