

**17TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan
via zoom¹**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 9:44 a.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)
Ronald E. Snyder

Members absent:

Jed R. Sta. Theresa

Seven (7) members were present, and a quorum was established.

PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D. – Commissioner of Education
Eric Magofna – Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)
Arlene Lizama – Finance Director
Jacqueline Che – Interim Federal Programs Officer (FPO)
Dencio Manglona – Grant Program Coordinator, FPO
Lucretia Borja Deleon Guerrero- Human Resources Office (HRO) Director
Edward Tenorio – PSS Financial Consultant
Ferdinand Ngirmekur – Network Specialist, SIT
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel, BOE
Nikita P. Robert – Administrative Specialist, BOE
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Office Manager, BOE

¹ <https://zoom.us/j/95535177944?pwd=RUJmUG0xL0JDMlIiBYUHNWEJMaDNQQT09>
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Others Present:

Liana Hofschneider
Richard U. Hofschneider
Amy Blanco
Ben Seman
Beverly
Bobby Cruz
Cellina Blado
Claudia Palacios
CNMI PSS
Daisy Quitugua
Donna Flores
Jesse Tenorio
Jessica Estrada
Jessica Taylor
Jonas Barcinas
Julia Espino
Kai
Karen Manuel
Kevin De Torres
Lathania
Le'ah
Liela Yumul
Martha Kintol
Mary-Margaret
Michael Ernest
Mylan Godwin
Nick Gross
Patty M.
RJ Barcinas-Manglona
Robin
Shawn San Nicolas
Suuad San Nicolas
D.Q.
August Loste
Aunica Lizama
Tony Frank
Marvin
Glenn Smith
Nat
Christina S. Tudela
Domierose Tebuteb

Others Present (online):

Joy Celis
Maria Amog
Melisha's iPhone
HMS
Tanya Vila
Tires
Tony F.
Ulysses Sabuco
Valerie Reyes
Victoria Nicholas
Yvonne Pangelinan
Zack Camacho
L. Hocog
Mark McDonald
Melisa Mendez
L. Hocog
Victorino Borja
Candace
Bernice Maratita
Rizalina Liwag
Mr. T.
LM
James Sablan
Bernice Maratita
Melisha San Nicolas
Derwin Johnson
Jackie Quitugua
Ignacia Demapan
KM
Michelle Taisacan
Ms. King
Ruth Calvo
Paulette Tomokane

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member SGM Herman M. Atalig moved to adopt the agenda as amended to add under new business no. 8 Mask Preference and no. 9 Travel Summary Sheets prepared by Internal Auditor. Member Andrew L. Orsini seconded; all five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ACTION NO. 001

Member Orsini moved to adopt the meeting minutes with the following notes:

1. April 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting – change December 2022 to December 2021
2. May 7, 2021 Special Board Meeting – no changes
3. October 14, 2021 Special Board Meeting – no changes
4. November 12, 2021 Special Board Meeting – no changes
5. December 7, 2021 Special Executive Session Board Meeting – no changes
6. December 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting – no changes
7. January 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting – correction not Member Antonio Borja that moved to adjourn but Member Andrew Orsini.
8. January 28, 2022 Special Board Meeting – no changes
9. March 25, 2022 Special Board Meeting – correction to Action No. 002 - ...from Administrative costs \$135K for student competitions and \$385K for Athletic Department

Member SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 10:02 a.m. Mr. Jeremy Rother read his statement regarding mask preference. At 10:06 a.m. Richard Untalan Hofschneider shared his concerns about heritage and language. At 10:16 a.m. Liana Hofschneider shared about the Matua Council for Native Chamorro as well as her opinion on the CNMI Seal.

REPORTS

The Chairperson's report was emailed to all members.

The Committee Chairs reported on the CIP, FPA, and ISA.

Commissioner of Education Alfred B. Ada stated that Interim FPO Jacque Che with Dencio Manglona will present on the Federal Funds Status. Finance Director Arlene Lizama will present on the Local Funds status.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 002

Member SGM Atalig moved to approve the Retention Incentive SOP. Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

Recess was called at 12:17 p.m. and resumed at 1:03 p.m. with Secretary/Treasurer Maisie B. Tenorio attending the meeting in person.

ACTION NO. 003

Member Orsini moved to approve the Resolution for the Credit Card application for PSS. Secretary/Treasurer Maisie B. Tenorio seconded the motion. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 004

Member Orsini moved to approve the School Calendars for SY2022-2023. These are for K-12, Head Start/Early Head Start, and Early Intervention Calendars. Member SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 005

Member Orsini moved to approve the Special Education Part B Grant Application. Member Antonio Borja seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 006

Member Orsini moved to approve the Early Intervention Program Part C Grant Application. Vice Chairperson Borja seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 007

Member Orsini moved to approve the Head Start Program Grant Application. Secretary/Treasurer Tenorio seconded. Four (4) members (HMA, GPB, ALO, MBT) voted yes, one (1) member (ALB) recused himself, and the motion carried.

ACTION NO. 008

Member Orsini moved to approve the CLO Report No. 2022-17-03 with six (6) for Basic I, two (2) for Instructor II, four (4) for Standard, and one (1) for Professional. Vice Chairperson Borja seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairperson Borja moved to descend into executive session at 2:09 p.m. for about 40 minutes. Member SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried. Member Orsini moved to rise out of the executive session at 2:56 p.m., Vice Chairperson Borja seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

Legal Counsel Tiberius Mocanu gave a summary of the executive session. Things discussed in the executive session were regarding an extension for an MOA for CLO, one year would be granted. Additionally, the Board received legal advice regarding the mask mandate.

ADJOURNMENT- Member Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chairperson Borja seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.²

CERTIFIED BY:



Maisie B. Tenorio
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

11/18/2022

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Gregory P. Borja
BOE Chairperson

11/18/2022

Date

² This Minutes was Adopted at the November 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.