

**17<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Monday, September 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.  
Board of Education Conference Room,  
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan  
via zoom<sup>1</sup>**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Swearing in of Student Representative**

Chairperson Gregory P. Borja administered the Oath of Office to Ryan Michael Nuera as the new Student Representative to the Board for School Year 2022-2023. Families and friends gathered along with support from the CNMI Public School System to witness the occasion.

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

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

**Members present:**

Ronald E. Snyder

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

**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**

Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D. – Commissioner of Education  
Yvonne R. Pangelinan – Senior Director, Student & Support 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  
Ferdinand Ngirmekur – Network Specialist, SIT  
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Office Manager, BOE

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<sup>1</sup> <https://zoom.us/j/99570587234?pwd=NGFENmJwRllxMUVxbUNXTkVmbktrdz09>  
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**Others Present (online):**

Alex Menor  
Anna Guerrero  
Annette Calvo  
Anthony Frank  
Arisa Sakai  
Ashley Roberto  
Ben Jr.  
Bobby Cruz  
Brandon Nicholas  
Dale Roberts  
Darlene Aldan  
Dencio Manglona  
Denise King  
Derwin Johnson  
Dominic Pangelinan  
Jojo Alepuyo  
Jonas Barcinas  
Karen Alla  
Leile Yumul  
Livia Pangelinan  
Liz Romolor  
Lori Lyn Lirio  
Lynn Mendiola  
Magdalena Mesngon  
Maria Ornes

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Member Andrew L. Orsini moved to adopt the agenda. Member SGM Herman M. Atalig seconded, all five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Alfred B. Ada informed the Board of the State Level Teacher of the Year announcement. She introduced HRO Director Lucretia Deleon Guerrero to open the floor by calling upon the nominees first.

After each of the five (5) nominees was introduced, Frankie Camacho was asked to announce the State Level Teacher of the Year. The State Level Teacher of the Year was Donovan Tudela. The Board called for recess as families and friends congratulated Mr. Tudela and were given the opportunity for a photo op.

Commissioner Ada along with Finance Director Arlene Lizama introduced the External Auditors – Ernst & Young who presented virtually to the Board as an exit conference with PSS.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Member Orsini moved to descend into executive session at 2:38 p.m. Member SGM Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried. Member Orsini moved to rise out of the executive session at 3:12 p.m., Member SGM Atalig 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 personnel and lawsuits which were appropriate for the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Member Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chairman Borja seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.<sup>2</sup>

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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**Maisie B. Tenorio**  
**BOE Secretary/Treasurer**

11/18/2022  
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**Date**

**CONCURRED BY:**

  
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**Gregory P. Borja**  
**BOE Chairperson**

11.18.2022  
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**Date**

<sup>2</sup> This Minutes was adopted at the November 18, 2022 Board Meeting