

**16<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.  
State Board of Education Conference Room,  
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)  
MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.  
Andrew L. Orsini  
Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIFA, RF  
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D.  
Paul T. Miura  
Dionne Monique S. Torres

Five (5) voting members present, a quorum was established.

**BOE/PSS Staff Present:**

Alfred B. Ada – Commissioner of Education  
Charley Kenty – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)  
Jackie Quitugua – Associate Commissioner for Curriculum and Instructional Services (OCI)  
Suaad San Nicolas – OCI  
Lynette Villagomez – Associate Commissioner for Accountability, Research, and Evaluation (ARE)  
Jacque Che – ARE  
Yvonne Pangelinan – Associate Commissioner for Student & Support Services (SSS)  
Nick Gross – SSS  
Kimo Rosario – Interim Director of Finance (IDoF)  
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Office (FPO) Director  
Edward Tenorio – PSS Financial Consultant  
Lathania Angui – Early Head Start/Head Start Program Director (EHS/HS)  
Suzanne Lizama – Special Education Program (SpEd) Director  
Robin Palacios – Early Intervention Program (EIP) Director

**BOE/PSS Staff Present:**

Lucretia Borja – Human Resources Office (HRO) Director  
Joserin Mendiola – Interim Comptroller  
George Palican – Internal Auditor, COE  
Jesse Tenorio – Infrastructure Technology (IT)  
Ferdinand Ngirmekur – IT  
Dale Roberts – Child Nutrition Program Director  
Evonne Cabrera – OAS  
Emelinda Cabrera – Media/Graphics Designer, OAS  
Ben Rayphand – Dandan Middle School (DMS)  
Freddy Salavaria – Teacher, DMS  
Eric Evangelista – Marianas High School (MHS)  
Jeremiah Rother – MHS  
Michelle Taisacan – Teacher, MHS  
Leila Staffler – Kagman High School (KHS)  
Phyllis Ain – William S. Reyes Elementary School (WSR)  
Maria Mendoza – WSR  
Raena Camacho – Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (GTC)  
Melissa Mendez – GTC  
Michael Hughes – Teacher, Chacha Oceanview Middle School (COVMS)  
William Harwood – Teacher, San Vicente Elementary School (SVES)  
Patrick Castillon – SVES  
Yvette Tenorio – SVES  
Lyzanara Barcinas – Teacher, Garapan Elementary School (GES)  
Rizalina Liwag – Koblerville Elementary School (KobES)  
Cherlyn Osung – Francisco M. Sablan Middle School (FMS)  
Micah Page – Saipan Southern High School (SSHS)  
Andrew Golden – Teacher, SSHA  
Joshua Marquez – SSHA  
Jonathan Liwag – SSHA  
Veronica Mendez-Arriola – Teacher  
Jonathan Aguon – Da’ok Academy  
Lane Hoyt – Teacher  
Liela Yumul – Administrator  
Shawn San Nicolas – Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) Director  
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Jessica Estrada – Certification & Licensure Officer, BOE  
Robert L. Coldeen, III – Student Attendance Review Committee (SARC) Coordinator, BOE  
Nikita P. Robert – Administrative Assistant, BOE  
Jocelyn M. Saures – Administrative Coordinator, BOE  
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer, BOE

**Members of the Public:**

Gilbert J. Birnbrich – Legal Counsel, Office of the CNMI Governor

Kevin Bautista – Press Secretary, Office of the Governor

Sally Limes - KSPN

Lori Lynn Lirio – Marianas Variety News

Ulysses T. Sabuco – Taro Leaf

Kyle Munn – Citizen

Soledad Camacho – Parent, GTC

Remelene Falig – Student, GTC

Martha Cabrera – Student, DMS

Roger Valencia – Student

Leandro Bichayda – Student

Patricia Baldorodi

Aeyanna Maratita

Richard Saleares

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Secretary/Treasurer MaryLou S. Ada moved to adopt the agenda, Member Phillip Mendiola-Long seconded. Member Andrew L. Orsini shared that the meeting that was canceled on February 12, 2020 had the injunction on the agenda and the agenda was finalized but now it is not included.

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include under New Business no. 1. Injunction, and to change the order under Commissioner’s Report, FSR a. local then b. federal. Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Enriquo Balleras of Saipan Southern High School (SSHS) and Ayeanna Maratita of SSHS shared concerns of the teachers and their role to them as students. Jeremiah Rother of Marianas High School shared about the meeting at SSHS, Praxis I requirement rescinded in 2018, changed NCLB to ESSA that now states and territories are focused on Highly Effective Personnel and not Highly Qualified Personnel. Leila Staffler thanked the students for coming and commenting. She added that the proposed cuts will not even get us to October as shared by the Finance Team.

**REPORTS**

**Chair** – Chairperson Janice A. Tenorio stated that her report was sent via email to all members of the Board.

**1. Board Committees -**

1. CIP – Committee Chair Herman M. Atalig shared the report of February 20, 2020
2. FPA – Committee Chair Long shared about the meeting of February 19, 2020; The SY 2020-2021 Budget was presented with \$34M appropriations, \$24M in case things really go bad before SY2020-2021 opens; Commissioner will be presenting an update. He will not be calling any committee meetings but will hold it at the full board.

3. ISA – Committee Chair Orsini reported on the January 26, 2020 meeting; he updated the new Commissioner with the ISA meeting. There are counseling courses being proposed, Life Skill Survey was shared, with Mental Health Policies for Crisis Response and need to be implemented as soon as possible; PREP report shared as well.
4. LIA – Committee Chair Ada stated there is no report;
5. SICPP – Committee Chair Long stated there is no report;
6. SARC – Coordinator Robert L. Coldeen stated the report was emailed.

**2. Commissioner of Education** – Commissioner Alfred B. Ada stated that Interim Director of Finance Kimo Rosario will report on the local funds status to include the Proposed Austerity.

**ACTION NO. 001** Vice Chair Atalig moved to approve the Proposed Austerity with Ed Tenorio’s assessments, Chair Tenorio seconded. Three (3) members voted no (Ada, Long and Orsini), Two (2) members voted yes (Atalig and Tenorio). Motion did not carry.

The Proposed Waiver to Make Up Days and Amendment to Instructional Minutes were both moot issues due to the Proposed Austerity not passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ACTION NO. 002** Member Long moved to approve the Injunction, Secretary/Treasurer Ada seconded. The injunction has two (2) prompts: Directing the Commissioner to immediately file an injunction and lawsuit against the Secretary of Finance, the CNMI Legislature, the Governor and any other party that the attorney deems necessary at the time based on the unconstitutional allotment to enforce the certified question.

Three (3) members voted yes (Ada, Long and Orsini), Two (2) members voted no (Atalig and Tenorio). Motion carried.

**ACTION NO. 003** Member Orsini moved to ratify the Proclamation of the Pupil Transportation, Secretary/Treasurer Ada seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

**ACTION NO. 004** Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to ratify the BOE-PSS Comments to Senate Bill No. 21-49, Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

**ACTION NO. 005** Member Orsini moved to approve the Relocation Site of Da’ok Academy, Secretary/Treasurer Ada seconded. It will be on the Saipan Southern High School campus. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

**ACTION NO. 006** Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the Da’ok Academy Building Proposal, Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.


**ACTION NO. 007** Member Long moved to approve the FY2021 Budget Proposal, Secretary/Treasurer Ada seconded. Four (4) members voted yes (Ada, Atalig, Long and Tenorio), one (1) member voted no (Orsini), motion carried.

The SY2020-2021 Schedule was a moot issue due to proposed austerity not approved. It was tabled also due to PSS having a three (3) year calendar in place.

**ACTION NO. 008** Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the CLO Report No. 2020-02 with eight (8) Basic I, four (4) Basic I Instructor, three (3) Basic II, one (1) Specialized, three (3) Standard, and seven (7) Professional Certificates. Vice Chair Atalig seconded. Member Orsini recused himself due to a family on the listing. All four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.


**ADJOURNMENT-** Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to adjourn, Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.  
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

05/29/2020  
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Date

**CONCURRED BY:**

  
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Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
BOE Chairperson

05/29/2020  
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Date

<sup>1</sup> This Minutes was adopted at the May 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting.