

**16<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EMERGENCY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
Board of Education Conference Room,  
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.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  
Paul T. Miura

**Members absent:**

Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D.  
Dionne Monique S. Torres

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

**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**

Alfred B. Ada – Commissioner of Education  
Charley Kenty – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)  
Kimo Rosario – Interim Director of Finance (IDoF)  
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Office (FPO) Director  
Edward Tenorio – PSS Financial Consultant  
Lucretia Borja – Human Resources Office (HRO) Director  
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Member Andrew L. Orsini moved to adopt the agenda, Member Phillip Mendiola-Long seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Member Orsini, as a member, wanted to commend Legal Counsel Tiberius Mocanu for defending the issue on the certified question. Victory for the entire PSS but most importantly for our students throughout the entire CNMI.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Member Ada moved to descend into executive session at 9:58 a.m. for the purpose of legal updates. Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

Member Orsini moved to rise out of executive session at 11:21 a.m., Member Long seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried.

Legal Counsel Mocanu stated that matters discussed in executive session included Financial status, OGA request, and the court ruling. Matters discussed were appropriate in executive session.

The Board agreed for Legal Counsel to proceed with a letter to the Governor, House Speaker, and Senate President and the Attorney General on the court ruling. Prepare a brief summary to broadcast explaining the Certified Question ruling and then schedule a meeting with the Teachers later.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Member Ada moved to adjourn, Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.<sup>1</sup>

**CERTIFIED BY:**

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

05/29/2020  
Date

**CONCURRED BY:**

  
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Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
BOE Chairperson

05/29/2020  
Date

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