

**16<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.  
Via Google Hangouts at [meet.google.com/vsp-qiet-zpe](https://meet.google.com/vsp-qiet-zpe)  
Board of Education Conference Room  
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)  
Andrew L. Orsini  
Antonio L. Borja  
Paul T. Miura  
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero

**Member(s) absent:**

MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.

Six (6) members present, a quorum was established.

**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**

Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D. – Commissioner of Education  
Eric Magofna – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)  
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Office (FPO) Director  
Arlene Lizama – Finance Director  
George Palican – Internal Auditor  
Michael Babauta – Interim Comptroller  
Lucretia Borja- Human Resources Office (HRO) Director  
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer  
Edward Tenorio – PSS Financial Consultant  
Ferdinand Ngirmekur - IT

**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  
Donna Flores  
Elizabeth Aguon  
Elizabeth Romolor  
Emmanuel Erdiano  
Evonne Cabrera  
Frances Ulloa  
Francisca Bondoc  
Glenn Smith  
Gregory Borja  
Herman's Bakery  
Ignacia Demapan  
Ignacio Dela Cruz  
Jackie A. Quitugua  
Jacquelin Che  
Jessica Taylor  
Jesusa Calvo  
Jocelyn Manibusan  
Jojo Alepuyo  
Jonas Barcinas  
Karen Alla  
Leile Yumul  
Livia Pangelinan  
Liz Romolor  
Lori Lyn Lirio  
Lynn Mendiola  
Magdalena Mesngon

**Others Present (online):**

Maria Ornes  
Marian Tudela  
Marvin Tamangided  
Mary Lynn Ogo  
Micah Page  
Michelle Rasa  
Mryna babauta  
Naomi Nishimura  
Nick Gross  
Nora Fujhira  
Oswald Quitugua  
Patricia Aguon  
Paulette Sablan  
Peter Arriola  
Rizalina Liwag  
Sabrina Calvo  
Sally Limes  
Shawn San Nicolas  
Shirley Norita  
Suaad San Nicholas  
Ulysses T. Sabuco  
Victoria Nicholas  
Victorino Borja  
Vince Dela Cruz  
Yvonne Pangelinan

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Herman M. Atalig moved to adopt the agenda as amended to move the New Business No. 1 Education Month Proclamation to before the Adoption of Minutes, Member Orsini seconded, all (4) voting members voted yes, motion carried.

Commissioner Alfred B. Ada yielded to Human Resources Office (HRO) Director Lucretia Borja to introduce the readers of the Proclamation. Madam Chair Tenorio read the closing part of the Proclamation and then signed it.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Member Orsini moved to adopt the following meeting Minutes of June 30, July 14, September 29, October 6, October 20, and October 30 Board meetings. Vice Chair Atalig seconded the motion. Three (3) members (Atalig, Orsini, and Tenorio) voted yes, one (1) member (Borja) abstained, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **REPORTS**

The Chair's report along with the SARC were sent out via email to all Board members. There were no Committee reports. Madam Chair Tenorio called Commissioner Ada to proceed with his report.

Commissioner Ada stated that Federal Programs Officer (FPO) Tim Thornburgh will report on the Federal Funds Status, former Acting Director of Finance George Palican will report on the Local Funds Status, and Head Start/Early Head Start Program (HS/EHS) Director Lathania Angui will report on the HS/EHS.

After all reports were presented by the personnel assigned, Commissioner Ada called upon Dr. Rizalina Liwag of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction to share a presentation on the Digital Resources for the Chamorro and Carolinian Language as well as the e-library.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ACTION NO. 001**

Member Orsini moved to approve the Proclamation of the Month of November as CNMI PSS Education Month, Vice Chair Atalig seconded, all four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.

### **ACTION NO. 002**

Vice Chair Atalig moved to approve the Proposed Amendment to §60-40-210 Small Purchases, Member Antonio L. Borja seconded. This is to increase the threshold from \$250.00 to \$500.00. All four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.

Member Orsini moved for recess at 12:08 p.m.. Vice Chair Atalig seconded, all four (4) members voted yes, motion carried. The meeting resumed at 12:28 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Member Borja moved to descend into executive session at 2:25 p.m. Member Orsini seconded. The public was advised that the members will rejoin in open session at 3:30 p.m.

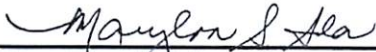
Vice Chair Atalig moved to rise out of executive session at 3:50 p.m.. Member Orsini seconded. All four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.

Legal Counsel Tiberius Mocanu gave a summary of the executive session. Things discussed in executive session were regarding personnel matters and legal updates which were appropriate to discuss in executive session.

Madam Chair Tenorio announced that the next Board meeting will be on December 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT- Member Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Atalig seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

**CERTIFIED BY:**

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

12/16/2020  
Date

**CONCURRED BY:**

  
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Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
BOE Chairperson

12/16/2020  
Date

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<sup>1</sup> This Minutes was adopted at the December 16, 2020 Special Board Meeting.