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Adelup, Guam 96910

Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz
Speaker
Thirty-fourth Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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Dear Governor Calvo and Speaker Cruz:

Håfa Adai! Pursuant to Public Law 31-233, Section 38, *Reporting Requirements for Boards and Commissions,* attached are electronic copies of the Guam Education Board's meeting agenda, approved minutes and other documents as discussed at the September 13, 2016, special meeting. The meeting was held at Superintendent's Conference Room, Building A., Tiyan.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 300-1547.

Senseramente,

JOSEPH L.M. SANCHEZ
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Guam Education Board
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
12 pm
Superintendent's Conference, Bldg. A., Tiyan

AGENDA

I. **Meeting Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call of Members**

III. **New Business**

1) Personnel Matter

IV. **Executive Session**

V. **Adjournment**

For the first time since 2013, ISIS has no border with NATO

By Liz Sly
The Washington Post



FREE SYRIAN ARMY: A member of Turkish-backed Free Syrian Army (FSA), seen with a mural of the Islamic State in the background, stands guard in front of a building in the border town of Jarablus, Syria, August 31. Reuters

BEIRUT – Turkish troops and Syrian rebels on Sunday pushed the Islamic State out of the remaining stretch of territory the group had controlled along the Turkish-Syrian border, severing the militants' last access to the outside world.

Since 2013, when the group announced its formation, it has had territory bordering a NATO state – Turkey – but the sweep by Turkish forces and rebels fighting under the umbrella of the Free Syrian Army has brought that to an end.

According to the official Turkish news agency Anadolu, the Turkish army helped Syrian rebel allies secure 57 miles of border territory stretching from the Syrian towns of Azaz and Jarabulus by ejecting the militants from a string of villages on Sunday.

The Islamic State's defeat in the border area had been inevitable since Turkey dispatched troops and tanks into Syria on Aug. 24 into Syria to support a long-stalled Syrian rebel offensive there, bringing new muscle to the fight.

But their removal from the border nonetheless marks a symbolically important moment in the war against the militants, who had long relied on their access to Turkey for supplies.

Above all, the border had served as the main conduit for the foreign fighters who have swarmed to participate in the militants' ambitious experiment in Islamic governance, formalized in 2014 into what the group's leadership termed a caliphate.

The traffic went both ways, and operatives who participated in attacks in Turkey as well as Paris and Belgium had crossed back across the border from Islamic State territory.

At one point, the militants controlled towns along a stretch of the border spanning hundreds of miles. But they have been steadily pushed back by the efforts of the different groups working against them, including the Kurds farther east and the Syrian rebels in locations farther west.

The conquest came as President Barack Obama pledged support for Turkey's stepped-up role in the fight against the militants after meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the Group of 20 summit in China.

The Turkish government has made it clear that its incursion into Syria is also intended to prevent Syrian Kurds from expanding the areas under their control. In comments to reporters after meeting Obama, Erdogan reiterated that the Kurds are as much of a target of Turkey's Syria intervention as the Islamic State.

"Turkey's fight against all terror organizations including Daesh and YPG will continue with determination," he said, referring to the Islamic State and the main Syrian Kurdish militia, the People's Protection Units.

Anti-immigration populists beat Merkel's party in election in her home state

(Bloomberg) – Chancellor Angela Merkel's party was beaten into third place by the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany in a state election in her political homeland, preliminary results showed, signaling an intensifying backlash against her open-border refugee policy.

Merkel's Christian Democrats took 19.8 percent in the Baltic coast state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania on Sunday, while Alternative for Germany, or AfD, had 21.4 percent, according to ZDF results based on partially counted ballots.

"This is a result to make us proud," Leif-Erik Holm, the AfD's candidate for state premier, said on ARD. "The state assembly finally has an opposition party again."

The Social Democrats, who have governed the state since 1998, took 30.2 percent for the most votes, giving them the first shot at forming the next state government. They have ruled the state in a coalition with Merkel's CDU for the past decade.

The result is the first time the AfD has defeated Merkel's party in a state election. The AfD campaigned against her immigration policy, as well as opposing the transition to renewable energy and arguing against sanctions on Russia.

"Whoever votes for the AfD is casting a protest vote," said Michael Grosse-Broemer, CDU chief whip in the lower house of parliament in Berlin. "The best response is to point out that the policy we make in Berlin isn't all bad," he said, citing a strong economy and booming employment.

4 of the 6 species of great apes are just 1 step from extinction



RED LIST: *In this Nov. 30, 2007, photo, a gorilla looks on at Volcanoes National Park in Ruhengeri, Rwanda. The eastern gorilla has been listed as critically endangered, making four of the six great ape species only one step away from extinction, according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List of Endangered Species, released Sunday. AP*

Learn more online

To read the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List of Endangered Species, go to: www.iucnredlist.org

SEX WORK continued from page 16

AIDS killed their parents; now orphaned girls face the same danger

Disasters in recent years, such as drought and floods, have driven poor Mozambican families deeper into destitution, and more women into prostitution, local activists say.

The U.N. children's agency UNICEF has also recognized the threat, warning in July that drought exacerbated by El Niño could lead to a spike in new HIV infections in southern Africa as more women and girls turn to sex to survive.

Many of Beira's sex workers meet their clients inside tin shacks that line a dusty road where lorry drivers from Zimbabwe, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo are known to rest.

An underage girl who has lost her virginity through these kinds of sexual initiations is known as a "worked girl" in the sex trade in Beira.

"I'm a worked girl. I'm more attractive," said Bemusa, wrapping a piece of cloth, known as a kanga, around her hips to indicate to would-be clients that she is available.

"Chinese tourists usually pay $10 for a 'worked girl' and leave a gift," she added.

'My daughter is my property'

Jane, a 44-year-old prostitute, who has been working in Beira town for nine years, defended the practice of using candlesticks to initiate her daughter into sex: "Why not? ... Far better than older men paining her later in sex."

When asked whether this practice was a violation of her daughter, she replied: "My daughter is my property."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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12:00 p.m.
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III. New Business
1) Personnel Matter
IV. Executive Session
V. Adjournment

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MINUTES

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lourdes B. San Nicolas, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Joseph L. M. Sanchez, Acting Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

Voting Members:
San Nicolas, Lourdes B. - Chairwoman
Tainatongo, Rosie R.- Vice Chairperson
Ada, Peter Alecxis D.
Chargualaf, Kenneth P.
Concepcion, Charlene D.*
Cruz, Dr. Jose Q.
Gutierrez, Maria A.
Torres, Ryan F.

** Arrived after roll call*

Non-Voting Members:
Matanane, Rudy M. - Yigo Mayor and MCOG Education Liaison

Absent:
Perez, Audrey (SSHS) - GFT Representative
Benavente, Lourdes M.- Off-island

The GEB Legal Counsel, Frank Gumataotao was present for the meeting.

The Superintendent announced that there is a quorum. *(By law, five voting members constitute a quorum. Eight (8) voting members were present for this meeting.)*

III. New Business

1) Personnel Matter

Chairwoman San Nicolas announced that the Board will go into Executive Session.

IV. Executive Session

The Board moved into Executive Session at 12:06 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 1:41 p.m. and went into Public Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Chargualaf to extend Superintendent Fernandez' Administrative leave by 15 more days starting September 14, 2016 and not to exceed October 4, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tainatongo.

An amended motion was made by Mrs. Gutierrez to extend the Administrative Leave of Superintendent Jon Fernandez to ten (10) days instead of fifteen (15) days. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Charlene Concepcion.

Mr. Ada requested that as this is the 2nd or 3rd time since the Board extended the Superintendent's Administrative Leave, the Chairwoman or GEB Legal Counsel explain to the public why there is a need to extend his Administrative Leave.

Chairwoman San Nicolas reported that during Executive Session, Board Members expressed different views and issues that warranted GEB Legal Counsel Mr. Gary Gumataotao to further research and address. She emphasized the importance of the Legal Counsel following the Board's instructions so that the investigation results, in findings, are thorough, fair, and credible.

On the amended motion, the Board voted by roll call 2-6 against the motion. (Yays: C. Concepcion and M. Gutierrez. Nays: P. Ada, K. Chargualaf, Dr. J. Cruz, L. San Nicolas, R. Tainatongo, R. Torres.) The amended motion failed.

On the initial motion. The Board voted by roll call 6-2 in favor of the motion (Yays: P. Ada, K. Chargualaf, Dr. J. Cruz, L. San Nicolas, R. Tainatongo, and R. Torres. Nays: C. Concepcion and M. Gutierrez) The motion passed.

Chairwoman San Nicolas asked GEB Legal Counsel, if he needed to address the public. Mr. Gumataotao responded that he did not need to.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Ada motioned, to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Concepcion seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Date: 12/27/16

LEILANI M. B. CRUZ
Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF September 13, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING:

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(X) Approved subject to corrections (Ref: GEB Reg. mtg. December 27, 2016, at GWHS Cafeteria)

( ) Other: _____

LOURDES B. SAN NICOLAS
GEB Chairwoman

Date: 12/27/16

JOSEPH L. M. SANCHEZ
Acting Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent

Date: 1/11/17