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August 2, 2018

The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo
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Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz
Speaker
Thirty-fourth Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

**Dear Governor Calvo and Speaker Cruz:**

***Håfa Adai!*** Pursuant to Public Law 31-233, Section 38, *Reporting Requirements for Boards and Commissions,* attached are copies of the Guam Education Board's meeting agenda, approved minutes and other documents as discussed at the July 31, 2018 regular board meeting. The meeting was held in the Gallery A/B, DOE Building B, Tiyan.

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

*Senseramente,*

**JON J. P. FERNANDEZ**
Superintendent of Education

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cc: Chairman and Members, Guam Education Board
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# GUAM EDUCATION BOARD

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**8th Guam Education Board**
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**
**Tuesday, July 31, 2018**
**6 PM**
**Gallery A/B, Building B., Tiyan**
**AGENDA**

I. **Meeting Call to Order**

II. **Approval of Minutes**

ACTION 1. Minutes of June 26, 2018 Regular meeting

ACTION 2. Minutes of July 10, 2018 Special meeting

ACTION 3. Minutes of July 13, 2018 Special meeting

III. **Public Participation** (BP 125.6) Time Limit 3 minutes

IV. **Communications**

INFO 1. Correspondence

INFO 2. Superintendent's Report and Communication

V. **Ex-Officio Member Reports**

1. IBOGS
2. GFT
3. Mayor's Council of Guam

VI. **Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports**

1. **Executive Committee**

INFO a. Charter School Update

2. **Instructional & Academic Support Committee**

INFO a. Head Start Report

3. **Safe & Healthy Schools Committee**
4. **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**

INFO/ACTION a. Creation of Positions – School Resource Officer (Attendance) and School Resource Officer Supervisor (Attendance)

5. **Fiscal Management**

INFO a. Update on FY18 Budget / FY19 Budget

6. **Ad-Hoc committee on Furlough and School Year 2018-19**

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**VOTING MEMBERS:** Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, Maria A. Gutierrez , Vice Chairwoman, Peter Alecxis D. Ada, Lourdes M. Benavente, Robert A. Crisostomo, James C. Lujan, Ronald L. McNinch, PhD, Lourdes B. San Nicolas
**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Vacant, IBOGS Representative, Mark McCarthy (AHES), GFT Representative, Mayor, Rudy M. Matanane, MCOG Representative
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent

## VII. New Business

ACTION

1. Declaration of Financial Status Designation for May 2018

## VIII. Executive Session

The Board of Education reserves the right to go into executive session during any part of the meeting. Based on the Open Govt. Law specific matters can only be discussed. (Personnel Matters, Collective Bargaining Agreement, Contracts, and Litigation).

## IX. Adjournment

# Airport pleased with court decision on voided contract

The A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority is pleased that a judge agreed with its request for the court to hold off enforcing his order that voided the $154 million duty-free general concession contract at the airport.

The airport stated in a news release the court's latest decision allows it to take the case directly to the Supreme Court of Guam for final review.

Judge Arthur Barcinas of the Superior Court of Guam had decided previously that the airport's contract with Lotte Duty Free violated Guam procurement law and should be voided.

Last week, the judge agreed to suspend implementation of his order – which also required the airport to restart the procurement process – while the Supreme Court decision hasn't been reached.

"We respectfully, but strongly disagree with the Superior Court's earlier order finding that GIAA violated Guam Procurement Law in the (request for proposals) process and award of the contract to Lotte Duty Free, and look forward to presenting our case on appeal," the airport stated in a news release.

> "The Lotte contract is in the best interests of Guam."
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> – *Statement from A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority*

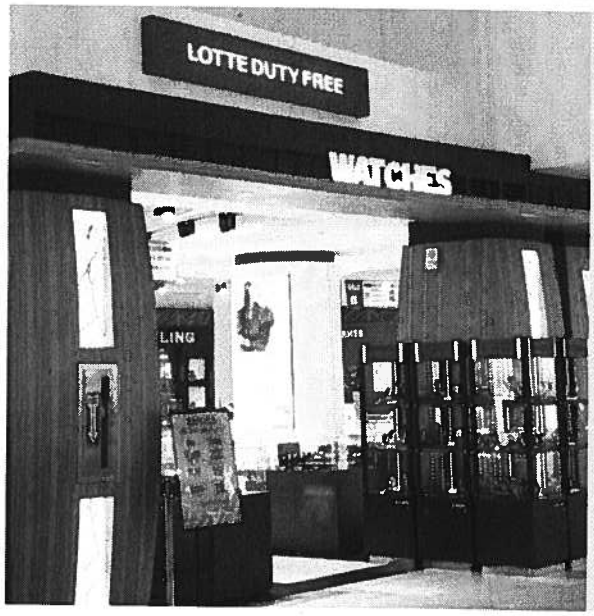
The Lotte contract, which has been in place for five years, so far has paid more than $70 million in revenue to GIAA, resulted in over $20 million in airport improvements and was key to the airport's ability to secure $247 million bond financing, the agency stated. Part of the borrowed money is being used for the construction of the new arrivals corridor at the airport terminal.

DFS Guam is the former concessionaire at the airport and has been fighting for years in court to invalidate the airport and Lotte's deal.

"The court's February order made no finding that airport officials acted unethically or in a biased manner," the airport agency stated. "Rather, the court voided the Lotte contract based on what GIAA believes were untimely protests by DFS that have nothing to do with whether GIAA's contract with Lotte is good for the people of Guam."

The Superior Court's order voiding the contract is potentially devastating for Guam, the airport stated, adding later if the decision prevails, it would directly cost the airport tens of millions of dollars. And those costs will be passed along to travelers for the airport to remain open, the agency stated.

"All of us at GIAA are now looking forward to speedy review of the lower court order by the Guam Supreme Court," the airport stated, adding, "The Lotte contract is in the best interests of Guam." ***(Daily Post Staff)***




**CONCESSIONAIRE:** *Lotte Duty Free occupies a concession space at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport terminal, as shown in March. Post file photo*

**Legal battle**

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## CEBU ASSOCIATION OF GUAM

Statement of Revenues & Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

| | |
|---|---|
| **Revenues:** | |
| Membership Dues | 9,350.00 |
| Fellowship Activities | 1,043.00 |
| Interest earned | 20.30 |
| **Total Revenues** | **10,413.30** |
| **Expenses:** | |
| Meetings | 1,750.00 |
| Fellowship Activities | 2,262.45 |
| Religious Activities | 1,823.22 |
| Other Expenses | 280.00 |
| **Total Expenses** | **6,115.67** |
| **Net Revenue ( Deficit)** | **4,297.63** |

Statement of Condition
As of December 31, 2017

| | |
|---|---|
| **Assets** | |
| Cash in Bank | 23,901.52 |
| Time Certificate of Deposits | 22,215.37 |
| **Total Assets** | **46,116.89** |
| **Net Worth** | |
| Beginning Balance, Jan. 1, 2017 | |
| Special Fund | 5,859.84 |
| General Fund | 13,760.91 |
| Time Certificate of Deposits | 22,198.51 |
| **Total** | 41,819.26 |
| **Net Revenue** | 4,297.63 |
| **Total Net Worth** | **46,116.89** |

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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### AGENDA

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IV. Communications
V. Ex-Officio Member Reports
VI. Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports
VII. New Business
VIII. Executive Session
IX. Adjournment

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**8th GUAM EDUCATION BOARD**
**SPECIAL MEETING**
**Tuesday, July 10, 2018**
**4 pm**
**Gallery A/B, Bldg. Bs., Tiyan**

**MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman
Maria A. Gutierrez, Vice Chairwoman
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Jon J.P. Fernandez
GDOE Superintendent

## I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

***Voting Members:***
Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman
Gutierrez, Maria A – Vice Chairwoman
Ada, Peter Alecxis
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.
San Nicolas, Lourdes B.

***Non-Voting Members:***
McCarthy, Mark D. - GFT Representative

***Staff:***
Stake, James - Legal Counsel

***Absent:***
Benavente, Lourdes M. – Excused
Crisostomo, Robert – Excused
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison - Unexcused

The Superintendent announced that six (6) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

**Mr. Ada moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to move item one under new business – Personnel Matters to the end of the agenda. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

## II. New Business

1) Creation of Positions – School Resource Officer (Attendance) and School Resource Officer Supervisor (Attendance)

Ms. Gutierrez noted that during the work session a packet was provided to all present and was now being provided to all board members. She explained that this topic is a creation for a new position, she noted that provided was the chronology time line for the creation of these positions. The Superintendent submitted his request to the Chairman on June 29, 2018. She expressed that she has seen how the School Attendance Officers do their jobs and noted that they don't only take attendance or monitor truancy, but many other duties. She stated that she feels that the Attendance Officers are performing above and beyond their duties listed on the job description for their positions. She noted that they attend trainings that are not required, she thanked Mr. Anderson for providing his staff with the training that they need. She recalled that during the 7th Guam Education Board's time, the attendance officers provided security to the Guam Education Board because they had received many threats from the public. She stated that unfortunately at that time, they were doing those duties without compensation and thanks to Mr. Anderson, the Superintendent and Taling Taitano, they were able to receive the compensation due to them.

**Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, for the approval of the Superintendent's request, received on June 29, 2018, Petition for creation of position of the School Resource Officer (Attendance) and School Resource Officer Supervisor (Attendance).**

Mr. Fernandez noted that during the work session the discussion was that, in the review of our School Attendance Officer's duties and responsibilities, we felt that there was a need to update and upgrade the position in terms of what the employees are actually doing and their day-to-day responsibilities. He stated that the Department does not have the ability to amend positions but we can create new positions if is it justified. We have to go through this process with the Board and, as noted in the chronology, there are further steps that have to be taken before this can be a final decision by the Board. After the Board renders its guidance and action tonight, if it is to move forward, we will still have to go through a public hearing to make this a reality. He stated for public consumption that because the creation of these officers, the job title is now School Resource Officer (Attendance). He noted that they received questions from the media asking what this would mean for School Resource Officers. He informed those who had inquired and the Board that what we're doing in this process as we address the current duties and responsibilities of the School Attendance Officers we're looking at also the direction that we need to head in terms of supporting our schools to a stronger School Resource Officer Program. Right now we have been outsourcing that to the judiciary and while we have seen a good partnership that have emerged from that initiative we do know that there are limitations and constraints in regards to our current practice. He also noted that they are looking internally as to whether or not they can build internal capacity for School Resource Officers given our employees and positions in our department. This is a step towards addressing our current needs with our attendance officers today and it's a next step towards determining how we adequately support our schools with regard to additional safety, security with employees, most especially at our secondary schools. He explained that we are not scrapping the program and we haven't made a final decision on what the School Resource Officer Program will look like but this is a step towards building capacity to provide more support, more training and to exercise more departmental control over how that program is going to be shaped moving forward.

Mr. Christopher Anderson thanked the Board for their support and commitment to reconcile the long standing discrepancy between the School Attendance Officer job description and the subsequent changes in Guam Law that have identified them as Special Deputy Marshalls since 2010. In attendance were Nadine Calvo (Acting SAO Supervisor), John San Nicolas, Geraldine Tajalle, John Meno, Ryan Aguigui, Brandy Martinez, Cera Taguata and Ryan Mantanona. He noted that others not in attendance were on leave that day. Mr. Anderson explained that in the course of carrying out their daily duties and responsibilities there are three objectives that the SAOs strive to accomplish; 1) motivate students to attend school through proactive monitoring, informal counseling and identifying impediments to attendance, 2) enforce the truancy statutes by identifying individual truants and reporting them to court, as mandated by law and 3) decreasing the student drop-out rate through school and court level interventions. He stated that as discussed during the work session, Public Laws 30-137 which established the SAOs as Special Deputy

Marshalls and Public Law 32-232 which created the Police Officer's Standards in Training (POST Commission), both laws assigned additional law enforcement duties that evolved the scope of SAO training requirements and work out for the last eight (8) years. To function as Special Deputy Marshalls, all eleven (11) SAOs have had to complete and retrain every two (2) years. The training enable them to process for the Judiciary of Guam, conduct field operations, apprehend truants and when court ordered, remand truants to DYA. Mr. Anderson went into more detail, which was also discussed during the work session. Mr. Anderson noted that the Board's decision this afternoon to move forward with the establishment of a School Resource Officer (Attendance) and School Resource Officer Supervisor (Attendance) positions will go far to substantiate the hard work that all SAOs have been performing for the last eight years without additional compensation. He stated that he and the entire SAO team fully endorse HR's recommendation to establish the two positions discussed and to adjust their paygrades from letter H to J with a starting salary of $31,076 per annum and a paygrade from I to L with a starting salary of $37,100 per annum respectively. He gave special thanks to the HR division under the leadership of Antonette Muna Santos and Ramon Lizama who have work closely and collaboratively with the SAO team and the division since 2015 to complete the preliminary studies necessary for them to be there today.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that she has nothing but praise and appreciation for these men and women. She further spoke about her positive experiences working with the SAOs over the past years and stated that she is very supportive of this group and she hoped that her colleagues would offer the same support.

Mr. Ada questioned, referencing discussion during the work session, whether home visits are also done at night by the SAOs.

Mr. Anderson responded that home visits for the most part are done during duty hours however they have had some instances when they've had to conduct home visits in the evening.

Mr. Ada asked the frequency and mentioned that maybe they should be entitled to night differential.

Mr. Anderson responded that he didn't have information regarding the frequency off hand but also noted in regards to night differential, that in the past the Superintendent has granted the SAOs night differential when needed.

Mr. Lujan noted that he is in favor of the creation of positions because they are a big help to school authorities. He also noted that he is worried about the existing job that the SAOs have with regards to all the different hats they are wearing. He commented that he agreed with Mr. Ada in that those types of matters should be scrutinized and be sure that they are compensated for their time and safety. He also noted the need to look into officer fatigue because of all the duties they have and set into place an evaluation system so that they don't ruin their health.

Dr. McNinch commented that recently the Legislature, without limited input from this Board, raised the school age from 16 to 18. He asked if there was a cost assessment done on how much it'll cost for School Resource Officers to handle that part of the mission now that they have to go after every 16, 17 and 18 year old.

Mr. Anderson responded that no they have not done a cost analysis to determine what that is but they anticipate that it would be quite significant.

Dr. McNinch also commented that he is familiar with the POST and asked if our SAOs carry guns or weapons.

Mr. Anderson responded, that no, they don't.

Dr. McNinch commented to the Board that they should have a healthy discussion about this, if they are going to put SROs to protect our children, they should fully equipped to do so.

Ms. Gutierrez noted that during the work session they did show the board members the weapons that they do carry when they are at the school.

Mr. Mendiola noted that one of Board's key focus is safety, so he didn't feel that they would get any push back on supporting safe schools.

Mr. Anderson gave examples of how dedicated the SAOs are. He noted that they have purchased their own uniforms and have spent money to participate in wellness groups, amongst other things.

Ms. Gutierrez commented that the Department should look into that because other law enforcement agencies give their officers stipends to purchase uniforms. She also commented that DOE should look into applying for the grant that the JOG currently applies for so that we have more control in regards to the SROs.

Mr. Mendiola asked the Superintendent to take a look into that option and report back to the Board on his findings.

Mr. Ada noted that DYA pays their officers $350 a year for their uniforms. He also offered the Superintendent the use of DYA's PT field for DOE at no cost.

Ms. Gutierrez went through the chronology time line and the next steps to be taken.

**Ms. Gutierrez moved to amend the motion, seconded by Mr. Lujan, for the approval of the Superintendent's request, received on June 29, 2018, Petition for creation of position of the School Resource Officer (Attendance) and School Resource Officer Supervisor (Attendance) to include the chronology time line so that the Department follows the timeline in which they would make the announcements and the Board is authorizing the announcement to have a public hearing. The Board voted by voice to amend the motion and approved the motion for the amendment with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

**Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, for the approval of the Superintendent's request, received on June 29, 2018, Petition for creation of position of the School Resource Officer (Attendance) and School Resource Officer Supervisor (Attendance) to include the chronology time line so that the Department follows the timeline in which they would make the announcements and the Board is authorizing the announcement to have a public hearing. The Board voted by voice to the motion and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

Ms. Gutierrez addressed the Superintendent and stated that if they start the posting tomorrow, it would end on the 25th and then they would be able to hold the public hearing right after.

Mr. Mendiola also addressed the Superintendent to place this item on the agenda of the next meeting.

**2)** Personnel Matters – Mr. Mendiola announced that they would be addressing a complaint filed by petitioner, Robert Klitzkie. Mr. Klitzkie filed a complaint with the Guam Election Commission pursuant to the 4GCA § 8104 and petitioned to the Guam Education Board pursuant to 48 USC § 1423K1. He stated that since this is a personnel matter regarding the Superintendent, he needed a motion to enter into executive session.

**Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, to move into executive session. The Board voted by voice to amend the motion and approved the motion for the amendment with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

Mr. Mendiola requested for the legal counsel stay behind and dismissed all other parties present. Mr. Mendiola also informed the Superintendent that he may want to excuse himself as well, so they can deal with this issue. The Superintendent also excused himself from the executive session.

**III. Executive Session**

The Board moved into Executive Session at 4:37 pm to discuss the complaint filed against the Superintendent. All members and ex-officio members present participated in the Executive Session.

**Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, to move out of executive session. The Board voted by voice to amend the motion and approved the motion for the amendment with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

The Board returned to Public Session at 5:12 pm.

**Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to accept the July 10, 2018 decision of the Guam Election Commission regarding Superintendent Jon Fernandez and concur with their conclusion that the Superintendent did not violate the Guam Election Law and that no disciplinary action will be taken against the Superintendent and he is exonerated from the complaint to the Guam Education Board. The Board voted by voice through roll call with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.**

Chairman Mendiola, took roll call for voting purposes. The following members were **present and voted** for the motion:

| **Voting Members:** | **Vote:** |
|---|---|
| Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman | Yes |
| Gutierrez, Maria A. - Vice Chair | Yes |
| Ada, Peter Alecxis | Yes |
| Lujan, James C. | Yes |
| McNinch, Dr. Ron L. | Yes |
| San Nicolas, Lourdes B. | Yes |

**IV. Announcements and Adjournment**

**Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Mr. Ada to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.**

**Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:**

**CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS**
**Acting Administrative Officer**

**Date:** 7/31/18

**MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2018 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:**
**(✓) Approved as submitted**
**( ) Approved subject to corrections**
**( ) Other:** _____

**MARK B. MENDIOLA**
**GEB Chairman**

**Date:** 7/31/18

**JON J. P. FERNANDEZ**
**Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent**

**Date:** 8/2/18

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**8th GUAM EDUCATION BOARD**
**SPECIAL MEETING**
**Friday, July 13, 2018**
**2 pm**
**Gallery A/B, Bldg. B., Tiyan**

**MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

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## I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

***Voting Members:***
Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman
Gutierrez, Maria A – Vice Chairwoman
Ada, Peter Alecxis
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.
San Nicolas, Lourdes B.

***Non-Voting Members:***
McCarthy, Mark D. - GFT Representative

***Absent:***
Benavente, Lourdes M. – Excused
Lujan, James C. - Excused
Crisostomo, Robert - Excused
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison - Unexcused

The Superintendent announced that five (5) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

## II. New Business

1) Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Grant – Ms. San Nicolas stated that on July 10th there was a work session for the first draft of the grant application for the Guam Head Start Program Supplemental Training and Technical Assistance. At that time, members were present and provided input. She noted that the changes that Head Start Director, Ms. Schroeder made to the draft was a result of the Board's input during the work session. Ms. San Nicolas noted that on the first page, second paragraph, starting with line two, it states that Region 9 usually specifies the attendee recommendations when the training agenda is finalized. She noted that in the past, we have always been very fortunate that training such as this one, allows parents to be part of the group to attend the training. Ms. San Nicolas also pointed out a section at the end of page two referencing the matching funds of the $7,500.

Ms. Schroeder clarified that the grant was 80% federal and 20% locally funded. Within Head Start's local budget she has adequate funds, it does not affect her funds. The grant states that DOE, the grantee is also supporting the program with at least a 20% match. She noted that part of the discussion during Tuesday's work session was that they also get a $200,000 waiver on our matching funds. The basic grant that she applied for and received already, the matching was over $700,000 and with the $200,000 waiver, they usually apply to extra grants when they offer grants to us. She stated that it would not affect the benefits, it's just on paper, DOE as the grantee has enough funds to support the program.

Ms. Gutierrez asked who would attend the training.

Ms. Schroeder clarified that it is determined by Region IX.

Ms. Gutierrez asked whether Ms. Schroeder would provide input on who should go.

Ms. Schroeder clarified that the only input that she provides is stating what kind of training they want and then Region 9 makes the final determination.

Ms. Gutierrez asked if she will determine who will attend the training after the approval comes back.

Ms. Schroeder responded yes.

Ms. Gutierrez recommended using the lowest fare and possibly have people share rooms so that more people can attend the training. She emphasized the need for parents and teachers to attend the training.

Ms. Schroeder clarified that one of the challenges that they have is when they do purchase their airline tickets, they encumber the highest fare and once the ticket was purchased they find out if the fare was lower. She also informed that they do share rooms if possible.

Mr. Mendiola stated that Ms. Gutierrez is making the point to maximize their travel.

Ms. Schroeder stated that they do maximize as much as possible.

**Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Dr. McNinch, for the approval of the grant application for the Guam Head Start Program Supplemental Training and Technical Assistance. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 5-0. The motion passed.**

**2)** BBMR Circular 18-07, Revised FY2019 General Fund Levels – Option #3 – Mr. Mendiola referenced the circular that was transmitted to the Board by the Superintendent. He stated that the circular that came from BBMR gave option levels of the cuts. He noted that there was a repeal on the tax law that was recently passed. Mr. Mendiola stated that the BBMR Circular basically gave the DOE and other agencies that are tacked on to the General Fund, the pro rata share of what it is going to look like. Additionally, on the Option 3, there was a request for us to provide input on Option 3 which would bring our appropriation level to $160 million from the General Fund.

**Ms. Gutierrez, seconded by Dr. McNinch, for the approval of the GEB Resolution 2018-012 to strongly urge the 34th Guam Legislature to prioritize education funding in the Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Act to ensure that the Guam Department of Education is able to meet the mandates of the Adequate Education Act for our students, families and employees. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 5-0. The motion passed.**

Ms. Gutierrez read a portion of Resolution 2018-12 into the record.

Mr. Mendiola informed the public that they held a work session that addressed this resolution. The resolution highlights what has led us to this point. He stated that this has come back to the table because of the repeal on the Tax Law. He noted in the "be it resolved" in the resolution, there are some serious issues and implications with respect to how the DOE is going to operate. He stated that our agency has about 4,000 employees and 31,000 students, in addition as part of our budget equation, we also have charter school oversight through the Superintendent's Office, but not through our Board. In addition to that, there are also some legislative mandates that have been placed on the Department recently, which changes the dynamics of the procurement responsibility and building of Simon Sanchez High School.

Mr. Mendiola informed the body that he invited a guest, Mr. Jay Rojas, Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority to discuss the cost for procurement with respect to Simon Sanchez.

Mr. Rojas spoke to the resolution to the point that the Department is looking at some of the options they would have to undergo and looking at the budget for Fiscal Year 2019. He stated that in discussions with the Chairman and how this resolution involves Simon Sanchez High School, he needed to inform the Board that the recent act by the legislature for the repeal of the sales tax does have greater implications of how Guam is seen in the market when it comes to bonds and financing. He stated that, in the context of Simon Sanchez, in the event that the rating agencies do end up downgrading the general obligation bonds, we're going to be looking at a higher interest rates for financing. He stated that we need a resolution that says that it does not matter what solution is there, as long as a solution is made. That is what we need to find, a solution that is made and stuck with a little more permanency for us to be able to recover from the instability.

Ms. Gutierrez emphasized that we have our Simon Sanchez stakeholders that have been waiting and asked what he can do from his office so that the Simon Sanchez community will no longer be put in this panic or disappointment. She continued to emphasize the importance of putting education first and Simon Sanchez being made a priority.

Mr. Rojas responded that his office has been involved with the Simon Sanchez procurement from the beginning. He stated that his office is there from a financing standpoint to offer whomever the stakeholders or bidders, an opportunity to be able to go out and get some financing. He stated that if GEDA actually goes out and helps to get the financing they can offer triple times exempt bonds that the Private Sector cannot. He stated that once we get over this procurement hurdle, GEDA is ready, willing and able to take it to the next level. Mr. Rojas also noted that the funding source is secure, there are no issues with funding.

Mr. Mendiola stated that the point they are trying to make is that the longer we wait, the potential for it to cost more for the people of Guam is greater. He stated that with the fiscal crisis that is going on, he does not want Simon Sanchez to get lost in the translation of what the priorities are.

Ms. San Nicolas asked Mr. Rojas if he is monitoring the money market on a consistent basis.

He responded that yes, he is. He went on to explain some issues that the Port was having and stated that you can't really invest in a community that doesn't have the stability of government leadership and revenue sources.

Ms. San Nicolas stated that she respectfully requests an update of Mr. Rojas' findings on a regular basis to the Chairman and the Superintendent.

Mr. Mendiola stated that Mr. Rojas will communicate with the Superintendent.

Ms. San Nicolas expressed the need to address the issues at Simon Sanchez and asked Mr. Rojas to please help us.

Mr. Fernandez reminded everyone that when the law was passed for DOE to take over procurement, the matter was still in court, because of the legal situation we were unable to move forward. His understanding was that Judge Bordallo dismissed the case and we are trying to confirm whether a written decision has been provided. The decision with the court places the issue back with the Office of Public Accountability and we are trying to confirm if the OPA is going to dismiss it. We will not be able to move forward until that matter is resolved. He informed that they continue to get a status on that issue and once it is resolved, we will be ready to move forward. The Superintendent informed that Board that as they deal with the issues they would keep the Board informed.

Ms. Gutierrez requested for a report on the matter at the July 31 meeting.

Mr. Ada stated that he read over the draft of the resolution and commented that it really bothers him that we are putting everybody in jeopardy, from the schools and the staff. He mentioned that he overheard about the possibility of a furlough, and if you have a husband and wife working for the Department you get hit twice. He stated, but at the same token, they have, as the Board the responsibility to let the people of Guam know ahead of time and not wait until the eleventh hour.

Ms. Gutierrez also emphasized her unhappiness of the conditions and financial issues that the Department is having to deal with and also that the students, faculty and staff that will suffer from it.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the resolution expresses the Board's concern and request to the Legislature because the ball is in the Legislature's court at this point to approve the FY19 Appropriations Act to ensure that our lawmakers do their best to minimize any harm to the education system and to prioritize funding for education. He stated that we need to know how much funding is going to be available. As we're heading into discussion with the Legislature, option 3 is a 30% cut in our general fund revenues. Mr. Fernandez recalled Dr. Underwood's statement saying it's not going to be just disruptive, it's going to fundamentally cripple certain aspects of our education system. He stated that they did have an opportunity to speak to the Speaker of the Legislature and he introduced a budget for consideration (Bill 323-34) and under his scenario is that the education for the impact of the general fund for the education department is about a 5.9% reduction which is about 13 million dollars. He continued to explain that as we go forward we're trying to figure out between the 5.9% reduction, where exactly are we going to be as a Department and Government in terms of the revenue that is going to come in and the prioritization of spending. He stated that what they're arguing for here, is that as every election official has told him in their conversations is that education is at the top and so if education is at the top, we expect to see a funding level that reflects that.

Ms. San Nicolas asked the Superintendent if he was anticipating enrolling 840 students from the charter school and accommodating them and what the budget impact would look like if so.

Mr. Fernandez responded that the Attorney General had not issued an opinion yet but she indicated earlier that day that her opinion is forth coming very soon. He stated that we are not sure where she will end up. Also, in the budget that Speaker Cruz presented, we are well aware of the provision regarding charter schools, he has provided no funding for Guahan Academy Charter School, he has funded ilearn Academy at the existing level and the Science is Fund Charter School for middle school at about 300 or so students. Basically we have been preparing in the event that we have to take some role and absorb these students back. As of the most recent count Guahan had 880 students enrolled and already we know because they are trying to get back to the 740 cap there is going to be 140 students that will have to be absorbed somewhere. We have already been advising our administrators to be on the look out for students who are trying to re-enroll in our public schools and make sure that we're facilitating it so that it is easy for them to re-enroll. With regard to the 740 that will depend on the AG's opinion as well as whether they're going to get funding after October 1st. Right now, those scenarios, we're trying to prepare for all the possible situations. He stated that we do have a small team of administrators and staff that have already geared up

in the event of any scenario. What we're trying to do is ensure that if there are students and families who are concerned about the situation and want to come back to DOE, that we are able to inform them on what they need to do to re-enroll. He further stated that we've appointed Stacey Sahagon, Principal of Liguan to be the point of contact in the event that we need to work with the students and families.

Mr. Mendiola noted that they had a conversation with the Speaker and the Committee Chair, Senator San Agustin that whatever reduction the Department gets, that the charter schools will also bear some of that burden.

Ms. Gutierrez emphasized the need for all division heads and administrators to explain the resolution to the employees so that no panic is caused.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that she is happy that the resolution states that the Superintendent is going to make sure that input from employees, students and all stakeholders will be taken into consideration.

Mr. Mendiola commented that this has been a very trying time for the Budget and Finance Committee. He thanked the GFT for being present at the work session and providing input. He commented that we have a lot of stakeholders out in the community and this is going to get as real as it gets. He asked that the community really look at what is going on down at the Legislature because as the Superintendent said, the ball is in their court. They are the appropriations body and whatever funding that they decide to give the Department will indicate whether or not they truly support education like they profess to. He stated that he knows there is a lot of frustration going around the table and he knows that the livelihood of our employees are at stake and there are other options that he knows the Superintendent will continue to have dialogue. He thanked the Superintendent for going out to the community to provide input. He stated that he wanted to make it very clear to everyone that the only spokesperson for the DOE or his designee is the Superintendent of Education and for any spokesperson for the Board is the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call for voting purposes. The following members were **present and voted** for the motion:

| **Voting Members:** | **Vote:** |
|---|---|
| Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman | Yes |
| Gutierrez, Maria A. - Vice Chair | Yes, with reservations |
| Ada, Peter Alecxis | Yes |
| McNinch, Dr. Ron L. | Yes |
| San Nicolas, Lourdes B. | Yes |

## III. Announcements and Adjournment

Mr. Mendiola noted that everyone received a copy of the formal response to Mr. Robert Klitzkie's complaint and he asked that it be transmitted.

Mr. Mendiola also noted that he announced that they are traveling to Washington D.C. and they have meetings set up. He stated that they are in coordination with Congresswoman Bordallo and USDOE and they are asking the Congresswoman to set high level meetings with them. They are asking to meet with the Secretary of Education and the Deputy to address some of the changes and challenges that are before us with USDOE. He noted that they will be returning back on island on the 21st.

**Mr. Ada moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.**

**Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m.**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:**

Christie L. San Nicolas

**CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS**
**Acting Administrative Officer**

**Date:** 7/31/18

**MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

(✓) **Approved as submitted**
( ) **Approved subject to corrections**
( ) **Other:** _____

**MARK B. MENDIOLA**
**GEB Chairman**

**Date:** 7/31/18

**JON J.P. FERNANDEZ**
**Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent**

**Date:** 8/2/18

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**8th GUAM EDUCATION BOARD**
**REGULAR MEETING**
**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**
**6 pm**
**Superintendent's Conf. Rm., Bldg. A., Tiyan**

**MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman
Maria A. Gutierrez, Vice Chairwoman
Peter Alecxis D. Ada
Lourdes M. Benavente
Robert A. Crisostomo
James C. Lujan
Ron L. McNinch, PhD
Lourdes B. San Nicolas

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

VACANT
IBOGS Representative

Mark D. McCarthy (AHES)
GFT Representative

Mayor, Rudy M. Matanane
MCOG Representative

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Jon J.P. Fernandez
GDOE Superintendent

## I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

***Voting Members:***
Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman
Gutierrez, Maria A – Vice Chairwoman
Ada, Peter Alecxis
Crisostomo, Robert
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.
San Nicolas, Lourdes B.

***Non-Voting Members:***
Sharma, Sanjay – GFT Representative

***Staff:***
Stake, James - Legal Counsel

***Absent:***
Benavente, Lourdes M. – Excused
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison - Unexcused

The Superintendent announced that seven (7) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

## II. Approval of Minutes

**Ms. San Nicolas motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the May 22, 2018 regular monthly meeting meetings. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.**

**Ms. San Nicolas motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the June 14, 2018 special meeting minutes. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.**

**III. Public Participation** – None.

**IV. Communications**

**Correspondence**

Mr. Mendiola informed the Board that he received a complaint regarding the Superintendent which was also filed with the Guam Election Commission. He noted that he received it via email from the Superintendent as the Executive Secretary to the Board. He stated that the complaint was made by Mr. Robert Klitzkie. Copies were passed out to all board members.

Ms. San Nicolas questioned if that would warrant the Board to go into executive session.

Mr. Mendiola stated that it would, but he just wanted to note that the complaint was received.

Mr. Mendiola also informed the Board that he received a notice via email of the announcement of the new Director of the Office of Head Start for Region 9.

**Superintendent's Report and Communication**

**CURRICULUM**

**Charter School Update.** The Guam Academy Charter School Council, at its June 14 meeting, approved the renewal of Guahan Academy Charter School's (GACS) charter, despite GACS failing to meet the requirement to attain accreditation within five years. Following the Council vote, Senator Joe San Agustin requested the Attorney General's opinion on the Council's action. GACS continues to demonstrate significant governance, financial and operational deficiencies, which has impacted its ability to drawdown funds. On June 30, GACS must officially vacate their secondary Tiyan campus property. An updated risk assessment report has been circulated to GEB members, and a draft resolution will be considered at the June 26, 2018, meeting as well. A legislative roundtable on GACS is also scheduled for June 27, 2018.

**FACILITIES**

**Simon Sanchez High School Procurement.** At the June 13 public hearing on GDOE's FY 19 Budget Request, Superintendent informed the Legislature that there was no funding available from TEFF to initiate the architecture and engineering work intended for Simon Sanchez High School. This was confirmed in correspondence with the Bureau of Budget Management and Research (BBMR), and GDOE was requested to seek a direct appropriation from the Legislature. GDOE continues to work with the Legislature to identify a source of funding. On June 25, 2018, Senator Frank Aguon introduced legislation in an attempt to assist the department with funding for Simon Sanchez High School. The bill introduced would deappropriate $1 million from the Governor's Office and send the funding to GDOE to initiate the SSHS A&E work.

**Attendance Area Update.** The Superintendent noted that next month, the Department would be working on a public information campaign as we get ready for the school year. He stated that information on attendance areas will be put into the quarterly newsletter and they will be working with the schools to address whether there is any information that needs to go out to their stakeholders. He noted that what they are hearing from the school principals is that they are already dealing with parents and families and they feel like they have a good handle on who the students are and are working school to school to make sure they're meeting these families. The computer operators at the elementary schools that are being affected are talking and identifying which students are affected and notifying the parents and working through the process to make the transition as efficient as possible.

**US DOE Request for Removal of Special Conditions.** The Superintendent stated that he spoke to Christine Jackson and Mark Robinson earlier in the morning and stated that a Guam team anticipated going to D.C. in mid-July. July

16th and 17th are set for meetings with USDOE to get more information relative to GDOE's request for reconsideration of the special conditions. The Superintendent noted that Bill Roberti from Alvarez and Marsal, Third Party Fiduciary, was on island last week. Both he and the Chairman met with Mr. Roberti. During the meeting, they discussed the transition structure to create an internal team that would reflect and mirror the responsibilities of the Third Party. He stated that they are trying to finalize a proposal in order to present it to USDOE in July. The role of the Third Party would move into a monitoring and advisory role. He stated that the intent is to reduce the cost of their services. He noted that Phil Maestri, Director, Risk Management Services, has rotated out of Risk Management to another area of USDOE. They will get a better understanding of the changes that have occurred at USDOE and the impact of these changes in how Guam's issues will be handled..

Mr. Crisostomo questioned whether it would be more advantageous for a team from US DOE to come to Guam instead of them going to D.C. Ms. San Nicolas clarified that USDOE was supposed to come to Guam, but the travel had been cancelled.

Mr. Mendiola further clarified that in June they usually get a letter from USDOE regarding the special conditions. He stated that the last time they met with them they informed them that the letter that was received seemed like a template letter and it did not reflect the improvements that USDOE sees that the GDOE has accomplished. He stated that the key component is that when we met with the Third Party team here we asked what the framework is going to look like internally at DOE. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Crisostomo, but at the D.C. level we have the Governor, Speaker and the Congress' support, and we are trying to move as quickly as possible to let them know that we're serious at all levels of government, to include the Board. He stated that he was told by USDOE that once they receive the letter, they will put together a team to come to Guam to evaluate all of our processes.

The Superintendent agreed and stated that the problem is that we don't know exactly who's coming, what they are going to be reviewing and how. Prior to them coming out we want to understand the protocols. He stated that USDOE is not sure yet, but they are reaching out to the various parts of the department now that we have officially triggered the reconsideration. He stated that his understanding is that in an internal meeting that they are having will provide a better understanding of who will be involved and the parameters of their review for when DOE goes in July. The Superintendent stated that the reason they are going in July is to maintain the momentum of their discussions and to get USDOE's concurrence on some of these things because we know their travel is restricted and they haven't been able to come out here. We are also hoping to understand that they have a plan and a timeframe to come out here and get an understanding as to what it is that they will be looking at as part of their validation. He stated that they mentioned that we might get questions that have never been asked. He responded that it is important for us to know before they come out.

Mr. Crisostomo stated that he is surprised that the Department hasn't video conferenced with USDOE on a frequent basis. He stated that if they did, board members could dialogue with the team and once they come to Guam they would know their expectations. He stated that would be something that maybe board members would like to see before they come to Guam.

Mr. Mendiola stated that the big picture is the letter of conditions and what they are looking for in D.C. Once the letter is received on July 1st then we will know how to approach what occurs in D.C. or what we will do here, moving forward.

Ms. San Nicolas questioned whether there is an update on Simon Sanchez High School on the dispute between CoreTech and DPR.

Mr. Fernandez stated that yes, the court dismissed the case. He further stated that he is not certain if it is completed in terms of its OPA review and once they clear we will proceed to go further. The issue right now is looking at the funding issue, we may need to review that conversation. Either it is a direct appropriation in FY 18 or we have to wait and hopefully get that as part of FY 19. He stated that even if the OPA addresses that, we will still have the funding issue.

Ms. San Nicolas asked for clarification recalling Senator Terlaje's comment during a previous session, that if the Third Party's services and their costs reduced, could that money be used to create an internal team? She also asked what the Superintendent is looking at in terms of staffing for the internal team and whether they will be people from outside of the department or a combination of outside people and in-house staff? She also asked who will oversee their records and what their salary would look like?

Mr. Fernandez stated that they are working on those questions and maybe they can present that during a work session before they leave to D.C. He stated that in his conception, right now, they are looking at five members for the team with different positions such as directory and/or deputy director with three or four staff. Discussions are being had with HR and the Third Party to get a handle on the job descriptions to be able to handle the right skill set and whether they would be classified or unclassified employees. He stated that those are some of the decisions they need to make. Right now, the estimated total is about $500,000 that would involve running a version of the Tyler system as a separate system and staffing the unit. For reporting staff they would report to the Superintendent, not any of the deputies but they would have that role of overseeing the financial funds internally. Details are being flushed out and any decisions that need to be made by the Board, or authorizations we be brought to the Board's attention. He stated that how we pay for it is also something that needs to be figured out, whether it needs to be funded locally or federally; we'll be doing the research.

Ms. San Nicolas questioned if the Superintendent is requesting for the Board Chair to accompany him to Washington D.C.

Mr. Fernandez stated yes because it was very helpful to have board presence at the last meeting that was held.

Ms. San Nicolas stated that she asked for the purpose of the record because the travel was already approved at a previous meeting.

**Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, to accept the Superintendent's Report and Communication as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.**

**V. Ex-officio Member Reports**

1) GFT – Mr. Sanjay Sharma thanked the Department and the Board for pushing for funding for the full 14 points from the Legislature. He also thanked the Department for offering all the different trainings during the summer, he stated that they are valuable resources and an investment in the teachers.

Mr. Sharma announced that GFT will be having their annual PPD Skin Test and Health Fair on Saturday, August 11th from 12 -2. TB tests are free for GFT members and their immediate family members.

Mr. Fernandez asked if the nurses would be administering the TB tests.

Mr. Sharma replied that they would be.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he had received a request from Vince Leon Guerrero who mentioned the need for nurses to assist the hospital and asked if our nurses were available.

Mr. Sharma stated that they may be the same nurses. Usually they would have Guam Community College and their nursing students to come and assist but this year, they may not be available so GFT asked DOE school nurses to assist.

Mr. Ada stated that he would be willing to include DYA's nurses if necessary, but to be told in advance.

2) Mayor's Council of Guam – No report.

## VI. Unfinished Business

### 1) Executive Committee

a) Superintendent's Evaluation – Mr. Mendiola stated that they held the Board retreat and they asked Dr. Ron McNinch to take the lead on putting that presentation together.

Dr. McNinch presented info for the Superintendent's Evaluation process and method.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that this is long overdue and that they need to move fast and not delay the evaluation any longer.

Mr. Mendiola agreed.

Mr. Crisostomo commented that he had mentioned it before and restated that they didn't make the expectations known to the Superintendent, what the criteria he would be evaluated on, and he doesn't think that that would be fair to the Superintendent to get anything less than satisfactory.

Mr. Fernandez commented that, however the Board decides to move forward, what needs to happen is something be presented to him in writing so that he can give approval because the evaluation has to be in agreed upon by both parties.

Dr. McNinch stated that he would send the Chairman the draft.

The Chairman stated that he would transmit to the board members.

b) Board's Self Evaluation – Mr. Mendiola stated that a document was provided to the Board members where everyone agreed to it but he recommended to do it concurrently with the Superintendent's Evaluation.

c) Charter School Update – Because of the lengthy discussion on this topic, item was moved to the end of the agenda.

d) NASBE Report/Invoice

Ms. Gutierrez informed the board that they received the invoice for their NASBE membership which is renewed every year. She informed them that the way NASBE's fiscal year is set up, is different from our Government's fiscal year. She stated that the membership dues have not been raised. She noted that the dues are due on July 1st but in the past she informed NASBE that our fiscal year doesn't start until October and funding isn't released until then and they have been very accommodating with that. She noted that in the previous years they have added five thousand to the professional development fund to make it ten thousand because of the airfares, hotel accommodations and registrations. She stated that she discussed it with the Chair that they need to look at other means of funding so that the Superintendent doesn't need to utilize Indirect Costs to fund board travel. She explained that Dr. McNinch is part of the New Member Institute and when he attends conferences the Department has to shoulder the amount that is not covered by NASBE. She clarified that Professional Development does not cover his stipend, it strictly covers travel, hotel accommodations and registration. She stated that there is only one thousand dollars left in the Professional Development account and there is a a 60th anniversary for NASBE event and some board members are apart of the NASBE committee who will be attending. She noted that in the funding for the Board, there is funding for an attorney but they don't know whether the new board that comes in will want to hire an attorney for the Board. The Budget Committee will have to decide if professional development account will be raised or not.

Mr. Ada stated that it has been clear that this past fiscal year, we have been placed with budget cuts in every sense of the word, to include the possibility and threat of a furlough. 2019 is unknown and we

don't know what to expect. He stated that they have been members for a long time, he commended Ms. Gutierrez for doing a marvelous job representing them and being the liaison. They have also been blessed to have their own representative, Dr. McNinch. He continued to state that cuts are expected to come up, we don't know how much, frankly speaking, though others might disagree, but we have to do our due diligence to show that we will do cuts, even at the very top which is the Board of Education. With modern technology today and science, there are a lot of meetings that can be attended through video conferencing. He stated that he believes that there is no need to send anybody to these conferences and to show that they will make cuts too. He stated that they will already have the region director of the Pacific, present, and that is a major accomplishment within itself. He stated that he would like the record to show that he is hoping and praying that the Board will collectively consider participating via videoconference rather than traveling because the money could go to some of the classrooms. Everything that is being said in that meeting can be said through videoconference and that whoever attends the videoconference can participate in it. He restated that he hopes the Board considers not attending so that they can show the children and the stakeholders that the Board will also make cuts.

Mr. Mendiola stated that they are a part of the professional organization of NASBE, when members came on board he was supposed to attend the new member conference but he went to the general conference because he was nominated to be a regional director. He stated that he thinks the importance of this conference is that it is the only professional development that our board members are able to stay on top of what's trending in the U.S. and when you have a lot of federal grants and issues he would like for the Board to be at the table. He stated that he understands Mr. Ada's point and that they have to be frugal with their spending but if they have the means and the Board has made the necessary cuts to assist the Department. He feels that they've exhibited that through some of the Board's action in terms of funding. He stated that he would like to look at the dollar figure and see whether it's a split investment on the Board. The next election that comes up, if that's the case we should separate from NASBE until our finances can face out. He assured Mr. Ada that they will discuss further and if there is a way they can find resources, whether receiving donations of support or other means, but he is not willing to give up on it yet.

Mr. Lujan noted that when he attended last year's New Member Conference it was very enlightening and feels that because they are hundreds of miles away he feels that they should show their physical presence when they can. He continued to share his sentiments on how he feels that it is important for them to physically attend the conference.

Ms. Gutierrez noted that she was recently given the opportunity to attend a conference and receive some funding from NASBE but opted out and attended via teleconference at 3 o'clock in the morning. She noted that during the discussion, the former Chairman Mr. Jay Borf, there are changes in the way that the Board of Directors will be chosen which will happen in October at the 60th anniversary of NASBE. She stated that one of the conditions when you are appointed to be a committee member is that you are able to participate twice via tele-conference but during the National Conference the committee member needs to be present because of the discussion on the floor and the voters call.

Ms. San Nicolas stated that the Pacific Islands are very underrepresented and they asked Dr. McNinch, the representative of the New Member's Institute, to really push for the issue for the Pacific Islands to have a voice in the decision making. She emphasized to Dr. McNinch to please push the issue so that the Pacific Islands are represented.

Mr. Mendiola responded to Mr. Ada that he would refer this issue to the Budget and Finance Committee and they could look at the finances to see if it could be supported or not. The recommendation from the committee will come back to the Board as to how they will proceed.

Dr. McNinch then presented this trip report. He stated that he went to the NASBE meeting, traveling through American Samoa. He recruited the American Samoan Government to ask them to participate with NASBE and he spoke to a number of education officials as well as members of the Rotary Club. He also met with Department of Education officials in American Samoa and discussed the Dual Credit Program that they just started. He explained that the program allows high school students to also earn college credits. He stated that he thinks that it is a good opportunity for Guam to start discussing middle college or dual credit programs. He also met with some people from the congressional awards and stated that he would like to promote the program in the schools.

Dr. McNinch recommended to the Superintendent and the Chairman that whenever they meet with the Federal Government, they should wear an island print shirt because it clicks with them.

Dr. McNinch stated that he respects both Mr. Ada and Ms. Gutierrez and realizes the hard work both of them have put into the board and that he feels that all Board members should attend the conference in Denver. He said that it is a great ambassador opportunity for them and a great selling point for them. He stated that President Kris, due to illness is having to cycle out, there were a lot of executive sessions at the NASBE meeting relative to those changes. He wasn't able to talk about it until all the announcements were made but all the arrangements were to bring in Robert Hull as the President and inform all their donors that everything is stable and nothing bad was happening. He stated that NASBE has a lot of plans, they did shrink their board down, the board shrank by a third. He informed the Board that his position that he currently holds in NASBE was erased, after October of next year his position won't exist anymore. In order for us to have people to vote for them on the board they have to be present to lobby for them.

**2) Instructional & Academic Support Committee**

Head Start Report – Ms. Schroeder informed the Board that her program received their grant award for next year, last week. They received the full amount of the award. She also informed the Board that there is now an official Head Start Director in D.C.

Mr. Mendiola asked Ms. Schroeder what the status was on the grant that was approved by the GEB last week.

Ms. Schroeder responded that she submitted the grant on Saturday and the only the pending was a copy of the minutes that would be approved tonight. She also noted that she hasn't heard any news about the program improvement grant yet.

**Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas, to approve the Head Start Report as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.**

**3) Fiscal Management**

a) Update on FY18 /FY19 Budget – Mr. Mendiola stated the FY 19 budget was presented at the legislature. He stated that they stuck to the 14 points and they would just have to wait and see what the Legislature is going to do. He noted that he would like the Superintendent and his management team to look at the spending priorities of the Department and the Board may have to change their position and protect the classroom as much as possible. He noted that they needed to get all their partners around the able and continue to push for the funding for our FY 19 budget.

**4) Ad-Hoc Committee on Furlough and School Year 2018-19** – Tabled.

**VII. New Business**

**1)** Declaration of Financial Status Designation for April 2018 - Ms. Taitano stated that the EFSC issued a notice to the Board, stating that the Department is in a Code C Watch based on the object category 290-Miscellaneous which was due to some one time costs related to some penalties and settlements. She

stated that they are going to work with the EFSC to adjust their projections so that this deficit will correct itself.

**Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, for the approval of Resolution 2018-10 Relative to approving the Corrective Financial Recovery Plan Prepared in response to the Code C-Watch issued by the Education Financial Supervisory Commission for the Month of April 2018. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.**

2) Board Attendance Policy

**Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Dr. McNinch, for the approval to amend the policy on attendance for off island and on island for the board members to read that board members who may have fallen ill may call in as well as members who are leaving to include the whole day when they are off island and return on island.**

Dr. McNinch stated that we have modern technology and that it is a fairly reasonable policy. As long as the member states why they are having to call in, it should explain it to the public.

Mr. Mendiola acknowledged that the topic was not on the agenda but that the issue had been brought up in the past. The Board took a two minute break to pull up the existing policy.

Mr. Ada stated that he understands but why not put it on the agenda for the next meeting and possibly have a work session prior to the meeting. He stated that they don't want anyone to say why was this thrown in during a meeting when it wasn't on the agenda.

Mr. Mendiola stated that based on Robert's Rules of Order, any Board member can make a motion to approve or introduce anything under new business during the meeting. He recognized that Mr. Lujan made a motion and now we're going to take a look at this because he's making an amendment to an existing policy.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he understands and he thinks that the Board has discussed ways to make it easier to participate and he thinks it's a good idea but he pointed out that we do have a Board Policy 125.13 that does establish those rules. He stated that with any amendment, they have the opportunity to review it and maybe after the Charter School resolution address the amendment so there isn't any conflicting will of the Board.

Ms. San Nicolas recommended that the Executive Committee meet to address the issue.

Mr. Mendiola asked for a five minute break to take a look and then have a discussion and if it warrants that the Board is not in support then he'll forward to the committee if need be, if not, and the Board is comfortable then they will take action.

Mr. Lujan clarified that he brought it up because they have had instances where they were lacking board members and that there was a meeting in November that was cancelled because of it.

Ms. San Nicolas also recollected that there was a meeting where she was unable to attend because she couldn't be out in the sun but she was willing to participate via teleconference but she was not off island which is contradictory to the board policy.

Upon return of the break Mr. Lujan withdrew his motion to make a new motion.

**Mr. Lujan withdrew his motion with no objection.**

**Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Dr. McNinch, to amend Board Policy 125.13 to "The Board recognized and supports the need to consider alternative methods of participation of voting members during regular and special meetings. Therefore, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, the Board approves the participation of members ~~that are off-island~~ by video and/or tele-conferencing communication. Participation during regular and special meetings by video and/or tele-conferencing communication shall constitute official attendance as it applies to: 1) Establish quorum, 2) Voting on motions, 3) Compensation as established. ~~Board members that anticipate being off-island for a regular and/or special meeting shall, prior to departure, arrange through the Executive Secretary the following: 1)Validation of travel dates, 2) Training on video and/or tele-conferencing communication to be used, 3) Test run of video and/or tele-conferencing communication to be used.~~ The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.**

Charter School Update – Mr. Mendiola stated that all Board members should've received a copy of the resolution. He stated the resolution was crafted at the request of the Budget and Finance Committee members to basically put out to the community our risk assessment report that was conducting by our Internal Audit Office.

**Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the Guam Education Board Resolution 2018-11 Resolution to request that the 34th Guam Legislature separate the budgets of the Guam Department of Education from the Charter Schools and remove the requirement for the Guam Department of Education to validate Charter School invoices or, in the alternative, provide the Guam Education Board approval authority and oversight over Charter Schools and the Guam Academy Charter School Council. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.**

Ms. Gutierrez read a portion of the resolution into the record.

Mr. Mendiola pointed out that the Chairwoman of the Guam Academy Charter School Council's name should be written out in the resolution.

Mr. Ada questioned whether the Department had a Safety Officer and stated that he understood that the hiring freeze from the executive branch was lifted. He was informed that the Department did not currently have a Safety Officer. Mr. Ada stated that he thought safety was one of the critical things of the Department.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the central office freeze for the Department was still in place but that they were looking at hiring for the upcoming school year. He noted that back, when they had moved forward to hired the School Safety Officer, the individual that was selected had to go off for medical purposes and then we froze all positions and we didn't hire. He stated that they needed to get a status update from the individual.

**VIII. Executive Session**

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:26 pm.
The Board returned to Public Session at 8:02 pm.

**IX. Announcements and Adjournment**

**Mr. Ada moved, seconded by all to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.**

**Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:**

**CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS**
**Acting Administrative Officer**

**Date:** 7/31/18

**MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**
**(✓) Approved as submitted**
**( ) Approved subject to corrections**
**( ) Other: _____**

**MARK B. MENDIOLA**
**GEB Chairman**

**Date:** 7/31/18

**JON J. P. FERNANDEZ**
**Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent**

**Date:** 8/2/18