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The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Acting Speaker
Thirty-Fourth Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Dear Governor Calvo and Acting Speaker Terlaje:

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 and other documents as discussed at the October 9, 2018 special board meeting. The meeting was held in the Gallery A/B, DOE Building B, Tiyan.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 300-1627.

Senseramente,

JON J. P. FERNANDEZ
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Attachments

cc: Chairman and Members, Guam Education Board
Deputy Supt., FAS
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8th Guam Education Board
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
6 PM
Gallery A/B, Building B., Tiyan

AGENDA

I. **Meeting Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call of Members**

III. **New Business**

1. Supplemental Budget FY19
2. Superintendent's Evaluation
3. CCSSO Meeting Nov 12-14, 2018 – Annual Policy Forum

IV. **Adjournment**

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: Hacie San Jose (SSHS) - IBOGS Representative, Mark McCarthy (AHES) - GFT Representative, Mayor, Rudy M. Matanane, MCOG Representative
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent



AIRPORT: *The A.B. Won Pat International Airport terminal is shown. The airport received an upgraded credit rating assessment, in part because it has paid down its debt and doesn't have plans to borrow over the next five years.*
David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

Airport gets upgraded credit rating

Investment rating business Standard & Poor's has upgraded the credit rating on the A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority's general revenue bonds from BBB to BBB+ with a stable outlook, the airport announced Monday.

The upgrade was released Sept. 27.

The rating took into account certain factors favorable to the airport, including:

- "adequate management and governance, with detailed financial planning";
- "adequate risk management practices and organizational effectiveness";
- adequate financial performance; and
- a history of paying down its debt and no borrowing plans over the next five years.

"S&P's confidence in our financial position is reflected in the upgraded credit rating we just received. This upgraded credit rating validates the authority's prudent fiscal management, all the while meeting our operational needs and exceeding standards imposed on us by FAA regulations and other regulatory agencies," stated GIAA Executive Manager Charles Ada.

The S&P assessment does point out some areas that make the airport's finances vulnerable, including its "exposure to items beyond its control such as its remote location, tourism trends, global economic shocks, security concerns, health scares and weather events."

The assessment also considered the airport's limited growth potential because of the concentrated economic base it serves.

The Federal Aviation Administration classifies the airport as a small hub. The airport served approximately 1.86 million enplaning passengers in fiscal year 2017 and primarily serves tourists, most of whom are from Japan or South Korea, as well as local and regional interisland traffic, S&P states. ***(Daily Post Staff)***

Legislation allows military health care workers to provide indigent care

By Louella Losinio
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The Legislature placed nine bills into the third reading file during the first day of session Monday, including a set of bills providing military health care providers – from doctors and nurses to dentists – a pathway to volunteer in the community.

Bills 127-34, 128-34, 129-34 and 130-34 were introduced by Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr. The bills support the establishment of an expedited military limited volunteer license to allow them to practice their profession for no compensation in clinics and outreach events that serve indigent populations.

"What these bills seek to do is to establish (a law) that would allow us to be able to use physicians, health care professionals that are credentialed under the U.S. military – whether they be at the naval hospital, whether they be health care professionals at Andersen or Navy," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez noted that Guam has been identified by the Health Resources and Services Administration as a health professional shortage area.

In consultation with acting Speaker Therese Terlaje, Rodriguez introduced an amendment specifying that the volunteer health practitioner may practice only at the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Guam Memorial Hospital and designated clinics, community health centers and outreach events that primarily treat indigent populations.

The amendment passed.

Other proposals

Below are the other bills that were moved to the third reading file:

- Bill 38-34, as amended: Sen. Tom Ada, the bill's author, said the legislation seeks to make sweeping amendments to Guam procurement statutes, specifically on the provisions pertaining to legal and contractual remedies. The Guam Procurement Act was enacted in 1982.

"We are here because everyone can agree that the existing framework of the procurement code is defective, but not everyone can agree on the appropriate fixes," Ada said.

- Bill 219-34, introduced by Terlaje. The bill seeks to authorize mayors to offer veteran status data on residential verification forms. It also allows the collection of veteran demographics in the annual census and the conduct of community outreach activities to verify the veteran population in the different villages. The purpose of these activities is to update the Guam veteran registry and to connect the veterans to available services.
- Bill 272-34, introduced by Sen. Telena Nelson. The proposed legislation seeks to require reporting of amended government positions and to defer hiring for amended positions.
- Bill 279-34, as amended. Introduced by Ada, the proposed legislation seeks to amend current statutes relative to the General Services Agency and the chief procurement officer.
- Bill 297-34, introduced by Ada. The legislation authorizes the sale of approximately 316 square meters of the old Dela Corte Street property in Hagåtña.

Bills set aside by the Legislature:

- Bill 214-34, as corrected and amended. Ada introduced the legislation, which seeks to amend statutes relative to parental subdivisions and creating sibling subdivisions.
- Bill 267-34, as substituted. Introduced by Sen. Mary Torres. The bill seeks to enhance procedural protections within the Civil Service Commission in favor of increasing timeliness, efficiency and due process for classified employees of the government of Guam.

The Legislature will continue discussion on Bill 292. The legislation, introduced by Rodriguez, seeks to allow the use of video teleconferencing applications at meetings of government boards and commissions to guarantee quorum.

Session resumes at 9 a.m. today.

Public auditor discloses office spending plan

The newly elected public auditor marked the beginning of the fiscal 2019 spending year for the government of Guam on Monday by releasing his office's budget.

Public Auditor Benjamin Cruz did so "in an effort to promote transparency and accountability" with government resources.

The schedule outlines the amount of funding the Office of Public Accountability intends to spend for each category, including salaries, benefits and office rent based on the $1.26 million appropriation for the OPA in the budget law. The schedule was submitted to the Department of Administration last week.

"In my many years of public service, it has always been my mantra that honesty, transparency and accountability are key to earning and retaining the public's trust," Cruz said. "Simply put, I am releasing the OPA's budget allotment schedule for transparency and accountability purposes, to show where we will be spending our $1.26 million appropriation."

Budget outline

Here's how its budget will be spent:

- Regular salaries: $750,000
- Benefits: $250,000
- Contractual: $130,305
- Office rent: $122,260
- Supplies: $ 1,500
- Miscellaneous: $1,000
- Telephone: $ 3,300

Total: $ 1,258,365

(Daily Post Staff)

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
will hold its regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority Conference Room, 1st floor, Terlaje Professional Bldg. in Hagåtña.

Individuals requiring special accommodations may contact Patti Hernandez at 475-4278.
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Firefighters raise awareness of home fires





FIRE SAFETY: *Firefighters kicked off Fire Prevention Week, which is observed Oct. 7 to 13, with a proclamation signing Friday at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup.*

◀ **'LOOK. LISTEN. BE AWARE':** *Firefighters kicked off Fire Prevention Week, which is observed Oct. 7 to 13, with a proclamation signing Friday at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Adelup. The Guam Fire Department, Guam International Airport Authority Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit, Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base fire departments and the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Soil Resources Division are teaming up to promote this year's theme: "Look. Listen. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." The theme aims to remind the community about ways to quickly and safely escape home fires. Seated from left are Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio, GFD Deputy Fire Chief Joey San Nicolas and GIAA Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Stone.*
Photos by Tihu Lujan/The Guam Daily Post

Guam, CNMI residents can experience 'true Japan' through teaching program

By Meghan Swartz
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Applications are now open for the Japan Exchange & Teaching Program, a paid yearlong exchange program offering college graduates living on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands the opportunity to teach English while exploring Japan.

"The JET Program seeks participants who are adaptable, outgoing and who have a deep interest in Japan," according to a news release from the Consulate-General of Japan in Hagåtña.

Each year, as many as 5,000 people apply for the JET Program, with approximately 1,000 applicants ultimately accepted.

This year, the JET Program hopes to increase the number of participants from Guam and the CNMI, according to the release.

Most participants work as assistant language teachers, or ALTs, working in public schools to support Japanese teachers of English. A select few participants are chosen to work as coordinators for international relations, or CIRs, working in local government offices to promote internationalization efforts by organizing events and teaching adult education classes.

And when work is done for the day, participants have the chance to see Japan as few other visitors do. Past participants recounted weekends spent traveling through the countryside, visiting onsens, playing gigs with a ragtag band and even learning how to snowboard.

Guam resident John Quito worked as an ALT between 2010 and 2012, and he quickly got hooked on onsens, a traditional Japanese public bath in which bathers immerse themselves in a relaxing hot spring – in the nude.

More Info

To learn more about eligibility requirements and how to apply for the Japan Exchange & Teaching Program, visit https://jetprogramusa.org.

The deadline to apply is 1:59 p.m. Nov. 18 Guam time. Accepted applicants will depart for Japan the following spring or summer for a yearlong contract.

Quito and his friends spent their weekends visiting as many onsens as they could, even in the middle of winter.

According to the release, "(Quito) and his friends ... sat in the steaming river, surrounded by the mountains on all sides. A soft layer of snow blanketed the edges of the water ... they ended up staying for six hours, long enough for day to turn into night ... relaxed under the perfect, magnificent stars that came out to greet them."

Another participant, Guam resident Jennifer McFarren, unexpectedly found herself the member of a band dubbed Mr. Sparkle – in reference to an episode of "The Simpsons" tied to Japan – composed of several JET Program participants scattered around the country.

"The hours spent driving to and from houses for weekend practices and performances meant that (McFarren) saw more of the countryside than most visitors would ever see in Japan," according to the release. "Each time they practiced together, a tiny town on the Japan coast, they made new friends, as conversations about music quickly segued into more, often ending at the local karaoke bar or 'izakaya.'"

The experience that seemed to hold true to most most participants, though, was the warm welcome each participant received from their host community.

Soon after arriving in Japan in 1993, Merizo resident Roisin Wade found herself the recipient of countless invitations to cultural day trips and historical weekend excursions.

"She felt a profound gratitude that she was getting to experience true Japan, and at her side, her local Japanese friends as her personal guide," according to the release.

Back in her Japanese home, on the other hand, "word traveled quickly that she had no idea how to cook and suddenly, there was a weekly cooking lesson arranged just for her! She was constantly invited to local events and festivals."

"Being active in their Japanese community is a vital part of the JET Program," according to the release. "Through travel, volunteer and social opportunities, JETs find diverse and fun ways to get involved with their local communities and with other JETs. This enriching experience is an important part of being a cultural ambassador while in Japan."

The application period is now open. To learn more about eligibility requirements and how to apply, visit https://jetprogramusa.org. According to the JET website, CIR applicants must have a strong command of the Japanese language; however, that is not required for ALT applicants.

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