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Hafa Adai,

Please see attached documents for the Guam Educational Board's Regular Meeting held on September 17, 2019.

Thank you. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Respectfully,
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September 18, 2019

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker
Thirty-fifth Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Barnes:

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 September 17, 2019 regular board meeting. The meeting was held in the Gallery, DOE Building B, Tiyan.

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

Senseramente,

JON J. P. FERNANDEZ
Superintendent of Education

Attachments

cc: Chairman and Members, Guam Education Board
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9th Guam Education Board
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
6 PM
Gallery, Building B, Tiyan
AGENDA

	I.	**Meeting Call to Order**
	II.	**Approval of Minutes**
ACTION	1.	Minutes of July 16, 2019 Regular 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**
INFO	1.	GFT
INFO	2.	Mayor's Council of Guam
INFO	3.	IBOGS Report
	VI.	**Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports**
	1.	**Executive Committee**
	2.	**Instructional & Academic Support Committee**
INFO/ACTION	a.	Head Start Report
INFO/ACTION	b.	Follow-up on Resolution 2019-10 Re: Instructional Time
	3.	**Safe & Healthy Schools Committee**
	4.	**Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**
INFO/ACTION	a.	Above-Step Recruitment for Debbie C.M. Ngata for the position of Auditor IV (GDOE)
	5.	**Fiscal Management**
INFO	a.	Update on FY20 Budget
	VII.	**New Business**
INFO	1.	Declaration of Financial Status Designation for the months of December 2018, January, February, March, April and May 2019
INFO/ACTION	2.	GEB Resolution 2019-12 District Textbook Adoption of K-12 Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
INFO/ACTION	3.	GEB Resolution 2019-13 Adoption Of Supplemental Instructional Materials For K-12 Curriculum
	4.	GEB Resolution 2019-14 Endorsement of Guampedia and Supplemental Educational Resources
INFO/ACTION	5.	GEB Resolution 2019-15 Board Policy 340: Chamorro Studies/Guam History and the Introduction of Board Policy 382: Guam History
INFO/ACTION	6.	GEB Resolution 2019-16 District's School Library Program Guidelines

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

VOTING MEMBERS: Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, Maria A. Gutierrez , Vice Chairwoman, Lourdes M. Benavente, Karlyn RCG Borja, John T. Burch, Ray P. Chargualaf Jr., James C. Lujan, Ronald L. McNinch, PhD
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Devin Eligio (SSHS) - IBOGS Representative, Nicole Nadal (OMS) - GFT Representative, Mayor, Rudy M. Matanane, MCOG Representative
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent

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/s/ Fe Valencia-Ovalles
Chairwoman, Board of Trustees

Guam Solid Waste Authority

Board of Director's Meeting
11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 12, 2019
GSWA Conference room

The Guam Solid Waste Authority Board of Director's will have a board meeting September 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the GSWA Conference room, Tamuning, Guam. The public is invited to attend this regular meeting.

AGENDA: Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes, Reports, Unfinished Business, New Business, Open Discussion, Public Forum, Next Meeting Date, Adjournment.

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AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Approval of Minutes
III. Public Participation
IV. Communications
V. Ex-Officio Member Reports
VI. Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports
VII. New Business
VIII. Executive Session
IX. Adjournment

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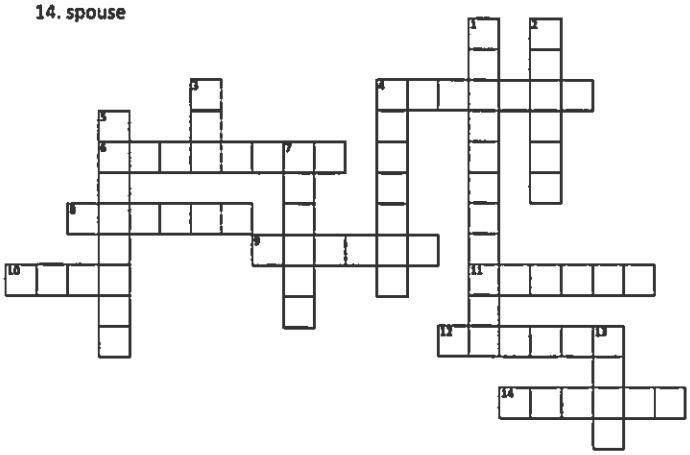
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REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 20, 2019
6 pm
Gallery, Bldg. B, Tiyan

MINUTES

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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. 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
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Borja, Karlyn
Burch, John T.
Chargualaf, Ray P., Jr.
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.

Non-Voting Members:
Glory, Nicole and Labadnoy, Mika (OHS) – IBOGS Representatives
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG Education Liaison
Nadal, Nicole A. – GFT Representative

Legal Counsel:
Stake, James

The Superintendent announced that eight (8) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum. There were initially technical difficulties establishing the video call, but Mr. Lujan was able to be present via video conference.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch to approve the July 16, 2019, regular monthly meeting minutes. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. The superintendent provided highlights from his report.

Mr. Fernandez thanked the Board and the Community for a successful first week of school. He also thanked all those involved in welcoming our students and their families at the schools on the first day. He noted that we are still working on filling the teacher vacancies. As of August 14th there are seventeen (17) total vacancies. He stated that we are still monitoring any bus issues but after the first couple of days, we are getting back into our routine. He noted that his report included the administrator assignments for the school year.

Mr. Fernandez stated that there was an information briefing last week where they discussed GDOE Interscholastics Sports and the instructional minutes clarification. He stated that the only issue that was pending was clarification given from GFT to submit alternative language for consideration on the resolution.

July Meetings with USDOE. During the week of July 15 through 18, the Guam delegation – consisting of GEB Chairman, Superintendent, Deputy for Finance and Administrative Services, Federal Programs Administrator, and Chief Internal Auditor – met with the office of Congressman San Nicolas, the Consolidated Grant Program Office, Assistant Secretary Frank Brogan, the Office of Non-Public Education, Comprehensive Centers Program Office, and Office of Risk Management. The topic of conversation with USDOE was focused on removal of high-risk and specific conditions. As part of the visit, Superintendent issued a request for reconsideration of the requirement for a timely single audit as well as consideration to directly draw down federal funds for payroll. The meetings also discussed the protocols for the onsite visit to be conducted by USDOE later in the month.

USDOE On-Site Visit. Officials from USDOE visited GDOE during the week of July 29, 2019, to conduct a pre-assessment of work completed under the Reconsideration Evaluation Plan. Representatives included Christine Jackson, Office of Risk Management; Jamila Smith, Office of Innovation; and Emily Whyte, Office of Internal Controls. The team was able to visit with elected officials, GDOE leadership, administrators, and staff to review progress in property management, procurement, financial management system, internal controls, and federal grant management. GDOE awaits further input from the visit.

Mr. Fernandez announced that Deputy Superintendent Taling Taitano would be leaving GDOE to become the new Chief Financial Officer for the Guam Waterworks Authority. He congratulated her, wished her the best and thanked her for her work and dedication for the past 9+ years for the Department.

Mr. Mendiola requested a status update on the canopy repairs at some of the schools.

Mr. Fernandez reported that right now we have three canopy projects that are ongoing at LBJ Elementary School, Agueda Johnston Middle School, and Marcial Sablan Elementary School. He stated that we needed an environmental review for the project at Marcial Sablan which is progressing but being done in phases during the school year. The projects at LBJ and Agueda were tougher, there was always going to be a tight schedule to have it completed before the start of the school year. Unfortunately, the vendor completely removed the canopies before all the materials arrived. Heading into the school year, we had a challenge and temporary measures were taken to ensure that the kids did not get wet and were safe at LBJ. For Agueda, we received a several complaints about the quality of the temporary measures. He stated that they visited Agueda over the weekend and it is his understanding that the materials are in to do the permanent installation. Now that the weather is cooperating, we hope for it to be done by the end of this week or by early next week. We did issue a formal notice of warning to the company. They are allowed the opportunity to respond within fourteen (14) days which is usually too long for our purposes so we are constantly monitoring and trying to get them to complete the permanent solution. We are pushing the vendor to meet their obligation to the department.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he wanted to make sure that we are protecting the Department from any potential issues. He acknowledged that we have a safety officer who is monitoring the work because of the reports coming back to us. He also noted that there was an issue raised for Benavente Middle School (BMS) because they do not have a canopy. A recommendation was made at the Budget and Finance Committee work session

to find a temporary solution at BMS for the rainy season until a permanent solution is found. He acknowledged that there has been a lot of great work at BMS.

Mr. Fernandez responded that there is a lot of work that is still ongoing at BMS that needs to be addressed. He thanked the Department of Public Works for coming through with the demolition work at both MU Lujan Elementary School and BMS. Mr. Fernandez also recognized Deputy Stacey Coletta for helping to organize the bus shelter clean up. He commented that it was a really good opportunity for students, staff and other volunteers to come out and get some of the bus stops done.

Mr. Mendiola acknowledged that Mr. Lujan was now present through video conference.

Ms. Gutierrez shared her concerns regarding the bus stops and the shortage of food on the first day of school at Astumbo Middle School.

Mr. Fernandez acknowledged her concerns and noted that Mr. Monforte and the Food and Nutrition Services Division are aware of the issue, they have addressed it and they continue to stay on top of it.

Mr. Mendiola discussed his concerns with the public hearing that was held in regards to the instructional days. He wanted to ensure that the Superintendent and his team took note of some of the concerns that were raised and that those issues were addressed. He stated that the Chair of the Committee, Senator Nelson asked that we amend the resolution to reflect what was proposed in line with GFT for the 900 instructional hours. He stated that he committed for the Board to review it and revise the Board resolution. He commented that this would allow us to vet what was brought up at the session. He stated that he is going to ask the chair of the Curriculum Committee to address any of those issues but to amend the agenda to assist in the creation of the legislation that she is proposing.

Mr. Fernandez stated that his recommendation would be to address this issue through the normal process of the Joint Calendar Committee. He stated that the Joint Committee did recommend language and after further review, the GFT did come back with alternative language. He commented that he wants to bring it back to the committee just to make sure that both sides through the Joint Calendar Committee mechanism are back in agreement and then come back to the Board with a final resolution.

Mr. Mendiola agreed and stated that he will leave it up to the chair of the committee to assemble the Joint Calendar Committee.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he just wanted to clarify for the Board that the Vice Speaker did ask whether the Board was going to be reconsidering its position or whether or not it was open to looking at getting back to IIAAG with regards to interscholastics. He wanted to reaffirm that the Board made its decision and we are moving forward based on that decision. That decision covers the next two full school years. At least for the next two school years, DOE will be running our sports programs for the public high schools and that is the course that the board has decided.

Mr. Mendiola agreed and stated that he believes that the Department did its due diligence and vetted many of the concerns that were raised.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

V. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

GFT Report – Ms. Nadal read aloud the testimony that was submitted to Vice Speaker Nelson and the 35th Legislature from the GFT. The letter outlined the GFT's recommendation to changes in the language relative to the instructional day in the GCA.

Mr. Mendiola stated that we would work the issue through the Superintendent's Office and the Chair of the Curriculum Committee to go through the process. Mr. Mendiola stated that he would also like to seek the support of the GFT to take a strong position to support the budget. He noted that we are still trying to payout the BRIP payments, numbers were submitted to the Legislature and we don't have the funding to be able to make the payouts. He stated that it would be prudent on the GFT to advocate to the teachers because the Department has already come up with the numbers and we determined that these funds are owed to those who took part in that program. We did our due diligence but we do not have the resources due to the cuts in our budget. He noted that they brought it to the Legislature for special appropriations with the previous Chair of Appropriations. He commented that she may want to ask the GFT to look into that issue.

MCOG Report – Mayor Matanane gave an update on items that he worked on. He also informed the Superintendent that Mayor Alvarez is still waiting to have a meeting with the principal of Southern High School. He commented that he would like to push the schools to work with the mayors and if there are problems, they can talk to him so he can see what he can do to help.

Mr. Mendiola brought up the issue regarding the grass cutting at the schools. He noted that the budget proposal indicated that the responsibility to cut the grass at the schools would now be returned to the Department of Education. He stated that there should be some sort of transition between the MCOG and the Department. Mr. Mendiola asked that the MCOG and the Superintendent have a meeting and he asked Mayor Matanane if he could help coordinate the meeting.

Mr. Matanane responded that he would let the MCOG know.

Mr. Mendiola continued to express his concerns regarding the transition of the responsibility.

Mr. Fernandez clarified that the MCOG initially asked for the responsibility to go back to the GDOE, they went down to the MCOG and there was a discussion later where the MCOG decided that they would like to retain the responsibility. He commented that he thinks that, that gave a mixed message to the Legislature. He stated that we have asked that if they are going to give us the funding and the responsibility that the amount is equal to the amount that the mayors were given when they were overseeing the grass cutting. He stated that we must figure out what we're preparing for on October 1st and the issue of transition is very important because we don't have an approved budget yet. If it is going to shift to us, we are already losing time if we're going to procure services. He noted that there might be some transition issues that will affect both of us. Mr. Fernandez asked Mayor Matanane if he could try to get them on the agenda for the next MCOG meeting.

Mr. Mendiola commented that maybe the Mayor could get them on the agenda for the meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Matanane responded that he thinks they should just go to the meeting tomorrow and they could try to fit them in.

Mr. Fernandez responded that they would try. He then asked the Mayor if he could clarify whether it was the mayor's responsibility or another agency's responsibility to pickup of abandoned vehicles. He stated that he knows that in front of Simon Sanchez High School there were three abandoned vehicles on the first day of school. He also asked the Mayor if there were any comments he could make about the bus shelter work. He stated that we went out to bus shelters and if we're going to continue the work, we are going to need the coordination with the mayors and the Mayor's Council.

Mr. Matanane responded that that is fine, but as far as the vehicles, they are scheduled to pick the cars up, they have a contractor that will be doing it but they are working on the white prints first. He stated that the cars would be removed soon.

IBOGS Report – Mika Labadnoy and Nicole Glory presented the IBOGS report and highlighted the IBOGS Students Helping Students Donation Drive.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Executive Committee

Board Ethics Training – Mr. Mendiola stated that there was an ethics training held on July 27th. He noted that if anyone missed it or would like to have a refresher course they could communicate with the Superintendent. He also reminded everyone that it is required by law.

Mr. Fernandez acknowledged that Mr. Chargualaf wasn't able to attend the ethics training. He noted that we would work with Mr. Jesse Quenga to coordinate another training date that will be available.

Boardsmanship Training – Mr. Mendiola stated that Boardsmanship training is scheduled for this Saturday here at Tiyan. Primarily the focus will be on board roles and responsibilities based on the policy. Mr. Quenga from UOG will be conducting the training. It will give new members and seasoned members the opportunity to have that dialogue for the relationship of the board and with the superintendent. There are laws and policies in place and the training will give us the opportunity to dialogue with each other. It will specifically deal with board operations.

Retreat – Mr. Mendiola stated that the Board Retreat will be held right after the training and the will work together to map out the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Fernandez stated that they would go through the State Strategic Plan and refine and update the current one over the next few months. He stated that they would like to get that work done before the next round of federal funding.

Mr. Mendiola noted that they would also be reviewing the board policies and discuss which policies should be updated.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that she is aware that some employees attended the Title IX training and she understands that there have been some changes to the policy. She recommended that there be a presentation on Title IX during the board retreat.

Mr. Mendiola agreed.

NASBE Update – Mr. Mendiola acknowledged that they received communication that Dr. McNinch was nominated for the board of NASBE and elections would take place at the annual conference. He stated that unfortunately, at this time we are under server constraints with our budget. We definitely want to continue our membership with NASBE but unfortunately, we are towards the end of the fiscal year and we may not have the resources to send any of our members to the annual conference. He stated that we want to ensure that the funding and the resources that we have go directly to the school. We put it in our budget to support it but unfortunately, we are potentially being cut. We are trying to address the shortfall and right now we're in budget discussions and we don't know what it's going to look like. He stated that we do not have the resources to send anyone to the conference. After looking at the numbers and the uncertainty of knowing if we're going to get funded, as the Board Chair I don't feel comfortable recommending that we participate at the conference.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that we have exhausted our FY 2019-20 funding with NASBE, therefore, our balance is zero ($0).

Retiree Recognition – Ms. Gutierrez stated that she asked the Superintendent if he could have somebody compile a list of all the retirees because we have many employees who have retired and we want to recognize them. She stated that the Superintendent informed her that he is working with HR and we should be having an event by September.

There are about fifty or sixty retirees and we are trying to confirm their availability. That amount is for the retirees from last year. He stated that the proposal if it is acceptable would be to have a quarterly recognition thereafter.

2) **Instructional & Academic Support Committee**
Head Start Report – Ms. Schroeder presented the Head Start Report. She announced that the Head Start classes at Merizo and Inarajan Elementary both have full enrollment and no waiting list. She informed the Board that tomorrow is the first day of school for Head Start and everyone is welcomed to visit a classroom.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch to accept the Head Start Report. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

Follow-up on Resolution 2019-10 Re: Instructional Time – Due to the previous discussion this item was forwarded back to the committee.

3) **Safe & Healthy School Committee**
Interscholastic Sports Update – Mr. Mendiola stated that there was a round table hearing that was held regarding Interscholastic Sports. The Superintendent and the IIAAG are working on the transition and the topic is still the status quo in terms of transitioning. He informed the Board about the discussion at the hearing.

Mr. Fernandez stated that on the operational side what is going to happen is they transition the interscholastic sports back to GDOE for high school. We plan to keep middle school status quo. He stated that right now Dr. Sukola is contracting out for the assistance needed to manage the middle school sports. They hope that it will remain that way for the rest of the school year so that the point person who is managing interscholastics for the high schools won't have to worry about absorbing the middle school responsibilities. At the end of the day, we do want one position to supervise both but for the coming school year; we are going to focus on making the smooth transition for the third quarter sports.

4) **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**
Drug Free Work Place – Ms. Gutierrez informed the board that the committee will be meeting again after the opening of the school year.

5) **Fiscal Management**
Update on FY20 Budget – Mr. Mendiola stated that the Legislature is currently having budget sessions, he, and the Superintendent both went down to testify in front of the Legislature. He briefed the Board on the status of the budget for the Department.

Dr. McNinch stated that some of the things were presented as information but actually, they were internal actions within the Board. He stated that the Executive Committee seems to have made decisions without telling the rest of the Board the context of those decisions. He stated, reflecting on the budget, that if he's understanding this right, the Board is not going to be participating in NASBE because there is no budget to participate in NASBE. He asked if that was what was being said earlier.

Mr. Mendiola clarified that we don't use local appropriations to pay for travel but we have a board budget that allows us to pay for membership fees.

Dr. McNinch clarified that his question was whether or not Guam was going to participate in NASBE in the year 2020 and whether they are going to be members.

Ms. Gutierrez responded yes, we are able to pay for membership.

Mr. Mendiola clarified his previous statement and apologized for the confusion.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he wanted to publicly clarify, Dr. McNinch implied that there might have been a decision made by the Executive Committee. From what he interprets, Mr. Mendiola is simply addressing the potential budget challenges. In the future when the Board has to review its spending plan and vote on it, Mr. Mendiola's expects that there may not be resources for NASBE.

Mr. Mendiola agreed.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he wanted to be clear because he's not aware of any decisions being made in any committee.

Dr. McNinch stated that if they go back and review the kind of tone that was used earlier, that was how it sounded to him. He apologized if that was not the intention.

Mr. Mendiola stated that no, that was not the intent.

Dr. McNinch also mentioned that he is on the board and NASBE already paid for him to go to the conference so he just wanted to clarify that they are going to continue their relationship with NASBE.

Mr. Mendiola clarified that his intent was not to say that they are going to discontinue their relationship with NASBE but to address the issue of what was they asked at the previous board meeting which was whether of the members wanted to attend the conference.

Dr. McNinch acknowledged that he missed the work session in which the budget was discussed.

Mr. Mendiola continued to explain that we don't have the resources to allow for the board members to attend the conference.

Ms. Gutierrez asked the Superintendent what the status was for the Education Financial Supervisory Commission (EFSC).

Mr. Mendiola stated that they asked for clarification on the EFSC's role.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the Board is waiting for a response from the AG, we will follow up. He noted that they also haven't received an official, formal EFSC request. The request came from one member but we do want to be proactive on that.

Mr. Mendiola agreed and stated that he would like to go back to the committee and state that if this is an official position from the council, can they forward that request out so that it can be official. He stated that he is glad that they are asking these questions because we can clearly define our role as a board and our governing statute that says the board is responsible for the budget and finance for the DOE. He informed the Board that he asked the Superintendent to get legal counsel's opinion from the Attorney General. He asked the Superintendent if they could get that as soon as possible so that they can have guidance and it could give guidance to the Department with respect to the relationship of the EFSC and the DOE.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Fernandez announced that we are having a GDOE Labor Day celebration that will take place on Sunday, September 1st at Santos Park in Piti from 10 am to 6 pm.

Mr. Burch moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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