

**17<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.  
Via google hangouts at [meet.google.com/ybj-agur-bdh](https://meet.google.com/ybj-agur-bdh)**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Chairman Andrew L. Orsini called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Andrew L. Orsini  
Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)  
Antonio L. Borja  
Gregory P. Borja  
Phyllis M. Ain, J.D.

**Member(s) absent:**

Maisie B. Tenorio  
Ronald Snyder, EdD  
Rainalyn Reyes

Five (5) members present, a quorum was established.

**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**

Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D. – Commissioner of Education  
Eric Magofna – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)  
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Officer (FPO)  
Arlene Lizama – Finance Director  
Lucretia Borja- Human Resources Office (HRO) Director  
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Office Manager

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Member Antonio L. Borja moved to adopt the agenda, Vice Chair Herman M. Atalig seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**REPORTS**

The Chair's report will be sent out at the end of the day.

CIP Committee Chair Antonio L. Borja reported on the meeting of February 10, 2021. He stated that the committee was presented with updates on PSS CIP Projects.

FPA Committee Chair Atalig reported on the meeting of February 10, 2021. He stated that all items endorsed by the committee are included in the agenda for Board approval.

Commissioner Ada stated that Federal Programs Officer (FPO) Tim Thornburgh will report on the Federal Funds Status, Director of Finance Arlene Lizama will report on the Local Funds Status.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

***ACTION NO. 01*** Member Antonio L. Borja moved to approve the Proclamation of February 15-19, 2021 as PSS Counselors Week; Vice Chair Atalig seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

***ACTION NO. 02*** Member Gregory P. Borja moved to approve the Proclamation of February 22-26, 2021 as PSS Pupil Transportation Week; Member Antonio L. Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

***ACTION NO. 03*** Member Gregory P. Borja moved to approve the Salary Adjustment for Principals and Vice Principals as presented; Member Antonio L. Borja seconded. Three (3) members (Antonio L. Borja, Gregory P. Borja, and Orsini) voted yes; one (1) member (Atalig) recused himself, motion carried.

***ACTION NO. 04*** Vice Chairman Atalig moved to approve the Proposed Pay Differential; Member Antonio L. Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

***ACTION NO. 05*** Member Antonio L. Borja moved to approve the State Infrastructure Technology Staffing Compensation Schedule; Member Gregory P. Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

***ACTION NO. 06*** Member Antonio L. Borja moved to approve the Lifting of the Salary Freeze for the Special Education Program Part B; Member Gregory P. Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

***ACTION NO. 07*** Member Gregory P. Borja moved to approve the Lifting of the Salary Freeze for the Early Intervention Program Part C; Member Antonio L. Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

***ACTION NO. 08*** Member Gregory P. Borja moved to approve the CLO Report No. 2021-17-01, Member Antonio L. Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Member Antonio L. Borja moved to descend into executive session at 2:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the salary adjustments for Certifications. Vice Chair Atalig seconded, all four (4) members voted yes, motion carried. Member Antonio L. Borja moved to rise out of executive session at 3:41 p.m., Member Gregory P. Borja seconded, all four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.

Legal Counsel Mocanu stated that things discussed in executive session were about personnel and salary and were proper to be discussed in executive session.

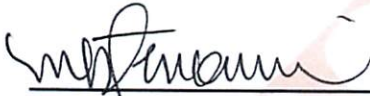
**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**ACTION NO. 09** Member Antonio L. Borja moved to approve the Salary Adjustment for the eighty (82) total certification applicants recommended to date; Member Gregory P. Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**- Member Gregory P. Borja moved to adjourn the meeting, Member Antonio L. Borja seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

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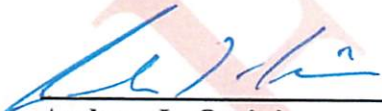


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Maisie B. Tenorio  
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

04.09.2021

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**CONCURRED BY:**



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Andrew L. Orsini  
BOE Chairperson

04/09/2021

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Date

<sup>1</sup> This Minutes was adopted at the April 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.