

**16TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION
Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
State Board of Education Conference Room,
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.
Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)
Andrew L. Orsini
Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIFA, RF
Paul T. Miura

Members absent:

MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D.
Dionne Monique S. Torres

Four (4) voting members present, a quorum was established.

BOE Staff Present:

Ryan Meyerhoff, Esq. – Legal Counsel
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer

Members of the Public:

Dr. Alfred B. Ada – Applicant
Dr. Ignacia T. Demapan - Applicant

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Herman M. Atalig moved to adopt the agenda Member Phillip Mendiola-Long seconded. All four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.

Madam Chair Janice A. Tenorio recused herself from participating in the interview and deliberation of the Commissioner of Education Applicants. In order for quorum to be established, Madam Chair Tenorio will remain present throughout the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner of Education
 - a. Review Applications – The three (3) members reviewed the Interview questions and discussed the order of the interviews to be conducted.
 - b. Conduct Interviews – Dr. Alfred B. Ada was interviewed at 11:30 a.m. and Dr. Ignacia T. Demapan was interviewed at 1:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Long moved to descend into executive session at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the interview and decision to be made for the COE position. Member Orsini seconded. All three (3) members voted yes, motion carried. Member Long moved to rise out of executive session at 3:15 p.m., Member Orsini seconded. All three (3) members voted yes; motion carried.

Legal Counsel Mocanu stated that matters discussed in executive session was regarding the qualifications of the applicants. Matters discussed were appropriate in executive session.


NEW BUSINESS

Action No. 01 Member Long moved to make an offer for the position of Commissioner of Education to Dr. Alfred B. Ada, Member Orsini seconded. All three (3) members voted yes, motion carried.

Action No. 02 Member Long moved to clarify the motion of making an offer of the COE Position to Dr. Alfred B. Ada. There shall be an annual salary of \$95,000.00 per year, there shall not be car stipend. There will be a 90-day severance pay offered without cause termination only on the second year of service. All other terms of the contract remain the same. Member Orsini seconded. All three (3) members voted yes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- Member Long moved to adjourn, Member Orsini seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:




Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)
BOE Vice Chairperson

01/17/2020

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIFA, RF
BOE Member

1/17/2020

Date

¹ This Minutes was adopted at the January 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.