

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**APPOINTMENTS**

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37GL-23-0425	Margarita Felicitas R. Angel	Member (Guam Education Board Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE - Representative)	Guam Education Board	4/13/23	Three (3) Years; April 15, 2023 to April 14, 2026	4/21/23	Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts	9/21/23 2:00 p.m.	10/2/23 10:03 a.m.			



# Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules  
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September 29, 2023

**Honorable Therese M. Terlaje**

Speaker

Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: **Honorable Chris Barnett** *DUB*  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Re: Committee Report on the Appointment of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel**

Håfa adai Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Margarita Felicitas B. Angel** to serve as the **Guam Education Board Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE member** of **Guam Education Board** and which was referred to the **Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts**.

Committee votes are as follows:

  6   TO DO CONFIRM  
  0   TO NOT CONFIRM  
  1   TO REPORT OUT ONLY  
  0   TO ABSTAIN  
  0   TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Received:

September 29, 2023 2:04 p.m.

*Kamarin Nelson*

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Chris Barnett



**Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett**  
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# **COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **Nomination of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel**

**As the Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE  
representative member of the Guam Education Board**

**by Senator Chris Barnett**



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September 28, 2023

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts

**From:** Senator Chris Barnett *DCB*  
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on the Appointment of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on **Margarita Felicitas B. Ange** to serve as **Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE - Representative member** of the **Guam Education Board**.

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'



## COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan*  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

April 21, 2023

**To:** **Joaquin P. Taitague**  
Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

**Attorney Darleen Hiton**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** **Senator Chris Barnett**   
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Subject:** **Referral of Reappointment**

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*Håfa Adai yan Biba Guahan!*

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §9.01, Rule IX of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following reappointment:

**Appointee:** **Margarita Felicitas B. Angel**

**Position:** **Member (Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE – Representative)**

**Term Length:** **Three (3) Years; April 15, 2023, to April 14, 2026**

Please refer the following document:

“**Doc. No. 37GL-23-0425** – Office of the Governor – Reappointment and Supporting Documents for Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Member (Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE – Representative), Guam Education Board.”

Ensure the reappointment is referred to the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts chaired by Senator Chris Barnett. I also request that the same be forwarded to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin J.A. Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.





LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR

JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HAGAN GUÅHAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

April 13, 2023

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje  
Speaker  
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37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

37GL-23-0425  
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
THERESE M. TERLAJE

04 19 2023

Time: 4:48 pm  
Received: *[Signature]*

**RE: Board Reappointment**

*Hafa Adai* Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the applicable local laws, 17 GCA § 3102.3, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Margarita Felicitas B. Angel  
POSITION: Member, Guam Education Board  
Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE - Representative  
TERM LENGTH: Three (3) Years; April 15, 2023, to April 14, 2026

The reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

*Senseramente,*

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, Lt. Governor of Guam



37GL-23-0425  
Messages and Communications  
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Committee on Rules  
April 19, 2023  
6:23 p.m.  
*Beatrice Cruz*



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR

JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
LT. GOVERNOR

**UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

April 13, 2023

**MARGARITA FELICITAS B. ANGEL**



*Hafa Adai* Ms. Angel:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam and local law 17 GCA § 3102.3, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

**MEMBER, GUAM EDUCATION BOARD**  
**Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE - Representative**  
**Term Length: Three (3) Years; April 15, 2023, to April 14, 2026**

Your reappointment is a testament to your commitment to public service and your faithful execution of the great responsibilities that this position requires. I am confident that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner for others to follow. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend my gratitude for your continued service in this important role.

As you are aware, this reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jean Taitano of the Office of the Governor at (671) 473-1121.

*Senseramente,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Chairperson, Guam Education Board  
Acting Superintendent, Guam Department of Education

**EDUARDO A. LEON GUERRERO**  
Governor

**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
Lieutenant Governor



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

The following information is required for submission to the  
Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

<b>Last Name</b> ANGEL	<b>First Name</b> Margarita Felicitas	<b>Middle Initial</b> B
<b>Mailing Address</b> [REDACTED]		<b>Apartment/Unit #</b>
<b>City</b> [REDACTED]	<b>State</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Zip Code</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Phone</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-mail Address</b> [REDACTED]	
<b>Position to which Appointment is Made</b> Member, Guam Education Board		
<b>Are you a citizen of the United States?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

### EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
<b>High School</b> Columban College, Olongapo City, PI	1960 - 1964	High School Diploma	1964
<b>College</b> Columban College, Ologapo City, PI	1964 - 1968	BA	1968
<b>Graduate School</b> University of Guam	1998 - 2001	TESOL / Undergraduate	
<b>Other Degree</b> Columban College, Olongapo, PI	1969 - 1970	BSE	1970



### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> University of Guam Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Adjunct Instructor
	<b>Dates Held</b> 8/2013 - Present

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Department of Education Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Teacher
	<b>Dates Held</b> 8/1998 - 8/2019

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
	<b>Dates Held</b>

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
	<b>Dates Held</b>

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
	<b>Dates Held</b>

### PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

<b>Agency or Department Name</b>		<b>Position Title</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>

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<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)**

<i>Agency or Department Name</i>		<i>Position Title</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>	

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<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>	

**TRAINING**

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>
DOD Dependents School Seminer & Workshop	10/1983 - 9/1990
Catholic Schools Workshop, Seminars, Trainings & Retreats	10/1991 - 4/1997
GDOE Seminar, Workshop & Training	9/1998 - 3/2019

**AWARDS**

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>
Semi-Finalist, Guam Teacher of the Year, 2015 Outstanding National Junior Honor Society Advisor, NASSP Outstanding Yearbook Advisor, Josten Yeabook Company, USA  ** SEE RESUME

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
Member, Guam Education Board, 2020 to date International Reading Association (IRA), Guam Council Member & Past Officer, Lions Club International, 2006 to date International Conventions: Sydney, Australia; Busan, Korea; Milan, Italy; Oak Brook, Illinois OSEAL FORUM: Hong Kong; Bangkok, Thailand; Taiwan; Seoul, Korea; Philippines District Conventions: Guam and Saipan

## COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

*List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:*

Volunteer Teacher, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Sta. Barbara Parish, Dededo  
Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Sta. Barbara Church, Dededo  
Sponsor Couple of Marriage Encounter at the Chancery Archdiocese of Hagatna  
Board of Trustee, Filipino Community of Guam, 2023 to date  
District Governor, District 24, Lions Club International, 2019-2020

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

*List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:*

## MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

<i>BRANCH</i>	<i>DATES OF SERVICE</i>	<i>RANK AT DISCHARGE</i>	<i>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</i>

## OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes  No  If so, please specify in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Infraction Committed: \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?**

Yes  No  If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

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**(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?**

Yes  No

**(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?**

Yes  No  If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

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**AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
**Margarita Felicitas Biala Angel**

Print Name and Signature

**April 5, 2023**

Date



# SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

Guam Judicial Center | 120 West O'Brien Drive | Hagåtña, Guam 96910 | (671) 475-3370 | Fax: (671) 475-0078

**Name:** MARGARITA FELICITAS BIALA ANGEL

**Driver's License ID #** [REDACTED]

**DOB:** [REDACTED]

## CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

**Criminal Cases:**  
**No Cases Found**

**Civil Cases:**

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and local/federal holidays. **Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.**

**Dated:** 04/11/2023

Sophia Santos Diaz  
Clerk of Court

By: [Signature]  
Court Archivist

Prepared by: Rachael Q Orsini



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Government of Guam

**GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

P.O. Box 23909  
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921



April 12, 2023

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>Margarita Felicitas B. ANGEL</b>		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>		<b>FINGERPRINT#:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.</b>		

\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\*

*THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.*

By Direction: priscilla

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO**  
Chief of Police

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Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>

## FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: September 21, 2023

Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>  
Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 9:36 AM

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 14, 2023

### MEMORANDUM

**To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media**  
**From: Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett**  
**Re: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: Thursday, September 21, 2023**

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**Chairperson · Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts**

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**PUBLIC HEARING**



 **Posted on:** 09/14/2023 09:37 AM

 **Posted by:** Erin Grajek, Committee Director

 **Public Hearing Date:** 09/21/2023 02:00 PM


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Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 1:00 PM

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 19, 2023

## MEMORANDUM

**To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media**  
**From: Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett**  
**Re: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing: Thursday, September 21, 2023**

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Erin M. Grajek <egrajek@guamlegislature.org>

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## NOTICE from Senator Barnett

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Erin M. Grajek <egrajek@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Sep 13, 2023 at 3:12 PM

To: Felicitas Angel [REDACTED]

Hafa adai:

Please see the attached notice from Senator Chris Barnett.

Kindly confirm receipt of this email and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

**Erin Marie Grajek, Committee Director**  
The Office of Senator Chri "Malafunk hun" Barnett  
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September 13, 2023

**Transmitted via Electronic Mail**

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**Re: Notice of Confirmation Hearing – September 21, 2023**

Håfa adai Ms. Angel:

Congratulations on your appointment as Guam Education Board Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE – Representative of the Guam Education Board.

This letter is to notify you that the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts has scheduled a Confirmation Hearing for your appointment on **Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm**. The hearing will take place in the public hearing room of the Guam Congress Building.

You are welcome to invite your family members and members of the community to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony in support of your confirmation.

Written testimony should be submitted to our office on or before September 19, 2023 and may be sent via email to [malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org](mailto:malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org). We look forward to your reply.

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett





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## Public Hearing

**Public Hearing Room – Guam Congress Building**

**Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 2:00 pm**

### AGENDA

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## PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

The Appointment of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel as the Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE representative - member of the Guam Education Board.

NAME	AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION	TESTIMONY	CONTACT INFORMATION
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**TESTIMONY for FELICITAS B ANGEL  
APPOINTMENT as GUAM EDUCATION BOARD  
RETIRED TEACHER/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OF GDOE  
REPRESENTATIVE of the GUAM EDUCATION BOARD .. (09.22.2023)**

Hafa Adai .. I come before you to give Testimony on behalf of Mrs. Felicitas "Fely" Angel on her Appointment as Guam Education Board Retired Teacher/School Administrator of Guam Department Of Education – Representative of the Guam Education Board.

Having served as a teacher in the Guam Public School System, knowing the challenges students face of situations in class, with peers, at home and their personal selves, Mrs. Fely has first contact with the children under her care, to nurture their intellectual progress, guiding them sincerely, at times empathizing with matters close to heart. She continues teaching though as an Adjunct Professor at the University Of Guam.

As an Administrator, she is aware of standard operational procedures, maintaining compliancy with structures, policies, and communication. Promotes a safe environment throughout facilities and personnel. Pleasantly interacts with the school community, stakeholders, and local leaders in the village.

Ms. Fely actively participates in various local and civic organization as a member respectively and has held various officer positions. A Past District Governor for the Lions Clubs International District 204, Lions International being a worldwide humanitarian services organization as well as being involved with perpetuating the renewal and strengthening Christian values.

Currently a Guam Education Board member, confirming this Appointment allows the continuation for Mrs. Fely Angel to serve in the capacity and capabilities as she has been and will continue just diligence the best she can.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak before you.



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September 14, 2023

Senator Chris Barnett  
Chairperson  
Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts, Committee on Rules  
[malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org](mailto:malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org)

**RE: Letter in Support of the appointment of Felicitas Angel to the Guam Education Board**

I have been asked to write a Letter of Support for Felicitas “Fely” Angel, and I am happy to do so. I highly recommend Fely to serve on the Guam Education Board. As a fellow educator and Lion, I have had the honor of witnessing Fely’s commitment to education and her unwavering dedication to improving Guam’s educational system.

Incredibly impressive is Fely’s extensive experience in the field of education. As a former District Governor for the D204 Lions Clubs International, she has a profound understanding of the needs and obstacles faced by educators and students. Fely has consistently demonstrated her passion to have a positive impact on her community through her involvement in numerous civic/humanitarian organizations.

As a member of the Guam Education Board, Fely has contributed an abundance of knowledge and expertise. Her contributions and insights have been indispensable in defining policies and programs that have had a direct and positive effect on the quality of education in Guam. Fely is an exceptional asset to the Board due to her dedication to ensuring equal opportunities for all students and her tireless advocacy for their needs.

As a retired GDOE educator, Fely has a unique perspective on the challenges confronted by both educators and students. Her extensive knowledge of the teaching profession enables her to navigate the complex issues that arise in the education landscape with ease. In all of her endeavors, Fely’s compassion, dedication, and genuine concern for the well-being and success of her students radiate through.

In conclusion, I cannot recommend Fely Angel highly enough for her remarkable service on the Guam Education Board. Her previous position as District Governor of the D204 Lions Clubs International, her participation in civic/humanitarian organizations, her position as a member of the Guam Education Board, her experience as a retired GDOE teacher, and so much more, all attest to her exceptional qualifications and dedication to enhancing education in Guam. She has proven to be an asset, and I am confident that Fely will continue to contribute significantly to the Guam Education Board. Should you require additional support for Fely’s credentials, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below or e-mail [mnrivera@triton.uog.edu](mailto:mnrivera@triton.uog.edu). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera

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September 14, 2023

Dear Honorable Senator Barnett,

I am very delighted to write an electronic Letter of Testimony for Mrs. Felicitas B. Angel, Appointed Guam Education Board Member.

Mrs. Angel and I have worked many years together at FB Leon Guerrero Middle School. During those years, I was very involved with her extra-curricular activities for the entire school. She has presided many prestigious clubs and associations at school such as National Junior Honor Society, Student Body Association, Spelling Bee Contest, Graduation Event and Parent Teachers Organization. A very well-rounded person!

Mrs. Angel is also an inspiration to many people of Guam community as former Lions Club International District Governor. This is an international non-profit organization of humanitarian services. She is currently serving as District Global Membership Family and Women's Specialist. In addition, she is also a CCD Volunteer Teacher, Marriage Sponsor Couple, Member of Couples for Christ, and Board of Trustees Member Filipino Community of Guam.

Mrs. Angel has taught 23 years in the Philippines and 28 years for the Guam Department of Education. As you have noticed, she retired after 51 years of servicing our children, but she has not stop teaching there yet. She is an adjunct instructress helping to educate our college students at University of Guam. She unceasingly supports the education system because for Mrs. Angel, education goes so much beyond just getting a job after college but also making the parents happy and proud of their accomplishments for their children. For Mrs. Angel, **Education is the Most Powerful Weapons out there!**

Mrs. Angel has a great personality that makes working with everyone so much happier and easier. She has a wisdom that allows her to provide excellent advice to the school community. I cannot say enough nice things about Mrs. Angel but there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Mrs. Angel is the voice of the students, teachers, and GDOE community to support the education of our students. Not to mention that she is Positively Impressive! She is always busy helping if not finding solutions to support the GDOE.

In spite of every obstacle that GDOE have to face, frustrating school years-COVID 19 and Mwar Super Typhoon, Mrs. Angel will not allow anything to deter the morale of our education.

Her work effort for the growth and development to succeed for the Guam Department of Education are admirable.

My name is Dr. Sylvia O. Taylor, I am very much in support of Mrs. Felicitas B. Angel to continue her support and services as a member of Guam Education Board for Guam Department of Education.

Thank you



# Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett

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## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Nomination of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel to serve as Member (Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE – Representative) to serve a term of Three (3) Years; April 15, 2023 to April 14, 2026**

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<b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b> Member	e-vote 09/28/23			✓		
<b>Senator Sabina F. Perez</b> Member	e-vote 09/28/23	✓				
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Member	e-vote 09/29/23	✓				
<b>Senator Joanne M. Brown</b> Member	e-vote 09/29/23	✓				
<b>Senator Thomas J. Fisher</b> Member	e-vote 09/29/23	✓				



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## REQUEST for E-Vote: Appointment of M. Angel (GEB)

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**La'Kiesha Pereda** <lakiesha@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 10:05 AM

To: Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>

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To do confirm

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## REQUEST for E-Vote: Appointment of M. Angel (GEB)

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Office of Senator Joanne M. Brown <office@senatorjoannebrown.com>

Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 9:14 AM

To: "Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>

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Håfa Adai,

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Very Respectfully,

**Tracey Aguerro**

Office Manager

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Joe S. San Agustin <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>

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Committee on General Government Operations & Appropriations

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## REQUEST for E-Vote: Appointment of M. Angel (GEB)

Office of Senator Sabina Perez <office@senatorperez.org>

Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 1:24 PM

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Cc: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>, "Honorable Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>, "Senator Joanne M. Brown" <office@senatorjoannebrown.com>, Chris Duenas <senatorchrisduenas@gmail.com>, "Senator Thomas J. Fisher" <senatorfisher@guamlegislature.org>

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**Office of  
Senator Sabina Flores Perez**

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**REQUEST for E-Vote: Appointment of M. Angel (GEB)**

Senator Thomas Fisher <senatorfisher@guamlegislature.org> Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 12:34 PM  
To: "Office of Senator Joanne M. Brown" <office@senatorjoannebrown.com>  
Cc: "Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>, Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>, "Senator Sabina F. Perez" <office@senatorperez.org>, Chris Duenas <senatorchrisduenas@gmail.com>

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Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>

## REQUEST for E-Vote: Appointment of M. Angel (GEB)

**Speaker Therese M. Terlaje** <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 2:02 PM

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*Håfa Adai,*

To Report Out Only.

*Si Yu'os Ma'àse',*



### Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

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Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules  
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## COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts convened a public hearing on the appointment of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building. The appointment history is as follows:

- Appointment by i Maga'håga Guåhan on April 13, 2023 for Three (3) Years from April 15, 2023 to April 14, 2026.
- Appointment packet forwarded to I Liheslatura on April 19, 2023; and
- Appointment packet forwarded to this Committee on April 21, 2023.

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via **e-mail** to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **Thursday, September 14, 2023** (5-Day Notice), and again on **Tuesday, September 19, 2023** (48-Hour Notice).

#### **Senators Present**

Chairperson Chris Barnett  
Vice-Chairperson Christopher M. Dueñas  
Committee Member Sabina F. Perez  
Senator Telo T. Taitague  
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata

#### **Attendees**

Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee  
Violeta B. Manlangit  
P.C. Quichocho  
Theresa Taitano  
Hilda Tabilas  
Napoleon Manlangit  
R. Angel

#### **Written Testimony Provided by**

Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera  
Dr. Sylvia O. Taylor  
Theresa Taitano

## II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The **public hearing** was Called-to-Order at **2:03 PM**.

**Senator Chris Barnett, Chairman – Committee on Education , Public Safety, and the Arts:** Håfa adai and good afternoon. This public hearing conducted by the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts is called to order at 2:03 Chamorro Standard Time. Notice of the hearing was disseminated to all local media outlets on September 14, 2023 with the second notice provided on September 19th, 2023. Notice of the hearing was also made known on the Government of Guam Public Notices Portal and via radio ad. This afternoon, the committee is holding a public hearing to discuss the following appointments. The appointment of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel as the Guam Education Board Retired Teacher School Administrator of GDOE member of the Guam Education Board Fred E. Bordallo, Jr. as Director of Corrections, Lulene C. San Augustin as a Guidance Counselor Representative Member of the Guam Legislature Commission for Educator Certification, and Rosanna D. San Miguel Tiston as the General Public Representative Member of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

I'd like to welcome my colleagues joining us today. To my right, the Vice Chair of the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts, Senator Chris Duenas. And to my left, Senator Telo Taitague. Before we begin, I'd like to go over the general rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the Chair before speaking, shall state their name for record keeping purposes. I also want to thank Senator Jesse Lujan for joining us. Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda, personal inference as to the character or motive of any senator, or individual testifying is not permitted, the chairperson of the committee may order the removal from the hearing any member of I Liheslaturan Guahan who fails to observe proper decorum pursuant to the 37th Guam Legislature's standing rules.

Any violation of this general rule of conduct will result in removal from the hearing by the host. I will now proceed with discussions on the appointment of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel as the Guam educator education board, retired teacher, school administrator of GDOE, member of the G E B. If there's anyone here to testify on for or against this appointment of Mrs. Angel, please come to the table. Also, Mrs. Angel, if you're here, please come up to the table. So, anybody who's here to provide testimony for Mrs. Angel.

And we'll go in the order of sign in and then, of course, we'll close with you, ma'am. Violetta. Violetta B. Manlangit. Are you providing testimony, ma'am?

**Violetta B. Manlangit:** Okay.

**Chairman Barnett:** Good afternoon, ma'am. If you don't mind, just state your name and title for the record and then proceed with your testimony. Got to turn the, thank you.

**Ms. Manlangit:** My name is Violetta Biala Manlangit. I'm a resident of Guam and I'm a retiree. I'm writing your good office in regards to my sister, Felicitas Angel, who is up for confirmation on her appointment as one of the Board of Directors for Guam Department of Education. My sister, Feli, has been a teacher since she was in the Philippines. And since she came to Guam, she started in private schools and then garnered her qualifications to teach in the public schools. and has done so until she retired. But her teaching days have not stopped there. As to this date, she is still teaching at the University of Guam, albeit on a part time basis only. I suppose when teaching is in your blood, it stays there, and even after retirement. As a member of the Education Board, I know that she will bring her expertise In the teaching skills and the understanding of what the students need to continue to be inspired to learn and compete their studies to prepare for their future. Thank you.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you, ma'am. Ma'am, if you could just state your name and title for the record and then proceed with the testimony.

**Teresa Taitano:** [Written testimony presented orally]

**Chairman Barnett:** Si Yu'os Ma'ase, ma'am. Mrs. Angel, did you want to provide opening statement?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Thank you so much. Honorable Senator Chris Barnett. *Buenas yan Hafa Adai*, our honorable senators of the 37th Guam Legislature. My family, friends, ladies and gentlemen, I am Felicitas Bial Angel, reappointed by the Honorable Governor Leon Guerrero as member of the Guam Education Board. I am here today for the legislative hearing of my reappointment confirmation. Being a member of this board, I have this great opportunity of continuing my service to the Guam Department of Education. where I retired as a classroom teacher in 2019, this time in another capacity, but having the chance again to serve our number one stakeholders in the school community, none other than our students. It has been a challenging journey of service amidst the coronavirus pandemic. Super Typhoon Mawar and a myriad of apparently insurmountable problems that beset our Guam Department of Education. This was compounded on my part with the emergence of health problems in my family, as well as my own health issues. However, it does not stop here. I'm still here, standing, or rather, here with you, ready to serve. With the support of my colleagues in the board, I continue to be part of this Guam Education Board. There are still some hurdles along the way, such as my limited mobility. and the conflict of a schedule of activities both in the board as well as my college classes at the University of Guam. This is slowly but surely being addressed at this point. It would be remiss of me if I failed to recognize and appreciate my friends, the members of my family, And more importantly, my husband of almost 51 years who have given me that unconditional support in all my undertakings. Thank you so much for this opportunity. If ever be granted to again serve the Guam Education Board. Thank you.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you, Mrs. Angel. We did also, the committee did also receive a testimony in support of your appointment from Dr. Matilda Rivera from the University of Guam and also Dr. Sylvia O. Taylor from the Guam Department of Education. So, before I open it up to my colleagues, I would like to ask you well, just maybe the first question is

how would you describe your experience serving on the Board of Education in this first term?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** During my term as appointed by the governor, it was, as I said a while ago, it was really a journey of service with so many challenges along the way. And yes, I'm still happy that I'm able with my age, with. What I have done in the past, I'm still able to serve my community in this capacity. As I said, it's a tedious, challenging, and very tedious one, but certainly I am managing it. Thank you.

**Chairman Barnett:** Ma'am, what would you describe as some of the tedious challenges that you faced as a board of education member?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Well, to be honest with you at first, I thought it was just like a monthly meeting for the board member, but I didn't realize the fact that there would be meetings there and meetings here, right? Work here and work there being part of some committees in the board, like the instruction and curriculum committee. The IBOGs and some other the accreditation committee. That would I say it's a tedious one because you have to be there. You have to contribute whatever you have for the for the good of the of the Department of Education.

**Chairman Barnett:** What perspective do you think you bring to the board, ma'am, as a retired teacher and school administrator with the Guam Department of Education?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Well, as a retired teacher, you have some kind of flexibilities. And whereas if you are in the department, as a teacher, right, you have to be with your student, with your class, for the whole year, or until the school year is over but you have to sort of, set aside Some of your whims and comprises in order to meet the needs of the students I'm not telling you that I may I'm doing oh, I have Been able to satisfy my whims and comprises being a member of the education board But more or less I am able to do some little things like watching my favorite teleseries. And also being with the students, my college students at the University of Guam. Yeah, so, did I answer your question?

**Chairman Barnett:** Yes, you did, ma'am. As a retired teacher, what would you say are some of the challenges facing teachers currently in the Guam Department of Education?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** I have been there, Mr. Senator, or your Honorable Senator, I know the challenges that every teacher meets along the way. And I really tip my hat off to these teachers. Because a lot of them, if not all of them, go above and beyond the call of duty. I remember one time asking someone, a technician, to install a an air conditioning unit in my room because I really pity my students. In that classroom, it's like a cubicle, and I was then teaching ESL. It's, I have the spatial population of students. So I have to do that. Teachers have to... You know, have to dig into their pocket those tasks, those monies that are supposedly for their own or for their own family in order to share it with the students. And what makes me a little bit... is the fact that I'm still seeing, I'm still seeing a lot of these teachers doing that. Despite of we are seeing there are some funds available and there's, they still have to do that.

**Chairman Barnett:** It's so, so yeah, those we hear that all the time. In fact, we had an oversight hearing here, a couple weeks ago, and one of the deputy superintendents had talked about administrators spending out of pocket, right? And so I hear the same from



teachers. I hear that they have to buy paint, they have to buy supplies, some of them by air conditioners for their classrooms. And we all know that the Guam Department of Education is sitting on, you know, over 100 million in federal funds that are you know supposed to be used for the types of things that these teachers are spending their out-of-pocket money on. So as a board member, what do you feel you could do to address those types of situations?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** I think one of them, but remember we are the board members of the board and we do not micromanage the Guam Department of Education. So, what we can do really is to see to it that. The funds are properly used in accordance with how they are achieved and how they are received. And if there's a need to revamp, I'm sorry, to revamp some of the things that are no longer feasible or logical, then we might as well do so. And it may come from the Board of Education. Working on the policies that will see to it that this will take its place. It will happen.

**Chairman Barnett:** Ma'am you kind of led me to my next question. So we just had a public hearing yesterday on a Bill No. 117-37 that would give the Guam Board of Education governing board powers. And as you said, right now, you're just a policy board. Did you have any thoughts on that measure? And what are your thoughts on the role of the Board of Education members?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** I think the role now is, and the duties are very specific. I saw that. I read that one. And this time they are so specific that it would really address the ones that were not addressed before. And hopefully, there is... There is a big change. I think we all want change. Innovations in the way how the department is being run, how the department is taking care of the funds and so many things. There's so many things. Numerous things. There are so many things.

**Chairman Barnett:** Can you name a couple of them that you would like to see addressed, ma'am?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** As I said the funds, there will be enough funds for the students. As well as for the teachers, for their perusal. I would like to see also a real engagement of students in the classroom. I have seen some of your videos Senator, the one that you sent. And it's in our group chat. And it's, I feel so sad. I feel so now, I'm insecure because these things are happening among our students, so I would say if we have some funds to take care of the wellbeing of our students, emotional, social, and wellbeing of our students, which is probably not a part of the core curriculum. But it is something that will turn them into a better citizen, a better student. Because actually, with all the teachings that we are doing, with all these funds that we are spending, the end result should be to have a student that is productive, a citizen that can take care of himself, of his family, and of his country. And I believe that because that's how I train my own children.

**Chairman Barnett:** So, ma'am just my last couple of questions before I send it over to my colleagues.

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** You have a lot of questions.

**Chairman Barnett:** I know, I'm very, that's what my mom always said. Too many questions, Kristobal? So, ma'am, what are your goals then if you are you know, confirmed and you get to serve another term on the Board of Education? Do you have a couple of priorities that you'd like to see through?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Of course, there, there are some priorities. That I want to see happening in our Guam education department, as well as in our board. And of course, that is for, for our students to really understand their role as students. For teachers to really understand their role as teachers, as well as the administrators. And whoever is... and the leadership team of the Guam Department of Education. I think if they are conscientized on their duties, on their priorities, it will be a happy Guam Department of Education. But probably it will take some time. It needs a drastic change. And so many things, but we are hopeful that at the end of the tunnel, we will see a rainbow that these insurmountable problems. that is besetting us will be slowly and hopefully be resolved and we will have well, this is, we will have a good island. Actually, this is just to let you know, because my three kids are in the States. I've been hearing a lot of our students who are going to the mainland. And they're doing a good job. They are leaders. They are examples, role models of other students. And every time they would graduate, they're so happy to have with them the flag of Guam. And my grandchildren are one of them.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you, Mrs. Angel. That's the first time I heard of the light at the end of the tunnel, but that's the first time I ever heard of the rainbow at the end of the tunnel. Thank you, ma'am, and I'm going to turn it over to my colleagues. In the order of their arrival, we'll start with Senator Telo Taitague. I'd also like to recognize Senator Sabina Perez. Senator Taitague?

**Senator Telo T. Taitague:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you to those who came to testify today. I've known Feli for, gosh many years, over 25 years we've known each other, Feli. And as a teacher, when you were a teacher. So I appreciate that you want to continue to serve the community in your capacity and, you know, if people don't know her, she might be, you know, small, you know, nice and everything like that, but she can be tough, you know, they usually say shorter ones are usually tough, but you definitely put your two cents out there regardless. So I hope you continue to do that. But Feli, there is you know, DOE has been quite a situation right now starting very late. You know, in the ballgame for students going back. As well as the conditions of our infrastructure. And this has been going on for a long time. You know, it's just been building up. I do realize the pandemic has made it difficult as well as, you know, the typhoon that's up and coming. But I was told that board members also have subcommittees, you know, while they're sitting on the board. They It's You know, each individual tackles a certain project, you know, and but I haven't seen anything with the outcome of what your hard work or their subcommittee has brought to the legislature. We had a couple bills a couple days ago. I would like to know what the board was doing in those particular subcommittees, like infrastructure. What are they doing for the ADA compliance? You know, we don't need legislation to make sure that people with disabilities has a means to go to school. You know, that's already in law. You know,

what we're trying to do is put, you know, fire to the feet to get them to do something. So what subcommittees do you sit on right now?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** I'm with the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, so I have there the accreditation, also the Head Start, so

**Senator Taitague:** Right. So I hope that I could see you next time we have a bill that has to do with Head Start or the curriculum that you're here during public hearing and to testify on your findings as well because we're getting a different song and dance from the superintendent. You're an individual you speak your mind, I know that, so I hope you continue to do that and don't make it a political influence from anyone else but your experience as a teacher and what's really needed. Do you have any teachers who ever come see you and want to talk to you about their issues?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Yes, I have several.

**Senator Taitague:** Okay, and they're not just friends. There's new set of teachers, younger generation.

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Two of them, two of them are my, one is my daughter, and the other one is my son in law. I'm meeting a lot of teachers, my co teachers in the past. Yeah, they, we talk, we engage, and you know, I always say, you're just hanging there. That's all I can say. Just hanging there, and your labor will be recognized, and actually it will be appreciated. Right? I am appreciating it now, so. And parents. I like parents. I like parents talking to me also.

**Senator Taitague:** Well, I tell you, when it comes from your own family members... they don't hold back. I mean, they tell you straight out, you know, so I'm pretty sure they're going to be very honest with you on what is going on. So appreciate that you're leaving an open door for these teachers to come to. And I hope you continue that. And as you continue your position here on the board, a very important board, by the way. So, and I don't think any of us take it lightly. You know, confirming individuals. I hope you continue to you know, well, actually be proactive. I don't know if you are being proactive, but I hope you are being proactive. And even though you're in one particular committee that you can lend yourself to other committees that are obviously lacking, you know, in providing this body information that would help us help you. So, help us help you. Yes, of course Senator. Okay other than that, Feli, my door is always open. And if you have any concerns, I'm sure you get it from teachers. Feel free to open my door and tell me a few things that I can do to help you. So thank you for wanting to serve again. I wish you luck. Great luck, especially what we're facing right now with our school system. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you, Senator. Senator Duenas. Also, I'm sorry, Senator. I'd like to recognize Senator Roy Quinata as well. Senator Duenas.

**Senator Christopher M. Duenas, Vice Chair – Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Angel. Thank you for being here and I'll greet you in your something you're probably used to being alliance governor roar.

And I want to thank you for accepting the renomination, particularly in this time when Department of Education is going through struggles. And as you said, you know, reform, and I'm glad you mentioned your vision of. Achieving the rainbow at the end of the tunnel. I think that was a great observation. Sometimes I'll be the Chris with only a few questions, maybe only one. But sometimes I, when I, you know, come to a confirmation hearing, it's the writing of somebody else that jumps out at me the most. And I just wanted to make a couple of points. Dr. Taylor mentioned about you. She said, for Miss Angel, education is the most powerful weapon out there. And I think that is, you know, an observation of you and all your experience that you have. Having that as your guiding principle certainly puts you in a place to be effective in what your duty and your focus should be on the board as a retired teacher. So, I just wanted to mention and all your civic engagement is really very impressive. One program that I know that's probably been in existence for maybe a decade or more now and I wanted to see as a retired teacher and as a teacher who had a front seat at seeing this program that I think has been transformational in education is the mentor program, and I understand that it's still continuing on. It's taking on a little bit different approach, maybe as coaches and the like, but I wanted to get your take on how that program is being sustained. I knew several of the teachers and in fact, one other board member that were the inaugural individuals to bring that in for teacher retention, particularly those teachers between the three and five years who may be having some challenges with, is this really for them or not? But man, one year of mentoring from a senior teacher and you know, for a lot of them, the light bulb just comes on and they're like, wait, this is what I'm going to do because they're taught some techniques and the like to how to maybe modify some of their approaches. Have you been observing that and is that still very alive and well?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Yes, it's still ongoing, very much ongoing, Senator. And you see, we see, I see this in the different schools where you have the mentor and the mentee. All right, engaging and in some kind of a conversation and this is really, that's correct. This is also to sustain the, particularly the new teachers who are overwhelmed with so many duties and responsibilities there are that a teacher has to undertake and it is good and it's going around. It's going around the mentorship. Of for the new teachers it could be done it by several administrators in some other ways. But I believe so because when I was still there now this was one of our programs mentoring.

**Senator Duenas:** Yeah. I just, I caught that one thing I caught when you were answering our chairman Barnett, during his questioning, one thing I really liked, you said in terms of the tedious nature and the work that you want to continue to concentrate on is everybody's roles and responsibilities. Administrators have a role and responsibility, teachers have a role, responsibility, students hopefully are encouraged to understand their role in, in their learning process. So I, I wanted to maybe overemphasize this point that I hope you continue to advocate with your position on the board. There's updates from the subcommittee level and others to say that this mentor program is alive and well because we need to keep our teachers. And of course, we've talked many times about compensation here and different things that we need to do, but I think it's also their ability to get that fulfillment out of their teaching that, that is something that you know, I'm glad you mentioned also students off Island that are celebrated and celebrate their knowledge and achievements. You know, sometimes in the back and forth, even with the DODEA system, people will say that look

at that school system. But a lot of people don't realize a large percentage of the teachers are our teachers. They're from Guam and even in the charter schools and the other schools that are being successful. So if you really can watch something we're trying to do here is we're concentrating on the facilities because we believe the teachers are doing it. We believe that they have the ability. We believe that our students given the right environment. can thrive. So I wanted to recognize, you know, your role and you know, your specialty and why you're appointed to this board. And I'm glad that you are going to continue to concentrate on making sure that we have the best and the brightest and keep our teachers because that to me is the key to the success is those teachers who just love what they do every day, learn every day also as they teach and then Sustained going forward. So your commitment to that really makes me very positive to look forward to voting on your renomination. So thank you once again for accepting the duty and the responsibility and we look forward to the productive things that you can bring forward. Thank you so much. Mr. Chairman, that's all I have.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you, Senator Duenas. Senator Lujan.

**Senator Jesse A. Lujan:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, Ms. Angel. Good afternoon, Senator. And thank you again for wanting to continue service and serving the Board of Education. I want to ask a couple questions actually in regards to superintendent and all that because we, there's been you know, one oversight after another and a couple board members attend. The oversights and the question I always pose to GDOE and as well as board members is that the problems that we see that have been coming forth are problems that didn't just happen, it's happened. My question is, how is it that during the evaluation process or maybe a previous superintendent, that it's outstanding performance every single time. How is it that we come to the outstanding performance every single time and then we're just seeing now these problems and these problems again, as you had just mentioned earlier, that there are a lot of problems. And again, mold problems, rodent problems, infrastructure problems are, again, have been persistent. And how is it, again, that during the evaluation process of a superintendent, that they constantly, or previous, get a constantly outstanding. And likewise, I kinda want to question the fact that, in today's paper, this current superintendent, Dr. Swanson, said he's appalled by the lack or failure of the school system to provide accommodations for students with disabilities. He went through an interview process. He had to have gone through and seen the schools. He had to have seen the conditions. And until he got on board, that's when he said he's appalled. He's attended a couple of the oversight hearings. He's heard parents with disabilities talking about their kids not being accommodated. So now, since taking the helm, he's appalled. What goes on in the interview process? that continues to have outstanding performances, and then when they come on board, they're appalled by what they see. Did they not see? Were they not told? Did they come in blind? How was the was the interview done through Zoom? Through a nice backdrop? And I'm not blaming you, I'm just, how does this happen? Because I can't seem to get that question answered.

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Okay, your observation is correct Senator, that a lot of these problems have been there. They have been there in our department but probably some were addressed. Some of these problems were addressed and that's why we saw how the former, I'm talking

about the former superintendent, how the former superintendent did his best also. Right to eliminate if not all of these problems that are, that were brewing and some have been there since time immemorial. So he we saw him doing his best when I was, that was my first year being member of the board. I saw him doing his work meticulously as a superintendent of the department of education. Probably I did not see the overall picture, the overall picture, but I saw how he takes care of the, how he took care, rather, of the department. And for, there's a question also about the new superintendent, right? The new superintendent, I believe, and I know he's doing his very best, he's doing his very best in order to resolve some of these issues. And he's always there. And he's always there. His presence is there in order to see to it that things will be resolved, problems will be resolved. And I understand that.

**Senator Lujan:** I know, I'm not saying that they're not doing their best, but again, once they come on board, he just came on board. And again, in the interview process, did he, was he not face to face? Was he not taken to the schools to see the kids? Conditions of schools, whether or not they want to take this position and all that. And then to say that I mean, it'd be a basic question. When I came on board, I'm appalled by the students with special needs not being accommodated. I mean, he should have known that. He should have been appalled from the very beginning. Not just when you came, just when you came on board. That's exactly right. Yeah, and so I'm saying, what is this interview, is it? Is the interview process a love fest? Is this back to, again you know, Woodstock and love and peace and things like that? I mean, because it didn't just happen. These things didn't just happen. And at some point, we gotta hold people accountable. And usually we say, hold people accountable from the very top. And so, that's what I'm saying. These things didn't just happen. Didn't just, all of a sudden, everything's falling apart. And so, when are we going to start? Again, holding people accountable from the top, we hold people accountable from the middle on down, but we don't hold people, I mean, outstanding, really outstanding. I mean, okay, they tried their very best, as opposed to just trying their best. But these problems again, precedes, I mean, even before the previous superintendent. But I'm saying, how, what is the evaluation process that this keeps happening? Because if that keeps happening, we will never fix it in previous legislatures that I was in. We had problems finding money. Now we have money. We don't. Now it's procurement. It's not if it's if not one thing, it's another. We have to start holding people on top accountable. I was in a meeting yesterday and I won't say with who, but from a private school. And this is what they said to me. They said students that transfer from public school At least to their institution are behind. University of Guam says the same thing. Imagine the kids that are not being accommodated, the special needs kids. Imagine how much behind they are because they're not being accommodated. So, I mean, we want to fix. We're not, we want to fix the system. But we need to know where the problems are. And we keep saying Mali, Biba! And it really shouldn't be Biba. We have to start holding people accountable. So I'm just wondering how this process of outstanding comes about when we see that you did an outstanding job at Leaky Roofs. GW Gym was closed down before the previous superintendent left. And so I'm trying to understand how it's done. So if there's something that needs to be fixed, You know, in the, in, in our level to be able to do it, I'm not, I'm just, because the evaluation process comes from the board, right? The board evaluates, and the board hires a superintendent, so the hiring and firing and the again, the ratings come from

the board. So, how does that happen if we need to fix it or tighten it up to make sure That, you know, you know, we have things that we have to go through to be able to get outstanding. And, you know, those are pretty stringent procedures that people have to go through. And so, you know, the oversights are not fixing what's happening. We want to fix it. It's a mundane work, Senator. It's a lot of work. So, if we can start, right, fixing now, this is the time that we need to start fixing whatever needs to be fixed. And I still believe that, as I said earlier, our incumbent superintendent of the Department of Education is doing his best. One time, I read in his paper, we are running a plane and fixing it, or we are flying a plane and fixing it. So it is it is an expression of the big work that lies ahead of not only for the superintendent to fix, but for all of us to fix. Well, he should be doing a better job now because he's facing a lawsuit. He's got a lawsuit there right now in the courts. And so as much as he's doing his best, he better do a lot better because he's facing a lawsuit. And if I'm not mistaken, I think the board is being sued as well.

And this is my first lawsuit in my entire life.

So see, we want to prevent things like that. These are the things we want to prevent. And these laws have been in the adequate education act has been in place since I was in the legislature. That was a long time ago. Yeah. And so, again, you know, please go back and the fellow board members reevaluate your evaluation process. Because, again, somebody needs to be held accountable. I'm not saying they're not doing their best. To be, for some for someone to have an outstanding evaluation, but yet your facilities are failing. How can you have outstanding failing? You know, if you have a parent teacher conference and the teacher, you have an outstanding student, but they're failing the class, that would cause a concern. Outstanding in what? What am I outstanding on? And why am I failing? I, we need to understand that, that process, because that process is still in place. I mean, I, and I know, I think there's a bill now, I think, to give more I think it's more operational. Duties, I think for the board members. Yeah, I mean, is that going to fix it? I don't know. I don't know if that's going to fix it. But something is broken. Actually, not something. It is broken. But damn it. And it's got to be fixed. And so, we want to help you fix it. And if it needs us to fix it, you need to tell us that. If it's you guys that need to fix it, you've got to fix it. Because our schools, you're losing students, charter schools, more people are wanting charter schools. I applaud that. I applaud competition. I love competition.

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** In teamwork, sir. So, we all fix it. Teamwork. It's a collaborative effort.

**Senator Lujan:** Well, let me just give you a heads up at this point, okay? And to the board members and everybody. We are going to attempt to fix this. We are going to have a bill for parental choice for schools. Because if the board and if DOE cannot fix it, then you know, the lawmakers will fix it. And parental choice, because you're seeing that right now. So please, go back to your board members and say, we have to reevaluate our evaluation process. I applaud you for wanting to stay on, because it's not an easy job. I wouldn't do it. Not for the stipend that you get. But anyway, thank you very much for wanting to come on and I'm not directing this at you. I'm directing this at the process and how this process is done. Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you Senator Lujan. Ma'am, I just think for, and I speak for the committee, we all want the board to do a better job of holding the GDOE superintendent and leadership accountable and we don't want you to be saying Biba when it's really Baba. Right, so I think that's where Senator Lujan is coming from. Senator Perez.

**Senator Sabina F. Perez:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. And good afternoon Ms. Angel and all the people here today. So I just, it speaks volumes that you are accepting the renomination to be on the board. Considering you've done, you've excelled as a teacher you've taught for 51 years, you're Teacher of the Year, chosen Teacher of the Year. And I think it speaks volumes that you want to continue your service on the board. But just know that you know, your role, like you said, as a teacher, you know, now that you're on the board, it's, your role has changed into policy, right? Recommending policy for the board. So I guess my question is, you know, how has that shift? How were you able to make the shift from a teacher to a policymaker? And, you know, as you made that shift, I'm sure there was learning that occurred on the board. And considering that this is your second time around, what do you want to do differently? And what do you want to accomplish?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Thank you, Senator. The shift is brought up there because of course, as a teacher, you have your duties. And then as a member of the board, it will be a little, it's if not much of a difference being a member of the board. So, the similarity is that I still want to take care of the kids. I still want to the teachers and also listen more to the parents as a board. When I was a teacher, I was probably just mingling or engaging with my students' parents. Now, this time it's, right. It's more of the the population, right, of the whole population, as much as possible the parents and be attending parent teachers' conferences, or when they have their meeting together to discuss some issues. Yeah, there's more to do, I think, as a board. There's more to do. There's more work to do as a board member. And slowly but surely I'm trying to accomplish some of this work.

**Senator Perez:** So what are the common needs that has arisen from your discussions with parents, teachers, students, that you are going to prioritize?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Oh, I would say the students learning, I would say the students learning that we need to continue engaging our students and their assessment, the method of assessing the students. Probably if we give some more innovations as to the way. They are being ga their knowledge that the gain is being ga it's being gauged, or being evaluated.

**Senator Perez:** So, does that include changing the system now? Because I believe there is a what is the con what is it what is the method that they're testing students, what is that program, the testing? Smart... I don't remember, I don't remember the name, but I can show you what that is, right? And I think that is being implemented at the Department of Education. Smart Behavior. Yeah, because the grading system right, right now. Integrated, right. It's been said that, you know, students see it as an easy pass, the way the grading system is right now that they're almost guaranteed to pass. Have you heard that feedback from any of the members in the educational community?

**Ms. Angel:** Not quite Senator. That kind of feedback.



**Senator Perez:** Okay. And then you mentioned you want the members to understand the roles, like students know what their role, teachers, administrators. So what is it that you're trying to address? You know, it implies that the roles are not understood. So what exactly do you mean by that?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Oh, that would involve the system, I guess, the system that is supposed to be followed by the leadership in the department. And that is for the administrators and for the teachers, as well as the students and for the parents themselves, there, there must be a way in order to see to it that they are learning. Our students are learning. Because that is our task to make them learn and to prepare them to become a better citizen, to become better citizens of our country, of our island.

**Senator Perez:** So in the years that you've been teaching what do you see as one of the barriers or the challenges that maybe have limited student, students learning?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** There could be a lot of factors that are involved there, Senator. It could be even the orientation of self itself of the students. It will be the discipline that they have at home that could make a difference. It could be the priorities of the parents at home.

**Senator Perez:** So how are these priorities seen by the students when they are at home? Is it a continuation of what they're learning in school or it's just the very opposite of what they're learning in school? Something like that. Yeah. I mean, I told I see that to like school readiness, that concept of school readiness is a problem, right? There's something that I'm trying to promote is an early childhood education or increasing literacy from birth till school age. And we know that there's illiterate, poor households where there are 330-million-word gap by the time they enter school. And it's really good to hear that you're in the Head Start subcommittee. Okay. So, I definitely would like to reach out to you to develop a more robust literacy program to ensure school readiness maybe that's what I was trying to get at too is, you know, any specific initiatives that you think might be very impactful. The other thing is social promotion. I think that's another big issue and if I can get maybe your input on your thoughts about that, we could talk another time too. Okay.

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Well, actually, when I was still a teacher, I really, I was not really in conformity with this mass passing or the one that be, that is being practiced. I still believe that the students should really pass the grade level and that they are ready to go up to the next grade level. I still believe in that, right.

**Senator Perez:** Well, thank you. Thank you for your responses. I know there's a lot more discussion. I also want to thank your family for supporting you. I know you know, you've chosen to do, to serve, continue to serve the community. You didn't choose to run away from these huge problems that DOE is experiencing. So, you know, my hat's off to you for accepting the nomination. So, thank you so much.

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Thank you, Senator.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you, Senator Perez. Senator Quinata.

**Senator Roy A. B. Quinata:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Hâfa adai. Mabuhay. Ms. Angel, it's very great to see you taking up the public service rings again. I was never your student, but I do recall your proactive educational career. I commend you for your commitment on your public service. I know you're a lion because we serve where there's a need, and there's always a need for public service. And you definitely stood up in every capacity you can, as well as your husband. Your husband and your family supporting you here is very great. I do have a question. How do you, what do you think about the vaping issue in the schools? What do you think we can do to curb that? Do you have any comment on that situation? Because it's already at the elementary level. Do you have any notes on that one?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Well, I have some, but I think what's going on now is there's still a problem on diversity. Diversity, that is still an issue in some schools, some of the public schools, as well as students, right? Sometimes they don't get along with a particular group of students because they are like this, they come from this place, and so on and so forth. So if we could really emphasize the beauty and the advantage of embracing diversity among them. Where they could learn more and they can interact more with students who will, who might have different way of life, who might have different culture in life, and then they can help together.

**Senator Quinata:** I think we're I don't, I'm not too sure if you heard me correctly, ma'am. It's vaping. You know, the vape cigarette, e cigarettes, the puff bars and that kind of stuff. I think we, We're on two different subjects.

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** Okay. Well, because I was, I've been seeing the video and it's all about fighting and so on and so forth. Oh, vaping.

**Senator Quinata:** No worries. Okay. How do we, how do you think we can better serve our students in the capacity that we haven't been able to fulfill employment over at DOE? We've been short teachers, but it seems to me that the charter schools have been able to fill their teacher capacity. and their administrative capacity, but it seems like we're, you know, there's so many problems with DOE, unfortunately. Again, these didn't happen overnight, and I'm not saying that it happened under your watch or your tenure, but I'm just very lost for words when we're trying to recruit people at a quote unquote better package deal as a government employee who's classified versus a charter school employee who most of the time has less benefit. Do you have any comment towards that effect?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** I think charter school charter schools have smaller population and that is an advantage already, right? If you are talking about public school population, it's really huge, right? And so it could be one of the problems. And it could be a disadvantage to the public schools, the fact that there are so many students that we have to we have to accommodate.

**Senator Quinata:** Okay, thank you. So, for the teachers there are some ways already, like, like this fast-track certification of teachers, those teachers We're not certified yet to be to teach in the classroom, but there is a fast way to do that. And I think the University of

Guam is assisting in this initiative. And so, we are getting some more students. I think it was like, like, January. I'm not very sure if it's this year or the other year. that we graduated like 40 students and are able, they're able to receive their certification to teach in the public schools. So if you continue doing this program, it would be of great help. Another thing that I'm hearing is employment of the retired teachers. So, and I think they're There are some good opportunities for them because sometimes the retired teachers may want to come back, but the thing is, the conditions may not be very favorable for them. So if they're given some kind of better, better condition, then it's up for a grab for some of our retired teachers. Thank you. Again, thank you for your service, and I wish you all the best. You have my support for your confirmation. And you know, let us, my, let my office know what we can do to assist you in any way in whatever respects, okay? Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you, Senator Quinata. If there's no, is there any more testimony? Or anything you would like to say before we close Mrs. Angel?

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** I think I answered all your questions.

**Chairman Barnett:** I have more if you want.

**Margarita Felicitas B. Angel, Nominee:** My brain stops working now. I'm so overwhelmed with all your questions. I'm just here to serve, you know, I'm just joking.

**Chairman Barnett:** Thank you, ma'am. Thank you. If there's no further testimony we'll move on to the next item on the agenda. Thank you again for coming out to provide your testimony and thank you Mrs. Angel very much for being here.

The committee will continue to accept written statements on today's hearing and appointments within 10 business days from today, which may be sent to my office on the second floor of the Guam Congress building at 163 Chalon Santo Papa, Hagåtña. You may also send your statements to us at [malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org](mailto:malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org) Thank you all for your participation. This public hearing is adjourned at 5:37 Chamorro Standard Time. Adios

The public hearing was adjourned at **5:37** PM.

### **III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

All discussion and testimony presented to and received by the Committee affirm the support for the appointment of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel.

The Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts hereby reports on the appointment of Margarita Felicitas B. Angel to serve as Member (Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE – Representative) of the Guam Education Board to serve a term of Three (3) Years; April 15, 2023 to April 14, 2026 with the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM.**