

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Gu àhan
APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	DATE REFERRED	COMMITTEE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	SESSION DATE	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
37GL-23-0567	Nolan G.T. Flores	Member (Information Technology Representative)	Guam Public Library System Board of Directors	6/5/23	Three (3) Years; June 30, 2023 to June 29, 2026 To fill the expired term of Jeremy N.C. Cepeda who resigned	6/12/23	Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs	10/4/23 8:30 a.m.	10/17/23 2:33 p.m.			



Office of the Vice Speaker
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature

October 11, 2023

The Honorable Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Chris Barnett *CRB*
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores

Dear Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores to serve as Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors and which was referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO CONFIRM
<u>0</u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u>0</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u>0</u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Received:

October 12, 2023 10:17 a.m.

Kamarin Nelson

Sincerely,

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Chairperson, Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Nolan G.T. Flores

to serve as serve as Member (General
Public Representative), Guam Public
Library System Board of Directors
for Three (3) Years; June 30, 2023 to June
29, 2026

to fill the expired term of Jeremy N.C.
Cepeda who resigned.



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MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs

From: **Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes** ✍
Chairperson, Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs

Subject: **Committee Report on the Appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the Appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores to serve as Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors.

This report includes the following:

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

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 Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature

June 12, 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 Appointment

Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!

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 appointment:

Appointee: **Nolan G. T. Flores**

Position: **Member (General Public Representative)**

Term Length: **Three (3) Years; June 30, 2023, to June 29, 2026**
To fill the expired term of Jeremy N.C. Cepeda who resigned

Please refer the following document:

“Doc. No. 37GL-23-0567 – Office of the Governor – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Nolan G. T. Flores, Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors.”

Ensure the appointment is referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs chaired by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes. 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'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

June 5, 2023

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

37GL-23-0567
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

-06-06-2023

Time: 3:30pm
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Appointment

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the applicable local law, 5 GCA § 80106. I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

- APPOINTEE: Nolan G.T. Flores
- POSITION: Member, Guam Public Library System
Board of Director, General Public Represnetative
- TERM LENGTH: **Three (3) Years; June 30, 2023, to June 29, 2026**
To fill the expired term of Jeremy N.C. Cepeda who resigned

The appointment 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

37GL-23-0567
Messages and Communications
RECEIVED
Committee on Rules
June 6, 2023
5:03 p.m.



Kamarin Nelson

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



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

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

June 5, 2023

NOLAN G.T. FLORES

Hafa Adai Mr. Flores:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, the applicable local law, 5 GCA § 80106, I am appointing you to serve as a:

MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
General Public Representative
Term Length: Three (3) Years; June 30, 2023 to June 29, 2026
To fill the expired term of Jeremy N.C. Cepeda who resigned

Appointing you to this position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform, placing many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities shall be significant and consequential. I trust that you will fulfill your duties and set standards for others to follow.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

As you are aware, this appointment is subject to the confirmation of *I Liheslaturan Guahån*.

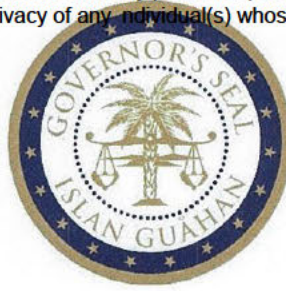
Should you have any questions, please contact Jean Taitano with the Office of the Governor at (671) 473-1121.

Senseramente,

Handwritten signature of 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 Public Library System



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

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

NOMINEE INFORMATION

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

EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
High School Southern High School, SR, GU	2014 - 2018	High School Diploma	2018
College University of Guam, Mangilao, GU	2018 - 2022	BA Political Science BA CHamoru Studies	2022
Graduate School University of Guam, Mangilao, GU	2023-Present	MA Micronesian Studies	In Progress
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Commission on Decolonization Ufisinan I Maga' hâgan Guâhan Ricardo J. Bordallo, Governor' s Complex Hagåtña, GU 96910	Position Title Staff Assistant
	Dates Held 2/2021 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address University of Guam College of Liberal Arts/Social Sciences Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences	Position Title Teaching Assistant
	Dates Held 3/2019 - 2/2021

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name		Position Title	
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

Agency or Department Name		Position Title	
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency or Department Name		Position Title	
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

Agency or Department Name		Position Title	
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Ethics in Government Training	4/8/21
Exec. Writing & Communications Workshop, Public Policy Inst.	7/13/19 & 8/3/19
Title IX for Employess Training	5/30/19
Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports Tough Kids Training	2/28/18 & 3/22/18

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Summa Cum Laude, UOG, 2022 * President's List, UOG, 2018-2022 * Class Outstanding Award, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, UOG, 2020 * Valedictorian, Southern High School, 2018 * Certificate of Recognition, 34th Guam Legislature * Certificate of Appreciation, DPHSS * Scholastic Excellence Award, USMC

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors, Guam Public Library System, 2021 * Young Professional, Council on Foreign Relations * Language Documenter, Developing CHamoru Language Infrastructure NSF Grant, 2019-Present * President, Political Science Student Assoc., UOG, 2020-2022 * Secretary & Treasurer, Board of Directors, Guam Public Library System, 2019 - 2021 * Treasurer, Political Science Student Assoc., UOG, 2019-2020

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

- * Chairman, Committee on Rules, 33rd Guam Youth Congress, 2021-2022
- * Representative, 32nd Guam Youth Congress, 2019-2020
- * Intern, Commission on Decolonization, 2020
- * Student Intern, Public Policy Institute, Office of Speaker's Muna-Barnes & Sen. Castro, 2019
- * Student & DOI Scholarship Recipient, Junior State of America, Stanford University, 2017

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

- * The Curious Case of Guam: The Unincorporated Territory's Role in the 2020 Primaries, American Political Science Association
- * Giha Mo' na: A Self-Determination Study for Guåhan; Kenneth Gofigan Kuper & Joseph Bradley; Research & Writing Assistant.
- * Para Månu Hit Mo' na?: Planning for the Future of Fino' CHamoru Revitalization in Guåhan and the Kumisión I Fino' CHamoru' s Role; Research & Writing Assistant
- * Sumay: A Village Soaked with Abundance, Forthcoming Book Chapter in Detours Guåhan

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE

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:

(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?

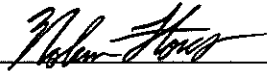
Yes No If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

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.

Nolan G.T. Flores



May 3, 2023

Print Name and Signature

Date



Note that the Legislature has taken steps to ensure that any protected personal identifying information has been redacted in whole or in part in order to protect the privacy of any individual(s) whose information has been included as part of this transmission.



Government of Guam
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION
P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921

May 10, 2023

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Nolan G. FLORES		
DATE OF BIRTH:	██████████	FINGERPRINT#:	NONE
■	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

*****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.

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By Direction: priscilla

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 04/26/19



SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

Name: NOLAN GABRIEL TOVES FLORES

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:

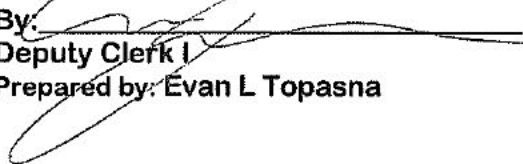
Criminal Cases:
No Cases Found

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:05/04/2023

Sophia Santos Diaz
Clerk of Court

By: 
Deputy Clerk I
Prepared by: Evan L Topasna



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FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Wed, Sep 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM

September 27, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders
FROM: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
SUBJECT: FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING**



 **Posted on:** 09/27/2023 08:30 AM

 **Posted by:** Alan Cepeda

 **Public Hearing Date:** 10/04/2023 08:30 AM

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GUAM LEGISLATURE (/notices?department_id=92)

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Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 8:00 AM

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Confirmation Hearing for the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>
To: Nolan Flores <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 9:53 AM

September 27, 2023

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:nolan.flores@guam.gov**Nolan G.T. Flores**

Appointee - Member (General Public Representative),

Guam Public Library System Board of Directors

Subject: Confirmation Hearing for the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Flores,



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Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

Kris Seerengan, M.L.S.

Director, Guam Public Library System

Subject: Confirmation Hearing for the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors

Dear Director Seerengan,

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We invite you to provide testimony and welcomes extending the invitation to other members of your team who will like to provide input of the above appointments. Individuals wishing to provide testimony may contact our office by email at senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org or call 671-989-8762. Written testimony may be delivered to the Office of Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes at Suite 411– 134 W. Soledad Avenue *Hagåtña*, Guam 96910 or via email to senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org.

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Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 • 8:30 AM • Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

Appointee: Nolan G.T. Flores
 Position: Member (General Public Representative)
 Agency/Board or Commission: Guam Public Library Board

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	TESTIMONY		CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
			WRITTEN	ORAL		
Nolan Flores	CCO	Support	X	X	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Monique Storie	UWeg	Support		/	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Madam Vice Speaker and Members of the Committee,

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly support Nolan G.T Flores for his appointment to the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors (General Public Representative)

I have had the privilege of knowing Nolan for several years, and during that time, I have witnessed his unwavering dedication to the service of our island community. His commitment to making Guam a better place is truly inspiring. Nolan has been an active and engaged member of our community, consistently demonstrating his passion for improving the lives of those around him.

Nolan's service to the island extends far beyond mere words; it is exemplified by his numerous efforts and contributions. His involvement with local initiatives and organizations has had a profound impact, and he has consistently gone above and beyond in his service.

Nolan's leadership skills, combined with his deep-rooted connection to the community, make him an ideal candidate for the role of General Public Representative for the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors. I am confident that he will bring fresh perspectives, a strong work ethic, and an unwavering commitment to the role, ensuring that the library system continues to thrive and serve our island effectively.

Thank you for hearing his nomination, and I look forward to witnessing the positive changes he will bring to our community through his service on the board.

Regards,

Robert James L. Barcinas

October 2, 2023

To: Vice Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, Chair, Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs

From: Kisha Borja-Quichocho-Calvo, PhD, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, CHamoru Studies Program, Unibetsedât Guåhan/University of Guam

Subject: Testimony in Support of Nolan Flores, Appointee, Guam Public Library System Board of Directors

Håfa Adai, Vice Speaker Tina Muna Barnes:

I am writing this letter in support of Nolan Flores's appointment as a member of the Guam Public Library System (GPLS) Board of Directors.

Nolan's experiences, knowledge, and work ethic are reason enough for him to be part of and to serve on this Board. His dedicated commitment and connections to our island community make him an even stronger candidate to serve in this capacity.

As a student and professional, Nolan has gained various experiences which relate to addressing community needs. As an undergraduate, he was actively involved in student organizations as well as community organizations and activities. He also served for two years as the student representative for the GPLS Board. He was a teaching assistant for several CHamoru Studies and Political Science courses, where he supported professors, students, — including in-service teachers in the Northern Marianas — and community members both within and outside of the University of Guam community. Through his work and scholarship as an undergraduate, he gained experience with research and knowledge of data collection, more specifically with the literary and scholarly needs of our community as they pertain to local and regional publications.

As a recent graduate of the University of Guam (Fañomnåkan 2022) and a professional in the Government of Guam, public service and education have been key priorities, and he has been able to use his degrees in CHamoru Studies and Political Science in his everyday contexts. In his work at the Commission on Decolonization, he has been able to utilize his strong research and writing skills to articulate significant points so that the information can be accessible to the greater island population. Moreover, he has presented this information in a plethora of spaces, including classrooms in local high schools, the Guam Community College, and the University of Guam. He has also tabled and presented at countless community events. He has additionally been actively involved in CHamoru language revitalization work, serving as a core member on the steering committee for two Spencer Foundation grant projects as well as a potential third Spencer Foundation grant project, the Transformative Research Grant, where the steering

committee is anticipating to seek the support of the Guam Public Library System in research related to CHamoru language revitalization efforts in Guåhan.

Nolan possesses the intellectual capacity, academic and professional experiences, and commitment to community which, presumably, are necessary for serving on the GPLS Board of Directors. He is an excellent candidate for the GPLS Board and will undoubtedly serve the Board and our community to the best of his knowledge and abilities.

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact me:

[REDACTED]

KishaBQ-Calvo
Kisha Borja-Quichocho-Calvo, PhD

October 3, 2023

Transmitted via Email:

Honorable Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
37th Guam Legislature
senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org

Subject: Testimony in Support of Nolan G.T. Flores

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Vice Speaker Muña-Barnes,

I write today to express my utmost support for Mr. Nolan G.T. Flores for the position to serve as Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors.

I know Nolan in a personal capacity and can attest that his willingness to serve for the good of Guam and her people is through wearing his many hats of service in which he proudly wears. Being a part of this board is just an extension of his love for Guam and her people.

His skills are nothing less than invaluable and serving in this board will provide the board the steps in the right direction.

Si Yu'os Må'ase and Maraming Salamat Po!


Joseph Rapirap Madlangbayan




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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of
Nolan G.T. Flores
 to serve as serve as Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public
 Library System Board of Directors
 for Three (3) Years; June 30, 2023 to June 29, 2026
 to fill the expired term of Jeremy N.C. Cepeda who resigned.

Committee Members	Signature	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <i>Chairperson</i>		✓ 10/12/23				
Senator Frank Blas, Jr. <i>Vice Chairperson</i>						
Senator Joe S. San Agustin <i>Member</i>	e-vote	✓ 10/12/23				
Senator Chris Barnett <i>Member</i>						
Senator Jesse A. Lujan <i>Member</i>	e-vote	✓ 10/12/23				
Senator William A. Parkinson <i>Member</i>						
Senator Roy A.B. Quinata <i>Member</i>	e-vote	✓ 10/12/23				
Senator Dwayne San Nicolas <i>Member</i>	e-vote	✓ 10/12/23				

Request for E-Vote - Committee Report on the appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores

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Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 9:07 AM

To: "Frank F. Blas Jr." <office@senatorfrankblas.com>, "Senator Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>, Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Jesse Lujan <senatorlujan@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Roy Quinata <officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Dwayne San Nicolas <senatorsannicolas@guamlegislature.org>

Hafa Adai Committee Members,

Please see attached Committee Report on reappointment of appointment of **Nolan G.T. Flores** to serve as Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors, which your action is respectfully requested.

Please indicate your preferred action, based on the following options:

- To Do Confirm
- To Not Confirm
- To Report Out Only
- To Abstain; or
- To Place in an Inactive File

Please submit your response as soon as possible. Your responses will be logged into the Committee vote sheet for the appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores .

*Sinseru yan Minagâhet,***Alan Cepeda****Committee Director**alan.senatortmb@gmail.com**Office of the Vice Speaker • Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

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 **Committee Report - Nolan G.T. Flores_Redacted.pdf**
6269K**Senator Dwayne San Nicolas** <senatorsannicolas@guamlegislature.org>

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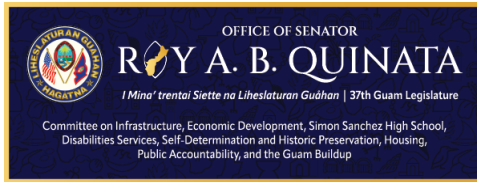
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Senator Jesse A. Lujan

Vice Chair, Committee on Maritime Transportation, Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs convened a public hearing on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 8:30 AM in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores to serve as Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors., and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *i Maga'hagan Guahan* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero on June 5, 2023 for a term length of three (3) years from June 30, 2023 to June 29, 2026 to fill the expired term of Jeremy N.C. Cepeda who resigned.
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on June 6, 2023.
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on June 12, 2023.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 (5-Day Notice), and again on Monday, October 2, 2023 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,	Chairperson
Senator Roy A.B. Quinata,	Committee Member
Senator Telo T. Taitague	
Senator Joanne Brown	

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 8:33 AM.

Chair Tina Rose Muna Barnes: *Buenas yan hãfa adai todus hamyo!* This public hearing by the Committee on Human Resources, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs is called to order. It is 8:33 in the morning.

For the record and in accordance with 5 GCA, Chapter 8, Subsection 8107, public hearing notices were sent on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 adhering to the five (5) days notice, and a second public notice on Monday, October 2, 2023, forty-eight (48) hours prior.

In addition, this hearing was noticed on the legislature's website – www.guamlegislature.com. Written testimonies may be submitted by emailing senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org or you may hand deliver to our office at suite 411 - 134 W. Soledad Avenue, Hagåtña Guam.

On the agenda, ladies and gentlemen, we have the:

- Reappointment of Monique R.C. Storie, Ph.D., to serve as Member, Guam Public Library System, Board of Directors
- Reappointment of Nicole B. Nelson to serve as Member (Information Technology Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors.
- Appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores to serve as Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors.

Joining me here this morning, I'd like to thank my colleague, Senator Taitague.

Before we proceed with the discussion, I would first like to provide some General Rules of Conduct for all who are in attendance. The conduct of this hearing shall be as follows:

1. Those testifying will be recognized in the order of Sign-up on the sign-in sheet.
2. Written testimony may be read and submitted to the Committee. Please provide our Legislative staff with your written testimony for photocopying.
3. Persons will be allowed to present oral testimony only once. Lengthy testimony should be summarized to five (5) minutes. Once you are done, please remain in the room for any questions by my colleagues.
4. Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda. Personal inference as to the character or the motive of any Senator, or any individual testifying, is NOT permitted. Any violations of this general rule of conduct will result in removal from the hearing Room.
5. When you speak, please make sure that the microphone is 'on' and that you speak INTO the microphone.
6. Please state your name for the record and where you're from.
7. In the interest of time, each member will be given 5 minutes. If needed, we will do a second round of questions to the panel.

Those who do not follow these rules of engagement, will be removed from this public hearing room.

With that being said, because all three of the reappointments are for the Guam Public Library System, I'm going to do something a little bit different. Do we have the sign up sheet?

My colleague agrees with me. We're going to go ahead and get all the appointees up here. And, and please, please join us on the table.

Uh, and I, I understand, all three of the reappointments, are eager and willing to continue to serve. And I want to extend my un dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'ase'. And, it's such, a humbling pleasure to know that wanting to serve the library and the kids, the children, literally, takes to heart about the, the work that you do, for, for the children. So I want to say thank you in advance.

And, since we have it, So, based on the public hearing schedule, I'll go ahead and, and just have all of you three do your, your oral testimony. And then if anyone else comes in, to, share some, oral testimony, I'll go ahead and invite them up. So we'll go ahead and start with you and then Nicole and then Nolan.

I know you understand, right? We'll give the women a chance. So with that being said, Dr. Storie, you may proceed.

Monique R.C. Storie, Ph.D., Nominee: Håfa Adai. Good morning. For the record. My name is Dr Monique Storie and I have been a resident of the island of Guam since my birth. And, so I have over 25 years of experience working in libraries, as both as a librarian, as well as, my current position, which is Dean of the University Libraries.

I have been a patron of the Guam Public Library System since I was able to sign for a library card, I believe in 1976. So, I have been a long, lifelong advocate of the library system. And I thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve it as a member of the Board.

Chair Tina Rose Muna Barnes: You're very welcome, Doc. And now I'll have Ms. Nicole Nelson. You may proceed.

Nicole B. Nelson, Nominee: Thank you. my name is Nicole Bordallo Nelson, and I work at the Office of Technology, and I, I'm honored to be the Info Technology Rep on the Library Board. This is my second term, so I'm looking forward to, helping out. Thank you.

Chair Tina Rose Muna Barnes: Thank you. And, Nolan.

Nolan G.T. Flores, Nominee: *Håfa Adai, Guahu si Nolan Flores.* I prepared testimony. Mine's an appointment, not a reappointment. So, let me Yes. *(Nolan Flores reads written testimony hereto attached)*

Chair Tina Rose Muna Barnes: *Buen Prubechu,* Mr. Nolan Flores, and my apologies, I, I was so used to seeing you continuously come in, for the appointment that I just said it was a reappointment when I knew it was transitioning from student to... I want to say it is through your dedication, all three of you. And your commitment to the children here on our island and making sure that we make our Guam PublicLibrary a better place for our children to go to, especially with modern technology and what the kids can access to through the tip of their fingers.

And getting information, having this library is still really key for a home where, where, where children and, and adults can go to, to literally get information to literally work on educational documentation, to just a resource of learning that you guys have to offer.

And I want to say also thank you for your updates in what's happening with the library. I know that since you folks have been on board and the Executive Director, that you have not stopped looking for other alternatives and resources for the library. And then getting the bookmobile up into the community just goes to show that you guys are really, really committed.

And with that being said, I want the audience that's listening and those here in the hearing room to know that you, all three of you have my 100 percent support. I will ask our committee, our team to expedite the reports, the committee reports immediately and see if we can get all of you three on the October Agenda. I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize and say good morning to Senator Joanne Brown, who's also joining us. And I'm going to go ahead and yield, to my colleagues for any comments or questions. I'll start with Senator Taitague. Please proceed.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Thank you and good morning, Vice Speaker. Well, you know, it's important to be here because your commitment to this island deserves respect and deserves our time too. Thank you so much for stepping up to the plate again and again. I greatly appreciate you all have great skills and, and can contribute greatly to the library.

So, I'm going to start with Dr. Storie. Dr. Storie, you are currently at the University of Guam as the Library Dean there, right? So you're bringing a wealth of information and knowledge, and even sharing maybe some stuff at the University of Guam and incorporating it into our public library, which is very instrumental. But what are you doing on with the *manâmkô'*?

I mean, that's one area that's different from the University of Guam in a way, you know, it's not something that you always deal with constantly, but you know, as our population is aging, it's getting to a point where there are more, they're going to be more seniors than there are children by the year 2023. And I mean, sorry, 2030.

And, So how, how is the library going to adjust to this aging population to assist them at the library? Not everyone is techie, but you know.

Monique R.C. Storie, Ph.D., Nominee: Thank you for that question. You're right. A lot of our seniors are not techie, and there are a number of us I am starting to get into that age group, that, enjoy the, the analog formats, the, the printed book and so forth.

And so, one of the things that we want to, to get a sense of, is to actually find out from our community what are their preference in terms of formats and that will help the library to be able to build their collection and build their services. So, if they're, if there are, I know that in the past, the library has had a very robust program in terms of teaching the *manâmkô'* how to work with a computer and electronic gadgets.

And so, if that is still a need and still a desire, then the library can continue on that particular educational purpose. Other ways would be to find out what types of resources they're looking for. It can be something as simple as expanding magazines and journals or it could be in the number of printed novels or nonfiction works.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Very good. And also, maybe incorporate, a lot of the seniors, particularly, they enjoy donating their time, volunteering...

Monique R.C. Storie, Ph.D., Nominee: Yes.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: So, if there's any opportunity or any kind of program that can do it, I'm sure you're going to get a lot of help, you know, maybe going to different libraries or being part of any kind of outreach program, you know, at the Micronesian Mall, you know, having them there, there's so many *manãmko'* out there who are retired and would love to contribute to the island in this way, so, take advantage of that.

Monique R.C. Storie, Ph.D., Nominee: That's a great idea. There are, across the nation, programs where um their inter-generational programs where, you would have an elder who... serves as a mentor. So, if there is a particular skill that they hold, that they can share it through the library, a workshop of some, of some sort.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Okay, great. I look forward to seeing your progress on that. Okay, thank you. And thank you again so much for serving. I appreciate it.

Mr. Flores, you know, I, very impressed every time you come in front of me, you know, and the comments that you make are always being prepared, you know. But, I'm hoping that with your reappointment, you'll continue to provide the library, public library with cultural education because of your background.

You know, not just in Guam, but the Micronesian area, you know, with, even Saipan and everything come together, so, what type of cultural aspect are you trying to integrate into the public library to keep our heritage and our history alive at, at the library? And, and. Put it at the forefront. Okay.

I'm, I'm dictating here, right now, put it at the forefront. You know, ways that we can really keep it alive because, you know, we, this is all we have. Our, our heritage, our culture is really all we have and our language. We lose that, we just become any ordinary person in the world. So, how are you going to put that in the forefront?

Nolan G.T. Flores, Nominee: Yes, si Yu'os ma'ase' Senator Taitague for that question. I'm, I'm currently a graduate student with the Micronesian Studies program and, even in my undergrad.

Chamorro language reclamation has been very much, you know, one of my passions and one of my research interests. I'm currently working also on a grant that, it's with the Spencer Foundation. It would work with DOE with GCC, UOG to improve the, the pre-K through age 20. Right. So the entirety of the K through 12 system, improved Chamorro Medium education there and we have identified in the grant proposal, we're still pending the grant of course. We've identified GPLS as a partner, right.

Whether that's in what, the archiving work that we might do through GPLS, maybe serving as a, as a one of or the only archive place, for whatever resources are gathered from that, grant, right/t. We're working on things like curriculum. I think also just the space of it, right. Bringing different community orgs into the library, different initiatives, right.

We've seen work with UOG Press, recently a memorial for the late Chris Perez Howard was held at the library, right. and I think that's a, that's a really good example of, of how we just need to bring in all these different programmings to show people, right. They, they come here for that, but then they see all of these offerings that we have at the libraries that, you know, they might not know of. Even the e-book service, right, that has, local books, and that might have, you know, cultural resources. So it's, it's not the libraries of the past where it's just, you know, books that may have been, may be very outdated, right?

There, we're constantly updating that, that catalog. So I think that's, that's how it's done, right? Through bringing all these different, there's a lot of ongoing work in our community. So bringing it into the library.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Excellent. Excellent. I really appreciate that, Mr. Flores, and I look forward to the work that you're going to continue to do and make the library a great place.

Grant, I know you, you, you're probably capable of doing this, I know you are, and, and I'm hoping that, you can look at areas where you can bring funding to the library. A lot of our buildings are falling apart. You know, a lot of them, and we're forgetting that. We're forgetting to set aside funding, you know, for our infrastructure. And then, once we do have the funding, we forget to set aside maintenance. So, please look into grant funding and, even finding another location for a library. You know, so thank you again.

So the next one I have in line is, and for the record, I have to, divulge this, that, Nicole is my daughter and, she's my stepdaughter and I've known her forever. And I'm so very, very proud of her that not only that, I mean, she can do so many things, especially where she was in the States, as an IT working back there. I was just so proud of her, but she decided to come home and bring her talent to Guam. And I thank her for that because now I can see her baby, the grand.

Yeah, it would be my first, right? But I'm so very happy that you're at the library, Nicole, because, this technology is huge in this line. Not just, you know, for the next generation coming up,

sustainability, archiving the books, information, data is so important and, you'll have a lot of work into it.

But, one of the other things I'm, I'm sure you've always heard me tell you, or even speak about is, cybersecurity and how can the library system, if it is already hooked up to I.T., you know, the Office of Technology, because I know office of technology covers of a few departments and agencies, right?

And, and, and explain that, and is the library under office technology? Because then it gives me more comfort to know that, at least we've got watchdogs.

Nicole B. Nelson, Nominee: Thank you. Yes, Guam Public Library is under, well, it's known as the GGWAN, which is the GovGuam Wide Area Network, which is managed by the Office of Technology. It's actually all the line agencies, plus boards and commissions. So, we work very, very hard to secure things. We do run into issues such as, you we're doing the best that we can with what we have and we do take cyber security very very seriously. So the library is well protected.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: That's good to know very good to know. I mean we just heard about GEDA how they got hacked recently, you know. In fact, I don't even know if it was recent it might have been a while ago because we're just getting word of it like some other departments and agencies that were hacked, you know, we don't know about it. The public doesn't know about it until like Three weeks later or two weeks later.

So it's, it's a very, scary situation. So I'm glad you're on top of it. Definitely you're a great asset to it. Thank you again for coming home and, and bringing your talent back home to Guam to serve our community. So the way I see this madam chair is that this is an A team. This is an A team for the library. So we are very blessed to have you. I have to leave for another appointment, but again, congratulations. Okay, and you definitely, the three of you, have my support.

Chair Tina Rose Muna Barnes: Thank you, Senator Taitague. And before I ask Senator Brown to say some comments, I just want to acknowledge Senator Roy Quinata, who took the time to come in this morning. *Si Yu'os ma'åse yan manana si Yu'os*. Senator Brown, I will recognize you at this time. Please proceed. Thank you very much.

Senator Joanne Brown: Madam Chair. It's always interesting. We come all the way to Hagåtña to see each other and we just live down the street in Pago Bay, but, this is our meeting place. I concur with the, the sentiments that our chairwoman and, Senator Telo have made.

It's not every time we come here for confirmation hearings are actually pleasant for me. so I'm very pleased. I don't have a few questions, but I do want to recognize your, your talents and your capabilities. Mr. Flores, I know we've seen each other from the, Time we were during the pandemic and having to get on the computer and do your confirmation hearings. I mean, you're an old pro already I don't know how many times you've come before us in such a short time But

I appreciate your continued interest to want to support your community I was looking at your resume and I'm sure it will continue to grow. You're someone I'll keep my eye out for the future because it's such a young age You're very focused on what you're passionate about and you're reinvesting back in your community.

And I think especially for your age group that we sometimes think is very disconnected from what's going on. It's very good to see that you're stepping forward and being very engaged. I mean, it's almost like you're an old soul already, even though you're still a, still a very young man. And we look forward. I mean, you continue to invest in Guam. I mean, that's why we're here. We love Guam. It's home. But there's so much we can do to contribute it, make it better. So I look forward to your continued success.

And certainly, Dr. Storie, your work, at the university, and then certainly, extending to our public library system is appreciated. These are not the glamorous boards. But they're very important. I mean, my son, when he goes to the Agat Library he's excited. You know, he's still at an age where going to the library and having your library card is a very important thing and getting the books that they like to read. We kind of forget that, we kind of forget the value of that. Because now, the plus and minus of technology is we think everything's at our fingertips. But you know, the, the enjoyment of sitting down and opening a book and actually touching it and turning the pages, putting it down, and you can come back and start all over again, go back and review. You know, it's old school, but, but there's, there's just things you can appreciate in that and I, I certainly want to see that even though now we can expand with all our modern technology, I think just sometimes going back to the basics of, of appreciation, enjoyment, the basics of reading and understanding, are good things.

I did want to ask, and certainly, Ms. Nicole Nelson. You know, Senator Telo has such, I appreciate the fact that she can talk if she does not get emotional because she has such high regard for you and, and coming back and, and doing the work that you're doing. So I'm very pleased too that you are contributing your, your expertise to our public library. And I just wanted to ask because of course over the years we've seen our public libraries in some cases be closed or they're only open during certain days of the week that, you know, anyone can participate. And I want to get your thoughts on what do you think we could do to expand the use of, of the public library and get our people in the community engagement.

It was mentioned earlier about our that we're, we're working into that classification. How do we get, how can we do that and how can we get more support and, community? I mean, we grew up, Senator Tina and I kind of grew up still at a time when we had community. And a lot of people now are very, you know, they're very isolated in their own little world. We spend a lot of time on our computers, our phones, and yet we, we have very limited communication with our community. And how, how do you think we can strengthen that through our public library system? And get that sense of the village and that sense of community where it's a gathering place in a very positive way, that our community can be engaged with each other. So I each want to

ask your thoughts on that and how can we strengthen the village libraries that we've had, you know, to get more support to, to have them operating on a more regular basis.

Chair Tina Rose Muna Barnes: Anyone. Sure.

Nolan G.T. Flores, Nominee: Okay. Yes. thank you Senator Brown for the question. I think it's a matter like Dr. Storie said in her, her testimony, right, of identifying what the need is. we've seen the library kind of shift, even in recent years, right? We've tried to do, even late night hours, right? So staying open from that 5 p.m. to 8 p. m. time slot for, let's say parents who are getting off of work at five and would like to bring their kids to the library and go to the library with them, right? Maybe for their own self-enrichment. But we, we saw that the numbers weren't too great, right? So maybe there isn't necessarily a demand for that. So hence the shift, back to the, the usual eight to five.

I think another thing, right, is that we've, the e-book offering, that's an example, right, of how we can make this, make the library's needs more, adapted to, I'm, I'm sorry, the library service is more adapted to the public's needs, right? I was really impressed just recent, just last night, checking the GPLS website. it was revamped. there's even, you know, there's local books by Chamorro scholars, you know, Chamorro authors there, on the website in e book form. So if you have the library card, you put in your number and you get access to that, right, without ever having to, step into the library physically.

Likewise with some of the multimedia options that are available on the library website. I saw that there were videos there. So that's really cool. I think, right, that's, it's, we need to assess the need first. Excuse me. And from there, consider whether what we're offering in terms of technology wise is effective and is, you know, meeting the need that's there.

Nicole B. Nelson, Nominee: Yes, I definitely, with what Nolan said about how they tried extending hours before, I think maybe part of the problem is that a lot of people didn't realize that these hours were extended. So more community outreach, notification to everybody that we do have, I think we should try it again, basically. That's what I'm thinking, yeah.

Monique R.C. Storie, Ph.D., Nominee: So the library has stepped up its social media presence and that has, useful in, bringing more awareness of what kinds of, services are offered, ways to access the library without actually entering into the library. I think one of the things that, we can, encourage is, a rethinking of how, how we can How do we count when people come in? And so, the traditional thought is if they walk through the door, that that's a count. But with the instances of e library, or e books, checkouts, it's, even if they don't walk through the doors, if they are accessing this material, then we should, see that as being a useful, engagement with the library. Other options that we may explore, would be that idea that Nolan had talked about is meeting the, the people where they're at. so, across the nation there are other programs where the library has the ability to go not only out into the, into the public through like the, the bookmobile system,

but they also, do partnerships with, school libraries or, or malls, venues where the people are at and they just have like a pop up kind of event. So, there are, there are different options based on what we learn from what our community wants and needs.

Senator Joanne Brown: Well, I, very much appreciate the answer and I didn't realize, so we could get on the, the library website and, and explore what, what is there in the catalog and inventory and. I do have a library card, believe it or not, in my wallet. I had to take it out and put it up. It has my name on it. so I, I appreciate that. That's good to know that we can also do that. But again, I'm very pleased. I don't always have enjoyable confirmation hearings. But in this particular case, all three of you, you certainly made our morning. And I appreciate your, your public service. I don't think a lot of people realize the value of public service. And you literally, I mean, you're more so the public servants than we are, because we actually get paid for this job. but, but to contribute and, and contribute to your community to make it better is, is really admirable. I wish we had more people that would step up to the plate to do what you're doing. So you certainly, no doubt, have our, have our vote and we look forward to your continued work. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you.

Chair Tina Rose Muna Barnes: *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* Senator Brown, Senator Quinata you may proceed.

Senator Roy A.B. Quinata: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse* madam Chair and colleagues. Good morning to those attending live *Håfa adai yan Saludus* to the panel and to those who are taking up this public service, right? It's very refreshing to see a younger face and it's very rare you see young people stepping up to do public service, so, I admire your passion. I know you're a very instrumental individual regarding the independence movement and I know you continue to be very involved in any, in many and numerous civic engagements in including the University of Guam. And I commend you for your passion and again, engagement in all those capacities. Dr. Storie. And, Mrs. Nelson, thank you for stepping up as well to serve in the public, capacity. I understand you both have, education from off island and I really thank you guys for coming back and being of service to the island that, you came from, right?

So, you guys have no questions for me. I wish you all the best. My office stands ready to support in whatever capacity. Let's keep this committee report short so you guys can get on to the confirmation on the Session floor.

Chair Tina Rose Muna Barnes: You're very welcome, Senator Quinata, and as I close on this public hearing, I just want to say it literally is refreshing and share the same sentiments as Senator Brown and Senator Quinata and Senator Taitague.

Not very easy, right, when you have to volunteer your time. and your efforts to help the community and you guys continue to do so, through your discipline, through your experience, through your work, and you guys have literally brought the synergy back to the library. I know

that the executive director has been working really hard to try and get resources back, from any which way he can, right? Back in, with, DC and Uncle Sam and and just looking for more opportunities. You guys have been able to literally work in that journey and I'm so appreciative that I don't have to hear any kind of rhetoric of not being able to do something and even with the resources being tight, you guys have been able to at least give it from your heart and volunteer from your heart.

And I know we don't pay you guys, but you know, in the efforts of giving back to the community, you folks, the three of you have really taken that time to step up. So don't call in a seat. So *un dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'ase'*. I will note for the record that, Nolan does have a fan club. I did get testimony from, three different testimonies from, a Keisha Borja Quichocho, a Robert Barcinas, and I hope I don't slaughter this last name, a Joseph Madlangbayan, who, who said they support the efforts of what you're doing, Mr. Flores, and wanted to, present written testimony. I will keep the record open, and then I'll do, I'll do my closing remarks right now.

Si yu'os ma'ase' todos hamyu! If there is no one left to testify, the public hearing on:

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Has been duly heard. This public hearing is now adjourned.

The time now is 9:09 am. Individuals who wish to submit testimony may do so by emailing it to senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org or you may send or hand deliver it to 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910 or to my office at 134 W. Soledad Avenue, Suite 411, Hagåtña Guam 96910. That's at the Bank of Hawaii building. So again, it is 9:09 a. m. this public hearing has been duly heard. We are now in adjournment. *Si Yu'os ma'ase hamyo todus, Saina Ma'ase'*. Thank you.

The public hearing was adjourned at 9:09 AM.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs reports on the appointment of Appointment of Nolan G.T. Flores to serve as Member (General Public Representative), Guam Public Library System Board of Directors., with the recommendation:
to do confirm.