

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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-23-0944	Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston	Member (General Public - Representative)	Guam Academy Charter Schools Council	9/7/23	Three (3) Years; August 20, 2023 to August 21, 2026	9/11/23	Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts	9/21/23 2:00 p.m.	10/2/23 2:58 p.m.			



Senator Chris "Malafunkshun" Barnett

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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 Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston

[Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston](#) as the General Public Representative member of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

Håfa adai Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston** to serve as a **Memeber (General Public Representative)** of **Guam Academy Charter Schools Council** 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
 0 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
 0 TO ABSTAIN
 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Chris Barnett



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Received:

September 29, 2023 2:06 p.m.

Kamarin Nelson



Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett
Chairperson
Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules
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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston

**As a Memeber (General Public
Representative) of the Guam
Academy Charter Schools Council**

by Senator Chris Barnett



Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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 Rossana B. San Miguel-Tiston

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Rossana B. San Miguel Tiston to serve as Member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

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 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 Guahan
37th Guam Legislature

September 11, 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 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 appointment:

Appointee: **Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston**

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

Term Length: **Three (3) Years; August 20, 2023, to August 21, 2026**

Please refer the following document:

“[Doc. No. 37GL-23-0944](#) – Office of the Governor – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston, Member (General Public Representative), Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.”

Ensure the appointment 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'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

September 7, 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-23-0944

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

SEP 08 2023

Time: 1:56 PM
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 laws, 17 GCA § 12111, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston
POSITION: Member, General Public Representative
Guam Academy Charter Schools Council
TERM LENGTH: **Three (3) Years; August 20, 2023, to August 21, 2026**

The appointment is subject to the confirmation of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

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



37GL-23-0944
Messages and Communications

RECEIVED
Committee on Rules
September 8, 2023
3:16 p.m.
Beatrice Cruz

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

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR

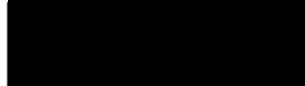


JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

September 7, 2023

ROSSANA D. SAN MIGUEL TISTON



Hafa Adai Ms. San Miguel Tiston:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 17 GCA § 12111, and all other applicable laws, I am appointing you to serve as a:

MEMBER, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL

General Public - Representative

Term Length: Three (3) Years; August 20, 2023, to August 19, 2026

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 a standard 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.

This appointment 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Lou Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, Lt. Governor of Guam
Chairwoman, Evangeline M. Cepeda, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council



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

Last Name San Miguel Tiston	First Name Rossana	Middle Initial D.
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,		
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 George Washington Sr. High School, Mangilao, Guam	1973-1976	High School Diploma	1976
College University of Guam, Mangilao Guam Guam Community College, Mangilao Guam	09/76 -12/76 09/93-05-95 09/89- 05/91		
Graduate School			
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Guam Department of Labor American Job Center 414 West Soledad Avenue 3rd Floor, GCIC Building Haggard, Guam 96910	Position Title Business Service Coordinator
	Dates Held 04/2019 to present

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

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name Agency of Human Resources Development		Position Title Deputy Director
Address Sunny's Plaza Tamuning Guam	Phone No.	Dates Held 2001 - 2002

Agency or Department Name Mayors Council of Guam		Position Title Mayor - Chalan Pago Ordot
Address PO Box 786, Hagatna, GUAM, 96910	Phone No. 671-472-8302	Dates Held 1995 - 2000

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>

AWARDS

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Guahan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club / Membership Chair/2nd Vice President

Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association/ Member/ 2022 FundRaising committee

International Womens Club

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

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:



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests

(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

TO: The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Rossana San Miguel Tiston

- I have no financial interest in any business
- I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST
Professional Training Technology Inc. P.O. BOX 2	Officer , Share Holder 2%

Rossana San Miguel Tiston
Signature

08.14.2023
Date

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.



Rossana San Miguel Tiston

Print Name and Signature

08.14.2023

Date

Rossana San Miguel Tiston



Education:

1976 George Washington High School, Mangilao, Guam

09/76-12/76 University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam

09/89-05/91 Guam Community College, Mangilao, Guam

09/93-05/95 University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam

Work Experience

**04/2019 to present: Special Projects Coordinator
Guam Department of Labor, Business Service Unit**

Follow Ups – Clients

- Follow-up on a consistent basis.
- Print out Quarterly Status Report
- Call Clients on Quarterly Report to verify clients' employment. If employed make sure to case note complete information pertaining to employer.
- Case Note, Clients are not employed and ask if they are still in need of services.
- Send email to Case Manager, on name of client and services they may still require.

Business Service Unit – Employers

Build relationships with prospects and ensure they know what your business is all about.

• Initiate the first follow-up within 24 to 48 hours of the first contact. This can be done through a quick phone call, email or text message.

• Maintain a database of all prospective employers with their complete contact information.

Collect business cards for quick reference

• Send weekly blog updates via email on topics of interest. Sending newsletters to prospective employers/customer is one way of nurturing them and creating brand recall so that GDOL is the first thing that pops up in their mind when they need employees.

• Keep existing employers and potential ones updated on any Department of Labor updates or requirements

• Update database after every follow-up. This will help make a note of the employer's specific requirements and tailor the proposal (work request) the next time you make a call.

• Send thank-you note to employers after the placement of clients.

Call up existing clients a couple of weeks after the placement to find out if they are satisfied with the employer and how their experience was. Resolve any issues mentioned by the client.

Coordinate 2023 Youth Employment Experience

- Place Students with potential employers
- Coordinate with case managers on evaluations and time sheets for students with employers
- Coordinate Employer Appreciation Event for all employers that participated in the Youth employment program

07/95 to present- Vice President/Secretary

Professional Training Technology, Inc., Tamuning, Guam, Consultant/OSHA and Environmental Safety Trainer

- Safety/Environmental Training and Consulting.
- Consult and assists companies in maintaining compliance by conducting employee training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA General Industry and Construction) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) Standards.
- Responsible for training internal HAZMAT personnel to response & clean-up/disposal hazardous waste activities for 20 companies on contract.
- Responsible for Safety and Security operations for all company's machinery/heavy equipment, Hazardous Materials & Waste on all client project sites.
- Other Duties include establishing and conducting on-site training for employees in the Food Processing Industry, Construction, General Industry, Shipping and Hazardous Material Emergency Response Operations (HAZMAT Team Training).
- Conduct detail workplace safety and environmental audits for companies in the Food Processing Industry, Construction, General Industry, Shipping and Hazardous Material Emergency Response Operations.
- OSHA Authorized General Industry Trainer
- OSHA Authorized Construction Industry Trainer
- Medic First Aid/CPR/AED Trainer

05/2006 – 11/2010 Business Development Manager, Management Communication Services, LLC(MCS,LLC) Telecommunications Consulting Company

- Consult company on Labor Resources and proper processing
- Assist in the Employee recruitment process with Department of Labor
- Responsible and oversee Payroll and time management of vendors for MCS

02/2003 – 07/2011 JAEDRA Development inc./GMP International Guam Consulting and Engineering Company Consultant

11/2002 – 01/2003 Acting Director, AHRD, Hagatna, Guam Government of Guam

- **Develop and Implement agency's vision and mission to comply with federal and local mandates.**
- **Implemented the development of integrating the operations of administrative, fiscal, quality management and program planning for the overall departmental functions and programs of the agency.**
- **Ensured the cost accounting/budget and reporting requirements were justified in federal and local reports.**
- **Established a network amongst various entities in the community to collaborate with the agency to continuously improve the programs and services of the agency.**
- **Analyzed the budget forecasts to ensure adequate forecasting.**
- **Provided professional guidance to all staff of short and long-term objectives.**
- **Reviewed, revised, and developed policies enabling legislation, outgoing correspondences, operational plan, strategic plan, and program plan that impact the agency's operations.**

- Interpreted and ensured that the agency's staff complied with federal regulation guidelines, local mandates, executive directives, personnel rules and regulations, work planning and evaluation system manual, policies of the agency and five-year strategic plan.
- Attended cabinet, managerial meetings, budget hearings, conferences, seminars and other related meetings that will enhance the agency's mission.
- Conducted and coordinated staff development and staff meetings.
- Analyzed audit findings and ensured supportive documents are attached for transmittal and corrective action is applied for effective and efficiency of services the Agency provides.

**03/2002-09/2002 Deputy Director, AHRD, Hagatna, Guam
Government of Guam**

- Responsible for executing timelines for reports and other correspondences.
- Assist the Director on administrative, fiscal, quality management and program planning.
- Prepare correspondence and reports for transmittal to regional and national offices.
- Coordinate with personnel of required assignments to comply with federal and local mandates.
- Represent the Director in meetings and other functions that enhance the agency's mission.
- Responsible for viewing all completed documents, reports and tasks.
- Execute all tasks and responsibilities of the Director in any event of the Director's absence.

**01/2001 – 11/2001 Deputy Director, AHRD, Hagatna,
Guam Government of Guam**

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11/1995 – 01/2001 Mayor, District Ordot-Chalan Pago,

- Serve as the direct administrative representative of the people of Chalan Pago-Ordot
- Plan, coordinated and implement street name and house numbering system.
- Oversee, Coordinate beautification programs including clean up and removal of public nuisance and debris.
- Officially utilize, establish regular and consistent working relations and effectively coordinate with the Department of Public Works, the Department of Parks and Recreation and other entities within the government of Guam to include non-profit organizations.
- Coordinate with the appropriate departments or agency conduct or cause to be conducted a periodic sanitary, health and environmental inspection in accordance with guidelines set forth by the appropriate public agency. Authorize to issue a warning for the first time violators or report the same to the appropriate government agency for action.
- Responsible for maintenance of village streets, parks and recreational facilities.
- Responsible for the maintenance and security of the Mayor's Office.

- Assist appropriate government agencies in implementing social services and public assistance programs within the District.
- Serve as peace officer and assist in the maintenance of law and order in the district.
- Act as an official representative of Chalan Pago-Ordot at legislative and executive public hearings involving matters affecting the district.
- Assist in coordinating the civilian emergency preparedness system in time of emergency or disaster.
- Submit an annual written report to the Governor and the Guam Legislature on the activities of the Mayor's office, expenditure of funds allotted and make general comments and recommendations relative to the state of the district.
- Make a report to the residents of Chalan Pago – Ordot on a quarterly basis at a properly notice public meeting to be held within the district.
- Conduct an annual census and maintain a current listing of names of all residents in Chalan Pago-Ordot.
- Cooperate with any agency and department of the government of Guam in matters pertaining to Chalan Pago-Ordot and work jointly with officials of the government of Guam toward the attainment of peace, order, justice and the general economic and social welfare of the people of Guam.
- To issue citations to owners of property for failure to remove property deemed unsafe by building officials.
- Coordinate with the Department of Public Works and the Guam Police Department in determining where speed bumps should be located within the district.

10/1993-09/1995 Administrative Officer, Chalan Pago Ordot Mayor's Office

- Composes correspondence to include resolutions, legislative testimonies, speeches and public notices for the Mayor.
- Coordinates administrative process with department involved in activities for the district.
- Act as liaison between the Mayor's office and all departments, agencies, instrumentalities and Sister Command units with the district.
- Act as Acting Mayor in the absence of the Mayor.
- Maintain and transcribes minutes for the Municipal Planning council and carry out requests from Council members as it regards to community matters.
- Record any and all transactions including meetings, and/or Public Hearings conducted within the District that may affect the district for administrative purpose.
- Insures compliance of office policies within the Mayor's office, to include established laws, policies and related administrative guidelines as it regards to the office overall funding expenditure.
- Prepare requisition, modifications, direct payment, and allotment schedule and property record.
- Maintain budget ledgers and current expenditure status of funds allocated to the various budgetary accounts and variety of office records and reports to include the annual compilation of organized data and statistics (census).
- Confers and coordinates with vendors for accuracy and commence with requirement of the Executive Branch procurement policies.
- Provide operational supervision, coordination and administrative requirements to subordinates.
- Coordinates meeting and/or conference and may represent the Mayor as directed.
- Performs other related duties as required by the Mayor.

Board and Commissions:

2006- 2008 Elected Board Member, Guam Education Policy Board

2002-2004 Commissioner, Guam Election Commission

1998-2000 Commissioner, Guam Election Commission

Non-Profit Organizations:

2006 - Present Special Olympics Guam

2001 -2005 Member, Soroptomist International of Marianas

2017 –Present 2nd Vice President Guahan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club

2022 – Present Member, Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association

2022 – Present Member, International Women's Club

Rossana San Miguel Tiston 08.14.2023



SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

Name: ROSSANA SM TISTON

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:08/15/2023

Sophia Santos Diaz
Clerk of Court

By: Vanessa M. Torres
Vanessa Torres, Deputy Clerk I
Prepared by: Ventura Salenga Jr



The absence of an Original Court Seal invalidates this document. 263867



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



August 15, 2023

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Rossana San Miguel TISTON		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	NONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.

By Direction: km

km

For: [Signature]

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
 Chief of Police**

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



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

The Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts will conduct a series of public hearings on **Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm** at the Public Hearing Room in the Guam Congress Building. The agenda is as follows:

- The Appointment of [Margarita Felicitas B. Angel](#) as the Guam Education Board Retired Teacher/School Administrator of GDOE member of the Guam Education Board.
- The Appointment of [Fred E. Bordallo, Jr.](#) as Director of the Department of Corrections.
- The Appointment of [Lulene C. San Agustin](#) as the Guidance Counselor Representative member of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.
- The Appointment of [Rossana D. San Miguel-Tiston](#) as the General Public Representative member of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

If you are interested in participating in the Public Hearing to provide testimony, please contact the Office of Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett via electronic mail at malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org or (671) 969-3586 for further guidance.

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The Public Hearing will broadcast LIVE on local television (GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117) and stream online via i Liheslaturan Guåhan’s live feed. Written testimonies may be sent via email at malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org.

All government activities, programs, and services are accessible for people with disabilities in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Should you or interested parties require assistance or special accommodations to fully participate in this public hearing, please contact the Office of Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett at (671) 969-3586 or via email at malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org.

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THE OFFICE OF SENATOR CHRIS “MALAFUNKSHUN” BARNETT

i Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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

Chairperson · Committee on Rules

The Guam Congress Building, 2nd Floor · 163 Chalan Santo Papa · Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules

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Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>

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Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 1:00 PM

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Erin M. Grajek <egrajek@guamlegislature.org>

NOTICE from Senator Barnett

Erin M. Grajek <egrajek@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Sep 13, 2023 at 3:26 PM

To: [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.

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Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Erin Marie Grajek, Committee Director
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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. Tiston:

Congratulations on your appointment as Member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

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. We look forward to your reply.

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett



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PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

The Appointment of Rossana D. San Miguel-Tiston as the General Public Representative member of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

NAME	AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION	TESTIMONY	CONTACT INFORMATION
1. HUGHE WILLIAMS	DOL	WRITTEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
* 2. ROSSANA SAN MIGUEL-TISTON	NAME APPOINTED	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
3. Josephine Torres	DOL	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
4. Telesh CSM, Jr	Ret. Fed Govt	WRITTEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
5. NENITA CABARUNGAN	DOL	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
6. EMBANGINE M. CEPETA	GAES Council Chair	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
7. Maria A. Gutierrez	Private Citizen	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
8. TAYTAN Theresa	Self	WRITTEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]

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1. P.C. Quettocho		WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. F Alfonso	GACS - DOA	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
3. Renee Laguarda	publeko	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED] <i>in support!</i>
4. Jenny Cruz	EMHVA	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
5. Dorothy Borlas		WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Shaha Jeffry		WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Alfonsino Payne		WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Chelong Clark		WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	

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1. Anna Garrido	GMHVA	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]
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The Honorable Chris Barnett
Senator, 37th Guam Legislature
Chairperson
Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts
Committee on Rules

RE: Testimony in Support of Ms. Rossana San Miguel Tiston
Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

Hafa Adai Senator Barnett and Committee Members,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Teresita Guevara Smith,
from the District of Ordot- Chalan Pago.
I am a Department of Defense (DOD) Retired Intelligence Officer.

I am here to support the confirmation of Mrs. Rossana San Miguel Tiston as member for
the (General Public Representative) for the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council

She would be an asset and a team player on this prestigious council.
Her leadership abilities couple with her life long experience in education and
government work will provide a diverse array of knowledge and expertise to the council.

Rossana has the stamina, tactfulness, and professionalism making her a great team
player.

I highly concur on her nomination to the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

Respectfully,



Teresita Guevara Smith
DOD Retired Intelligence Officer
Defense Intelligence Agency

TESTIMONY for ROSSANA SAN MIGUEL TISTON
APPOINTMENT as MEMBER (General Public Representative)
of the GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL .. (09.22.2023)

Gaige yu' pã'go para bai empãtte hinasso-ku, para bai hu nã'i Testimonia put si Rossana San Miguel Tiston ni' ma'apunta para u Membro .. Reprisentãnten Pubplikon Hinerãt .. gi Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

Desde hu tungo' gui' tãtte annai umeskukuela ham giya George Washington Junior High, ni' mafa'na'an Agueda I Johnston Jr Hi, ha chachagi nina'siñã-ña gi hãfa ha chocho'gue. Maseha rekto si tatã-ña, ti mãhãao i malago'-ña para u chagi mo'na mãs ya ayu na duru kumahulo' i komfiansiã-ña na hunggan gai bale para minaolek.

Gi eskuelan GWSrHi na sumaonao ham gi todú klãsen inetnon guaha gi eskuela .. meggai, mientras en petsisigi i estudian-mãmi. Magãhet, ayu na tiempo na siña un lí'e' i matulaika-ña para u cho'gue hãfa ha nisisita para u aprobehãyi i direksion yan dinirecho.

Después di eskuela na otro chalan-mãmi en hanaogue gi lina'la' lao hu lili'e', hu huhungok put pinikkat-ña siha. Tres/3 famagu'on-ña, tres/3 na famalao'an ni' ha poksai kinahulo'-ñiha ya nina'binadosa un estao-ñiha. Ti pumãra mangguifi na maseha hãfa na fina'chinatsaga, pat pinadesi, ha tungo' na para u setbe i taotao-ña gi kumunidãt ya Mahot Otdot-Chalan Pãgo. Ya-ña para u gaige gi halom tinaotao ya ayu na ha tungo' kumalamtini yan mumanehãyi i nisisidãt siha .. para i manãmko', i manailiheng, i hãyi numisisita ayudu, yan i famagu'on siha. Ti mamahlao sumu'on mo'na kumu ti nina'dãnu otro, kumu ti makontra i lai, pat kumu para sinafo'. Magãhet na ha pepega i otro ãntes di guiya. Metgot i sinipotten familia-ña yan i manatugno'-ña ya ginen este, yan si Yu'os Tãta, na siña ha espihãyi empeñiu para u gai kualidãt yan u senseru i hinengge-ña kumu hãyi gui' yan put hãfa gui'. Propriu i ma'apuntã-ña ya hu tungo' na ti u rinunsia pat u chanda i opbligasion este na inangoku.

Che'lu-hu gui' gi kurason, matlinan i lahi-hu, ya ai i chaka' chalek-ña .. un tungo' na gaige gui' ya bula guinaiya yan minagof. Guãhu si EWY, si Theresa Taitano, si Saina Minetgot. Si Yu'os Ma'ãse' ya u Guiya tengguang-miyu.

September 18, 2023

Transmitted via Electronic Mail

malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org

RE: Written testimony in Support of ROSSANA SAN MIGUEL-TISTON APPOINTMENT

Hafa Adai Senator Chris “malafunkshun” Barnett:

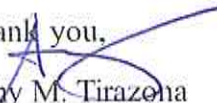
I, Amy M. Tirazona, would like to humbly submit a letter of written testimony to the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts of my utmost support of Rossana San Miguel-Tiston and her appointment as a Member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

I have always known Rossana to be a strong advocate for the success of Guam’s youth and children’s education as a whole. She has expressed her desire for the continued growth and maintenance of Guam’s ever-expanding education system. Thus, her position within the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council is one I see fit for such a passionate and strong-willed individual.

Rossana has always been an avid supporter of her family and friends. I can personally testify her love and support towards my own daughter, to whom she’s known for 17 years, throughout her academic journey. My daughter, being a most recent *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Guam graduate, is a direct reflection of Rossana’s emphasis on the importance of education. My daughter’s success is an example of how far the support of a parent can take a child, and how even farther they can go with the support of a community.

I wholeheartedly support her appointment as a member of an organization that focuses on the importance of children’s educational foundation toward future success.

There would be no BETTER candidate in book.

Thank you,

Amy M. Tirazona

September 16, 2023

Transmitted via Electronic Mail

malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org.

Re: Written testimony in support of Rossana San Miguel-Tiston appointment

Håfa adai Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett:

This letter is to notify the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts that I, Esperanza San Miguel-Valsin, am submitting a written testimony in support of my mother, Rossana San Miguel-Tiston's appointment as a Member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

A parent's drive and passion in education make a huge impact on a child's educational success. As a parent and educator myself, I have been blessed to have a role model in my mom, who emphasized the importance of a good educational foundation. Her passion for education was evident in her support of my aunts, sisters, cousins, her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Quality education for every child is not just a saying with my mom, it's a purpose and expectation. For this reason and many more, I support her appointment as a member of an organization that focuses on the importance of children's educational foundation toward future success.

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Esperanza San Miguel-Valsin, Ed.D.



Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>

Written testimony in support of Rossana San Miguel-Tiston Appointment

M S M [REDACTED] >
To: malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org

Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 12:25 PM

September 17, 2023

Håfa adai Senator Chris "Malafunkshun" Barnett:

I deeply appreciate your support in the appointment of my mother Rossana San Miguel-Tiston and her passion and voice for a strong educational foundation. This letter is to notify the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts that I, Michelle D. San Miguel, am submitting a written testimony in support of my mother, Rossana San Miguel-Tiston's appointment as a Member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

My mother has been a strong advocate of children and community for decades. In her immeasurable years of public service as the Mayor of Ordot Chalan Pago and a member of the board on the Guam Board of Education, my mother has made or supported significant efforts to ensure the children of Guam had access to the best education. And, as a mother first and foremost, she always ensured I and my sisters understood the importance of a good educational foundation. I have been blessed to have a role model in my mom, who lived her life for community service and the people and children of Guam.

My mother has always had a clear vision on what's needed for educational success. She not only sets goals for student achievement but effectively executes while building and maintaining strong positive relationships. For this reason and many more, I support her appointment as a member of an organization that focuses on the importance of children's educational foundation toward future success.

Dangkulu i Yu'o ma'å e'

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Respectfully,

Michelle D. San Miguel
Accenture Cyber Security Senior Manager
www.accenture.com





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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of Rossana D. San Miguel-Tiston to serve as Member, General Public Representative of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council to serve a term of Three (3) Years; August 20, 2023 to August 21, 2026

	SIGNATURE/ DATE OF SIGNATURE	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
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Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	e-vote 09/28/2023	✓				
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member						
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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 Rossana D. San Miguel Tiston 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 September 7, 2023 for Three (3) Years from August 20, 2023, to August 21, 2026.
- Appointment packet forwarded to I Liheslatura on September 8, 2023; and
- Appointment packet forwarded to this Committee on September 11, 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

Rossana San Miguel-Tiston – Nominee
Hughe Williams
Josephine Torres
Teresita G. Smith
Nenita Cabacungan
Evangeline Cepeda
Maria A. Gutierrez
Theresa Taitano
P.C. Quichocho
F. Alfonso
Ronald Laguana
Jenny Cruz

Dorothy Borlas
Shaha Jiffry
Alfonsina Payne
Chalong Clark
Anna Garrido

Written Testimony Provided by

Teresita Guevara Smith
Theresa Taitano
Amy M. Tirazona
Esperanza San Miguel-Valsin
Michelle San Miguel

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.

[See testimony proceedings on the appointment of Fred E. Bordallo as Director of Corrections]

[See testimony proceedings on the appointment of Lulene C. San Agustin as the Guidance Counselor Representative member of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.]

[See testimony proceedings on the appointment of Rossana D. San Miguel as the General Public Representative member of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.]

We now move on to the appointment of Rosanna D. San Miguel Tiston as the General Public Representative member of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council. And we have here providing testimony, Saina Minetgot, did you want to go first? Go for it. Yes.

Ms. Theresa Taitano: *Para un na foa na yu?*

Chairman Barnett: Go for it. Yes.

Ms. Taitano: *Sa fanain guahu utimu gi lista.*

[Written testimony presented orally.]

Chairman Barnett: *Si Yu'os ma'ase*, Saina Minetgot. Hughe Williams. Okay. Teresita G. Smith.

Ms. Teresita G. Smith: Sorry, *Hâfa adai* Senator Barnett and committee members. Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Teresita G. Smith from the District of Old Chalan Pago. I am a Department of Defense retired intelligence officer from the Defense Intelligence Agency. I am here to support the confirmation of Mrs. Rosanna San Miguel Tiston as a member of the General Public Representative for the Guam Academy Charter School Council. She would be an asset and a team player on this prestigious council, her leadership abilities coupled with her lifelong experience and education and government work will provide a diverse array of knowledge and expertise to the council. Rosanna has the stamina, the tactfulness and the professionalism making her a great team player. I highly concur on her nomination to the Guam Academy Charter School Council. And I must add to what Miss Ewy stated about the character of Miss Rosanna. I knew this woman 39 years ago. From high school, all three of us, Ewy, myself and Rosanna, was in GW Junior ROTC. Rosanna's strength then is as much present today. We were in the drill team where we drilled with M 14 weapons, 13 pounds. Rosanna was in my drill team, as well as Ewy. Rosanna will be at the end. of the line, while one of the women will throw an M14 through four other women, and this woman here, catch that weapon. I mean, that's the strength, but the strength that I see is a strength, a strong Taotao Tano spirit that I saw then, and because of what I saw, I stayed in contact with her. 39 years later, I'm sitting here in front of you to testify about her character because she is worth it. *Dangkulu na si Yu'os ma'ase.*

Chairman Barnett: Thank you, ma'am. Mrs. Gutierrez, are you providing testimony? Okay. Okay, you're just part of the OCP. Okay, Ms. Vangie Cepeda. Oh, okay, sorry. Yes.

Evangeline M. Cepeda, Member – Guam Academy Charter Schools Council: Thank you, Evangeline M. Cepeda. Thank you to all the senators here. I know she's the last one. I want to state that, as the ladies up here said, women power. I asked, when the governor called me, and my frustration, I'm only one person, and I'm a team player. I've never said I, it's always we. And when the governor called me, and she asked me, Vangie, what is it that you need for the charter school? I said, we have a lack of quorum. It's not enough to, I just, I want rules. And she said, who do you highly recommend? I said, I highly recommend. And I shared this with my dear friend, Rosanna San Miguel. And I said, because I've prayed on it and thought about it. And I followed up with it, you know, and I followed up with it. And thank you to the governor Lou Leon Guerrero for following up with it. And making this happen today with her nomination. Now I'm going to say that as a charter school, I'm not in it. I'm going to, I'm going to leave this position, right? Whether I like it or not. But I like to leave it in great hands with a great team. And we've made major strides and major positive with the charter school. Because... I'm feisty. I come here and I Senator, you know this. Can we meet Senator? I need this for the charter school because it's not for me. It's for the students and I need a great team and with a great team, we can make it happen. And so I know for a fact, it's just not enough to serve. We know this. Anybody can serve. Anybody can be nominated. Come, guess what? Time to show up for tough decisions, hard work. People think that this is my full-time job. No, it's not. I have a real full-time job. But when I serve, it's about doing it, not saying it. And so with this, Rosanna would be in that league. And I'm just here to tell you that with everything going on, charter schools, have come a long way. I have to say this, that Rose Amanda Blas from the beginning of the charter schools. She's a great, intelligent, young woman. Why things didn't happen, it's not because of her. It's because there was a lack of people that were as committed as she was to the charter schools. That's why things didn't happen back then. I always tell her when I see her, people don't give you enough credit. She showed up, she stepped out, and she performed. But you can't do it in one person. It's just like the legislative body. It's time to vote, and the senators are not there. It's when they're needed. They have to be present here. And so I say with the charter schools, Rosanna will be an instrumental asset. She will be present. She knows I will bug the hell out of her. That's understandable. And you know, she was an elected board of the Department of Education as well. So in every committee that I was in, I asked her, Okay, you gotta be my co-chair. And we work tag team. Because that's just the way it works. And she's very dynamic and to her classmates here. I have not known her longer than that but I've known her over 30 years. And I can say that she will be instrumental to moving charter schools forward and the major progress. And you know, we had lunch the other day. And she says, tell me, we were going back and forth. She took her public law. I said, you're on the right track. Because I was going to give her lesson 101 on charter schools. Be present. Be active. Make tough decisions. And I'd like you to, if you could do this as soon as possible, the urgency. You know, with all the other ones that came before Ms. Rosanna to testify in their nomination, it's really critical at this time right now. It really is. And I really want to say thank you to the Senators here in giving, you know, giving us the opportunity for Rosanna to be here. You won't regret it. She will be an active member if nominated and passed. She'll be an active member to the Guam Academy Charter School Council. Thank you.

Chairman Barnett: Thank you, Ms. Vangie. Rosanna San Miguel-Tiston, did you have an opening statement?

Rossana D. San Miguel-Tiston, Nominee: Yes, sir. But should I forego all of that and go straight to questions and answers since I had such accolades? Thank you very much for the support. But Senator, *Buenas yan Håfa Adai*, Chairman Barnett, and the distinguished committee members, all of you. I know. All of you are very hardworking senators. Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and to present my bona fideas for the position of general public representative to the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, position to which I was nominated by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and I thank the governor and the Lieutenant Governor and of course, Miss Vangie Cepeda. My name is Rosanna San Miguel Tiston. I'm a resident of Chalan Pago and the daughter of Juan Atoigue and Esperanza San Miguel. I am the eldest of eight children. And so, since there are eight, I won't say each name right now. But I'm sure they're watching. The eldest of eight children. Very early in my life, my parents taught me the importance of compassion and civic responsibility. My experience in public service and civic duty began when I was a junior in high school. I was tapped to be in the Junior Honor Society, and it carried on to my high school years. In my sophomore year, I joined the Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps, JRTC. This was my formal entry into training into leadership, and it was a great training. I finished my senior year in a command position, and the training and knowledge I acquired through JROTC was my pathway to a unique set of life skills and passion to serve these traits. I have carried into the workforce and public service when I became administrative officer for the Chalan Pago/Ordot Mayor's Office. I developed a sense of civic responsibility to help those in need in my community and an acute awareness of the importance of education at all levels from kindergarten through tertiary education as a means of assisting those in my community achieve their goals. I have been a longtime advocate of education and vocational training, and I have three successful, bright, intelligent daughters who are very, by the way very opinionated, who can attest to my strong convictions. I ran for and was successfully elected to the office of mayor for Chalan Pago, a position in which I proudly served from 1995 to 2001 and one with heightened interest in education is a way to feel some of the needs of the community of the people in my community. After my term as mayor, I stayed active. I ran and joined a number of boards and commissions in both the public and private sectors, nearly all which expels education or serve to assist those in need through various charitable organizations. Organizations. One of them, if I may say, I'm very proud of is the Guam Memorial Hospital Association Foundation, which you can see behind me. I have a lot of support of the ladies. And also the International Women's Club and our Lions Club, who Ms. Therese Taitano is also the founder of that charitable organization. And I know I have one more. In saying that, I just want to take this time to say thank you for all the support I've gotten and to thank them for waiting a while it was my turn to come up. Having worked with public and private agencies nearly all of my adult life. I've seen firsthand how powerful a tool education at all levels is. It would be an honor and privilege to help develop and implement procedures that ensure opportunities for teachers, our parents, guardians, and students, and community members to establish schools and other facilities of learning independent of that of the Department of Education. I stand ready to serve our community, most especially our most precious resources, our children. I humbly ask for your favor of consideration of my nomination. Thank you, maraming salamat po and *si Yu'os ma'åse*.

Chairman Barnett: *Hagu mãs.* Thank you. I'm gonna go ahead and defer to my colleagues, starting with Senator Taitague.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It won't be very long. I've known Rossana for a while, you know, Biba Ordot Chalan Pago, because I was, you know, my place is still there and I really appreciate you wanting to continue to serve. I know you're a very busy woman, you know, I thought you'd retire and just continue to garden and, you know, enjoy yourself. But having somebody with your caliber to come back and wanting to serve, especially in something that's so dear to my heart. And that's a charter schools. Ask Angie, you know, if there's anybody that's advocating for charter schools it's me, you know, other than some of the other senators, of course. But, you know, I've been making sure to, that it has the funding it's needed. Especially when it comes to the board and a place. I remember when in 35th, I wanted to make sure that there was a location for the board to meet, that they didn't have to be tossed around from one place to another because they don't really have a home to sit and have their meetings at, and that was important. So I know you're a very strong woman. I've seen you in action. Thank you. And so I just hoping, Roseanne, that this position that you have is done with the children in mind and the parents that want to ensure their children has a really good education, that politics does not get in the way of your decision. It's so important, please, you know, do what's in the best interest of them because I'm, you and I both know how politics works. Yes. I mean, you've been in politics, so please, you know, stay focused on the children and especially for charter schools because they are doing so well when it comes to our children's grades that are going up. I mean, they are exceeding. So let's keep that ball rolling and thank you Vangie too so much for all your hard work at the charter schools and taking the effort to look for somebody who's actually going to show up, you know. It doesn't stop just being a chairperson, you know, you go beyond that to fill these positions that are vacant So that the charge of schools will live on and I love your friends here on the side it's nice to have gangs. Yes, and by the way GW rules. Thank you.

Chairman Barnett: Thank you, Senator Taitague. Senator Lujan.

Senator Jesse A. Lujan: Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman. I won't hold it against you that GW Gecko. I think Islanders rule. But anyway that being said good afternoon and mayor thank you again for wanting to serve on this board. And of course, the ever growing want for more charter schools. I'm sure they're coming to this body again to allow for more charter schools. So, and I welcome that. I welcome that. And you know, we have been to quite a few of the charter schools that invited us to see their enrollment. And we see, we, you know, we have seen an exodus course of students coming from. from public schools into, again into the charter schools. So, there's gonna be a lot of work to do and planning for the future as well. And, again, as one that had served as elected, of course, mayor. There's, this will be a piece of cake for the for the for the mayor, but no, there's gonna be a lot of hard work as, as well. Yes. And I know we're gonna be seeing more of you folks here in the legislature for requesting more charter schools. And I, like I, I said I welcome that the more competition, the best it is. And I'm all for parental choice. Lemme tell you about that. Thank you very much.

Ms. San Miguel-Tiston: Thank you, Senator.

Chairman Barnett: Thank you, Senator Lujan. Senator Perez.

Senator Sabina F. Perez: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Rosanna, for accepting the nomination. It's been a while. I think since we last talked, I think it's been decades, in fact. So it's really great to see you again in this new role. And I'm just, you know, reviewing the statutes and all the responsibilities of the council, which are very critical to the sustainability of charter schools. And so one of the roles is monitoring operations. You know, ensuring fiduciary responsibility ensuring all laws are followed even as go, it goes as far as to revoking a charter. So, it's a lot of power within the council and you know, you have a lot of endorsement from the chair here and I'm sure she'll show you the ropes. And you've, you have a lot of experience, you know, as a public servant and you know, from fiscal controls to, you know, management, I think you have a lot of experience behind you, right? And you know, I think charter schools are undergoing a different phase of development, you know, before there was the initiation phase. Now it's, it seems to be stabilizing, right? I feel like there's, it's gained its traction within the community. And you know, now we've passed a law to expand charter schools. And so, I just wanted to maybe get your insight as to what you what your vision is as a council member. What do you plan or to do for as a member of the council?

Ms. San Miguel-Tiston: Yes. Thank you for that question, Senator. To be quite honest with you since I haven't actually been on the board yet, but I've been doing research on it, and I've gone through the Guam Code annotated on the monitoring portion and so forth. I wish, from being a former board member of the Guam Policy Education Board, I wish this would give us more teeth to handle proper procedures and procurements and so forth, dealing with the charter schools versus what they had with GP well, the one public schools system. So my vision is I want to keep it going. I want to keep moving it forward, moving strong, seeing more dynamics coming through the schools through our students. See, and if you've seen all of them going off island and being in various clubs and organizations and winning so many athletes as they go off island and coming back, this is what I want to push. I want to be able, as the old saying says, you can't lead a horse to water. But you can you get and you can't make you can lead the horse to water, but you can't make them drink This is what I envision for our children I want to be able with her along with their parents to give them that choice to be able to say I want to wake up in the morning. I want to go to school. I don't want to go, I don't want to have a parent telling me, Oh, it's so hard to get my child out of school. And for a long time I've heard this through the public school system. Because, believe it or not, my own children used to give me a hard time about getting up and going to school. So this was very nice when I read all about charter schools and when I read all the stories and heard about all the students being wanting the need of the need that they want to be in school, that I want to go to school. I've learned and from all the charter schools and it's really amazing how the teachers want to be there. They want to teach. So my vision is just to keep it moving forward, keep it going strong and making the best schools and for our children that the islands can offer. Thank you.

Senator Perez: Thank you. And then as far as accreditation, is that something that the charter schools are looking at?

Ms. San Miguel-Tiston: Yeah, well, from what we had discussed, she said they are accredited and they are all chartered. And we do have one more, I believe that has an application. Oh, sorry, well, that's what our discussion was on. One more school that wants to apply for charter status.

Senator Perez: Great, thank you for that response. And looking over your packet too, I noticed that you mentioned that you have financial interest in a business. Is that how, I guess, basically, how can you ensure that there's no conflict of interest in carrying out your business as well as your work in the council?

Ms. San Miguel-Tiston: Right. Thank you for that question, Senator. I definitely believe in no conflict of interest. So if I find out, if I deem if I see that at any point that what my interest in my company will have an adverse effect on my position as a board member, I would definitely make sure I either reclude myself or I pull it out completely or pull out my vote completely.

Senator Perez: Thank you. And I noticed quorum is so important. So I think it's very critical that you know, we can fill that position on the council. So I'm glad that the chair has brought forward a very qualified candidate. And so we look forward to your confirmation. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

Senator Quinata: Not much to say. I think your GW Warriors already fought for you, so I don't really have anything further. I just wish you the best. If my office can support you in any way, please let me know. Thank you, Senator. Wish you all the best.

Ms. Tiston: Appreciate that. Thank you, sir.

Chairman Barnett: Thank you, Senator Quinata. Ma'am, I definitely appreciate your remarks about, and this is something I've had a conversation with Vangie. I want to have a longer conversation about teeth and authority. With the charter council, I think and I've said this before, I haven't always been the biggest fan of the charter schools. I know that at the when the law was passed, it was a little bit of a rough ride for the charters. But when I look out at the lay of the land, I look at the assembly of charter schools that we have. When I look at the, you know, the potential addition of the new charter. And then when I hear people talking about wanting to form new charters, I think that we have a good array of charter schools that really offer different disciplines and different types of curriculum that you know, I've always said kids don't fit in that cookie cutter, right? And I think that the charter schools are a great compliment to what I hope will become a stronger public school system. And I thank you for your willingness to serve. And I also appreciate that Miss Vangie and so many great community members have vouched for you. And I look forward to quickly moving your nomination on the floor. Thank you very much.

Ms. San Miguel-Tiston: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman Barnett: Thank you. If there's no further testimony, all right. Thank you. That's it. If there are no further questions or comments, this concludes the public hearing. 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 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

All discussion and testimony presented to and received by the Committee affirm the support for the appointment of Rossana San Miguel Tiston. The Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts hereby reports on the appointment of Rossana San MiguelTiston to serve as Member, General Public Representative of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council to serve a term of Three (3) Years; August 20, 2023 to August 21, 2026 with the recommendation

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