

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-23-0286	Rolando C. Zepeda	Member (Visual Arts Representative)	Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) Board of Directors	3/17/23	Four (4) Years; January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027	3/28/23	Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts	7/17/23 2:00 p.m.	8/3/23 10:45 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

August 2, 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 Rolando C. Zepeda

Håfa adai Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Rolando C. Zepeda** to serve as **Member (Visual Arts Representative)** of **the Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency Board of Directors** and which was referred to the **Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts**.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u> 4 </u>	TO DO 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:

August 2, 2023 3:05 p.m.
Kamarin Nelson

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Chris Barnett



Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Rolando C. Zepeda

**As a Member (Visual Arts Representative) of the Guam
Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency Board of
Directors for a term of Four Years; January 1, 2023 to
December 31, 2027.**

by Senator Chris Barnett



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August 1, 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 Rolando C. Zepeda

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Rolando C. Zepeda to serve as Member (Visual Arts Representative) of the Board of Directors of the Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency.

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of Appointment Packet and Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimonies
- 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

March 28, 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: **Rolando C. Zepeda**

Position: **Member (Visual Arts Representative)**

Term Length: **Four (4) Years; January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2027**

Please refer the following document:

“Doc. No. 37GL-23-0286 – Office of the Governor – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Rolando C. Zepeda, Member (Visual Arts Representative), Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) Board of Directors.”

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, Acting 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

March 17, 2023

37GL-23-0286
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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

03-24-2023

Time: 1:29pm
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Reappointment

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the applicable local laws, 5 GCA § 85103, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

- APPOINTEE: Rolando C. Zepeda
- POSITION: Member, Board of Director, Visual Arts Representative
Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA)
- TERM LENGTH: **Four (4) Years; January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2027**

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

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hāgan Guāhan
Governor of Guam

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

37GL-23-0286
Messages and Communications
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Committee on Rules
March 24, 2023
4:45 p.m.
Beatrice Cruz

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR

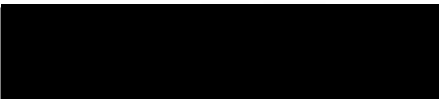


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LT. GOVERNOR

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

March 17, 2023

ROLANDO C. ZEPEDA



Hafa Adai Mr. Zepeda:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam and local law 5 GCA § 85103, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

**MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY (CAHA)
Visual Arts - Representative
Term Length: Four (4) Years; January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2027**

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

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

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

Senseramente,

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

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

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

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

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

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name ZEPEDA	First Name ROLANDO	Middle Initial C
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, Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency (CAHA)		
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 Caloocan High School, Caloocan City, PI	1971 - 1975	High School Diploma	1975
College Technological University of the Philippines, Manila	1979 - 1981	BS (Industrial Ed)	1981
Graduate School Technological University of the Philippines, Manila	1981 - 1992	Masters	1992
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Saint Johns School Tumon, Guam	Position Title Teacher (Art)
	Dates Held 7/2018 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address St. Anthony Catholic School Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Teacher (Art)
	Dates Held 8/2001 - 7/2018

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Mt. Carmel School Saipan, MP	Position Title Teacher (Art)
	Dates Held 8/1992 - 6/2001

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Technological University of the Philippines Manila, PI	Position Title Art Instructor
	Dates Held 6/1982 - 7/1992

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
Dr. Edwin Antonio "Katutubo Exchange" - KXPH Lecture	11/2019
DPHSS - Reducing Spread of Dengue	10/2019
Overseas - CFO's Srvc's - Presidential Awards for Filipino Indiv	9/2019

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Awarded one of the 64 Influential Filipinos on Guam, FCG - 2018 * Winner of the Gawad Ulirang Pilipino Award, Music/Arts Entertainment, 2017 * Teach of the Year, 2012 & 2013, Nat'l Citizenship Education Teacher Award, VFW * Recipient of the Na La Bonita Award, GCoC, 2009 * Guam Representative, FestPac 2016 * Recognition/Commendation, 32nd Guam Legislature

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Production Mgr/Stage Director of School Production/Play @ SAS/SJS. * Coordinator/Adviser on Community Projects * Art Instructor/Faciliator Art Workshops to CSS, Dededo Comm. Ctr., St. Dominics * Founder/Past President of the Guam Filipino Artists

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

- * Radio Co-Host & Co-Founder fo Kumusta Kabayan Radio Shaw @ 101.9 FM
- * Founder/Past President of the Guam Filipino Artists
- * Member, Visual Arts Planning Sub-Committee, FestPac, 2016
- * Delegate/Representative, FestPac, 2016

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

- * Artist Illustrator - Artwork cover for the UMANIDA'T (A Journal of the Humanities) Published 1997
- * Artist Illustrator - Saipan PSS BILINGUAL DEPARTMENT - Published 1997

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:

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor



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: Rolando C. Zepeda

- 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
Pic'z	Art Services (On-Call)
L4, B3, #141 Seberino St. Mangilao	Sole Proprietor


Signature

3/20/2023

Date

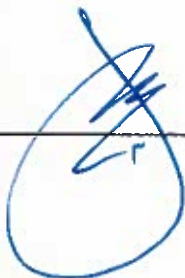
AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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.

Rolando C. Zepeda

Print Name and Signature



3/20/2023

Date

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



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



March 21, 2023

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Rolando Conel ZEPEDA		
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.

By Direction: BARBIE

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

Name: ROLANDO C ZEPEDA

Guam Driver's License # [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: 03/21/2023

Sophia Santos Diaz
Clerk of Court

By: Vanessa M. Torres
Deputy Clerk I

Prepared by: Vanessa M. Torres



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Erin M. Grajek <egrajek@guamlegislature.org>

FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: July 17, 2023

Erin M. Grajek <egrajek@guamlegislature.org>
Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 2:00 PM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM**To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media**
From: Senator Chris "Malafunkshun" Barnett
Re: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: Monday, July 17, 2023

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Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Erin Marie Grajek, Committee Director
The Office of Senator Chris "Malafunkshun" Barnett
Guam Congress Building, 2nd Floor
163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910
671-969-3586

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Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts

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PUBLIC HEARING



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

 **Public Hearing Date:** 07/17/2023 02:00 PM

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CHANGE - FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: Monday, July 17, 2023

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Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 4:24 PM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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MEMORANDUM

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing: July 17, 2023

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Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 1:00 PM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 15, 2023

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Si Yu'os ma'åse',

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July 15, 2023

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July 10, 2023

Transmitted via Electronic Mail

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Rolando C. Zepeda

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Re: Notice of Confirmation Hearing – July 17, 2023

Håfa adai Mr. Zepeda:

Congratulations on your appointment as Visual Arts Representative of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency.

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 **Monday, July 17, 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 July 14, 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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Appointment of Rolando Zepeda to CAHA Board

Tessie Marcos [REDACTED]

Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 1:34 PM

To: Sen Chris Barnett Malafunkshun <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>

Dear Sen Chris Barnett,

Buena Yan Hafa Adai & Warme t Aloha,

It is with great pleasure and privilege to endorse the appointment of one of the prominent island community's visual artist, Mr Rolly Zepeda.

He has almost 3 decades of being an art instructor, the most current is at the prestigious St.Johns School .

He has inspired many of his student over the year to join art contest and won major award

Mr Z as he is fondly called was also instrumental in coordinating with the Philippine Consul General to promote art exhibit of other prominent local artists who's was open to the public and students.

Mr Z has also initiated a radio talk show "Kumusta Kabayan "

on 101.9 FM every Sunday @600 Pm where I am a cohost it promote the work of local artist and the rich cultural heritage of the Filipinos and the Chamorros and other vibrant neighboring islands of the community

Our beautiful island community has also recognized Mr Z as one of the top 64 honorees by the Filipino Community of Guam as sociocivic leaders of the island

I'm confident that With the appointment of MrZ to the CAHA Board he would ensure that the goal and objective of CAHA goes above & beyond its expectations.

Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] should you have any questions.

Much Aloha,

Teie Bagta Marco

Former Vice-Chairman

Board of Directors

Guam International Airport Authority

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Senator Chris Barnett
Chairman, Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts
37th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building 163
Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, Guam 96910

July 12, 2023

Hafa Adai Senator Barnett,

This is a letter of support for the renewal of Rolando Zepeda's membership with the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency's board of directors in my capacity as fellow artist.

I have known Rolly since 1998. I met him on Saipan, where I first interviewed him for an article I was writing for Marianas Variety. He was then an art teacher at Mount Carmel School before he moved to Guam.

Rolly and I have since worked together on several art projects on Guam, including art exhibitions and collaborations on art stories for media publication among others. Rolly hosts a local radio talk show on MegaMix where he promotes arts and humanities on island.

Rolly has numerous accomplishments in the art sector. In 2011, he founded the Guam Filipino Artists (now known as Obra), which launched the annual Philippine Independence Day art exhibits. In 2016, he was among Guam's visual arts representatives to the Festival of the Pacific which was held on island.

Rolly is a recipient of several awards including "Teacher of the Year" conferred by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and 2008 Na La Bonita Award conferred by Guam Chamber of Commerce, for which he served as the organization's project adviser.

As a respected and accomplished member of the island's art community, Rolly will continue to be a valuable asset to the CAHA board. The renewal of his board membership is highly recommended.

Feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or email me at publisher@pacificislandtimes.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mar-Vic Cagurangan

Mar-Vic Cagurangan
Publisher/Editor, Pacific Island Times

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc:

To: Senator Chris Barnette, Chairperson Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts Committee
Guam Legislature, Hagatna, Guam

Mr. Rolando Zepeda has been serving the youth through the arts educational system for more than 40 years. He started his career as an Engineering professor at the Technological University of the Philippines and has been teaching Art in the islands of Saipan and Guam since 1991.

He is known for succeeding as a mentor for award winning Art students from Saint Anthony School and currently at St. John's School. In addition, Mr. Zepeda is also infamous for constructing elaborate stage decorations, using recycled materials.

Furthermore, Mr. Zepeda has been involved in multiple solo and group art exhibitions throughout in both national and international Visual Arts Scene. Moreover, Mr. Zepeda helped The Guam Filipino Artists thrive as its founder and leader for 10 years. He was the quint essential driving force of the artists association's thriving existence, today.

Mr. Zepeda has been an active participant of Guam's artists community, leading the way to share the bounty of the Arts, by encouraging his young proteges and students to serve by donating art works in various establishments such as hospitals.

He has recently served as a Board Member and Chairperson of the Visual Arts Committee for the past 2 years, helping fellow artists by reviewing and becoming part of the approving sector for artists' grants.

Mr. Zepeda has served as a Board Member and as a Chairperson of the Visual Art Committee these past 2 years and would be an essential part of CAHA to help foster future talents of Guam and to aid in granting wishes of fellow artists to share their gifts to the community.

If he is considered for the position as a board member for CAHA, Mr. Zepeda will be a strong and dynamic contributor who encourages the future generations to become proud and successful artists.

Sincerely, Kristine Hannah M. SpEd,
Mild-Moderate, Educational Specialist, Cajon Valley School District, San Diego, California



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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of Rolando C. Zepeda to serve as a Member (Visual Arts Representative) of the Board of Directors of the Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency for a term of Four Years; January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027

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Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote 07/31/23	✓				
Senator Joanne M. Brown Member						
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Member	e-vote 08/02/23	✓				



Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>

REQUEST for E-vote: Appointment of Rolando C. Zepeda

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

Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 5:21 PM

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

Cc: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>, "Senator Sabina F. Perez" <office@senatorperez.org>, "Senator Joanne M. Brown" <office@senatorjoannebrown.com>, Chris Duenas <senatorchrisduenas@gmail.com>, "Senator Thomas J. Fisher" <senatorfisher@guamlegislature.org>

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The Office of Senator Joe S. San Agustin

Committee on General Government Operations & Appropriations

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Senator Thomas Fisher <senatorfisher@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 2:04 PM

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

Cc: Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>, "Senator Sabina F. Perez" <office@senatorperez.org>, "Senator Joanne M. Brown" <office@senatorjoannebrown.com>, Chris Duenas <senatorchrisduenas@gmail.com>

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Office of Senator Thomas J. Fisher

37th Guam Legislature

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La'Kiesha Pereda <lakiesha@guamlegislature.org>

Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 5:05 PM

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

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

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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 Rolando C. Zepeda on Monday, July 17, 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 Mach 17, 2023 for Four (4) Years from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027.
- Appointment packet forwarded to I Liheslatura on March 24, 2023; and
- Appointment packet forwarded to this Committee on March 28, 2023.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via **e-mail** to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **Monday, July 10, 2023** (5-Day Notice), and again on **Saturday, July 15, 2023** (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Chairperson Chris Barnett
Committee Member Joanne M. Brown
Senator Roy A.B. Quinata

Written testimony received from the following

Tessie Marcos
Mar-Vic Cagurangan
Kristine Hannah

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The **public hearing** was Called-to-Order at **2:08 PM**.

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson - Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts: Buenas, Håfa Adai and good afternoon, this public hearing conducted by the Committee on Education, Public Safety and the Arts is called to order at 2:08 pm CHamoru standard time. Notice of the hearing was disseminated to all local media outlets on July 10th, 2023, with the second notice provided on July 15th, 2023. Notice of the hearing was also made known on the Guam Legislature's website and the governor Guam public notices portal. This afternoon, the committee is holding a public hearing to hear and accept testimony on the appointment of Mr. Rolando Zepeda to serve as visual arts representative of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities. I'd like to welcome my colleague joining

us today, Senator Roy Quinata. And before we begin, I'd like to go over the general rules of conduct, because this is probably going to be a real controversial hearing. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the chair before speaking, state their name for record keeping purposes. Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance and nature of the agenda. Personal inference as to the character motive of any senator or individual testifying is not permitted. The chair may order the removal from hearing any member of the *Liheslaturan Guahan* who fails to observe proper decorum pursuant to the 37th Guam legislature standing rules. We'll now proceed with discussion on the appointment of Mr. Rolando C. Zepeda to serve as visual arts representative of CAHA Board of Directors. We'll begin with those here to present testimony on Mr. Zepeda's behalf before we hear from the nominee. Is there anybody who would like to testify? Please approach the table. I'd also like to recognize my colleague, Senator Joanne Brown, joining us now. And I believe we'll start with the acting director of CAHA, correct? Ms. Angie Taitague. Good afternoon, ma'am.

Angie Taitague, Acting Director – Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency: Good afternoon. Is it on? *Håfa Adai* senators. My name is Angie Taitague. I am the acting director for the Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency. I am here today to give a testimony for Rolando C. Zepeda, better known as “Rolly”. I had the pleasure of meeting Rolly seven years ago as a CAHA visual artist. Rolly has a vast diversity of experience working as a visual artist and a teacher. Rolly has been a teacher for over 40 plus years and has received many awards from different organization groups he has participated in FESTPAC 2016 and has always exhibited his artwork within the CAHA Gallery and as a past board member for CAHA, I have seen the passion he has in wanting and willingness to help our local artisans. Rolly is very generous, friendly to everyone he meets. And a very professional artist and teacher. I would like to fully recommend Rolando C. Zepeda to sit on the Guam Council of Arts Humanities Agency as a board member. Thank you. Sincerely, Angie Taitague, CAHA Acting Director.

Chairman Barnett: Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Is there anyone else to present testimony? If not, we'll hear from the nominee himself. Mr. Zepeda, please have a seat at the table. Good afternoon, sir. Can you turn on your mic, Mr. Rolly? There you go.

Rolando C. Zepeda, Nominee: I'm sorry. This is my first time. Okay. Once again, good afternoon, Senators and *Buenas*. I am Mr. Rolly Zepeda and please allow me to introduce myself. Okay. Alright. I'm a full-time art teacher at St. John's School and it's going to be my- this coming school year is going to be my sixth year. But actually, I started teaching here on Guam at St. Anthony Catholic School since 2000. And also I'm an adjunct instructor at the Pacific Islands University. And also it's going forty fifth year teaching art. And with regards to my background in art recently we have this art exhibit at CAHA and we call it Rock Slash Roll. I'm the roll. Rock is Merck. She's another artist. And so we just ended up like, last Friday, right? And so, yeah. And I have several art commissions also. From the Philippine Consulate's office and also from the Guam Power Authority. If you go to the third floor on the executive room I have two art paintings there and then if you also visit the Guam Regional Medical Center, I have also several pieces there also and if

you go to GPO, you'll see some of my artworks, which are the carabaos. I have some carabaos I did some commission on that and then when it comes to community involvement I was the featured artist for June and July. Yeah this is the rock and roll. I'm sorry, I have to repeat it again. So from CAHA also. And I'm also a featured artist at the Philippine Consulate. Last March we call it the Race of Arts. And then I am a representative artist by the Guam Philippine Consular Office to the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs. It's about the death calendar for 2022 and I was one of the finalists and the title is One and Culture. This is just to promote the Philippine culture in the Philippines through the calendars. I served for two years and hopefully this is going to be my third year as a board member of CAHA. And I'm the chairperson for the visual arts. So we're the one who's in charge for processing the applicants for the grants. And successfully we were able to, you know, approve some of the grants. And I am also, I'm a winner of the 2017 Gawad and Filipino Award. This is an outstanding Filipino award sponsored by the Filipino community of Guam and under the category of the entertainment. And also I'm the one who initiated a radio show at 101.9. So you can hear us every Sunday day at 6:00 PM. This is a nonprofit show and we try to promote the work of local artists and then also the cultural heritage of Guam and the Philippines. And I'm also the founder of the Guam Filipino artist. And then I have- so those are some of my highlights as a an artist and as a teacher, art teacher. Now, the reason why I really want to be involved also for CAHA is because I really want to push on the CAHA to have right now- we need a building. And that's what I really want to have, you know, see. that CAHA will have its own building. It's been how many years now that, you know, we're just renting. And, you know, it's better for, what I want to see is, you know, center for the artists, which they can call as a home. And that's very important for us. As an artist, I really want to have a home, okay, so that's one of my goal or my wants for joining this organization or agency. And also, I want to see an art expo. It's a gathering of you know, visual artists. I want to start with visual artists and then probably there's different kinds of disciplines in art. Which the CAHA handles. So probably I would, you know, initiate or start with the visual artists first, and then we go to other disciplines. And if we push through on this one, the Art Expo, then probably we could have some- we can come up with a coffee table book. We get it from whoever will be the participants for the Art Expo. I think that's all. Thank you very much.

Chairman Barnett: Thank you, Mr. Rolly. I think we also were going to hear testimony from Mr. Angel Sablan.

Angel Sablan: *Buenas yan Háfa adai.* I don't have an oral testimony for Mr. Zepeda, but I'm sure that he will do his best as he's always done to be the good board member that he is. I'm actually here to already testify in support of one of my own colleagues in the Guam Board of Education. Miss Angel, who I believe she's off island under medical treatment. But I just wanted to let this body know that I've only been with her on the board for the past six months and she's been on there before, but she's a very conscientious and a very hardworking lady. She's retired from GDOE and now she's putting in her time as a member of the Appointed board member of the board of education and in fact the last time I saw her was at the terminal somewhere When we were having our board meeting and she got on zooms just so she could be a part of our meeting. That's how dedicated she is and I just

wish her well in Her medical treatment, but I'm sure that she's up to the task coming back and supporting. She's the advisor, I believe, for the IBOGS, the International Board of Student Governance. And like I said she participates at every meeting. No matter what little she has to say, but whatever little she has to say means a lot. And with all the things going on in the Department of Education now I think we need two angels. One in the back and one in the front. So, that's all I have to say, but I do come here to support her.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Sablan. Unfortunately, because Mrs. Angel was off island, we did take her portion of the hearing off the agenda, so.

Mr. Sablan: Okay.

Chairman: I appreciate the kind words we'll give you a heads up when we reschedule.

Mr. Sablan: Yeah, I just came from a FEMA meeting called together with the mayors for this collection of the green debris, wastes and metallics off of the rights of waste. So from there, I just came directly over here, but I didn't know that it-. But it doesn't may please include my testimony.

Chairman: You're the first one. Thank you. You got it, Mr. Sablan. Esta. This time I'd like to turn it over to my colleagues for any questions or comments they may have for those who testified. Starting with Senator Roy Quinata.

Senator Roy A.B. Quinata: *Håfa adai, mabuhay.* so, Mr. Zepeda, I see that you've certainly came and immigrated from the Philippines and, you know, with immigration we supported and everything and we most- most of the time we immigrate to better our lives and, you know, see greener pastures. And certainly you've found greener pastures and you've made Guam a greener pasture. With all your instructional knowledge and all your contributions to this island, I certainly believe that a lot of the generation has learned a handful of things from you. You've contributed to this island 45 years of your life. So with that being said, you have no questions from me. You have my full support and I thank you for your public service and taking up the helm and I again wish you all the best and please let me know if there's anything my office or myself can help you with in your oversight with CAHA. Okay. *Maraming salamat.*

Chairman Barnett: Thank you, Senator Quinata. Senator Brown.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Certainly, good afternoon, Mr. Zepeda. You had mentioned in your testimony that you wanted to see CAHA have a building built. Do you know how much your annual rental payments are? Have you looked at- beyond the idea of wanting to have it? I mean, we want a lot of things. But what are you looking at in your continuation if you're confirmed or reappointment back with the board of CAHA? To make that a reality, how would you, or what are your plans for that with your fellow board members?

Mr. Zepeda: What I understand, because we talked about it already, about the plan of having our own building. So it's just a matter of looking for, I think, the location first, and then the budget. But when it comes to the budget, I don't have yet any idea of how much hopefully we could come up with it and we talk about that one.

Senator Brown: Well, I hope you would look into that. I mean, I know we spend an enormous amount of money on rental, including the Guam legislature. I mean, most of the senators unfortunately still have to rent office space and I certainly understand your vision of wanting to see a centralized location where not only could artists display, but maybe there could be a commercial aspect to allow them to. as we have with the Guam Museum to be able to sell their artwork and that, that could be a venue for that level of creativity, but it's something to look at. I mean, if there are other grant opportunities or things that your board can pursue actively, I hope you would be, you know, focused on that because it's something that has not gone anywhere in many years. I remember when CAHA used to be at the old retirement building in Maite. It moved down to one of the buildings in Tumon, I mean, over the years, it's just moved from one location to the other and now you're-.

Mr. Zepeda: Right.

Senator Brown: Currently located at the former PDN Building now? I believe so

Mr. Zepeda: Yeah. Yes, Senator. Because when I came here, their office was still at the Two Lovers Point, and then they moved to another location, right.

Ms. Taitague: No, we went back to DCA we went back to CHamoru affairs site at the DNA, then to Tumon, and then now we're back, and then Angela Flores building. Then now we're back at DNA.

Senator Brown: Former PDN building.

Ms. Taitague: Yes.

Mr. Zepeda: So if you realize the situation right now, it's really a burden too for me. Okay. It's going to be really a great burden to God because see, every time you have to move everything, right? Not unless if we have really our own building that we can, you know, use. And for sure, as an artist, I will be very happy to see that we can- there's a place for us that we can, you know, display our own paintings. And we can imagine if we have this building, all the artisans, all the disciplines will be there. They can use that one. So, hopefully this will come true. And, you know, it will be a great help for the community and Guam as well, because, see if you have like, own building, you can have your own facilities that are, like, commercial. Because see we have some artists that sells their products, right? And we can also have some, you know, a stage there where they can perform their own, like, for the dancing and singing and everything, right? There's so many. Especially we have a lot of disciplines. When it comes to involving CAHA, so, and this is really a good opportunity for us artists on island. Thank you so much.

Senator Brown: With your reappointment you're looking at another three and a half years on your term what would you like to expand or change or add on to your policy direction on the board?

Mr. Zepeda: What I see I hope there's going okay, so, I want to say like, If we're going to do some changes for like, the bylaws or something, we'll try to I will support that because right now I cannot really because I don't have any appointment yet. So probably we could start with our meetings and so if we discuss on some of those things that we can improve, you know, probably I will support that, senator.

Senator Brown: Well, certainly appreciate your contributions. I mean, you've been working, you must be very passionate about the work that you do to invest yourself for so long as you have, so we certainly wish you well. I'm sure you'll be confirmed. We look forward to seeing hopefully some of these innovative ideas you have, including the construction of a new building for CAHA. Thank you. Thank you very much for your testimony and thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Senator Brown. Thank you, Senator Quinata, as well. Unfortunately, I have no hard-hitting questions for you Mr. “Rolly”.

Mr. Zepeda: Yes, sir.

Chairman: I look forward to quickly moving your nomination on the session floor and you know, God willing, you'll be confirmed for another term on the CAHA board.

Mr. Zepeda: Thank you, sir.

Chairman: Right on. Thank you, Mr. Zepeda and Ms. Taitague, thank you. Also those in attendance, thank you so much for your attendance here. Of course, Biba CAHA. If there are no further questions or comments, this concludes today's hearing. The committee will continue to accept written statements on today's hearing within 10 business days from today, which may be sent to my office on the second floor of the Guam Congress Building at 163 Chalan Santo Papa in Hagåtña. You may also send your statements to us at malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org. The time is 2:30pm CHamoru Standard Time. This public hearing is adjourned. *Guahu si Senadot* Chris Malafunkshun Barnett, *Esta, Adios!*

The public hearing was adjourned at **2:30** PM.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

All discussion and testimony presented to and received by the Committee affirm the support for the appointment of Rolando C. Zepeda as a member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency.

The Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts hereby reports on the appointment of Rolando C. Zepeda as a Member (Visual Arts Representative) of the Board

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of Directors of the Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency for Four (4) Years from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027 with the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM.**