

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	COMMITTEE REFERRED	DATE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	SESSION DATE	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
37GL-23-0052	Jenei A. Aguon	Member	Guam Regional Transit Authority, Governor's Representative	1/12/23	Four (4) Years; January 12, 2023 to January 12, 2027	Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance	1/13/23	1/24/23 12:00 p.m.	2/17/23 2:38 p.m.			



Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Chris Barnett

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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

SUBJECT: Committee Report on the Appointment of Jenei A. Aguon to serve as a Member of the Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the Appointment of **Jenei A. Aguon** to serve as a **Member of Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors** which was referred to the Committee on *Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment, Insurance, and Universal Health Insurance*.

Committee Votes are as follows:

- 6 TO DO CONFIRM
- _____ TO NOT CONFIRM
- _____ TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- _____ TO ABSTAIN
- _____ TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Received:

February 14, 2023

4:54 p.m.

Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague

Revisions Received:

February 16, 2023 at 10:43 a.m.

Sincerely,

Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson



Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Jenei A. Aguon

As a **Member** of the
Board of the **Guam Regional**
Transit Authority Board of Directors
for **Four (4) years.**



Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

January 9, 2023

MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Members
Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

FROM: Senator William A. Parkinson 
Committee Chairperson

SUBJECT: **Committee Report on the Appointment of Jenei A. Aguon**

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Jenei A. Aguon** to serve as a **Member** of the **Board** of the **Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors**

This report includes the following:

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

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

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!



Office of Senator
Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett
I Mina’ trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Chairperson
Committee on Rules
committeeonrules@guamlegislature.org
Committee on Education,
Public Safety and the Arts

January 13, 2023

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Chris Barnett 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Appointment

Håfa Adai,

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: Jenei A. Aguon

Agency: Member, Guam Regional Transit Authority, Governor’s Representative

The appointee’s nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature’s website at <https://guamlegislature.com/index/messages-and-communications/>. Please refer to the following document:

“37GL-23-0052 – Office of the Governor of Guam - Board Appointment for Jenei A. Aguon, Member, Guam Regional Transit Authority, Governor's Representative.”

Please ensure that aforementioned appointment is referred to the **Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance** chaired by **Senator William A. Parkinson**.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

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

January 12, 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

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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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Time: 4:59pm
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, 12 GCA § 6201 & § 6202, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Jenei A. Aguon

POSITION: Member, Guam Regional Transit Authority
Governor's Representative

TERM LENGTH: **Four (4) Years; Four (4) Years; January 12, 2023,
to January 12, 2027**

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

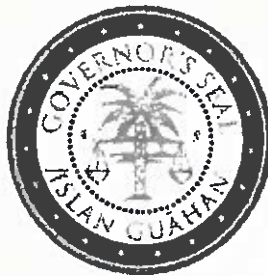
Senseramente,

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

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



37GL-23-0052
Messages and Communications
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Committee on Rules
Jan. 12, 2023
6:56 PM
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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 Aguon	First Name Jenei	Middle Initial A.
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 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 Simon Sanchez High School	1994-1998	High School Diploma	1998
College Univeristy of Guam	1998-2001	Pending-Communicaitons	N/A
Graduate School n/a			
Other Degree n/a			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address UOG Endowment Foundation 303 Univeristy Drive Mangilao, Guam	Position Title Development Coordinator
	Dates Held 2019 to current

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Department of Public Health and Social Services Terlaje Building Hagatna / Chalan Kareta Mangilao	Position Title Family Services /Community Program Coord.
	Dates Held 2011-2018

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Self Employed	Position Title Entrepreneur
	Dates Held 2010-2011

Previous Employer and Mailing Address CalPac Technical Harmon Industrial Park	Position Title Administrative Assistant / Payroll Clerk
	Dates Held 2009-2010

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Take Care Insurance Baltej Pavilion Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Customer Service Rep / Claims Associate
	Dates Held 2002-2007

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name DPHSS		Position Title Family Services / Program Coordinator
Address Mangilao	Phone No.	Dates Held 2011-2018

Agency or Department Name Barrigada Mayor's Office		Position Title Administrative Assistant
Address Barrigada	Phone No.	Dates Held 2008-2009

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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

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

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
I have several certificates of completion for social services and family services work all earned between 2011-2018.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
Pageant Director for National Miss Curvy Pageant and Miss Voluptuous International Pageant. I actively participated in the Point in Time Homeless Count also during 2011-2018 as part of my work with Social Services.

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Guam Foster Families Association
2017 - Vice President
2018- Acting President

Member- St. Dominic's Volunteer Association

Coordinated the Mangilao Donne Festival 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Coordinated several toiletry drives and canned food drives from 2016 to present day. Last toiletry

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

N/A

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
N/A			

OTHER INFORMATION

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

Yes No If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

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

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

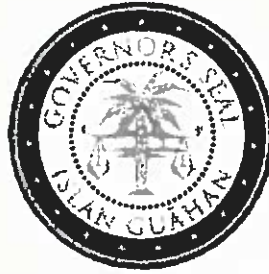
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(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

Yes No

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

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



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: Jenei Adame- Aguon

- 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

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final flourish.

05/24/2022

Date

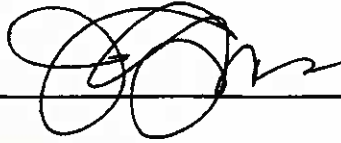
AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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.

Jenei Aguon

Print Name and Signature



05/24/2022

Date



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



August 10, 2022

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Jenei A. AGUON		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	NONE
■	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

*****NOTHING FOLLOWS*****

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

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By Direction: priscilla

[Handwritten signature]
STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police

**The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
 REVISED 01/20/19**



SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

Name: **JENEI A AGUON**

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: 09/14/2022

Danielle T. Rosete
Clerk of Court

By: _____

Prepared by: Bryce MG Balbas



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Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 17, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders, and Media
FROM: Senator William A. Parkinson
SUBJECT: FIRST NOTICE of Confirmation Hearing: Tuesday - January 24, 2023

Håfa Adai!

Senator William A. Parkinson will hold the first public hearing for the 37th Guam Legislature, the confirmation hearing for Jenei Aguon to serve as a member of the Board of Guam Regional Transit Authority.

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We are looking forward to your participation!

Respectfully,

Senator William A. Parkinson
Chairperson



Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

FIRST NOTICE of Confirmation Hearing: Tuesday - January 24, 2023 at 12pm

2 messages

Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org
Bcc: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 4:40 PM

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Respectfully,



Office of Senator William A. Parkinson | 37th Guam Legislature
*Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities,
 Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance, and Universal Health Insurance*

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 Suite 905, DNA Building, 238 Archbishop FC Flores St, Hagåtña, 96910,
 Guam
 671-989-1101
senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org

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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>
 To: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 5:05 PM

Hafa Adai=)

Noted and Posted on Calendar.

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Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

Edward S. Pocaigue, Jr.
 Sergeant at Arms

37th Guam Legislature
I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Tel: (671) 969-3514
 Email: sgtarms@guamlegislature.org

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Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

January 19, 2023

Transmitted via electronic Mail

[REDACTED]

Mr. Richard Y. Ybanez
Interim Executive Manager

[REDACTED]

Re: Notice of Confirmation Hearing- January 24, 2023

Hafa Adai!

This letter is to notify you that the Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance has scheduled a Confirmation Hearing for the Appointment of **Jenei Aguon** to serve as a Member of the Board on the Guam Regional Transit Authority. The confirmation hearing is on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 12:00 pm**. The hearing will be at the Guam Congress Building in the Public Hearing Room.

Written testimony can be submitted via email to senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org or you can contact our office at 671-989-1101 for guidance.

We are looking forward to your participation!

Respectfully,

Senator William A. Parkinson
Chairperson



Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Letter from Senator William A. Parkinson:

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Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>
To: richard.ybanez@guam.gov

Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 3:57 PM


Hafa Adai!

Please see attached letter from the Office of Senator William A. Parkinson.

Kindly confirm receipt of this email and please contact our Office if you have any question or concern

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Respectfully,

Keith Taliugyan
Committee Director

	<p>Office of Senator William A. Parkinson 37th Guam Legislature <i>Chairperson Committee on Fire Agriculture Power and Energy Utilities Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance, and Universal Health Insurance</i></p> <p>— Suite 905, DNA Building, 238 Archbishop FC Flores St, Hagåtña, 96910, Guam 671-989-1101 senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org</p>
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Richard Ybanez <richard.ybanez@grta.guam.gov>
To: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>
Cc: Richard Ybanez <richard.ybanez@guam.gov>

Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 4:20 PM

Hafa adai,

Received, thank you
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Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Letter from Senator William A. Parkinson:

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Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

January 19, 2023

Transmitted via electronic Mail



Jenei A. Aguon

Re: Notice of Confirmation Hearing- January 24, 2023

Håfa Adai!

I want to congratulate you on your appointment to be a Board Member of the Guam Regional Transit Authority. This letter is to notify you that the Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance has scheduled a Confirmation Hearing for your appointment on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 12:00 pm**. The hearing will be at the Guam Congress Building in the Public Hearing Room.

You are more than welcome to invite your family members and friends or members of the community to provide oral testimony in support of your appointment or they can submit written testimony via email to senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org. We kindly request that you send us a copy of your remark. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact our office at 671-989-1101.

We also respectfully ask that you provide our office with a written copy of your remarks for the hearing to aid in the Committee Report writing process.

We are looking forward to your participation!

Respectfully,

Senator William A. Parkinson
Chairperson



Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Letter from Senator William A. Parkinson

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Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 3:50 PM


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Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM

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Chairperson



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SECOND NOTICE of Confirmation Hearing: Tuesday - January 24, 2023 at 12:00PM

1 message

Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org
Bcc: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 10:59 AM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

Public Hearing
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

AGENDA

12:01 PM

- The Appointment of **Jenei A. Aguon**, to *serve as a Member of the Board of the Guam Regional Transit Authority.*

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CONFIRMATION HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET
Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance
 Tuesday, January 24, 2023 – 12:00 PM
 Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

Appointment of **Jenei A. Aguon** to serve as a *Member of the Board on Guam Regional Transit Authority.*

NAME:	AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION	POSITION	TESTIMONY	CONTACT INFORMATION
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Hafa Adai and Good Evening!

Honorable 

My name is Jenei Adame Aguon. I am a daughter of Guam, born and raised in Dededo, currently residing in the wonderful village of Mangilao. I am happily married for 20 years to Kevin Aguon and we have one son, Gabriel. My mother Paz Flores was employed with the Guam Mass Transit Authority from 1997-2002 so it always held a special place in my heart. I remember decorating the bus during the Liberation Day parade and participating in then Governor Carl Gutierrez's Christmas Decorating contest. Our creation, a steering wheel centerpiece won 2nd place. Because of this I will always have fond memories of the Guam Mass Transit Authority.

For many that do not know me, helping others has always been the focus of my many projects. In my current capacity as a Development Coordinator with the UOG Endowment Foundation, I help donors create scholarships so that students can pursue their higher education.

As a Creative Director and Pageant Director for our small business Pitbull Empire, we make it a requirement for our queens and titleholders to partner with non-profit organizations and serve our community through clean ups and food drives.

And in my former capacity as a Family Service Worker for the Bureau of Social Services Administration in Public Health, I assisted families who were trying to reunify with their children. This meant understanding their needs and the obstacles they faced in completing their service plan agreements.

One of the biggest needs families on island face is reliable transportation. To better help the clients I worked with and understand their plight, I have taken the transit several times with them. This allowed me to better understand some of the issues they faced and how to navigate the different transit lines.

I know these experiences would be beneficial as a Board member to empathize with our current constituents so that we may be able to serve them better. I hope to work with the board and Mr. Ybanez to bridge the gaps in accessibility. I would like to work towards breaking the stigma of using the transit to change people's perception of public transportation and make it a viable source for those who need reliable transportation.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to share my testimony.

Respectfully,

Jenei Adame Aguon



GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor
Joshua F. Tenorio, Lieutenant Governor
Richard Y. Ybanez, Acting Executive Manager



January 24, 2023

Honorable Senator William A. Parkinson

37th Guam Legislature

Transmitted via email to senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org

Chairperson and Public Transit

SUBJECT: Confirmation Hearing for Jenei Aguon to the Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors

Dear Honorable William A. Parkinson and Members of the Committee,

Hafa Adai! I am Richard Ybanez, Acting Director for the Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA), would like to express my favor for Ms. Jenei Aguon to join GRTA's esteemed Board of Directors.


Ms. Aguon, a former Vice President of the Foster Families Association, is a strong advocate for foster children and has been a passionate family service worker for seven (7) years. Ms. Aguon's responsibilities as a family service worker permitted her to play a vital role in assisting families in reuniting with their children. While doing so, she realized that many families were without reliable transportation. These families heavily rely on public transit to get to their destinations. In an attempt to identify with and recognize the challenges that many of her clients faced, Ms. Aguon was proactive and took the initiative to utilize the transit system. With such dedication and compassion, Ms. Aguon is seen as a true advocate for her constituents. Her experiences with her clients utilizing the public transit system and her passion for helping people will be an asset to the board.

In addition, Ms. Aguon's community services work as a Development Coordinator for the UOG Endowment Foundation takes her capabilities beyond the horizon, thinking out of the box while developing business and community relationships to secure scholarships and provide funding for many programs at the University of Guam. Ms. Aguon's remarkable experience will be beneficial to our board as she bonds the perspective of both constituent and community development.

Henceforth, aligning with GRTA's mission to provide reliable, accessible, and cost-efficient public transportation services to the general public and individuals with disabilities on the Territory of Guam. To plan, establish, develop, coordinate, promote, own, and operate services and facilities that support public transportation.

It is with great honor that I unduly support Ms. Jenei Aguon to join GRTA as on or our Board of Directors. Si Yu'us ma'ase

Sincerely,


Richard Y. Ybanez
Acting Director
Guam Regional Transit Authority



Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Letter of Support for Jenei Adame-Aguon - GRTA Board

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Régine Biscoe Lee [REDACTED] >

Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 12:20 PM

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Cc: Jenei Aguon [REDACTED]

Buenas Mr. Chair & Committee members,
Please find a letter of support for Ms. Jenei Adame-Aguon to serve on the GRTA Board attached for your consideration and inclusion into the record. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse! - rbl



Régine Biscoe Lee

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The Honorable William A. Parkinson
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24 January 2023

Håfa adai Chairman Parkinson & Members of I Liheslaturan Guåhan,

I am pleased to offer my highest recommendation of Ms. Jenei Adame-Aguon to serve our people on the Guam Regional Transit Authority Board and I thank Governor Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Tenorio for this nomination.

Ms. Aguon has demonstrated years of advocacy and service within our community. Through her seven years service as a Family Service Worker to her leadership as Vice President of the Guam Foster Families Association, she brings her knowledge, skill and compassion to bear for the people of Guam. In various community roles and in her professional capacity at the University of Guam, Ms. Aguon has helped countless families and truly understands the challenges surrounding reliable transportation and our transit system. She continues to be a strong and consistent advocate for transit riders and her passion for helping people will be an incredible asset to the board.

I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Aguon, both personally and professionally over the past decade and I look forward to her expertise and talent being leveraged on the GRTA Board. Should you have any questions or need additional information in this regard, please contact me via email at [REDACTED].

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',


Regine Biscoe Lee



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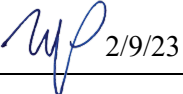


Senator William A. Parkinson

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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of Jenei A. Aguon to serve as a
Member of the Board on the Guam Regional Transit Authority,
to serve a term of Four (4) Years; January 12, 2023, to January 12, 2027

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	SIGNATURE/ DATE SIGN	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
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Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member						
Senator Amanda L. Shelton Member	e-vote 2/9/23	✓				
Senator Roy A.B. Quinata Member	e-vote 2/9/23	✓				
Senator Dwayne San Nicolas Member						
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	e-vote 2/9/23	✓				
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REQUEST FOR E-VOTE: Jenei A. Aguon - GRTA

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Håfa Adai Committee Members:

Please see the attached Committee Report on the Confirmation Hearing of **Jenei A. Aguon**, as a **Member** of the **Board** of the **Guam Regional Transit Authority**.

Please indicate your preferred action based on the following options:

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Respectfully,

Keith Taliugyan
Committee Director

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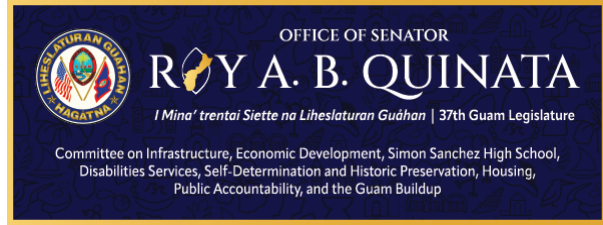
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The **Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance**, convened a confirmation hearing on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 12:00 pm** in *I Liheslatura's* Congress Building in the Public Hearing Room. The item on the agenda was the consideration of the Appointment of **Jenei A. Aguon** to serve as a **Member** of the **Board** on the **Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors** and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by **I Maga'håga Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero** on **January 12, 2023** to **Serve a term of four (4) years; from January 12, 2023, to January 12, 2027;**
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on **January 12, 2023;**
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on **January 13, 2023.**

Public Notice Requirement:

Notices were disseminated via **electronic mail** to all senators and all local media outlets on **Tuesday, January 17, 2023 (5-day Notice)** and again on **Friday January 20, 2023 (48-hour Notice).**

Senator Present:

Senator William A. Parkinson – Chairman
Senator Amanda L. Shelton – Legislative Secretary
Senator Roy A.B. Quinata
Senator Tom Fisher
Senator Joanne M. Brown
Senator Sabina F. Perez

Written testimonies received from the following stakeholders:

Jenei A. Aguon – Nominee
Richard Y. Ybanez, Acting Director- Guam Regional Transit Authority
Regine Biscoe Lee – Former Senator (written testimony was read into the record by Senator Parkinson)

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was called to order at **12:01 PM.**

Chairman Parkinson: *Håfa Adai* and good afternoon to you and to the people of Guam, this confirmation hearing will be conducted by myself, Senator William A. Parkinson, Chairman of the Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Insurance. This confirmation hearing is called to order at 12:01 p.m. notice of this confirmation hearing was disseminated to all local media outlets on January 17, 2023. and the second notice was also shared to all local media on January 20, 2023 notice of this hearing was also posted and available on the Guam Legislature's website. This morning the committee will hear the testimony on the appointment of Jenei to serve as the Member of the Board of the Guam Regional Transit Authority.

Chairman Parkinson: I would like to welcome my colleagues who are joining us today. I would like to acknowledge legislative secretary Amanda Shelton and Senator Roy Quinata as well as my colleague Senator Sabina Perez and did I see Senator Joanne Brown here as well and Senator Joanne Brown as well.

Chairman Parkinson: We will now proceed with discussions on the appointment of Jenei Aguon to serve as member of the Board on the Guam Regional Transit Authority we will hear testimony from those who joined us today I will call an individuals based on how their names appear in the order on the sign-in sheet, okay so let us go ahead and start with Jenei.

Chairman Parkinson: Aguon, I'd also like to recognize my colleague Senator Tom Fisher for joining us as well, all right go ahead Mrs. Aguon anytime you'd like to start.

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: *Håfa Adai* Senators thank you so much for having me here again today I understand this is the second time, but technicalities so let me start by introducing myself, *Håfa Adai* and good morning, good afternoon - [*Written Testimony Presented orally*]

Chairman Parkinson: Mr. Ybanez did you have testimony you'd like to give?

GRTA Acting Director, Mr. Ybanez: Yes, I do, Senator Parkinson chairman.

Chairman Parkinson: All right.

GRTA Acting Director, Mr. Ybanez: Good afternoon chairman senator William Parkinson and honorable members of the committee senator Shelton, Senator Quinata, Senator Fisher, Senator Brown and Senator Perez [*Written Testimony Presented Orally*]

Chairman Parkinson: Thank you for your comment sir, I will now open up the floor to the Senators for any questions they have we'll start with legislative secretary Amanda Shelton.

Senator Shelton: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse* Mr. Chair thank you very much Mr. Ybanez, thank you very much Mrs. Aguon for your testimony this morning I don't really have any questions I know this is your second round coming in Jenei for a confirmation hearing your testimony really said a lot. I think what we need on this board is someone who's willing to work and to learn the ropes and you sound very willing to do so and I've had experience working with you seeing your passion and so many other sectors of our community where you give your

time and your talent very freely and in the work that you do at the University of Guam endowment foundation. So, I have a lot of confidence in you that you'll be able to serve our public and as you know, you mentioned it yourself this is a problem for our community transportation reliable transportation and the folks who are relying on the transit are usually some of our most vulnerable and so we need you to continue to be that advocate and continue to work with us as well as a liaison between that our community and the legislature in whatever way that we can continue supporting the transit through you as well Mr. Ybanez. So, we're here to support you and I look forward to voting on your confirmation in our first session thank you very much.

Chairman Parkinson: Senator Roy.

Senator Quinata: I just wanted to congratulate you and director it looks good that the director is here to support you, and I think you've been a community advocate you've organized a lot of activities for the island from all walks of life. So, I'm sure you'll definitely be a new addition to championing things for the Transportation Authority and you'll bring success for the island and the people of Guam. So, I wish you all the best and if there's anything my office as well can do to aid you guys as a response to the Island's need, please reach out to us thank you.

Chairman Parkinson: Senator Fisher

Senator Fisher: Thank you Mr. chair good afternoon ma'am my name is Tom Fisher I'm a senator here in the 37th Guam Legislature, I don't I don't think we've ever had the pleasure to have met well it's nice to see you and I'd I would join with the other senators and congratulating you on your appointment I appreciate the fact that you are willing to take time out of your own life which I'm sure you've got a lot going on to serve the community it really it says a lot about you that you're willing to step up so thank you very much for that. I'm curious from where you sit right now what do you think is the greatest challenge facing the GRTA?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: I think one of the biggest is for one in over 10 years I mean GRTA has been in operation for many years GRTA does not have a permanent home it's been moving I when my mom was working at GRTA it was in the in *Agana* where the *Agana* mayor's office is at and then it's moved several times and then now it's a DPW, it doesn't have their own they don't have their own home so of course that's one of the hardest things because if you don't have a home a home base you know it's your it's like not having a home if you don't have a home base it's hard for you to work from there and to move forward. The other thing that I've noticed is that in they haven't done a study in and how many in a couple years already on routes. So, a lot of the routes are old routes so we need to look at the routes and try to either add or take away routes and really just I guess build on the route so that it has more people have more accessibility to utilize the transit, and the other thing that I would like to really look at is really just breaking the stigma of riding the transit Guam is the only place I know that people are embarrassed to ride the transit because they say oh they're writing the transit no I want to be able to change that perception because the transit is a really

reliable source of trans a really reliable source for people and I want people to be able to see that I mean people all over the world utilize buses and it's not looked down or frowned upon and so I want to be able to change that stigma by helping them and being on this board.

Senator Fisher: I thank you very much for that answer I enjoyed hearing your insights on that thank you.

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Thank you.

Chairman Parkinson: Senator Brown.

Senator Brown: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman certainly welcome back Jenei, I know it hasn't been very long since your last visit here probably not even a couple of months in your short tenure that you served and certainly appreciate the question by Senator Fisher. What would you like to see accomplished in your tenure now that you will have a full term ahead of you to serve on the mass transit board?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Well one of the things that I was just really thinking about was in this month we've had two concerts and in that we've had a ton of cars come into *Agana* parked everywhere it's been a traffic jam. I want people to be able to, if we have a park and ride which is one of the things we don't have established and like a village like *Dededo* right because I know that's being worked on right now I think it'll alleviate a lot of traffic you know we want them we want people to say hey there's a park and ride let's park here in *Dededo* let's take the transit to *Paseo* and you know have fun at the concert and you know just kind of alleviate that traffic so I want the transit to be that sort of system where they can look at because I know we've done it before when we've had um buses when we've had like I guess fairs at *Ypao* beach we've had buses bus down from *Oka* Pay-less site to *Ypao* beach why can't we do that with the Guam mass transit why do we have to hire outside busing so I want people to be able to see that and say this is a viable Source let's take this you know. So, that's one of the things that I want to try to tackle and try to see if it's feasible especially with the bus shortage I know that we just got a couple buses in six buses in so I mean that's a start because of course shortage of buses is going to be an issue but you know having more buses in would be definitely a start

Senator Brown: Well certainly look forward to you serving in this term again thank you for stepping up um you're very energetic individual and I think the board will certainly continue to benefit from your service and we look forward to hearing good positive things I like your attitude and wanting to see and change direction and perception I mean on Guam even if you're walking you could be just walking a short distance I know, I've seen Senator Fisher walking and I'm wondering does he need a ride and he's going no I want to exercise but it's sort of an attitude we have on the islands like oh if you don't have you're walking you don't have a car you don't have resources if you're riding the bus oh you must not have the money to buy a car

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Correct.

Senator Brown: And I don't know why it is like that but I think if you certainly your efforts to kind of change that perception would be a good thing, because there's a lot of people in our community a lot of elderly that cannot drive or don't have the ability to drive anymore but you know it allowed them to be more mobile and get out with having you know maybe it's your medical appointment or something they want to attend and they don't want to you know put any additional burden sometimes on their family and yet still have the mobility you know if it's to get together go to McDonald's or whatever the case may be there's certainly so much benefit that can be gained by having that ability to get out there get on the bus and go to other parts of the island during the day and do it safely so look forward to your continued efforts and thank you for stepping up to serve.

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Thank you senator.

Senator Brown: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Parkinson: Senator Sabina Perez.

Senator Perez: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and good morning Mrs. Aguon, and thank you for stepping up to the plate to be a nominee on our Board. This is a very important board. So, I know in your testimony provided it was very, you want it to be more rooted in the community, and I think that's really essential that the busing system is accessible to everyone, and I know you also mentioned that you want GRT to have a home. So back in the 35th Guam Legislature, we did pass a bill. It became law that we transferred title to GRT to have that home, and so if you know anything about the progress of that.

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: I'm still going through parts of what's going on at the mass transit at the moment right now. That's not my main focus, my main focus right now would be to look at the routes and update the routes because as far as I know, a lot of the routes are we haven't done any study.

Director Richard Ybanez: To add on to Mrs. Aguon, we are doing a feasibility study for our routes as we speak, so once you're on board, Mrs. Aguon, I could give you the information because we do have some dead spots on the Island where we actually don't need a bus stop, and there's other areas where we do need a bus stop.

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: So, that would be my main focus at first, because from my experience being with clients from public health, we experienced where we would have to walk pretty far to just get to a bus stop, to be able to get to a transfer station so looking at the routes would be able to help the people directly more efficiently so that would be my main focus at the moment.

Senator Sabina F. Perez: But do you understand that there was work being done? As a board member, would you oversee what the progress has been considering that it's been, you know, two terms since it was passed. I mean the intent was to have a home built, and I believe there was federal funds at stake so as a board member, is this a concern for you?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Definitely. Because, like I said, having a home for GRTA would be beneficial for them as a whole team. I recently had the pleasure to go there and meet them like I saw them back in December. They're a good team. They're happy to work. I've never seen a director with their team just engage and really talk about what they want to do and how they want to progress. So, I guess it would be great for their morale as well because morale is definitely a big thing for these bus drivers who go through, You know they drive all day and being on the road all day in that heat, it really does take a toll. I guess having a home would definitely help them, and I hope I'm answering your question in terms of why I feel like it would be important.

Senator Sabina F. Perez: Yeah, I mean that's part of it, but the other thing was I believe it would provide maintenance for these buses to make sure that they stay in service and that it services more of our people, so it was more of a comprehensive plan. It wasn't just a place where buses stop over, but they were going to get the do maintenance. So, is this something that you'll be looking into as a board member?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Definitely. It's one of the things, like I said, on my list of three: the routes, the home, and park and ride. Sorry, I'm a little nervous.

Senator Perez: It's okay. Well, thank you for answering those questions, but I do have a couple more. So, you know GRTA has been awarded several federal grants. Is this something that you will look into to make sure that no money is left on the table? This is one of the issues that I think the former Director had, or that there was a concern about procurement as a board director you know. If confirmed, is this something that you will look into? What are your plans to streamline procurement so that federal funds are used so that we can expand these services?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Well, I definitely want to look at procurement. Having that type of background, working at the University and working at the mayor's office, I understand how procurement and how federal funds need to be used so I would definitely be looking at that and making sure one of the things I want to look at is I guess timelines. Because, of course, Federal funding: there are timelines, and I haven't really looked at their timelines. I haven't actually stepped in there yet so that is one thing that I want to look at because being able to spend the money wisely and to spend it in the timely manner is definitely going to be something that we need to look at as far as the procurement process. I know that there was a procurement process that went out, I believe in 2018 or 2019. I can't recall. That fell through, but that's what I want to look at is the gaps in being able to procure properly and to make sure that they have the procedure done correctly.

Senator Perez: Thank you, another one of the responsibilities of a board member is choosing the Executive Director. What is your understanding about how that's done?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: So, I understand there is a criteria for the Executive Director, right now, Mr. Ybanez is the interim. What I would like to look at is the flow. I mean continuation of work. So, right now they've been through two directors in the past how many years you know? I would like to get, I guess, a consensus from the employees and how they work well

with Mr. Ybanez, because I am not opposed to having Mr. Ybanez secured as an Executive Director, no longer the interim. Like I said, I've watched him with the employees. I've never seen moral so high. I've never seen a director who has such a great relationship with their employees, and for me having a great relationship with upper with the head and their employees really helps towards morale and having happy employees, and I believe having happy employees, happy bus drivers will in turn trickle down to having great customer service with our constituents who already feel like they're, you know, they're in the bottom of the barrel. But, you know, if they get on the bus, the bus driver is a happy guy and, says "Hey, welcome!", that tells me that they're doing something good and that also trickles down to how the riders feel. So that's what I look at is morale. Really looking at the process and how they're able to be to work with whatever they have currently at the moment, and I would like to also look at what they're doing to be able to secure more buses and to be able to just continue to do their work basically.

Senator Perez: Okay, so in GCA there is actually qualifications that are mandated, so some of them is a combined 10 years of documented experience so in law there are requirements for qualifications are you as a board member would you abide by these mandates?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Well, it is the law so I would have to apply for it yes.

Senator Perez: Okay, well I appreciate your responses and looking forward to your confirmation.

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Thank you senator.

Chairman Parkinson: Before I move on to my own comments and questions, I'd like to read into the record the testimony of former Senator Regine Biscoe Lee at this time she'll be filing it by email but I got a copy of her testimony here for us today.

Chairman Parkinson: [WRITTEN TESTIMONY]- [*Former Senator Regine Biscoe Lee.*]

Chairman Parkinson: My question for you, Mrs. Aguon is: According to the 2022 GRТА Citizen Centric Report, GRТА collected \$63,883 in fares and other non-appropriated funds. GRТА in turn spent \$6,446,502 in operating expenses in that same year. That means GRТА collects only 1% of its operating revenue in fares. How would you make GRТА more efficient, cost effective and able to recoup more of their operating expenses from revenue?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: First of all, It's really a marketing thing you know with marketing people we try to get people to do stuff for example we get people to try to ride the bus why are they not riding the bus. So, we have to look at that first and foremost and a lot of the times it's perception, a lot of the people I ask is like you know what, why don't you guys just ride the bus GRТА the bus stop is right there and you can take the bus and it will save you gas time and money and a lot of the times like I said perception and stigma of like I don't want to ride the bus because people are going to look at me different. So, it's really just changing that and I believe it starts with us so I would like to start by encouraging people in

the government and employees, gov Guam employees to ride the bus it was done before with Governor Calvo during one of the typhoons when we were at a gas shortage, I don't see why we can't do it now not only will it be cost efficient for us as a constituent but it will also save us gas. We can look at it more in an environmental impact way, where less fossil fuels will be used less gas. So, that's one of the things I want to look at it's really a marketing strategy and trying to get people to change their perception to start riding the bus now with the cost incurred of six million I believe that's from there because you're looking at the one on the website right the NAF and all that? So, a lot of the times I know that buses and buses break down, I mean cars break down we have how many buses and there it's taking a toll being on the road every day so we need to look at getting new buses and being able to maintain current buses that we have but there going to have to be a time where we have to look at these buses and say is it even worth it, to try to maintain this bus or should we just get a new bus, because maintenance in the long run is just going to cost more money as opposed to buying a brand new bus that's not there's nothing wrong with it so I would like to look at that as well because efficiency in the bus maintenance is definitely one of the biggest things we need to look at and of course we want to be able to give our people something you know somewhere nice and clean to ride you know a lot of the times they say oh it's like this on the bus or you know I think a lot of people's perceptions are just based on what they see or what they think but they've never actually been on a bus when I went on the bus it was pleasant I didn't feel any sort of way a lot of the people were friendly and so I think it's really just trying to get them to see for themselves but I would definitely like to look at the bus maintenance as opposed to buying new buses as opposed to continue maintaining a bus that's beyond repair

Chairman Parkinson: Thank you for that answer. My second question is, historically, the Guam Highway Fund was a major source of revenue for the operating expenses of GRTA. The 36th Guam Legislature suspended gas taxes, which is the source of revenue for the Highway Fund. Simultaneously, when GRTA moved from the decade's long emergency procurement contract with Kloppenberg, they also gained a significant number of limited term employees as bus drivers, customer service agents and whatnot. How do you plan to mitigate the confluence of budget cuts along with the need to hire people and move others to classified positions?

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: You know as a small business owner as the saying goes you want to make money you have to spend money. I'm going to have to plead with the legislature to really look at our budget because the budget cuts is really what's hurting our buses and our bus system maintenance is maintenance really in the long run is more cost it cost more. So, I would like to really plead with the legislature to try to give us the budget that we asked for you know have a little faith in us so we can turn things around. I really feel confident that we can change perceptions and start to really build on this and becoming a viable source of income I know our NAF is not a lot what you said one percent right it was a one percent from our total spending I want to be able to do a six month study to see where we're at on why people are not riding the bus. I know that it went down because of Covid and there was a lot of, there was a lot of regulations to get on the bus and people just didn't want to follow rules and they just didn't want to deal with that. So, I'm thinking that with this year, I'm hoping to see a turnaround and because of the high price of everything going on right now I'm confident that we're going to see a lot more people riding the transit system and that should be able to help that.

Chairman Parkinson: Thank you for that answer. I first met Jenei in 2018 when she was running for senator and one of the things that really impressed me about this lady it was even though her bid for the legislature was not successful. I really admired that she still had the commitment to her community and still did the good work necessary like you know in terms of activity in the community it's truly something inspiring to see how much you've really bought into the community and decided to put roots down and make it a better place for everybody here. So, thank you for that's not just for you know your service coming onto this board and accepting the nomination but all the service you've done throughout our community in these last few years that I've known you it's truly been an honor and a pleasure, and I look forward to voting in favor of you come nomination time.

Mrs. Jenei A. Aguon: Thank you, Senator.

Chairman Parkinson: If there are no further questions or comments this concludes our discussion on the appointment of Jenei Aguon to serve as member of the board of Guam Regional Transit Authority the committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance will continue to accept written statement on today's hearing within 10 business days from today which may which be which may be mailed to my office at 238 Archbishop Florist Street Suite 905 of the DNA building in *Hagatna* in *Haganya* you may also send your written testimony to my office via email senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org Thank you all for your participation this confirmation hearing is adjourned and the time now is 12:31pm.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

All discussion testimonies presented to and received by the Committee affirm support for the Appointment of Jenei A. Aguon by *Maga'håga* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero to serve as a Member of the Board of the Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors.

The Committee on **Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance** hereby report on the Appointment of **Jenei A. Aguon** to serve as a **Member** of the Board of the **Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors** with a recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM.**



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COMMITTEE REPORT CHECKLIST

Part 1/1

Name of Appointee: Jenei A. Aguon		
Position: Member		
Agency/Board/Commission: Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors		
REFERRED TO:		
Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance; Senator William A. Parkinson, <i>Chairperson</i>		
(A) NOMINATION PACKET	Nomination Letter conforms to requirements of 4 GCA §2103.5? (SR §9.02) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If NO: Letter to be returned by Speaker to <i>I Maga'hågan Guåhan</i>
	Packet includes affidavit executed by applicant confirming receipt and review of Nomination Letter? (SR §9.03) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If NO: Provide proof of non-certification/non-verification in affidavit of applicant (SR §9.03)
	Additional Requirements (SR §9.04)	
	Residential and mailing address of Nominee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Employment record of Nominee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Prior/Present service in any government, private, or civic institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	List of business in which the Nominee has financial interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Affidavit of Nominee (with date, place, charge, and disposition of convictions for any criminal violations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Statement as to any additional and all delinquent or past due tax liabilities of Nominee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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