

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Gu ðhan
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-23-0200	Christopher A. Cruz	Member	Guam Ethics Commission	2/15/23	Four (4) Years; July 11, 2022 to July 11, 2026	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	2/21/23	3/24/23 2:00 p.m.	4/4/23 2:44 p.m.			



SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

DCB

VIA: The Honorable Chris Barnett
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Christopher A. Cruz

Dear Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Christopher A. Cruz to serve as a member of Guam Ethics Commission for Four (4) years; July 11, 2022, to July 11, 2026, which was referred to the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations.

Committee votes are as follows:

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

Sincerely,

Joe S. San Agustin

Joe S. San Agustin
Chairperson, Committee on General
Government Operations and Appropriations



COMMITTEE ON RULES
Received:

March 28, 2023 3:31 p.m.
Kamarin Nelson
Revisions Received:
March 31, 2023 12:48 p.m.



SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Christopher A. Cruz

As a member of Guam Ethics Commission
for a Four (4) years term from July 11, 2022 to
July 11, 2026.




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COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS
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March 28, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations

From: Senator Joe S. San Agustin 
Chairperson, Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Christopher A. Cruz

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Christopher A. Cruz to serve as a member of Guam Ethics Commission for Four (4) years; July 11, 2022, to July 11, 2026.

This report includes the following:

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

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

si Yu'os ma'åse'!



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature

February 21, 2023

To: **RennaeVanessa C. 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 yan Biba Guåhan!

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

Appointee: **Christopher A. Cruz**
Position: **Member**
Term Length: **Four (4) Years; July 11, 2022 to July 11, 2026**

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

"Doc. No. 37GL-23-0200 – Office of the Governor – Reappointment and Supporting Documents for Christopher A. Cruz, Member, Guam Ethics Commission."

Ensure the appointment is referred to Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Chairperson of the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations. 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 Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague, 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

February 15, 2023

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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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

-02- 17 2023

Time: 5:09 pm
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Reappointment

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws, 4 GCA § 15301, applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE: Christopher A. Cruz
POSITION: Member, Guam Ethics Commission
TERM LENGTH: **Four (4) Years; July 11, 2022 to July 11, 2026**

All appointments to the Guam Ethics Commission shall be confirmed by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam



37GL-23-0200
Messages and Communications
RECEIVED
Committee on Rules
February 17, 2023
5:27 p.m.
Erin Mafnas

cc: *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

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

February 15, 2023

CHRISTOPHER A. CRUZ



Hafa Adai Mr. Cruz:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam and local laws, 4 GCA § 15301, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

MEMBER, GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION
Term Length: Four (4) Years; July 11, 2022 to July 11, 2026

Your reappointment is a testament to your commitment to public service and the understanding of the great responsibility that this position requires. I am confident that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner for others to follow.

Once again, I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position in an effective and productive manner to best serve the people of Guam.

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

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

Senseramente.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua F. Tenorio".

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission

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 Cruz	First Name Christopher	Middle Initial A.
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit # [REDACTED]
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Member, Guam Ethics Commisison		
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 Father Duenas Memorial High School Mannilao, Guam	1998-2002	High School Diploma	2002
College University of Guam Mangilao, Guam	2002-2006	BA, Political Science	2006
Graduate School University of Guam Mangilao, Guam	2012	Professional MBA	2012
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Bank of Guam 111 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, GU 96910	Position Title Relationship Banking Manager
	Dates Held September 2021 - present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Pacific Islands Development Bank 400 Route 8 Suite 405 Maite, GU 96910	Position Title President/CEO
	Dates Held December 2019 - August 2021

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Bank of Guam 111 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, GU 96910	Position Title Relationship Banking Manager
	Dates Held July 2007 - December 2019

Previous Employer and Mailing Address N/a	Position Title
	Dates Held

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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

Agency or Department Name	Position Title	
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PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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

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

TRAINING

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Advanced Leadership, Dann Dorr	6/2017
Commercial Lending School, ABA	5/2015
Relationship Banking Academy, Kyle Enger	12/2012
Profit Mastery, Business Resource Services, Steven LeFever	6/2011

AWARDS

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>
Branch Manager of the Year, Bank of Guam, 2014 Banker of the Year, Small Business Administration (Guam), 2017

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Member, Our Lady of Peace & Safe Journey (OLPSJ) Catholic Church, 1/2017 - Present
 Chairperson, OLPSJ Parish Council Manaina Gala Fundraiser, 8/2017
 Member, Sub-board, Pacific Islands Micro Credit Institute, 1/2017 - Present
 Board Member, Rotary eClub of Pago Bay, Guam, 7/2017 - Present
 Treasurer, Rotary eClub of Pago Bay, Guam, 6/2018 - Present
 President, Rotary eClub of Pago Bay, Guam, 7/2017 - 6/2018
 Member, Rotary eClub of Pago Bay, Guam, 6/2014 - Present

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

(Empty box for publications and presentations)

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

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

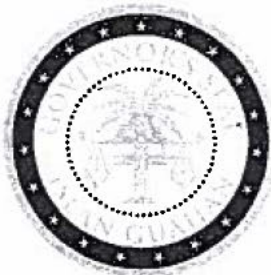
(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

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: Christopher A. Cruz

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
Bank of Guam	Shares: 3,451


Signature

06/03/2022
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.



Christopher A. Cruz

Print Name and Signature

06/03/2022

Date



SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

Name: **CHRISTOPHER ANDREW CRUZ**



CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

Criminal Cases:

1. Criminal Case No. CM0532-09

Civil Cases:

No Cases Found

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: 06/02/2022

Danielle T. Rosete
Clerk of Court

By: _____

Deputy Clerk II

Prepared by: John Diego



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



June 2, 2022

SUBJECT: ARREST/CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Christopher Andrew CRUZ		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT #:	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	The following is an abstract of the individual's record of arrest(s) of any crime and disposition as indicated in GPD files.		
<u>DATE OF OFFENSE</u>	<u>TYPE OF OFFENSE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>	
10/12/08	Reckless Driving (Petty Misdemeanor)	Placed on Probation for 1 year; Driver's license suspended for 30 days w/occupational privileges; Fine \$500.00 plus \$40.00 Court costs; Perform 75 hours of Community Service; Report to Probation Office once a Month; Report to DMHSA for assessment; Attend, complete, and pay the \$200.00 tuition fee for an Alcohol Treatment Program; Shall not consume any Alcohol or Illegal drugs; Shall not enter any establishments whose primary business is the selling of alcoholic beverages; Shall not Leave Guam w/out approval; Obey all federal & local laws of Guam.	

*****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.

[Handwritten signature]

By Direction: SDQ

[Handwritten signature]

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police**

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



Michaella Celorio <msacelorio.sensorsa@gmail.com>

First Notice of Public Hearing on Thursday, March 23, 2023 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

1 message

Rose Mesa <rose.sensorsa@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 3:12 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org, Selma <sblas@gpagwa.com>, "Dr. Tom Krise" <tkrise@triton.uog.edu>, J Benavente <jbenavente@gpagwa.com>, Robert Klitzkie [REDACTED]

Cc: Management Information System <mis@guamlegislature.org>, Tom Unsiog <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>, Joe San Agustin <protocol@guamlegislature.org>, Committee on Rules 36GL <cor@guamlegislature.org>

March 15, 2023

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders, and Media**From: Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Chairman****Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing on Thursday, March 23, 2023 beginning at 2:00 p.m.***Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

In accordance with the Open Government Law, relative to notices for public meetings, please be advised that the Committee on General Government Operations & Appropriations will convene a public hearing on **Friday, March 24, 2023** beginning at **2:00 p.m.** in ***I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room** (Guam Congress Building, Hagåtña).

The Committee will hear and accept testimony on the following:

2:00 p.m.**Referral of Appointment**

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We look forward to your participation!






Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

Very Respectfully,

*RoseMarie T. Mesa
Office Manager
I Mina'Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
(Thirty-Seventh Guam Legislature)
Senator Joe S. San Agustin
Committee on General Government Operations & Appropriations
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PUBLIC HEARING



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 **Posted by:** Michaella Celorio

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Suite 3, 2ND Floor, Ran Care Bldg, CBU #203 761 S. Marine Corps Dr. Tamuning, Guam 96913

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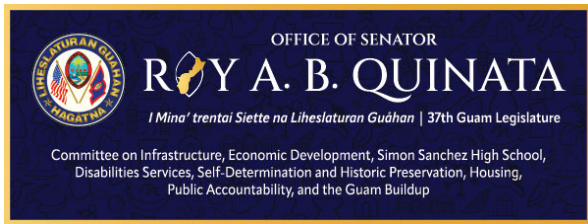
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PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, March 23, 2023 & Friday, March 24, 2023

Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room

AGENDA

2:00 p.m.

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NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Randa MORALES	Ethics Commission	Support			[REDACTED]	info@ethics.guam.gu
REUBEN BUGARIN	Ethics Commission	Support			[REDACTED]	info@ethics.guam.gu
Christopher A. Cruz	Ethics Commission			✓	[REDACTED]	



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Ana-Alicia Cruz	N/A	Support	NA	NA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



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March 24, 2023

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Re: Testimony in Support of Christopher A Cruz's Confirmation

Håfa Adai Chairman Senator Joe San Agustin and Members of the Committee,

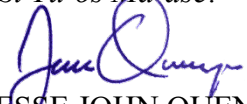
It is with great admiration and esteem that I write to express my unequivocal support for Christopher A. Cruz's re-appointment as a member of the Guam Ethics Commission. His insight, intelligence, and commitment make him an ideal candidate worthy of confirmation for a second term on this esteemed commission.

As a commissioner, he played an integral role in developing and executing the Commission's mission. He also served on the committee to search for an Executive Director, increased ethics training availability government-wide, and initiated the process of receiving complaints of official misconduct. Commissioner Cruz further supported the formulation of the Commission's public policy initiatives which lead to the enactment of two new public laws. These include mandating ethics training for all employees of the government of Guam (P.L. 36-25 authored by Sen. Sabina Perez) and reaffirming the Guam Ethics Commission as an independent and autonomous agency within the government of Guam (P.L. 36-28 authored by Chairman Sen. Joe San Agustin). Recently, at the Commission's January meeting Commissioner Cruz was elected among his peers to lead the Commission as its Chairman.

He is a committed, passionate, and accomplished individual. Furthermore, Chairman Cruz has dedicated himself to the service of our community through his work with the Rotary Club of Pago Bay Guam as a past president and current treasurer. He also serves on the parish council for Our Lady of Peace and Safe Journey Catholic Church in Chalan Pago. His commitment to improving our local community is noteworthy and commendable.

In short, Commissioner Cruz has brought tremendous value to the Commission and is an essential part of its future. His background and voice will continue to support a balanced and fair deliberation of all complaints heard by the Commission. His experience and commitment to public integrity are the reason why he should continue his service on the Commission. I have no doubt that Christopher A. Cruz will continue to serve with great distinction as a member of the Guam Ethics Commission. I respectfully ask for the legislature's confirmation of his re-appointment.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase!


JESSE JOHN QUENGA
Executive Director



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Committee Vote Sheet

*Christopher A. Cruz to serve as a member of
Guam Ethics Commission for
Four (4) years; July 11, 2022, to July 11, 2026.*

Committee Members	Signature	TO DO CONFIRM	TO DO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Joe S. San Agustin <i>Chairman</i>		✓				
Senator Telo T. Taitague <i>Vice Chairperson</i>						
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes <i>Member</i>						
Senator William M. Parkinson <i>Member</i>	E-vote 3.28.23	✓				
Senator Roy A.B. Quinata <i>Member</i>	E-vote 3.28.23	✓				
Senator Dwayne San Nicolas <i>Member.</i>	E-vote 3.28.23	✓				
Senator Amanda L. Shelton <i>Member</i>	E-vote 3.28.23	✓				
Senator Joanne M. Brown <i>Member</i>	E-vote 3.28.23	✓				



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Request for E-vote: Christopher A. Cruz, Member, Guam Ethics Commission

11 messages

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Hafa Adai Committee Members,

Please see attached Committee Report on the appointment of Christopher A. Cruz to serve as a member of the Guam Ethics Commission for Four (4) years from July 11, 2022 to July 11, 2023.

Please indicate your preferred action from the following:

- TO DO CONFIRM
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Please submit your response ASAP, your vote will be placed into the Committee Vote, which will be filed with the Committee on Rules.

Thank you!

Best,

Michaella Celorio

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Best,
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To do confirm

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.



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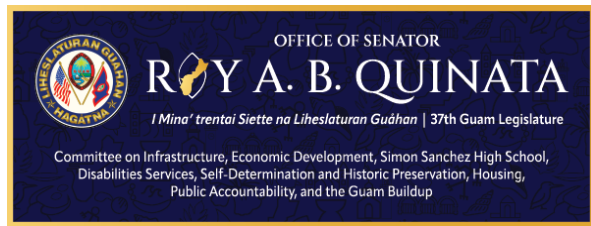
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Sincerely and Very Respectfully,

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriation convened a public hearing on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. and recessed and reconvened on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Christopher A. Cruz to serve as a member of Guam Ethics Commission, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by the Governor of Guam on February 15, 2023, for Four (4) Years; July 11, 2022 to July 11, 2026, expiring on July 12, 2026;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on February 17, 2023;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on February 21, 2022.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with the Open Government Law, public notices for the Public Hearing were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 (5-Day Notice), and on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 (48-Hour Notice). The public notice was also published in the Guam Daily Post and the Guam Legislature website. The reconvene Notice was disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Thursday, March 23, 2023 after the Chairman recessed at 2:03 p.m.

Senators Present

Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Chairperson
Senator Roy A.B. Quinata, Committee Member
Senator Chris Barnett
Senator Frank Blas Jr.
Senator Thomas J. Fisher

Individuals appearing before the Committee:

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission
Jesse John Quenga, Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission

Written Testimonies submitted:

Jesse John Quenga, Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: The Committee on General Government Operation and Appropriation. Now call to order, today is Thursday, March 23rd, 2023. The time now is two o'clock in compliance with the open government law. The notice for this public hearing were posted on the Guam daily posts and disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Wednesday, March 15th and again on Tuesday, March 21st.

Again, today is Thursday, March 23rd, 2023, and the time now is two o'clock. The agenda item, the following bills will be heard today. We will begin with the confirmation on the appointment of Christopher A. Cruz to serve as member of the Guam Ethics Commission to serve a term of four years, starting from July 11th, 2022 to July 11th, 2026 and Bill 75- 37 (LS)

Introduced by myself, Senator Joe S. San Agustin, co-sponsored by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Senator Amanda Shelton, Senator Dwayne San Nicolas, Senator Roy Quinata and Senator William Parkinson, **AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 1, AND SECTION 2 OF PART I, CHAPTER III; AND ADD A NEW SECTION 13 TO CHAPTER XI, ALL OF PUBLIC LAW 36-107 (GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023), RELATIVE TO PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE BUSINESSES IN THEIR RECOVERY FROM THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THROUGH A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** and Bill 61-37 (COR) introduced by Senator Frank Blas Jr., **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000) FROM THE EXCESS GENERAL FUND REVENUES REPORTED IN THE JANUARY 2023 CONSOLIDATED REVENUE EXPENDITURE REPORT (CRER) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP) TO ASSIST BUSINESSES THAT CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH THE DEVASTATING ECONOMIC IMPACT BROUGHT ON BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND COMPOUNDED BY INFLATION.**

And bill 59-37(COR) Introduced by Senator Darrell Chris Barnett, Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Senator Telo T. Taitague, Senator Joanne Brown, Senator Chris Dueñas, Senator Tom Fisher, and Senator Jesse A. Lujan, **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,00,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION RELATIVE TO PROTECTING THE JOBS OF PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES WHILE THE TOURISM INDUSTRY REBOUNDS BY EXTENDING THE BENEFITS OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP) AS INITIALLY FUNDED BY PUBLIC LAW 36-65.**

While this confirmation and public hearing on this bill have been called, we will recess this hearing due to the special session and reconvene at 2:00 PM tomorrow afternoon, Friday, March 24th, 2020. We will continue to accept testimony via hand delivery or email at senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com. Stay Safe!

The committee stands in recess. Thank you. Please have a nice day.

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The Public Hearing reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Good afternoon, The Committee on General Government Operation, Appropriation now re-convenes the public hearing from Thursday, yesterday March 23, 2023, and it's called back to order. Today is Friday March 24 and the time now is 2 P.M. In compliance with the open Government Law and the notice for this public hearing was posted on the Guam Daily Post and disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Wednesday March 15th and Tuesday and also the reconvene the notice was announced an email on Thursday March 23, 2023. Today we'll have one appointment and three bills, when we get after the appointment, we're going to hear all three bills at the same time because they're all related to each other just one of them is 10 million, one is 15 and the other one is really 20 million. So, after we're done with the appointment, we'll go right into the other three bills, but I'll announce what the bills are.

But I'll first announce the referral of appointment of Christopher A. Cruz to serve as a member for the Guam Ethics Commission to serve a term of four years, Starting from July 11, 2022, to July 11, 2026. And then we'd have **Bill No. 75-37 (LS)** introduced by myself co-sponsored by Vice speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Senator Amanda Shelton, Senator Dwayne San Nicolas, Senator Roy Quinata and Senator William Parkinson **AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 1, AND SECTION 2 OF PART I, CHAPTER III; AND ADD A NEW SECTION 13 TO CHAPTER XI, ALL OF PUBLIC LAW 36-107 (GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023), RELATIVE TO PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE BUSINESSES IN THEIR RECOVERY FROM THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THROUGH A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

And then the other bill that will be heard simultaneously is **Bill No. 61-37 (COR)** introduced by Senator Frank Blas Jr, **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000) FROM THE EXCESS GENERAL FUND REVENUES REPORTED IN THE JANUARY 2023 CONSOLIDATED REVENUE EXPENDITURE REPORT (CRER) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP) TO ASSIST BUSINESSES THAT CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH THE DEVASTATING ECONOMIC IMPACT BROUGHT ON BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND COMPOUNDED BY INFLATION.**

And finally, it'll be **Bill No. 59-37 (COR)** introduced by Senator Chris Barnett co-sponsored by Senator Sabina Perez, Senator Telo Taitague, Senator Joanne Brown, Senator Chris Duenas, Senator Tom Fisher and Senator Jesse Lujan, **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,00,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION RELATIVE TO PROTECTING THE JOBS OF PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES WHILE THE TOURISM INDUSTRY REBOUNDS BY EXTENDING THE BENEFITS OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP) AS INITIALLY FUNDED BY PUBLIC LAW 36-65.**

That being all said, we will now begin with the referral of the appointment of Christopher Cruz and Mr. Quenga and Mr. Cruz please come forward and if anybody else would like to testify on his behalf hopefully not against the gentleman please have a seat and then we will begin. We'll start with Mr. Quenga because you're the Director of the Ethics Commission so we're going to blame everything on you, anyway all right Mr. Quenga sir.

Jesse John Quenga, Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission: All right Si Yu'os Ma'ase' (Thank you) Mr. Chair Gua'hu si (my Name is) Jesse.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: I forgot I have to read The Rules of Engagement just in case anybody gets out of hand. The conduct of the public hearing shall be as follows when testimony shall be submitted to the committee. Please provide my legislative staff with your written testimony for photocopying, testimony may be read, and lengthy testimony should be summarized to about five minutes but as we move along on all the bills will allow additional time as needed. Those testifying will be allowed to present oral testimony, once you are done, please remain in the room for questions or for addition to testimony as may be desired by the members of the committee. Question and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda. Personal inference as to the character or the motive of any senator or any individual's testimony is not permitted. Any violations of this general rule of conduct will result in the removal from the public hearing room. Proper forum and decorum shall be practiced by all present in the public hearing room for these proceedings. Individuals who failed to maintain proper form of decorum will be restricted from providing oral testimony and will be escorted from the room. When you speak, please make sure that the microphone is on, and they just speak into the microphone. Please state your name your title for the record. I'd like to acknowledge my colleagues that have joined me we'll begin with Senator Roy Quinata Senator Daryl Barnett and Senator Frank Blas, and we will now begin with the opening of Mr. Quenga sir.

Jesse John Quenga, Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission: *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* (thank you) Mr. chair *Gua'hu Si* (my name is) Jesse Quenga *Directot I Kommission I Reklumentun Guahan* (Guam Ethic Commission Director) *Buenas* (hello,hi) to *Sinadot* (Senator) Quinata, *Sinadot* (Senator) Barnett *Sinadot* (Senator) Blas. *Malagu'yu na bihun kuentos gi fino Chamoru sa* (I want to talk in Chamorro because) *sa Mes Chamoru pa'gu na dia* (Chamorro Month today) *lao mas nervos yu sa gua'ha nubai na lache un'u'usa lao bai'hu tai'tai este na pap'pet gi fino English* (But I'm really nervous because sometimes I use the wrong word, but I'm going to read this paper in English).

Hafa Adai (Hi, Hello) Senator Chairman Joe San Agustin and members of the Committee, it is with great admiration and esteem that I write to express my unequivocal support for Christopher a Cruz's reappointment as a member of the Guam Ethics Commission. His Insight, intelligence and commitment make him an ideal candidate worthy of confirmation for a second term on this esteemed Commission.

As a commissioner he played an integral role in the developing and executing of the commission's mission. He also served on the committee search for the executive director increased ethics training availability government-wide and initiated the process of receiving complaints of official

misconduct. Commissioner Cruz further supported the formulation of the commission's public policy initiatives which led to the enactment of two new public laws these include mandating ethics training for all employees of the Government of Guam Public Law 3625 authored by Senator Sabina Perez and reaffirming the Guam Ethics Commission as an independent and autonomous agency within the Government of Guam which is public law 3628 authored by Chairman San Agustin. Recently at the commission's January meeting Commissioner Cruz was elected among his peers to serve as a chairman to lead the commission.

He is a committed, passionate and accomplished individual. Furthermore, Chairman Cruz has dedicated himself to the service of our community through his work with the Rotary Club of Pago Bay Guam as past President current Treasurer and he also serves in the Parish Council for Our Lady of Peace and Safe Journey Catholic Church in Chalan Pago. His commitment to improving our local community is noteworthy and commendable. In short, Commissioner Cruz has brought tremendous value to the commission and is an essential part to its future, his background of voice will continue to support a balanced and fair deliberation of all complaints heard by the commission his experience and commitment to public Integrity are the reason why he should continue his service on the commission. I have no doubt that Christopher A. Cruz will continue to serve with great distinction as a member of the Guam Ethics Commission and I respectfully ask for the legislature's confirmation of his reappointment *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* (Thank you) Jesse Quenga.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Mr. Quenga, Mr. Cruz if you can present testimony on your behalf.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: Good afternoon, Senators, good afternoon, Mr. Chair thank you for having me today. I don't know how to follow that speech by our director here, but all I can say is that I certainly am motivated to continue to serve on the Guam Ethics Commission. I was part of the group that really resurrected the Ethics Commission as you may be well aware of right and we literally started from nothing right, and we had to petition you for some money, we had to hire our director, we had to find some space, we just literally had to create the commission, right.

So, I was very, very, I'm very proud at this moment to say that we do have a commission we are hearing complaints, and we are adjudicating them, and we are moving our mission forward our goals for training are there. We have an online platform available for Gov Guam employees to go to and get that training for example. And those are just some of the things that we've been doing right, as a commission. So, if I may I'm not sure what you'd like for me, but I can tell you that I'm happily married to my wife Annalisa who's here with me today we raise we're raising two beautiful children in the village of Chalan Pago and our daughter Ariana's 15 going to the Academy and our son Christopher is 12 going to Saint Anthony. So, I'm a banker by day I work for the bank of Guam I'm a Relationship Manager if you ask me what my field or trade would be in banking it certainly would be Lending and that's brought for me a tremendous perspective to being fair and impartial in my duty as an Ethics Commissioner, right. So, I'm able to take what I already do as a in my career as a banker as a lender and continue to be fair and impartial when I do hear ethics complaints

for example and be able to apply that properly, so. Again with your permission I will continue my term as commissioner with the Guam Ethics Commission.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Mr. Cruz, I like to also recognize colleague have joined us, Senator Tom Fisher. Mr. Cruz I'm the first one to thank you for wanting to stay on the Ethics Commission because you know you started with the commission from nothing to something and hopefully during the process of what you guys are doing, we'll be able to identify if there's any wrongdoing, do what you're supposed to do that's what we asked for. Do what's right! don't dig the easy way out just do what's right and I'm happy you introduce your wife *put'fabot* (make sure) that's the most ethical thing to do recognize your family because those are that's your backbone that's the one that actually tells you to stay calm do what's right and you'll be okay because you still have to go home and look at her and she'll look at you and says did you do what's right and if you say yes then she'll be happy and you'll have a happy life. Moving along Senator Roy do you have anything you want to ask on post to the nominee.

Senator Roy A.B. Quinata: No, I just wanted to congratulate you on your reappointment I'm sure that you've helped pave the road for a lot of Ethics investigation and being that your Executive Director very much supports your endeavors to continue on with the board that means that you're doing some good work and you've helped pave the road for a great agency that's you know doing a lot of great work as well. And again, special thanks to the families that support you most, especially your wife, that's good that she wants you to be reappointed and she's here to support you. Because if your wife doesn't support you then probably you shouldn't take the real appointment right, but I have no questions for you. I wish you all the best and keep up the good work and keep our people accountable for all their actions.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Senator, Senator Barnett sir.

Senator Chris Barnett: Thank you Mr. Chair, Mr. Cruz if you could just explain what you're a little bit about what your responsibilities are in terms of relative to any government employee.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: My, I'm sorry Senator,

Senator Chris Barnett: what are your responsibilities in the position that you're being appointed to a relative to oversight of government employees, Etc.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: Okay, well I hear complaints that come in from you know that are speaking on you know against government employees. For example, my roles would be to ensure that we adjudicate that as best we can in a timely manner right and be able to issue either an opinion or a referral to the proper authorities following that process.

Senator Chris Barnett: Can you tell me what entities or individuals in the Government of Guam fall under your jurisdiction, so to speak.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: I believe every government agency and I believe the legislature has its separate ethics body for example but I believe every government agency falls under our purview senator.

Senator Chris Barnett: Including the.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: Maybe our director can maybe further clarify that for you.

Senator Chris Barnett: Sure.

Jesse John Quenga, Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission: Yes, thank you Senator Barnett, so the Ethics Commission has purview over all Government of Guam Officials excluding Judicial Officers they have their own process. But there is a statue within our enabling act that allows for a concurrent jurisdiction that means in addition to the Legislative Ethics Committee the Guam Ethics Commission can also adjudicate ethics complaints against members of the legislature.

Senator Chris Barnett: Thank you for that, I would just ask the obvious I mean it's a question that's obvious for me I'm looking at your statement of financial interests, I have here, do you believe that your 3451 shares in the Bank of Guam pose any conflict of interest or ethical conflict and that you are also or you also have oversight of the Office of the Governor given the Governor's relationship with the Bank of Guam?

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: No Senator, I don't believe that my shares my ownership in Bank of Guam pose any conflict to the fact that the Governor of Guam has a relationship with Bank of Guam I don't believe so.

Senator Chris Barnett: How would you respond to someone who maybe would disagree with that statement.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: I you know I would just clarify that my interest in the bank was you know it's separate from I guess my feelings and understanding of what I need to do at the end of the day and I'm able to keep that together and be able to be fair and impartial and be able to more or less kind of I don't know what you call it may be separate it and be able to keep that different if you may. I don't know how else to expand on that if somebody were to ask me for example right which you have but I don't see any issues with that.

Senator Chris Barnett: Are you also employed at the bank sir?

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: Yes, yes I am sir, I've employed with Bank of Guam that's correct.

Senator Chris Barnett: And you don't believe there's any ethical conflict what would happen in the event that someone was to make an ethical complaint against you know the governor or any what's the process.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: I think at that point I would recuse myself from any type of discussion proceedings or whatnot.

Senator Chris Barnett: What are the, because you guys do ethics courses and stuff in a situation like this Mr. Executive Director what would the literature or the protocol from the ethics commission dictate?

Jesse John Quenga, Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission: Thank you for that question, Senator, so when a case is filed before the commission it's presented first by the parties involved. The Commissioners would review the party's involvement would make a determination an individual assessment if a conflict might arise from that they have to State plainly on the record that a conflict exists and then remove themselves from the entire process. So, there are enough members within the body to still continue with the adjudication of complaints so when that particular scenario Commissioner Cruz wouldn't have any specific Conflict for any cases filed against a person who may have the appearance of influence.

Senator Chris Barnett: I'm sorry Mr. Chair just last question, so, the again if you could just refresh my memory in the event that someone had entered a complaint against Governor an ethical complaint you know let's say relative to not allowing the public or you know Senators to review like a lease entered into the Federal Government of that and that complaint came your way would you have to recuse yourself? or are you are you still maintaining that given the Governor's interest in the Bank of Guam and your interest in the Bank of Guam and your employment with a Bank of Guam that there are absolutely no conflicts ethically?

Jesse John Quenga, Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission: Sir so, Senator Barnett again to reiterate when the case is presented we simply State the parties involved before any evidence or information about the case is shared. So, the respective Commissioners have to disclose their conflict and are excluded out of the process right off the bat. That's to protect the Integrity of the investigation and the subsequent decision that's rendered by The Remains.

Senator Chris Barnett: Thank you I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity I mean Lord knows Guam such a small island where there's so many lines that that we cross you know in so many relationships that we have that sometimes pose difficult circumstances to each and all of us so again I just hear I guess statement on the record that there no conflict exists and that you're all good.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: That's correct Senator.

Senator Chris Barnett: Thank you sir, good luck, thank you Mr. Chair.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Senator, Senator Blas do you have any questions for the nominee.

Senator Frank F. Blas Jr.: First up thank you very much Mr. Chair and you know Mr. Cruz and okay Mr. Quenga I thank you very much for being here. You know you got a lot going for you first off when that guy sits right next to you know I mean with all the confidence and everything

you know that's one, okay. Secondly, when you have your wife with you okay you know in support of you, I need to update don't mind me ma'am are you sure you want him to sit here? Okay, just got that one so that you got you got the second one. Okay, the third one you know I found that very interesting on page two you at alumni Father Duenas kudos for you brother okay.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: *Biba* (Hooray) Senator.

Senator Frank F. Blas Jr.: *Biba* (Hooray) but you know, and I appreciate the questions I was asked by Senator Barnett, they actually took it away from me, so I don't have to say too much you know more about that. You've got a very impressive background too as well I appreciate this, and I think that the only question that I have is quite honestly are you ready to serve?

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: I'm ready Senator. I'm ready.

Senator Frank F. Blas Jr.: All right congratulations thank you very much for continuing to want to serve okay and that's all I got Mr. Chair.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Senator Blas, Senator Fisher you have any questions for the nominee.

Senator Thomas J. Fisher: Thank you Mr. Chair I don't have a question just congratulations and I wish you well thank you.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Senator Fisher, that being said and there's no other individuals to testify for or against you. The committee will continue to receive testimony reference to your appointment Mr. Cruz and we'll continue for a few days and then after that, we are asked that they submit the testimony to the mail room of the Guam Legislature or through email at senatorrjoessanagustin@gmail.com and again I want to thank you and thank everyone who chose to serve as a member of the Guam Ethics Commission for the term of four years beginning on July 11 2022 to July 11 2026 is Duty heard by the committee and the public hearing is now adjourned the time now is 2:21. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* thank you Mr. Quenga and Mr. Cruz.

Jesse Quenga, Executive Director, Guam Ethics Commission: Thank you Mr. Chair.

Christopher A. Cruz, Appointee, Guam Ethics Commission: Thank you senators [Applause].

The public hearing was adjourned at 2:21 PM.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Committee finds that Mr. Cruz has been serving as member of the Guam Ethics Commission and will be continuing to serve the Commission and the people of Guam. He was recently elected in January as the Chairman of the Commission. He's works tirelessly to ensure the Commission has a strong foundation that continuously strives to meet the mission of the Commission.
- Mr. Cruz continuously has dedicated his time to the People of Guam as he also serves as the President and Current Treasurer of *Chalan-Pago* Rotary Club and is a Parish Council for Our Lady of Peace and Safe Journey Church in *Chalan-Pago*.
- The Executive Director and the Commission fully supports his re-appointment.

The committee on General Government Operations and Appropriation hereby reports on the appointment of Christopher A Cruz to serve as a member of the Guam Ethics Commission for Four (4) years from July 11, 2022 to July 11, 2026, with the recommendation

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