#### I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Gu åhan APPOINTMENTS

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37GL-24-1613	Matthew C. Cruz	Member General Public Representative	Guam Contractors License Board	1/26/24	Four (4) Years; August 22, 2023 to August 21, 2027		Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disability Services, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup		4/5/24 2:04 p.m.			



> SENATOR R () Y A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON I Mina' trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 37th Guam Legislature

April 4, 2024

**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, Senator

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

### RE: Committee Report on the Reappointment of Matthew C. Cruz

Dear Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the reappointment of **Matthew C. Cruz**, to serve as a Member of the Guam Contractors License Board, which was referred to the Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disability Services, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup.

Committee votes are as follows:

\_5\_\_\_\_ TO CONFIRM

\_\_0\_\_\_ TO NOT CONFIRM

\_\_0\_\_\_ TO REPORT OUT ONLY

\_\_0\_\_\_ TO ABSTAIN \_\_0\_\_TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

Senator Roy Anthony Benavente Quinata



COMMITTEE ON RULES Received: April 4, 2024 5:45 p.m. Kamarin Nelson

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# **COMMITTEE REPORT**

# Nomination of Matthew C. Cruz

As a Member of the Guam Contractors License Board for Four (4) Years; August 22, 2023 to August 21, 2027

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April 4, 2024

### MEMORANDUM

### To: All Members

Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disability Services, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup

# From: Senator Roy Anthony Benavente Quinata

Chairperson, Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disability Services, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup

### Subject: Committee Report on the Reappointment of Matthew C. Cruz

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the reappointment of Matthew C. Cruz to serve as a Member of the Guam Contractors License Board.

This report includes the following:

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

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# **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

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

February 5, 2024

То:	<b>Joaquin P. Taitague</b> Clerk of the Legislature
	Attorney Darleen Hiton

Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Reappointment

# 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 reappointment:

Appointee:	Matthew C. Cruz
Position:	Member (General Public Representative)
Term Length:	Four (4) Years; August 22, 2023, to August 21, 2027

Please refer the following document:

"**Doc. No. 37GL-24-1613** – Office of the Governor – Reappointment and Supporting Documents for Matthew C. Cruz, Member (General Public Representative), Guam Contractors License Board."

Ensure the reappointment is referred to the Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disability Services, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup chaired by Senator Roy A. B. Quinata. I also request that the same be forwarded to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin J.A. Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.



Note that the Legislature has taken steps to ensure that any protected in whole or in part in order to protect the privacy of any individual(s) wh

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JOSHUA F. TENORIO LI. GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO GOVERNOR

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

January 26, 2024

37GL-24-1613 OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE

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3:47 pm Time: **Received:** 

Speaker I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña, Guam 96932

**RE:** Board Reappointment

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the applicable local laws, 21 GCA § 70102, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE:Matthew C. CruzPOSITION:Member, Guam Contractors License BoardTERM LENGTH:Four (4) Years; August 22, 2023 to August 21, 2027

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

Senseramente,

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO** *Maga'Hågan Guåhan* Governor of Guam



37GL-24-1613 Messages and Communications RECEIVED Committee on Rules February 2, 2024 8:36 p.m. Beatrice Cruz

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

RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX 513 W. Marine Corps Drive Hagâtiña, Guam 96910 governor.guam.gov | (671) 472-8931

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO LI. GOVERNOR

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

January 26, 2024

**MATTHEW C. CRUZ** 

Hafa Adai Mr. Cruz:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 21 GCA § 70102, and all other applicable laws, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

### GENERAL PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE, GUAM CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD Term Length: Four (4) Years; August 22, 2023, to August 21, 2027

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

As you are aware, this reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Should you have any questions, please contact Jean Taitano with the Office of the Governor at (671) 473-1121.

Senseramente,

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

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

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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	First Name		Middle Initial
CRUZ	MATTHEW		С
Mailing Address	I		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip	Code
Phone	E-mail Address		
Position to which Appointment is Made	T		
Member, Contractors License Board			
Are you a citizen of the United States?	Yes 🖌	Νο	
If no, are you authorized to work in the Unite	ed States? Yes	No 🗌	

### **EDUCATION**

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
High School John R. Rogers High School		High School Diploma	1985
College			
Eastern Washington University, Chaney, WA		ВА	2000
Graduate School			
N/A			
<i>Other Degree</i> American Banking Association		Certified Financial Marketing Prof.	2006

# **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
Bank of Guam	VP/Bus Dev & Relationshop Mgr
Hagatna, Guam	Dates Held
	9/2016 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title	
Bank of Guam	VP, Manager	
Hagatna, Guam	Dates Held	
	3/2010 - 9/2016	

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
Bank of Guam	VP/Business Development Manager
Hagatna, Guam	Dates Held
	10/2005 - 3/2010

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title	
Countrywide Home Mortgage	Mortgage Loan Agent	
	Dates Held	
	2003 - 2005	

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title	
Washington Mutual Bank	Personal Financial Officer	
	Dates Held	
	2000 - 2003	

### PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name		Position Title	
Address	Phone No	0.	Dates Held

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Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

## **PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)**

Agency or Department Name	Position Tit	le	
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	
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Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

### TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Washington Mutual Premier Career Empl Program	2000

### AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:

Premier Achievement Career Employee, Washington Mutual Bank, 2000 Commercial Lending Workshop, Western Banking school, 2006 Employee of the Year, Bank of Guam, 2006 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition-Arts, 2008 Certificate of Appreciation, Guma'Mami, Inc., 2010 \*\* Refer to Resume

### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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

Past President & VP, Belau Tourism Association, 2012 - 2014 Vice-Chairman, Committee on Finance, Pafici Islands Forum, 2014 President, Palau Banking Association, 2010 - 2012 Board Chairman, Council of the Arts & Humanities, 2008 - 2010

## **COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held: Board Chairman, People Pacifico, 2022 - Present Board Member, Tourism Education Council, 2018 - Present Board Advisor, FSM Association of Guam, 6/2018 - Present Board Member, Humanities Guahan, 9/2017 - 9/2022 Board Member, FSM Church Leaders Assoc/FSM Community Cares, 10/2016 - Present Board Member, Guam Unique Merchandise & Art, 12/2016 - Present \*\* Refer to Resume

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

### MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

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

Yes No 🖌 If so, please specify in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Conviction:

Specific Infraction Committed:

(2)	Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or v	vithout the
	United States?	

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# **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

Matthew C. Cruz

FROM:

✓ 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

11/27/2023

Date

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Doc. No. 37GL-24-1613.\*

## 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.

Matthew C. Cruz

AAA

11/27/2023

Print Name and Signature

Date



# SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

# Name: MATTHEW CAMACHO CRUZ

Driver's License ID #:

DOB:

# **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**.

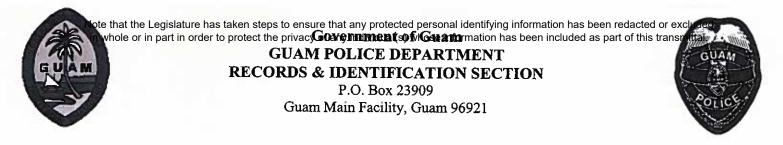
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Court Archivist Prepared by: Rachael Q Orsini



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December 7, 2023

# SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	NAME: Matthew C. CRUZ							
DATE (	OF BIRTH:	FINGERPRINT#:						
The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guan Department files that are subject to Guam law.								

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: MC** 

Abr. STEPHEN C. IGNACIO Chief of Police



# FIRST NOTICE - Public Hearing and Informational Briefing: Thursday March 7, 2024 - 2:00p.m.

2 messages

### Senator Roy Quinata <officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 8:45 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>, Joe San Agustin <protocol@guamlegislature.org>, 37th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.org>, Audio / Video <av@guamlegislature.org>, Management Information System <mis@guamlegislature.org>

### February 28, 2024

### MEMORANDUM

### To: All Members of I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, Stakeholders, Media

### From: Senator Roy A. B. Quinata, Chairperson

Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disability Services, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup.

### Subject: FIRST NOTICE - Public Hearing and Informational Briefing: Thursday March 7, 2024 - 2:00p.m.

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### 3:30 p.m. - Informational Briefing

• Renters Assistance

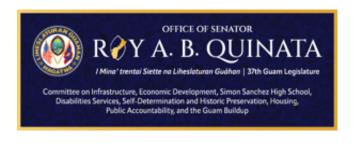
**How to Participate:** Written testimonies may be delivered to the Office of Senator Roy A. B. Quinata at Suite 807 DNA Building, 238 Archbishop FC Flores Street, *Hagåtña*, Guam 96910, via email to officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.orgor WhatsApp at (671) 472-4826. The Committee requests that testimonies be submitted at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled hearing. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the Office of Senator Roy A. B. Quinata.

**Special Accommodations:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring assistance or accommodations should contact the Office of Senator Roy A. B. Quinata.

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We look forward to your participation! Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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Gumai pribilehu yan konfedensia este siha na mensåhi. Solo espesiåtmente para hågu ma entensioña pat ma aturisa para unrisibi. Sen prubidu kumu ti un ma aturisa para manribisa, na'setbe, pat mandespåtcha. Yanggen lachi rinisibu-mu nu este na mensåhi, put fabot ago' guatu gi I numa'huyong gi as officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org yan despues destrosa todu siha I kopian mensåhi. Si Yu'os ma'åse'.

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**Ed Pocaigue** <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org> To: Senator Roy Quinata <officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org> Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 9:11 AM

Hafa adai Noted and posted on calender



Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

**Edward S. Pocaigue, Jr.** Sergeant at Arms

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

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Posted by: Senator Roy Quinata

Public Hearing Date: 03/07/2024 02:00 PM

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### THURSDAY, MARCH 07, 2024 AT 2:00 PM | GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING

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### March 5, 2024

### SECOND NOTICE

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### <u>3:30 p.m. - Informational Briefing</u>

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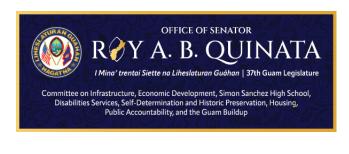
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We look forward to your participation!

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

# Roy A. B. Quinata

Senator





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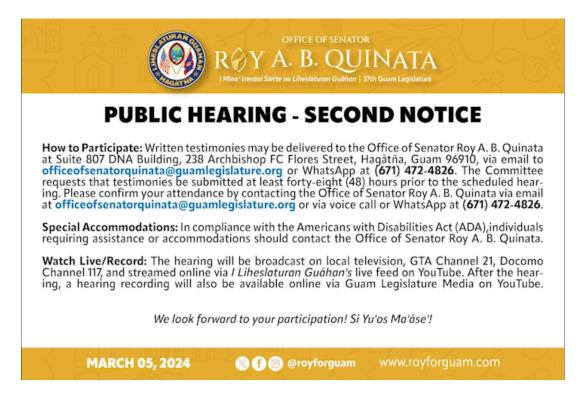
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### **Public Hearing**

### March 7, 2024 at 2:00 PM – Public Hearing Room in the Guam Congress Building

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Carmelita H. Santos		carmelita.santos@clb.guam.gov	Contractors License Board	in support
Selina Ashland			Contractors License Board	in support
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# **CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD**

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March 1, 2024

Transmitted via electronic mail. officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org

Senator Roy A. B. Quinata I Mina' Trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Subject: Testimonial for the Reappointment of the Board Members of the Contractors License Board.

### Buenas yan Håfa Adai Senator Quinata,

I am John P. Aguon, Executive Director of the Contractors License Board. During the short period of time that I have held this position, I am honored to express my confidence in the Members of the Contractors License Board.

Between 2022 and 2023, the Contractors License Board underwent an audit conducted by the Office of Public Accountability. There were seven primary findings, five of which was swiftly addressed with guidance of the board. Currently, the Board is actively addressing two of the seven primary audit findings; the revision of examinations and the adjudication of rules and regulations.

The pursuit of updating examinations has become a top priority, reflecting a highly sought after objective. The board acknowledges the significance of competence and has established a standard format for all CLB exams to follow. Additionally, the board actively fosters collaboration with the Guam Contractors Association, leveraging the wealth of knowledge and expertise possessed by our island's current contractors.

The current Rules & Regulations governing the Contractors License Board were formally submitted to the Legislature through the Department of Public Works in 1988. While prior attempts have been made, this board stands assured to achieve a significant milestone by successfully revising these regulations in alignment with the Administrative Adjudication Law. This update marks a crucial step toward greater autonomy, as it paves the way for the repeal and reenactment of these rules under the sole jurisdiction of the Contractors License Board. Under the guidance of the Board, efforts are also underway to disentangle temporary classifications and establish distinct classifications for each, ensuring contractors are clearly aligned within their respective fields. This modernization effort not only enhances the board's ability to enforce regulations but also ensures justness and progression.

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Each member brings distinctive leadership qualities rooted in their respective fields and lines of business. Their diverse expertise not only complements one another but also strengthens to form a highly effective team. As a unit, they embody invaluable leadership, fully comprehending and appreciating the significance of their roles elevating the board to its utmost quality.

On behalf of myself and the staff of CLB, I want to express the sincere appreciation for the dedication and flexibility shown by the board members in ensuring a quorum. It's evident that they understand, appreciate, and acknowledge the hard work and dedication our team brings. As a small collaborative collective, I am proud to say that this board has generated over \$4 Million Dollars in revenue for the island. I humbly support the re-appointment of Mr. Bernard Benavente, Ms. Selina Ashland, Ms. Rena Borja, and Mr. Matthew Cruz. It will be an honor to continue to work alongside them as we make these pivotal changes at the Contractors License Board ensuring that all licensed contractors meet the utmost standards the people of Guam deserve!

Senseramente,



THE COMMITTEE ON

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### **COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET**

Nomination of **Matthew C. Cruz** to serve as a Member of the Guam Contractors License Board for Four (4) Years; August 22, 2023, to August 21, 2027.

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<b>Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b> Member						
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	EVOTE 04/04/24	$\checkmark$				
Senator Amanda L. Shelton Member						
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	EVOTE 04/04/24	$\checkmark$				
Senator Dwayne San Nicolas Member	EVOTE 04/04/24	$\checkmark$				
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	EVOTE 04/04/24	$\checkmark$				
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# Request for E-vote: Committee Report on the Nomination of Matthew C. Cruz, GCLB

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Senator Roy Quinata <officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 10:18 AM

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Buenas Yan Håfa Adai Committee Members,

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the Nomination of Matthew C. Cruz to serve as a Member of the Guam Contractors License Board.

### After review, please respond with the appropriate action as indicated on the vote sheet:

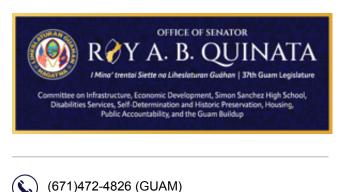
- -To Do Confirm;
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- -To Report Out Only;
- -To Abstain; or
- -To Place in Inactive File.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Senator Dwayne San Nicolas** <senatorsannicolas@guamlegislature.org> To: Senator Roy Quinata <officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org> Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 11:06 AM

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Hafa Adai,

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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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**Senator Telo Taitague** <senatortelot@gmail.com> To: Senator Roy Quinata <officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org> Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 1:19 PM

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### COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

### I. OVERVIEW

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- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on January 26, 2024, for Four (4) Years; August 22, 2023 to August 21, 2027
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on February 2, 2024
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on February 5, 2024.

### **Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 (5-Day Notice), and again on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (48-Hour Notice). Copies of the hearing notices are appended to the report.

### **Senators Present**

Senator Roy A. B. Quinata, Chairperson Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Committee Member

### Presented before the Committee

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### Submitted Written Testimony

John P. Aguon, Executive Director

**Guam Contractors License Board** 

### II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was called to order at 2:00 PM.

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON: BUNAS YAN HÅFA ADAI THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY

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SERVICES SELF-DETERMINATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC COUNTY THE GUAM BUILD INFORMATIONAL HEARING IS CALLED TO ORDER THE TIME CURRENTLY IS 2:00 P.M. THURSDAY MARCH 7 2024 THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO ARE ATTENDING LIVE WITH US TODAY IN AND IN PERSON AND THOSE WATCHING VIRTUALLY WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME BE FOR BEING HERE THIS AFTERNOON NOTICES OF THIS HEARING WERE PROVIDED TO ALL SENATOR STAKEHOLDERS AND LOCAL MEDIA ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> AND MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 20124 THUS MEANING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW IN ADDITION THE NOTICE OF THIS HEARING WAS ALSO POSTED AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURE WEBSITE MATERIALS FOR THIS HEARING WERE SHARED ON THE COMMITTEE DRIVE AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRINT UPON REQUEST RECORDING OF TODAY'S HEARING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA THE MEDIA GUAM LEGISLATURES MEDIA YOUTUBE AND FOR SIGNING CONVENIENCE WE HAVE A QR CODE DISPLAYED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM AND IF ANYONE LIKE TO SIGN ON THE BROWSER BIT.LY/RQBQ SIGNIN UNFORTUNATELY THERE'S NO NONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WITH ME TODAY SI YU'US MA'ASE FOR THOSE ATTENDING VIRTUALLY AGAIN RULES OF CONDUCT I'D LIKE TO FIRST PROVIDE SOME GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCTS FOR THOSE THE CONDUCT OF THIS HEARING SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS INDIVIDUAL SPEAKING SHALL USE ONLY RESPECTFUL AND PROFESSIONAL LANGUAGE AND CONDUCT PERSONAL INTERFERENCE ABOUT ANY CHARACTER OR MOTIVE OF ANY SENATOR OR ANY INDIVIDUAL IS ABSOLUTELY NOT PERMITTED THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ORDER THE REMOVAL OF THIS FROM THE HEARING OR SUBCOMMITTEE OF ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN AND WHO FAILS TO OBSERVE PROPER DECORUM AND ACCORDING TO THE 37 GUAM LEGISLATURE STANDING RULES ALL MUST ABIDE BY THE BY THESE RULES FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS BEFORE SPEAKING PLEASE INTRODUCE YOUR YOURSELF STATE YOUR NAME JOB TITLE AND ORGANIZATION YOU ARE HERE WITH THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION DUE TO THE ONGOING BUSINESS ACROSS THE HALL IN THE SESSION CHAMBER WE WILL GO AHEAD AND RECESS FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL MARCH 14TH AT 8:30 A.M. THANK YOU SO MUCH THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S PUBLIC HEARING

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON: *BUENAS YAN HÅFA ADAI* THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH HCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICES SELF-DETERMINATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE GUAM BUILDUP CONFIRMATION AND PUBLIC HEARING IS RECONVENING THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER MARCH 7 THURSDAY 2024 AT 2 P.M. AND WAS PUT INTO RECESS DUE TO EMERGENCY SESSION THE TIME CURRENTLY IS 8:39 A.M. THURSDAY MARCH 14 2024 AS AN REMINDER THIS MORNING THE COMMITTEE WILL HEAR TESTIMONY ON THE APPOINTMENT OF BERNARD NEAL S BENAVENTE MATTHEW C CRUZ RENA BORJA AND SELINA ASHLAND TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE GUAM CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD NOTICE THAT THIS HEARING WAS PROVIDED TO ALL SENATORS STAKEHOLDERS AND THE LOCAL MEDIA ON FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2024 AND MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2024 SATISFYING THE MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW IN ADDITION THE NOTICE OF THIS HEARING WAS ALSO POSTED AND

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AVAILABLE ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURE'S WEBSITE MATERIALS OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WERE SHARED IN THE COMMITTEE DRIVE AND ARE AVAILABLE PRINT UPON REQUEST RECORDING OF TODAY'S HEARING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA GUAM LEGISLATURE MEDIA OR ON YOUTUBE FOR SIGNING CONVENIENCE PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE ENTRANCE DISPLAYED OR INPUT ON THE WEB BIT.LY/RABQ\_SIGNIN OKAY GOOD THIS MORNING SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN IS JOINING ME THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE *SIÑOT* 

### SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU CHAIRMAN

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON: I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE GENERAL OF CONDUCT FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE THIS CONDUCT OF THIS HEARING SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS INDIVIDUALS SHALL INDIVIDUALS SPEAK SPEAKING SHALL ONLY USE RESPECTFUL AND PROFESSIONAL LANGUAGE AND CONDUCT PERSONAL INTERFERENCE OF THE CHARACTER OR MOTIVE OF ANY SENATOR OR ANY INDIVIDUAL IS ABSOLUTELY NOT PERMITTED THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE MAY ORDER REMOVAL OF THE FROM THE HEARING OR COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE OF ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN OR WHO FAILS TO OBSERVE PROPER DECORUM ACCORDING TO THE 37<sup>TH</sup> QUAM LEGISLATURE STANDING RULES ALL MUST ABIDE BY THESE RULES OF CONDUCT AND EQUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATING ON THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE WE HEAR THE TESTIMONIAL APPOINTMENT OF BERNARD L NEAL S BENAVENTE MATTHEW C CRUZ RENA BORJA AND SELINA ASHLAND TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE GUAM CONTRACTOR LICENSE BOARD THOSE TESTIFYING WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT IN A WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY WRITTEN TESTIMONY SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE PLEASE PROVIDE THOSE TO THE COMMITTEE STAFF WITH YOUR WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND FOR PHOTOCOPYING AND DISSEMINATION ONCE YOU ARE DONE PLEASE REMAIN IN THE ROOM FOR QUESTIONS OR IF ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY MAY BE DESIRED BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WE SO FURTHER IF I COULD HAVE MR. BENAVENTE COME TO THE TABLE AND WHOEVER ELSE WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY FOR MR. FOR MR. BENAVENTE YOU CAN STEP FOR IT NOW YES YOU CAN COME FORWARD OKAY WHENEVER YOU'RE READY MR. BENAVENTE YOU MAY PROCEED WITH YOUR REMARKS JUST PRESS THE BUTTON AND THEN STATE YOUR NAME AND

### JOHN P. AGUON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GUAM CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD: CAN I GO FIRST

### BERNARD NEAL S BENAVENTE: YEAH

JOHN P. AGUON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GUAM CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD: GO FIRST AND THEN CAUSE I'M GOING TO DO

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON: OKAY WE'LL HAVE MR. AGUON PROCEED FIRST YEAH

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JOHN P. AGUON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GUAM CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD: OKAY GOOD MORNING SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN THIS IS MY TESTIMONY FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD BUENAS I AM JOHN P AGUON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONTRACT LICENSE BOARD DURING THE A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT I HAVE HELD THIS POSITION I AM HONORED TO EXPRESS MY CONFIDENCE IN THE MEMBERS OF THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD BETWEEN 2022 AND 2023 THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD UNDERWENT AN AUDIT CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY THERE WERE SEVEN PRIMARY FINDINGS FIVE OF WHICH WERE SWIFTLY ADDRESSED WITH THE GUIDANCE OF THE BOARD CURRENTLY THE BOARD IS ACTIVELY ADDRESSING TWO OF THE SEVEN PRIMARY AUDIT FINDINGS THE REVISION OF EXAMINATIONS AND THE ADJUDICATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THE PURSUIT OF UPDATING THESE EXAMINATIONS HAS BECOME A TOP PRIORITY REFLECTING A HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER OBJECTIVE THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COMPETENCE AND HAS ESTABLISHED A STANDARD FORMAT FOR ALL CLB EXAMS TO FOLLOW ADDITIONALLY THE BOARD ACTIVELY FOSTERS COLLABORATION WITH THE GUAM CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION LEVERAGING THE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE POSSESSED BY OUR ISLAND'S CURRENT CONTRACTORS THE CURRENT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD WERE FORMERLY SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN 1988 WHILE PRIOR ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE THIS BOARD STANDS TO ASSURED TO ACHIEVE A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE BY SUCCESSFULLY REVISING THESE REGULATION IN ALIGNMENT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION LAW THIS UPDATE MARKS A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARD GREATER AUTONOMY AS IT PAVES THE WAY FOR REPEAL AND REENACTMENT OF THESE RULES UNDER THE SOLE JURISDICTION OF CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE BOARD EFFORTS ARE ALSO UNDERWAY TO DISENTANGLE TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATIONS AND ESTABLISH DISTINCT CLASSIFICATIONS FOR EACH ENSURING CONTRACTORS ARE CLEARLY ALIGNED WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS THIS MODERNIZATION EFFORT NOT ONLY ENHANCES THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS BUT ALSO ENSURES JUSTNESS AND PROGRESSION EACH MEMBER BRINGS DISTINCTIVE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES ROOTED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS AND LINES OF BUSINESS THEIR DIVERSE EXPERTISE NOT ONLY COMPLIMENTS ONE ANOTHER BUT ALSO STRENGTHENS TO FORM A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEAM AS A UNIT THEY EMBODY INVALUABLE LEADERSHIP FULLY COMPREHENDING AND APPRECIATING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR ROLES ELEVATING THIS BOARD TO ITS UTMOST QUALITY ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE STAFF OF CLB WANT TO EXPRESS A SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE DEDICATION AND FLEXIBILITY SHOWN BY THE BOARD MEMBERS IN ENSURING QUORUM IT'S EVIDENT THAT THEY UNDERSTAND APPRECIATE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OUR TEAM BRINGS AS A SMALL COLLABORATIVE COLLECTIVE I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT THIS BOARD HAS GENERATED OVER \$4 MILLION IN REVENUE FOR THIS ISLAND I HUMBLY SUPPORT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. BERNARD BENAVENTE MS. SELINA ASHLAND MS. REENA BORJA AND MR. MATTHEW CRUZ IT WILL BE AN HONOR TO CONTINUE TO WORK ALONGSIDE THEM AS WE MAKE THIS PIVOTAL

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CHANGES AT THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD ENSURING THAT ALL LICENSED CONTRACTORS MEET THE UTMOST STANDARDS THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DESERVE THANK YOU SENATORS

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON: THANK YOU MR. AGUON MR. BERNARD IF YOU'D LIKE TO PROCEED

BERNARD NEAL S. BENAVENTE: BUENAS YAN HÅFA ADAI SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN MY NAME IS BERNARD BENAVENTE AND I AM PROUD TO HAVE SERVED ON THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD SINCE 2019 INITIALLY AS A VICE CHAIRMAN ALONGSIDE THE LATE JAMES CASALLO THEN EVENTUALLY BEING ELECTED AS A CHAIRMAN IN 2022 A POSITION I HAVE DILIGENTLY HELD SINCE THROUGHOUT MY TENURE WITH THIS BOARD WE HAVE FACED SEVERAL CHALLENGES TODAY YOU WILL LIKELY HEAR DISCUSSIONS ON HOW WE HAVE ADDRESSED ISSUES CONCERNING OUR RULES AND REGULATION ADJUDICATION AND EXAM ENCHANCEMENTS AFTER THE AUDIT CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT OUR AGENCY HAS BEEN MAKING STRIDES IN RECTIFYING DEFICIENCIES WE BEGAN WITH THE PROCESS WORKING WITH COB STAFF REVIEWING AND DECIDING THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO OUR RULES AND REGULATION FURTHERMORE WE ADDRESS MODERNIZING OUR EXAMS BEGINNING WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDARDIZED FORMAT AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO UPDATE WITH PLANS ON COLLABORATING WITH THE GUAM CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION WITH OVER 35 YEARS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY I AM ASSURED IN AFFIRMING THAT MY WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY BENEFITED THE BOARD AS I AM CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A RESIDENT INSPECTOR FOR THE USDA AND THE EDA PROJECTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING THE TRAJECTORY OF OUR ISLANDS CONSTRUCTION LANDSCAPE GIVING ME THE FIRST AND EXPOSURE TO ANTICIPATE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND TRENDS PROVIDING THE BOARD WITH VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE EXCITING ADVANCEMENT ON THE HORIZON TODAY I HUMBLY REQUEST TO BE REAPPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD WORKING ALONGSIDE WITH THE OTHER ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAS BEEN A GREAT PRIVILEGE WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SIGNIFICANCE MILESTONES INCLUDING ISSUING THE HIGHEST STATION IN THIS AGENT AGENCY'S HISTORY AND PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING ON LICENSED CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IDENTIFIED AND GUIDING THEM TO BECOME LICENSED OUR ACHIEVEMENTS REFLECT THE STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITHIN OUR BOARD WHERE WE EACH MEMBER BRINGS THEIR UNIQUE EXPERTISE TO THE TABLE ENSURING THAT WE CONSISTENTLY DELIVER THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SERVICE OUR ISLAND DESERVES SINSERAMENTE BERNARD S BENAVENTE

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON: *SI YU'US MA'ÅSE SIÑOT* SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARERECOGNIZED

**SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN YOU KNOW MR. BENAVENTE WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR MANY MANY YEARS AND YOU KNOW I'M LOOKING AT YOUR RECORD

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AND I LIKE LISTENING AND HEARING THAT ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE AFTER IMPROVEMENT THAT'S THE BEAUTY IT'S WHEN YOU START SITTING DOWN AND SAYING EVERYTHING'S GOOD AND WELL AND THEN OPA COMES OUT REPORT YOU'RE WORKING WITH THEM AND THAT GIVES ME A GREAT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SAY I'M GOING TO SUPPORT EVERY BOARD MEMBER THAT'S BEING REAPPOINTED YOUR FOCUS IS PREPARING AND MAKING SURE EVERYTHING IS STARTING TO FIX ITSELF AND YOU AND YOU WERE APPOINTED IN 2022 AND WHAT CAN YOU DO IN 2022 AND EXPECT IT TO GET FIXED TODAY HOPEFULLY TOMORROW NEXT MONTH NEXT YEAR EVERYTHING WILL START FIXING ITSELF AND I'M HAPPY THE OPA IS GETTING INVOLVED BECAUSE THE OPA HAS BEEN I'M NOT GOING TO SAY HE IT'S BEEN KIND OF SLOW BUT IT'S BEEN OVERWHELMED BUT HE'S FINALLY CATCHING UP AND LOOKING AT EVERYBODY BUT I LOOK FORWARD IN VOTING YES FOR YOUR REAPPOINTMENT AND EVERY BOARD MEMBER THANK YOU MR. BENAVENTE FOR YOUR GREAT TESTIMONY AND MR. AGUON THANK YOU

### BERNARD NEAL S. BENAVENTE: THANK YOU SENATOR

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON OKAY YOU CAN STAY IF YOU'D LIKE BUT I WILL NOW INVITE SELINA ASHLAND AND MR. MATTHEW CAMACHO CRUZ IF YOU GUYS COULD PLEASE JOIN US AT THE TABLE AND YOU GUYS CAN BOTH PROVIDE TESTIMONY MR. AGUON SINCE YOU ALREADY GAVE TESTIMONY I THINK YOU ECHO THE SAME SENTIMENTS FOR THE OTHER TWO BOARD MEMBERS OKAY THANK YOU SO I WILL PROCEED I WILL PROCEED WITH MS. ASHLAND SINCE SHE'S FEMALE AND LADIES FIRST RIGHT WHEN YOU'RE READY WE CAN PROCEED MA'AM

SELINA ASHLAND: GOOD MORNING APPRECIATE THE CHIVALRY SO AGAIN GOOD MORNING TO SENATOR QUINATA AND SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS HERE TODAY AND ESPECIALLY TO THE CLB DIRECTOR AND STAFF FOR BEING HERE AND TO SUPPORT US BOARD MEMBERS SO FIRST THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME AND ALLOWING ME TIME TO EXPRESS MY CONTINUED INTEREST TO SERVE ON THE CLB AS AN INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE BOARD MEMBER I AM COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO APPLY MY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE BOARD MEMBER THANK YOU SO TO BRIEFLY INTRODUCE MYSELF AND MY QUALIFICATIONS MY NAME IS SELINA ASHLAND I'VE BEEN WORKING ON GUAM FOR OVER YEARS MANAGING A LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESS THAT SUPPLIES ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT SUPPORT OUR ISLAND'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY I EARNED MY LAW DEGREE FROM THE DELAWARE LAW SCHOOL IN 2013 AND HAVE SINCE APPLIED MY ANALYTICAL AND LEGAL COMPREHENSION SKILLS IN THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE GUAM CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN AND CONSTRUCTION GUAM CHAPTER WHERE I'VE HELD VARIOUS LEADERSHIP ROLES MY JOB AND INVOLVEMENT IN BOTH CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AFFORDED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE STRONG CONNECTIONS WITH OUR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS AS WELL AS PROVIDE ME A PRIME VANTAGE POINT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES AND AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR ISLAND'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY MY EDUCATIONAL

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BACKGROUND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT HAS HELPED ME EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT MY DUTIES AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CLB AND IF REAPPOINTED I COMMIT TO CONTINUING TO APPLY ALL MY RESOURCES TO MEANINGFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLB'S OPERATIONS AND SUCCESS DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS ALONGSIDE MY FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS WE HAVE CARRIED OUT OUR DUTIES AND HAVE DILIGENTLY WORKED TO KEEP THE CLB WORKING IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER TO MEET ITS MISSION THE CLB WENT THROUGH AN AUDIT BETWEEN 2022 AND 23 WHERE MULTIPLE FINDINGS WERE DETERMINED BY THE OPA WE PROMPTLY ADDRESSED MAJORITY OF THESE FINDINGS AND ASSISTED CLB STAFF IN ESTABLISHING CORRECTIVE MEASURES INCLUDING UPDATING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES UPDATING APPLICATION PACKETS IMPROVING DOCUMENT RETENTION PROCEDURES AND CLEARLY DEFINING THE ROLE OF OUR CLB DIRECTOR AND THE AUTHORITY THAT POSITION CARRIES ALL OF THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND ARE NOW IN PRACTICE WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO ADDRESS THE TWO PENDING FINDINGS TO UPDATE OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS AND LICENSING EXAMINATIONS WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SWIFTLY ADDRESSING THESE MATTERS AND ARE MAKING ALL EFFORTS TO DO SO CURRENTLY OUR UPDATED RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE WITH THE AG'S OFFICE FOR APPROVAL AND ONCE APPROVED IT WILL MOVE TO THIS LEGISLATURE WE HOPE AT THAT TIME THE APPROVAL FROM THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY WILL BE SWIFT CONCURRENTLY OUR CLB DIRECTOR AND STAFF ARE DILIGENTLY WORKING TO UPDATE LICENSING EXAMINATIONS AND WE AS A BOARD LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THEM TO FINALIZE THESE MATTERS AND MOVE FORWARD I AM EAGER TO OFFER MY SERVICE TO THE GUAM CONTRACTOR'S LICENSING BOARD AND BELIEVE MY QUALIFICATIONS ADD VALUE AND PLACE ME IN A POSITION OF TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT THE GUAM CONTRACTING LICENSING BOARD'S AND ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY REAPPOINTMENT

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON: THANK YOU MISS ASHLAND SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN MS. ASHLAND YOU'RE A LAWYER RIGHT OKAY I SEE THAT IN YOUR PACKET AND I'M HAPPY AND THE REASON WHY I SAY THIS BECAUSE AS THE AG SUPPOSEDLY SLOWS DOWN HIS PROCESS I'M HOPING YOU'RE ABLE TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO CAUSE I LOOK AT YOUR BACKGROUND YOU'RE A CONTRACT YOU'RE AN ADMINISTRATOR YOU'RE A GENERAL MANAGER FOR ISLAND EQUIPMENT I THOUGHT THEY CLOSED BUT THEY'RE STILL OPEN THANK GOD NO AND IT'S AND IT'S GOOD BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT'S A LANDMARK ISLAND EQUIPMENT IS A LANDMARK HERE IN GUAM AND THEN YOU'RE A CONTRACT AND PRICING ADMINISTRATOR I'M LOOKING AT YOUR BACKGROUND I'M HAPPY I'M HAPPY YOU'RE ON THE CONTRACTOR'S BOARD AND BECAUSE YOU'RE A LAWYER IT EVEN HELPS BECAUSE YOU GOT THE BACKGROUND AND YOU KNOW LIKE I SAID EARLIER FOR MR. BENAVENTE THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE FOCUSED ON FIXING THINGS THAT'S POSITIVE AND YOU WILL HAVE MY SUPPORT ALSO THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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**SELINA ASHLAND:** THANK YOU SENATOR AND IF I JUST MAY CLARIFY I AM NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE HERE ON GUAM BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT I AM LOOKING TO DO BUT I DO HAVE OBVIOUSLY MY LEGAL EDUCATION BACKGROUND WHICH I DO APPLY ON A DAILY BASIS PERFORMANCE OF MY JOB

**SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN:** BECAUSE YOU'RE A GRADUATE AND YOU'RE A LAWYER THAT'S BETTER THAN NOT BEING ONE AND CLAIMING TO BE ONE OKAY THANK YOU

**SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON**: THANK YOU SO MUCH MS. ASHLAND REALLY APPRECIATE IT ALSO BE WOMEN'S WHAT DO YOU CALL IT WOMEN'S MONTH MR CAMACHO CRUZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

MATTHEW C. CRUZ: BUENAS YAN HAFA ADAI THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF YOU SENATOR QUINATA AND SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO THE STAFF AND MY FORMER MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD TODAY I COME ASKING THAT I BE REAPPOINTED ASKING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE MY WORK WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS I WAS APPOINTED IN 2019 WORKING ALONGSIDE THESE INDIVIDUALS WE DID WE HAVE STRIVED TO WORK ON OUR REGULATIONS OUR PROCEDURES THE CERTIFICATION PROCESSES WITH THE ONSET OF THE INSPECTION FROM THE OPA I WELCOME THE AUDIT COMING FROM A FINANCE BACKGROUND I GET AUDITED A LOT AND TO AND I WELCOME THE AUDITS BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE WE DON'T WORK IN A BUBBLE AND WE NEED PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE TO GIVE US THE INPUT SO THAT WE MAY BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND THE OPA HAS BROUGHT THOSE ISSUES TO OUR ATTENTION AND WE ARE ADDRESSING THEM IN A IN A EXPEDITED MANNER AS FAR AS MY BACKGROUND FINANCE FINANCE FINANCE GOING TO BE GOING ON 20 YEARS WITH THE BANK OF GUAM BEEN IN FINANCE FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS EVERY DAY AT WORK I WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DREAMS PEOPLE WHO ARE BUILDING HOMES BUILDING BUSINESSES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A CONTRACTOR THAT IS LICENSED QUALIFIED AND QUALIFIED TO BUILD YOUR HOME TO BUILD YOUR BUSINESS BUILD A PLACE WHERE YOUR FAMILY LIVES TO HAVE ASSURANCES THAT THE QUALITY OF THOSE STRUCTURES ARE ADHERENT TO THE REGULATIONS BUILDING REGULATIONS THAT THEY HAVE THE PROPER SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS IS PARAMOUNT TO ME I SEE IT WE GIVE THE LOANS WE FINANCE THESE PROJECTS THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS YOU KNOW THE ASSET ASSET QUALITY WHAT WE DO IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO PEOPLE'S LIVES AND I DON'T THINK ANYONE THAT SITS AT THAT TABLE WITH US ON THE BOARD TAKES THAT LIGHTLY CERTAINLY I DON'T I ASK FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION I'VE BEEN HONORED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS I LOOK FORWARD AND I HOPE I DON'T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED AND I PROMISE YOU THAT YOU HAVE MY COMMITMENT TO DO WHAT WE DO TO ASSURE THAT THE CONTRACTORS ARE LICENSED AND QUALIFIED AND THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN REST ASSURED THAT WE ARE ON THE WATCH AND THAT WE ARE THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY

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CONTRACTOR IS CERTIFIED AND HAS THE PROPER CREDENTIALS IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE THAT'S ALL IT'S PRETTY BASIC TO ME OF WHAT WE DO AND I'VE HAD THE HONOR TO DO SO OR ATTEMPT TO DO SO AND TO HAVE INPUT INTO THAT FOR THE PAST YEAR A FEW YEARS AND I HUMBLY REQUEST THAT YOU APPROVE MY CONTINUATION OF THAT BEING ABLE TO DO THAT THANK YOU

SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA, CHAIRPERSON: OKAY THANK YOU MR. CAMACHO CRUZ CERTAINLY YOU ALL THREE HAVE MY SUPPORT AS THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR FOR CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD I BELIEVE YOU GUYS ARE DOING YOUR BEST WITH WHAT YOU GIVEN RIGHT THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE THE AUDIT IS A VERY GOOD DOCUMENT STATING AND SHOWING US THE WAY WHICH WAY FORWARD AND HOW TO PROCEED AND WITH PROGRESS OVER ANYTHING RIGHT WE WANT TO SEE THE PROGRAMS AND THE EXAMS AND ALL THE RULES AND REGS REVAMPED AND YOU KNOW BE PROGRESSIVE AND PROACTIVE IN ITS INITIATIVES TO ENSURE THAT THE NEXT GROUP OF OR NEXT BATCH OF CONTRACTOR DO NOT INHERIT THE SAME CHALLENGES MORE OR LESS THE BOARD SO I'M CERTAINLY HERE TO COMMEND YOU GUYS FOR YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE BECAUSE BEING A BOARD MEMBER IS NOT A YOU KNOW AN EASY TASK IT'S A IT TAKES A LOT OF YOUR TIME CERTAINLY MEETINGS CAN BE A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT DO YOU CALL A LITTLE BIT TAXING ON THE YOU KNOW SLEEPING AND YOU KNOW SOMETIMES YOU WILL HEAR SOME CONCERNS THAT ARE A LITTLE BIT UNEASY BUT YOU KNOW YOU CERTAINLY HAVE THE COURAGE AND THE WILL I THINK TO YOU KNOW PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR ALL OF THOSE SITUATIONS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR I'M VERY EXCITED FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP I HOPE THE IF YOU GUYS HAVE ANY CONCERNS THOUGH YOU REACH OUT TO MY OFFICE AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN YOU GUYS WILL PROVIDE ME SOME LEGISLATIVE INTENT RIGHT SO WHEN YOU ARE GUYS ARE READY WITH THAT AND YOU WANT TO GIVE SOME LEGAL COUNSEL ON THAT I'M JUST KIDDING MS. ASHLAND BUT YOU KNOW WE DEFINITELY WANT TO REVAMP THE PROGRAM AND MAKE SURE THAT WE WE'RE IN LINE WITH THE TIMES AND WE WE'LL PROCEED FORWARD WITH THAT SO I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER FOR YOU GUYS IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY THERE'S NO ONE ELSE LISTED TO TESTIFY FOR THE THREE OF YOU BUT CERTAINLY EVERYONE THAT SIGNED IN IS IN SUPPORT FOR YOU GUYS IS A NOMINATIONS HERE AND YEAH VERY EASY SO I AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND LET ME KNOW WHAT I CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOU MY OFFICE STANDS READY TO SUPPORT SO IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THE COMMITTEE APPRECIATES YOUR PARTICIPATION THIS MORNING PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR TESTIMONY TO ROY A. B. QUINATA SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA CHAIRMAN ON COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICE SELF-DETERMINATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE GUAM BUILDUP CAN BE DROPPED OFF TO THE MAIL ROOM HERE AT THE GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING OR SENT TO ME VIA OFFICEOFSENATORQUINATA@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG OR WHATSAPP IT TO 472 4826 GUAM IT IS NOW 9:04 A.M. AND THIS HEARING IS ADJOURNED SI YU'US MA'ÀSE DRIVE SAFE TAKE CARE

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The public hearing was adjourned at 9:04 A.M.

### III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disability Services, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup hereby reports on the reappointment of Matthew C. Cruz, to serve as a Member of the Guam Contractors License Board, with the recommendation <u>TO DO CONFIRM</u>.