

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guðhan
APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	DATE REFERRED	COMMITTEE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	SESSION DATE	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
37GL-24-1998	Elizabeth T. Fisher	Member	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	2/28/24	Two (2) Years (From Date of Confirmation)	4/29/24	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning	5/14/24 9:00 a.m.	6/3/24 11:32 a.m.			



OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ

Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement,
and Statistics, Research, and Planning

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 37th Guam Legislature

May 30, 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 *DUB*
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**RE: Committee Report on the Executive Re-Appointment of Elizabeth T. Fisher to
serve as a Member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.**

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the **Executive Re-Appointment of Elizabeth T. Fisher** to serve as a **Member** of the **Alcoholic Beverage Control board** who was referred to the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u> 4 </u>	TO DO CONFIRM
<u> 0 </u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u> 0 </u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u> 0 </u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u> 0 </u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Received:

May 30, 2024 1:44 p.m.

Kamarin Nelson

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Sabina Flores Perez

Sabina Flores Perez

Senator, *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Elizabeth T. Fisher

**To serve as a Member of the
Alcoholic Beverage Control
Board**

**To serve Two (2) years from
the date of confirmation**



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May 22, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and
Statistics, Research, and Planning

From: **Senator Sabina Flores Perez** /SFP
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on Re-Appointment of Elizabeth T. Fisher**

Håfa Adai,

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the reappointment of **Elizabeth T. Fisher** to serve as a **Member** of the **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

This report includes the following:

- COR Referral Memorandum of the Appointment
- Appointment Letter to the Speaker from *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*
- Appointment Packet and Supporting Documents from *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest

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



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

April 29, 2024

To: **Joaquin P. Taitague**
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 Guahan!

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

Appointee: **Elizabeth T. Fisher**

Position: **Member**

Term Length: **Two (2) Years (From Date of Confirmation)**

Please refer the following document:

“**Doc. No. 37GL-24-1998** – Office of the Governor –Reappointment and Supporting Documents for Elizabeth T. Fisher, Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.”

Ensure the reappointment is referred to the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning chaired by Senator Sabina Flores Perez. I also request that the same be forwarded to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

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



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

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

February 28, 2024

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

37GL-24-1998
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

APR 25 2024

Time: 4:27 pm
Received:

RE: Board Reappointment

Håfa Adai Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam, 11 GCA § 3500, and all other applicable laws, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Elizabeth T. Fisher
POSITION: Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
TERM LENGTH: **Two (2) Years (From Date of Confirmation)**

This 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

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

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR

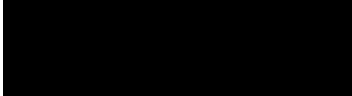


JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

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

February 28, 2024

ELIZABETH T. FISHER



Håfa Adai Ms. Fisher:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 11 GCA § 3500, and all other applicable laws, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

MEMBER, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
Term Length: Two (2) Years (From Date of Confirmation)

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,

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

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, Lt. Governor of Guam
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Marie P. Lizama, Acting Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation



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 FISHER	First Name ELIZABETH	Middle Initial T.
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit #
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board		
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 Guam Community College		High School Diploma	1989
College University of Guam		BS	2008
Graduate School Ashford University, Clinton, IA		M.A.	2010
Other Degree Community College of the Air Force, AL		AD Applied Science Trans	2007

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Department of Administration	Position Title Deputy Director
	Dates Held 4/2023 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address ANZ, Guam, Inc.	Position Title Head of Compliance
	Dates Held 10/2014 - 3/2023

Previous Employer and Mailing Address ANZ Guam, Inc.	Position Title Head of Human Resources
	Dates Held 6/2012 - 9/2014

Previous Employer and Mailing Address ANZ Guam, Inc	Position Title Compliance Manager
	Dates Held 1/2012 - 5/2012

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Booz Allen Hamilton	Position Title Senior Consultant
	Dates Held 4/2009 - 12/2011

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name University of Guam		Position Title TRIO Office Manager
Address Mangilao, GU	Phone No.	Dates Held 1/2007 - 4/2009

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

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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

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<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>

TRAINING

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Procurement Training Module I	9/2023
Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager	4/2022
Advanced Compliance School	10/2018
Intermediate Compliance School	3/2017

AWARDS

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Air Force Commendation Medal - Pitsenbarger Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement - Air Force Achievement Medal - Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society for Human Resources Management - Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Ombudsman - Notary Public

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Member, Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board
Member, Guam Banking & Insurance Board

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
US Air Force	9/2001 - Present		

OTHER INFORMATION

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

Yes No If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

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

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

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

Yes No

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

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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests

(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

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

FROM: Elizabeth T. Fisher

- 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

Elizabeth
(Lisa) Fisher

Digitally signed by
Elizabeth (Lisa) Fisher
Date: 2024.04.25
10:57:12 +10'00'

Signature

25 Apr 2024

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.

Elizabeth
(Lisa) Fisher

Digitally signed by
Elizabeth (Lisa) Fisher
Date: 2024.04.25
10:57:31 +10'00'

25 Apr 2024

Print Name and Signature

Date



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



April 25, 2024

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Elizabeth T. FISHER		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	[REDACTED]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

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

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

By Direction: JFC

[Handwritten initials]

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
 REVISED 04/26/2019

[Handwritten signature]
STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
 Chief of Police



SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

Name: ELIZABETH T FISHER

Driver's License ID #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

Criminal Cases:
No Cases Found

Civil Cases:

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and local/federal holidays. **Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.**

Dated:03/13/2024

Sophia Santos Diaz
Clerk of Court

By: Ventura Salenga Jr

Prepared by: Ventura Salenga Jr,
Deputy Clerk I



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OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ

Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement,
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May 7, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Chairperson *SFP*
Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics,
Research, and Planning

Subject: **1st Notice of Confirmation Hearing and Public Hearing: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

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[NOTE: Public Hearing will be held on this item as the Prime Sponsor]

Those interested in participating, please confirm your attendance by contacting the Office of Senator Sabina Flores Perez via email at office@senatorperez.org or via phone at (671) 989-2968, no later than **Friday, May 10th, 2024**, for further guidance.

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Evan San Nicolas <evan@senatorperez.org>

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1 message

Office of Senator Sabina Perez <office@senatorperez.org>

Tue, May 7, 2024 at 8:00 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Bcc: evan@senatorperez.org

May 7, 2024

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Senator Sabina Flores Perez**

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3 attachments

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 **Nomination Packet ETF.pdf**
3667K

 **Bill No. 55-37 (COR).pdf**
1081K



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 Dededo, GU 96929
 Tel: 671.637.5826
 Mobile: 671-687-8879

DATE 5/6/2024
INVOICE NO. 2652-00077-0000M

To: I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE
 Attn: Accounting Department
OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ

Date(s)	Service Details	Amount
5/6/2024	<p>COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, REVENUE AND TAXATION, LABOR, PROCUREMENT, AND STATISTICS, RESEARCH AND PLANNING</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: 5DAY NOTICE: 5.7.24 (5.14) PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: 48HOUR NOTICE: 5.12.24 (5.14)</p> <p>Please make check payable to: KUAM</p> <p>PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF INVOICE. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>\$ 153.60 \$ 153.60</p> <p>\$ 307.20</p>

Please pay amount stated above.

Should you have any questions please contact: 671-687-8879 or 671-635-5836.


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PUBLIC HEARING



 **Posted on:** 05/07/2024 08:00 AM

 **Posted by:** Nicky Leann Fernandez, Office Manager

 **Public Hearing Date:** 05/14/2024 09:00 AM

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May 7, 2024

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May 12, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

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Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics,
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MEMORANDUM

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Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Chairperson
Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and PlanningSubject: **2nd Notice of Confirmation Hearing and Public Hearing: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

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The Executive Appointment of Elizabeth T. Fisher to serve a Member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board.

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Elizabeth Fisher	ABC	✓		✓		[REDACTED]

14 May 2024

Good morning Honorable Members of the 37th Guam Legislature,

Thank you for the opportunity to seek your continued support for my reappointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. My experience in regulatory compliance, along with my time as Deputy Director of Administration and Board member since 2018, has provided me with the qualifications to effectively serve.

In the past year alone, the Board has tackled a substantial workload, managing 105 license applications and overseeing 514 inspections. Backed by the solid expertise of the Department of Revenue and Taxation's Compliance Branch, we have addressed 21 violations, resulting in fines exceeding \$33,000 and two license suspensions.

I remain deeply committed to serving on the Board for two reasons. Firstly, I am passionate about promoting responsible alcohol practices in our community. Secondly, I believe in fostering a fair and balanced regulatory environment that allows for the responsible sale and enjoyment of alcoholic beverages.

I am a strong advocate for collaboration and will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to ensure the Board's continued success. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Fisher', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Lisa Fisher



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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Nomination of
Elizabeth T. Fisher**

To serve as a Member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

To serve two (2) years from the date of confirmation

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Request for E-Vote for the Nomination of Elizabeth T. Fisher to serve as a Member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning convened a public hearing on May 14th, 2024, at 9:09 a.m. in the Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth T. Fisher to serve as a Member of the Alcoholic Control Board, of whose appointment is as follows:

- Appointed by Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero on February 28, 2024, to serve a term of two (2) years from the date of confirmation
- Appointment packet was forwarded to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on April 25, 2024.
- Appointment packet forwarded to this Committee for public consideration on April 29, 2024.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via email to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on May 7th, 2024, and again on May 12th, 2024, fulfilling the 5-Day Notice and 48-Hour Notice of the Open Government Law requirements respectively.

Senators Present

Senator Sabina Flores Perez	<i>Committee Chairperson</i>
Senator Telo T. Taitague	<i>Committee Member</i>
Senator Joanne Brown	<i>Legislative Member</i>
Senator Roy A.B. Quinata	<i>Legislative Member</i>

Oral Testimony

Elizabeth T. Fisher.	<i>Nominee</i>
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II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:09 a.m..

Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Chairperson: The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor Procurement, and Statistics, Research and Planning is calling this confirmation and public hearing to order. The date is May 14th, 2024 and the time is now 9.09 a.m.

In compliance with Open Government Law, notices of today's hearing were broadcast on KUAM, provided via email to Senators, stakeholders, and the local media, and posted to the Government of Guam public notice website on May 7th, 2024, and May 12th, 2024, for the 48-hour notice. I'd

like to acknowledge my colleague, Senator Telo T. Taitague, whose birthday is also today. Happy birthday, Senator Taitague.

The purpose of today's confirmation and public hearing is to discuss the following agenda items:

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The rules of conduct are as follows:

- (1) Those called to testify will be in the order beginning with Government Agencies, followed by those that confirmed testimony in-person or by Zoom in advance with my office by Friday, May 10th, 2024, or prior to today’s hearing, or by the order according to the sign in sheet.
- (2) To ensure that all public comments are captured, I ask that all written testimonies be submitted to my staff immediately so copies can be made available for dissemination and to ensure inclusion into the bill’s Committee Report.
- (3) Those providing oral testimony will first be recognized by the Chair before speaking and begin by:
 - stating your name;
 - organization, and;
 - position (if relevant) for record-keeping purposes.
- (4) Senators will be given an opportunity at the end of each panel to ask questions.
- (5) Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda. The personal inference as to the character or the motive of any Senator, or any individual testifying, is not permitted.

And now to begin our agenda, which is to hear testimony on the Executive re-appointment of Elizabeth T. Fisher to serve as a Member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and to serve a two-year term from the date of confirmation.

The Board consists of five members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature.

The Board has the power to license the importation, manufacturing, sale of alcoholic beverages, the ability to suspend, revoke, or reinstate such licenses. Every member of the Board and the compliance inspector has the power to enforce these laws on alcoholic beverages. Additionally, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has the power to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with 11 GCA Chapter 3.

The Department of Revenue and Taxation has informed my office that they will be sending their written testimony on the Nominee. So at this time, I'd like to recognize the nominee for her testimony. Good morning, Lisa.

Elizabeth “Lisa” T. Fisher, *Nominee*: Good morning, Senator Perez. Good morning, Senator Taitague, thank you for the opportunity to seek your continued support for my reappointment too.

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Chairperson Perez: Thank you so much, Lisa, for your testimony and for continuing to accept this nomination. I know it's one of the busiest Boards in the government and I think a lot of businesses really rely on this Board to ensure that their licenses are continually renewed.

The couple questions that I have is, can you summarize your most significant contribution to the ABC Board over your past years as a member of the Board?

Ms. Fisher: Yes, so I think we've been very active in implementing or enforcing the regulations. We've been very supportive, you know, with the compliance team and what it is that they try to accomplish. It's been kind of rough because there's only three people on the Board, so we can't afford to miss any of the meetings. But we've seen a lot of fines and a lot of inspections coming up and I think, you know, post COVID now people can do a lot more in-person processing and so we continue to you know, ask the compliance team to go out there and enforce the law and by doing their inspections and regulatory compliance processes.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you. When we first confirmed you, one of your projects was to ensure that you were enforcing the law in particular to youth. What have you contributed to that particular initiative?

Ms. Fisher: Well, so we do have a lot of discussion in our meetings about what the regulators or what the inspectors see out there, particularly, you know, sales to minors. And so that is sort of a red flag. We take time to really discuss you know, how to stay on top of that and how to correct these you know, people who are violating the law in that regard.

Chairperson Perez: Has there been a plan in place to or a concrete plan in place to increase enforcement? I know capacity is one of the issues and this is something that has come up in the oversight hearings with DRT is we need to boost the personnel in a lot of these other branches in DRT including compliance. Like you said, there's only three individuals and I believe, the access to resources too is limited. What is your take on the access to resources and personnel? How can we really move forward, considering youth have access to these products and what do you think is the common cause for that? Have you studied that and how we can boost enforcement in those areas?

Ms. Fisher: So one of the things that we've been very passionate about as a Board is these temporary business licenses where you have these concerts or these outdoor activities. So we've been really strict on the process in terms of putting the onus on the applicants. So you know, there's times when they'll put out say two or three bartenders or servers for the event and we know that the event is going to be well over 500 people. So we've really put our foot down in terms of you need more servers, licensed servers. And then we've instituted more of an identifying marker, like a wristband. So we kind of mandate that now, whereas before it wasn't mandated, but we do mandate that. We mandate looking at the maps and how these how the perimeters are going to be set. For example, if there's a beer garden or like an alcoholic beverage, drinking area, how that's going to be cordoned and controlled. So those are the kind of the things that we've really instituted in the last two years, post covid, now that things are ramping up and all these events are happening.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you. I'd like to recognize Senator Joanne Brown. Thank you for joining us. Can you discuss a time when you had to deal with a significant compliance issue and how did you ensure the Board's regulations were enforced?

Ms. Fisher: So I guess I could talk about the two license suspensions. The owners, I feel, might have found, ways to try and reduce the penalty or maybe even not undertake the penalty. And so I've been pretty vocal and firm in that the law is pretty easy to follow. And if you cannot follow it, then these are the consequences. I think it's pretty simple to enforce the law, especially when they're (applicants) have reasons that are not viable.

Chairperson Perez: That speaks to your background as a compliance officer at the bank.

Ms. Fisher: Yes. Thanks.

Chairperson Perez: So, yes, the skills have transferred over. How do you ensure that your professional and personal conduct remains above reproach in your role as a Board member?

Ms. Fisher: Well I would say I practice what I preach and when I'm out in public, I have to set the example. And I have two young children, one just turned 18. And for me, it's just an everyday living experience and making sure that they're not only in compliance with the alcoholic beverage control rules, but other rules in life. So I just try and live, set the example and practice what I preach.

Chairperson Perez: As far as conflict of interest, do you foresee any conflict of interest serving on the Board as well as being a Deputy Director for the Department of Administration?

Ms. Fisher: No, so when I was when I took on the position as the Deputy for Department of Administration last year, one of the first things I did was try to understand if there was a conflict of interest between my serving on the Board and the work that I do. I did find something in Article 5 of the GCA that pretty much provides an ineligible list and I've found that nothing there applies to me. I just don't get the \$50 stipend anymore. I did reach back to the compliance branch supervisor to make sure that what I'm interpreting is correct. I also reached back to our HR administrator at the Department of Administration and nobody confirmed that it would be a conflict of interest. So I've just forfeited the \$50.

Chairperson Perez: You able check with legal, which is good, but do you foresee any potential conflicts of interest?

Ms. Fisher: So when we explored that idea at Department of Administration, the only thing that came up was if I have to sign checks for the vendors, right, like the alcoholic wholesalers or retailers. But there has not been any conflict with this so far.

Chairperson Perez: Do you sign those checks or do you hand it over to somebody else to sign?

Ms. Fisher: I don't really sign a whole bunch of checks, but if I come across that, I will pass it on to the Director.

Chairperson Perez: The other thing that happened was the opening of the Don Donki. Were you on the Board when you made those decisions to approve the license?

Ms. Fisher: Yes.

Chairperson Perez: We did pass the budget bill that allowed for that. There were some qualifications. Can you explain the decision process, if you can recall, in that Board meeting?

Ms. Fisher: Yes, so that had been in progress for a while, and by the time it had come to the Board, they had met the requirements for the exemption, so we approved the exemption first, which included a certain amount of money invested in Guam, a certain amount of employees, an impact assessment, and we had reviewed all the documents prior to that meeting. So we approved the waiver exemption, and then we approved two new licenses for one of the restaurants and the lounge, the Island Lounge.

Chairperson Perez: So the other thing is, we're talking about protecting youth access from alcohol. I believe there is an area in the store where they serve samples, is that correct?

Ms. Fisher: That would be, I believe, on the basement.

Chairperson Perez: Is there a carding to ensure that they're meeting that right age, or does carding exist at that spot?

Ms. Fisher: I don't believe carding exists to go down to the basement. I think anyone can go down there. I'm not sure if it's just alcohol they're selling there. I know that that's where they base their alcohol sales, but I mean, it would just be similar to how Payless sells their alcohol. You do have the managers that are licensed that know the rules, and then you have the servers that are licensed, if at any time they're serving alcohol, that know the rules. And so we hold them accountable.

Chairperson Perez: In law, there currently doesn't exist where you can sell on- and off- sale. So how was that approved? Under what authority was this approved?

Ms. Fisher: At the basement?

Chairperson Perez: Yes.

Chairperson Perez: No, I don't think they're allowed to drink on site.

Chairperson Perez: Okay. I thought there was a sampling area.

Ms. Fisher: So if it's a sampling, it's a different license, and that's only a temporary license.

Chairperson Perez: Okay, and so for the Donki, is that a temporary license?

Ms. Fisher: It would have been a temporary license, yes.

Chairperson Perez: Okay. So that's the authorization.

Recently in the news, there was an article about a whistleblower who said that there was a vendor out there that was selling below, there was a question whether they're being taxed properly. Does that fall under the ABC Board, and is this something that the Board is looking into?

Ms. Fisher: I'm not familiar with that, but I could definitely cover that at the next Board meeting, which is tomorrow.

Chairperson Perez: As far as stakeholder engagement, in what ways do you engage with various stakeholders, including the public industry representatives and other government agencies?

Ms. Fisher: So usually if there's any engagement, it would come to us through the compliance branch. And so we can opine or give our support. We would talk about it in the meetings, or else stakeholders will attend the meetings, and then we address, you know, whatever their concerns or issues are at the time.

Chairperson Perez: How do you ensure that your decisions are objective or based on, the best information, or to what extent, are these decisions made with that in mind?

Ms. Fisher: So we rely on the compliance team's expertise a lot. And so when they provide guidance, they usually provide the statute that goes along with that guidance or their interpretation. And if there's any, ever a time when we need to question, the statute. Our role or what we're going to vote on, they will reach back to legal. And so we'll table it until that is all settled, but we don't rush to make any decisions at all. And we do vote collectively as a Board, and we do read the material before the meeting so that we're well-versed, and whatever questions we have, we just lay them out there in the meetings.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you, Lisa, for answering those questions. And I'm going to open it up to my colleagues as well. Senator Taitague, you're recognized.

Senator Telo T. Taitague, Committee Member: Thank you, Senator. I thought I was tough. All the questions were asked. No, I really greatly appreciate the oversight chair of this committee. She does her homework, and I can always rely on that, learning even more with some of the questions that she has that I never even thought of. So definitely she does her due diligence.

Thank you so much, first, for stepping up again and wanting to serve. Greatly appreciate it, especially, I know, the kind of job that you have in the daytime that requires a lot of your work, and so I greatly appreciate it, you know, and taking time. I like the comment you made about your son. He is 18, and why you want to serve, and I think that's commendable, I mean, because we want to teach our children by example, and that gives me comfort to know that means that you're going to be making right decisions, you're going to be fair, you're not going to be a "yes person" to anybody, you're going to do what's right for the people of Guam, and that's showing an example to our children that that's, you have integrity, and I greatly appreciate that. So thank you for that comment that you made. It was very touching.

Ms. Fisher: You're welcome.

Senator Taitague: I do have a couple questions, though, with regards to the fines. I noticed that in your testimony you said that you were able to collect at least \$33,000 in penalties and fines, which is really good, because in 2023, they only collected about \$15,000 in penalties and fines. So my question is, what do you think is attributed to this this bump in penalties and fines, which could be attributed to many things, but what do you think it's attributed to? From 2023 to \$15,000, now this year it's \$33,000.

Ms. Fisher: Yes, so I believe they upped their manpower, so I think they hired a few more employees at the compliance branch. And then post-COVID, now they're able to go out and do in-person inspections, versus before when they couldn't really go out at the time.

Senator Taitague: So you attributed that many of the, it sounds like because you have that extra manpower.

Ms. Fisher: Yes. Is available.

Senator Taitague: Okay, that does make sense. I appreciate that. The other one is, you know, I've been a real fan on transparency. It's important that the people of Guam know exactly what our Boards are doing, as well as our agencies, and posting it online is one avenue to research that. Other than reading in the newspaper, and it's not always accurate, but can you tell me how are your Board meetings placed online for the public to review, and what is the, if the people are listening right now, how can they look at what's going on at your Board?

Ms. Fisher: So in accordance with the open government law, we do, the compliance team does post the agenda prior to the meetings, and then we hold our meetings. They're recorded, and then usually within the week, the compliance team will send that recording to OPA and you can actually access the meetings on DRT's website.

Senator Taitague: Okay, so on DRT's website. Sorry, I had to clear my throat. I don't know why I keep choking. Maybe it's because you're talking about your son and I'm waiting for that call today, by the way 6'8", he's 6'8", my little boy. He's is going to get just as tall. He's almost as tall as me, and he's, what, in third grade. I guess Mother's Day is lingering into Tuesday. We're still feeling the Mother's Day thing and the importance.

But yeah, I guess I got a little choked up when you talked about our son. So I'm glad to hear that, that the listening audience can actually see what's going on with this Board, Alcohol Beverage Board, by going on to DRT website. And that's very important, so I hope, Ms. Fisher, that you ensure that it's always posted, follow the five-day open government law to a "T", and you'll be fine. Because everything I see so far, you're doing a great job, and I greatly appreciate, again, your time and energy and sacrifice that you made to the people of Guam by serving on this very taxing Board who meet quite a bit, so I greatly appreciate it again. Thank you so much.

Ms. Fisher: Thank you, ma'am.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you, Senator Taitague, and happy birthday again. I'd like to recognize Senator Quinata. Senator Brown, you're recognized.

Senator Joanne Brown, *Legislative Member*: Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and certainly good morning to you, Mrs. Fisher.

Ms. Fisher: Good morning.

Senator Brown: I wanted to get some feedback. I know our chair definitely had a lot of questions that you were able to answer, which we appreciate. But I wanted to ask, in terms of the, and I see in your testimony you put the number of inspections that you've had, and certainly the amount of fines that have been issued by the Board, do you have a comfort level that we have enough routine inspections occurring of these establishments? Simply because I know like public health, for example, in doing the inspections for the restaurants, they're way behind. So in terms of the, the amount of businesses that we have that certainly sell alcohol from, it could be a store to obviously bars and restaurants. Are you able to, or do you feel there's a comfort level in terms of adequate inspection to make sure that compliance is being properly addressed?

Ms. Fisher: Yes. So I believe when I first started, there were very rarely done inspections. But with additional manpower, not only are they going out more frequently, but they do have a plan. Because I do ask about that routinely, what's your plan to go out again? And they go out like, at odd hours of the evening. So they do have a plan, and they are actively engaged in inspections.

Senator Brown: How about with regards to underage sale of alcohol, were any of these fines related to any sale of alcohol to anyone under the age of 21? Or do you feel some comfortable that these establishments are properly complying with the law with regards to sale of alcohol? And non-sale of alcohol to those that are who are under the age of 21?

Ms. Fisher: So the age didn't come up in the violations. It's mostly operating after hours, and operating after hours, that was the big one. Operating after hours, and sometimes a large capacity in the bar. But there was no underage drinking that came up in any of the violations.

Senator Brown: There's a proposal in legislature to increase the number of hours that these establishments can stay open, particularly our bars, till almost when the sun comes up the following day. What are your thoughts on that?

Ms. Fisher: I think I'm okay with 2 a.m. in the morning. The last suspension that we did, the bar owner did ask to consider, you know, opening the bars until a later time, because she was operating after hours. But personally, I think 2 o'clock, at least at this point in time, is satisfactory for me.

Senator Brown: Well, I appreciate your response to that, and certainly your service, because you certainly, as Senator Telo mentioned, you have a lot to juggle with your daytime job. And I also

agree, I concur with your justification as to why you want to serve, and the purpose for your service to this Board. It's not one of the glamour Boards, obviously, but it serves an important contribution to the community, certainly in addressing these issues of concern, and an area definitely where regulatory requirements need to be kept in place. So thank you very much for your service and your desire to continue to serve on this Board. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Quinata, if you have any questions or comments.

Senator Roy A.B. Quinata, *Legislative Member*: Good morning, Ms. Fischer.

Ms. Fisher: Good morning.

Senator Quinata: I just wanted to thank you for your service in the military, I noticed in your career. Other than that, some certain information, there's nothing really major for me to question about you. I just wanted to thank you for your public service, and my office remains open to supporting whatever issues you guys see. Certainly if there needs to be any revisions in any legislation, let us know. I appreciate my colleagues' concern regarding the legislation that I did proffer regarding extending operations.

But there is going to be a public hearing to discuss further the legislation, and I look forward to hearing from the Board as well, and other businesses that certainly would like to have or may have interest in extending operations. But again, the legislation is being proposed, and it will be having its day in court. So I just wanted to thank you for your public service. I know you're also the Deputy Director of DOA, and again, I know there's a lot of challenges.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you, Senator Quinata. Maybe just one more question. So I know the Board doesn't make policies, but what do you see in regard to a ready-to-drink alcohol? So there are these types of alcohol that have less alcohol content. Do they cause any kind of issue with compliance?

Ms. Fisher: Are you talking about like seltzers?

Chairperson Perez: Yes, something like that.

Ms. Fisher: So that is one of the discussions that we're having because it's a different type of alcoholic beverage and so these establishments that are selling seltzers, that's part of the conversation that we're having now to find out how we're going to regulate the sale of seltzers, which doesn't really fall under the definition of beer or wine. So that's come up and it's on our radar for discussion.

Chairperson Perez: Yes, because some of it looks really, or it blends in with the non-alcoholic drinks and if somebody's not really looking they might be consuming something and it's not legal,

if they're underage especially. So, I think that poses a potential issue for compliance. So you are having that discussion?

Ms. Fisher: Yes, the compliance team did bring it up to the Board so we're actively discussing it.

Chairperson Perez: I look forward to the outcome of that. I think you know ultimately, compliance on Guam has been a challenge and if there's anything that the Board needs as far as resources I think DRT, the Director would have to really advocate for that. And I've always been a proponent to collaborate with the agency to ensure the resources are sufficient. I know it's been a challenge but even to allocate within the agency has been a challenge as well.

So I'm definitely willing to work with you and DRT to ensure that our laws are properly enforced, especially the changes that are happening in the landscape here today. So again I want to thank you for your acceptance for the nomination and we look forward to seeing it in the next session.

Ms. Fisher: Thank you.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you for your time. So at this time if there are no further testimonies or comments or questions on the nomination of Elizabeth T. Fisher to serve as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, this nomination has been duly heard.

The Committee will continue to receive written testimony until 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 21st, 2024. Please address all testimony to Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, Revenue, and Taxation, Labor, Procurement Statistics, Research, and Planning. Testimonies can be hand-delivered to my office or it could be dropped off the mailboxes here at the Guam Congress Building or emailed to office at office@senatorperez.org.

Chairperson Perez adjourned the confirmation hearing for Elizabeth T. Fisher at 9:42 a.m..

Written Testimonies:

Elizabeth T. Fisher, *Nominee*

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning notes that per Elizabeth T. Fisher. nomination packet, she will serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of confirmation.

The Committee on Environment, and Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning hereby reports out the appointment of **Elizabeth T. Fisher.** to serve as a **Member** of the **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board** with the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM** .