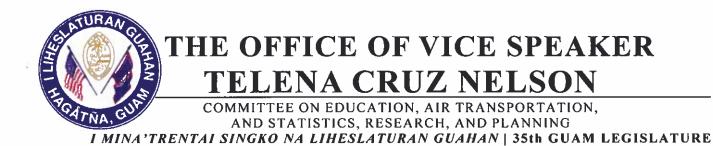
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August 10, 2020

The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes Speaker I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña Guam, 96910

VIA: The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja

Håfa Adai Speaker Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as a Member(Guidance Counselor Representative) of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, and which was referred to the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning.

Committee votes are as follows:

 TO CONFIRM	

_____ TO NOT CONFIRM

_____ TO REPORT OUT ONLY

_____ TO ABSTAIN

TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

COMMITTEE ON RULES RECEIVED: August 10, 2020

2:59 P.M.

Sincerely

Revisions Rec'd: • September 1, 2020 @ 9:20 A.M. • September 2, 2020 @ 12:14 P.M.

Telena Cruz Nelson

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Leeana Lynn L. Borja

As a Member (Guidance Counselor Representative) of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification for a term of three (3) years; February 19, 2018 to February 18, 2021. To fill the unexpired term of Jonathan Pilarca.



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August 5, 2020

MEMORANDUM

- To:
 All Members

 Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning
- From:

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as a Member (Guidance Counselor Representative) of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

This report includes the following:

• Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment

Committee Chairperson

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

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'ase'!

173 ASPINALL AVENUE, SUITE 202A ADA PLAZA CENTER HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96910 **Phone:** (671) 989-7696/4678 **Email:** senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org Senator Régine Biscoe Lee, Chair

Senator Amanda L. Shelton, Vice Chair

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Member

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson, Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD, Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Member

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno** Clerk of the Legislature Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Chair, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Appointment**

Bueñas yan Håfa Adai!

As Chair of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment: Leeana & Runil Appointee: Leena Lynn L. Borja

Position: Member (Guidance Counselor – Representative), Guam Commission for **Educator Certification**

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

Leeana "35GL-20-1920- Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Leena-Lynn L. Borja, Member (Guidance Counselor – Representative), Guam Commission for Educator Certification."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning, chaired by Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Chair, Committee on Rules

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July 17, 2020

Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes Speaker *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, Guam 96932

3566-20-2020 Speaker, Tina Rose Muña Barnes

JUL 22 06 2020 Time 159 ()AM OPM Resslying By: MOH

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Madame Speaker:

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

APPOINTEE:	Leeana Lynn L. Borja
POSITION:	Member, Guidance Counselor - Representative Guam Commission for Educator Certification
TERM LENGTH:	Three (3) Years; February 19, 2018 to February 18, 2021 To fill the unexpired term of Jonathan Pilarca

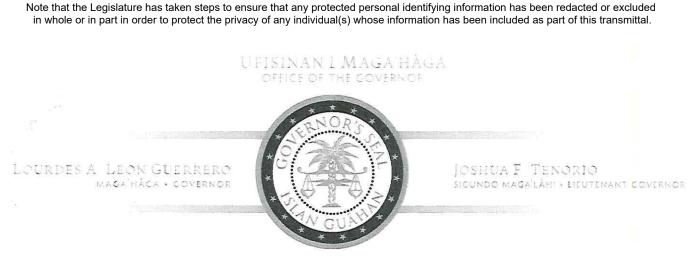
The appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX + HAGÀTÑA, GUAM 96910 P.O. BOX 2950 + HAGÀTÑA, GUAM 96932 671.472.8931 + 671.472.8932/6



July 17, 2020

Leeana Lynn L. Borja

Dear Ms. Borja:

Pursuant to my authority under 17 GCA § 27003, I am appointing you to serve as a

MEMBER, GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION Guidance Counselor - Representative Term Length: Three (3) Years; February 19, 2018 to February 18, 2021 To fill the unexpired term of Jonathan Pilarca

Appointing you to this position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform which will place many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities shall be significant and consequential. I trust that you will fulfill your duties and set a standard for others to follow.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Weakley of the Governor's Office at 475-9477.

Senseramente,

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam Chairperson, GCEC

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

The following information is required for submission to the

Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

<i>Last Name</i> Borja	<i>First Name</i> Leeana Lynn	Middle Initial L.
Mailing Address	l.	Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	E-mail Address	
Position to which Appointment is M Member, Guam Commission for E		
Are you a citizen of the United State	es? Yes 🗸	No
If no, are you authorized to work in	the United States? Yes	No

EDUCATION

DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
08/1997- 05/2001	High School Diploma	2001
CLASS SECTIONS	Bachelor of Arts,	2006
01/2010 - 5/2013	Master of Arts, Counseling	2013
	ATTENDANCE 08/1997- 05/2001 01/2003 - 12/2003 01/2004 - 12/2006	ATTENDANCETYPE OF DEGREE08/1997- 05/2001High School Diploma01/2003 - 12/2003 01/2004 - 12/2006Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Bachelor of Arts, Political Science01/2010 - 5/2013Master of Arts,

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Jose L.G. Rios Middle School Guam Department of Education	Position Title School Counselor
501 Mariner Ave. Barrigada, GU 96913	Dates Held 08/2016 - Present
Damgada, GO 30313	
Previous Employer and Mailing Address J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School Guam Department of Education	Position Title School Counselor
501 Mariner Ave. Barrigada, GU 96913	Dates Held 01/2013 - 06/2016
Previous Employer and Mailing Address Project Aim, TRIO-Student Support Services Guam Community College	Position Title Program Coordinator II
P.O. Box 23069 GMF Barrigada, GU 96921	Dates Held 01/2010 - 10/2011
Draviana Franka I a citta a ta	
Previous Employer and Mailing Address I Pinangon Suicide Prevention Program University of Guam	Position Title Associate Director
UOG Station Mangilao, GU 96923	Dates Held 10/2007 - 11/2007
Previous Employer and Mailing Address Isa Psychological Services Center University of Guam	Position Title Extension Associate/Counselor
UOG Station Mangilao, GU 96923	Dates Held 08/2005 - 10/2007

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name Project Aim, Guam Community College	<i>Position Title</i> Program Co	
Address P.O. Box 23069, GMF, Barrigada, GU 96913	<i>Phone No.</i> (671) 735-5531	Dates Held 01/2010 - 10/2011

Agency or Department Name		Position Title		
Isa Psychological Services Center, University of Guam		Extention Associate/Counselor		
Address	<i>Phone</i> (671)	2 No.	Dates Held	
UOG Station, Mangilao, GU 96923		735-2883	08/2005 - 10/2007	

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency or Department Name	Position Ti	tle	
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

Agency or Department Name	Position Title	2
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Restorative Justice Training	December 15-16, 2017
Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification	January 30-31, 2018
Guam Association of School Counselors (GASC) Conference	March 28-29, 2019
American School Counselor Association Leadership Developmer Institute, Delegate Assembly, and ASCA @ Home 2020 Conferen	nt June 25-26, 2020 ice June 29-July 2, 2020

AWARDS

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

summa cum laude and Valedictorian, University of Guam, 12/2006

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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

Guam Association of School Counselors, member, 2016 - Present American School Counselor Association, member, 2020

(2)	(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without t United States?							
Yes No V If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such de								
(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by rea 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:							
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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.

Leeana Lynn L. Borja Print Name and Signature

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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

Leeana Lynn L. Borja

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

2020

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Name: LEEANA LYNN LIBBY BORJA

SS#:

ID#

Date of Birth:

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

Criminal Cases: Civil Cases: A. [X] No Case Found A. No Case Found []] B. 1. Criminal Case No. B. 1. Civil Case No. 2. Criminal Case No. 2. Civil Case No. 3. Criminal Case No. 3. Civil Case No. Civil Case No. 4. Criminal Case No. 4. 5. Criminal Case No. 5. Civil Case No. Page 1 of 1 Criminal Record: Civil Record: Page 1 of 1

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Dated: 07/17/2020



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Prepared By: AAS



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



July 17, 2020

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Leeana L	ynn Libby BORJA		
DATE OF	F BIRTH:		FINGERPRINT#:	NONE
		dual has no record of criminal at files that are subject to Guam		Guam Police

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.

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

By Direction: pmtc

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO Chief of Police

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CHAPTER 27

GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 29-073:1 (May 9, 2008) as Chapter 26, §§ 26000-26026, codified as Chapter 27, §§ 27000-27026, by the Compiler pursuant to its authority granted by 1 GCA §1606.

2015 NOTE: P.L. 28-045:10 (June 6, 2005) changed the name of the Department of Education to the Guam Public School System. The passage of P.L. 30-050:2 (July 14, 2009) reverted the name to the Department of Education.

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§ 27000. Legislative Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the goal of Educator Certification is to determine whether those individuals responsible for the education of children are competent to perform their duties as teachers, guidance counselors *or* school administrators.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that throughout the United States, the certification *or* licensure of educators is a function that occurs at the state level and not in the local school districts that employ the educators. The common practice is for states to define the Educator Certification *or* Licensure standards by means of a Board *or* Commission to include local and federal education mandates. Such Boards *or* Commissions also will set up an office(s) in the state to certify and license education professionals who qualify. These Boards *or* Commissions are also responsible for determining improper conduct by the certificate holder *or* licensee is sufficient to warrant revocation *or* suspension of such license *or* certificate.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide a mechanism to confer professional certification for Early Childhood to Twelfth (12th) grade educators via an external entity that is separate and apart from the entities that employ such educators.

§ 27001. Purpose.

(a) The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a system of professional development, professional standards, certification and evaluation that serves to continually improve the quality of instruction for Guam's children so that they are equipped to work and succeed in an ever-changing and increasingly complex global economy. The Guam Commission for Educator Certification is established to provide a rigorous system of certification, professional development and evaluation designed to support improved student achievement and to improve the quality of the Guam educator workforce and to improve student performance. All Department of Education educators must be certified and evaluated in accordance with this Chapter. The Board *shall* regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.

(b) In proposing rules under this Subchapter, the Commission *shall* ensure that all candidates for certification *or* renewal of certification

demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of Guam's diverse student population.

§ 27002. Definition.

In this Subchapter, "Commission" means the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

§ 27003. Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

(a) There is hereby established the Guam Commission for Educator Certification to consist of seven (7) voting members appointed by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* with the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, as specified in subsections (1) to (5), inclusive. The Commission *shall* consist of the following members:

(1) a classroom teacher employed in a public school;

(2) an administrator (principal or assistant principal) employed in a public school;

(3) a guidance counselor employed in a public school;

(4) two (2) members who possess a terminal degree in the subject of education from an accredited college *or* university which, as used herein, means an institution that is accredited by a United States accrediting body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) *or* its successor, *or* an equivalent foreign college *or* university; and

(5) two (2) members appointed from the community at large.

(b) Appointments to the Commission *shall* be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, *or* national origin of the person appointed.

(c) A Commission member is immune from civil suit for any act performed in good faith in the execution of duties as a Commission member.

(d) Members *shall* serve a term of three (3) years and may be reappointed, provided that the member continues to meet the employment criteria in the event that such member was appointed to fill a seat on the Commission pursuant to Items (1), (2) and (3) of Paragraph (a), supra.

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(e) If a member is appointed pursuant to Items (1), (2) and (3) of Paragraph (a), supra, and ceases to be employed as such, that member *shall* be considered to have vacated his or her seat effective on the date that such employment was terminated. The Chairperson of the Commission *shall* forthwith notify *I Maga'lahi* that the vacancy exists.

(f) The Superintendent of Education *or* his designee, the Chairman of the Guam Education Policy Board *or* his designee, the President of the Guam Community College *or* his designee, and the President of the University of Guam *or* his designee, *shall* serve as ex-officio member, without vote in proceedings of the Commission.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 31-094:2 (Sept. 30, 2011).

§ 27004. Terms: Vacancy.

In the event of a vacancy, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan shall* appoint a replacement in the same class of the member that vacated his *or* her position on the Board for a term of three (3) years.

§ 27005. Officers.

The Commission *shall* elect one (1) of its members to serve as presiding officer for a term of two (2) years. The presiding officer is entitled to vote on all matters before the Commission. The Commission may elect other officers from among its membership.

§ 27006. Compensation.

A Commission member *shall* receive compensation for serving on the Commission in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each Commission meeting attended. A member is entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing functions as a member of the Commission, subject to any applicable limitation on reimbursement provided by the General Appropriations Act. The compensation of the members of the Commission who are public employees *shall* not be reduced by the agency *or* body by which they are regularly employed for any absence from service occasioned by attendance upon the business of the commission, its committees *or* subcommittees.

§ 27007. Meetings.

The Commission *shall* meet as it deems appropriate and necessary to accomplish its duties, but *shall* meet *no fewer than* once each quarter.

(a) The Commission *shall* meet *at least once* in each quarter of the calendar year.

(b) The Commission may meet at other times at the call of the presiding officer *or* as provided by the rules of the Commission.

§ 27008. General Powers and Duties of the Commission.

The Commission shall:

(a) supervise the executive director's performance;

(b) approve an operating budget for the Commission and make a request to *I Liheslatura* for appropriations;

(c) appoint members of any advisory committee to the Commission;

(d) for each class of educator certificate, appoint an advisory committee composed of members of that class to recommend standards for that class to the Commission;

(e) provide to its members and employees, as often as necessary, information regarding their qualifications for office *or* employment under this Chapter and their responsibilities under applicable laws relating to standards of conduct for state officers *or* employees;

(f) develop and implement policies that clearly define the respective responsibilities of the Commission and the Commission's staff;

(g) file annually with *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* and the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* a complete and detailed written report, in the form and within the time provided by the General Appropriations Act, accounting for all funds received and disbursed by the Commission during the preceding fiscal year; and

(h) execute interagency contracts to perform routine administrative functions.

(i) investigate complaints filed with the Commission on educator misconduct.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 29-073:1 (May 9, 2008) as § 26008. Codified as § 27008 by the Compiler pursuant to authority granted by 1 GCA § 1606. Subsection (i) added by P.L. 32-236:3 (Dec. 29, 2014).

§ 27008.1. Subpoena Powers.

The Chairperson of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, upon his/her own initiative, upon the request of any member of the Commission, or upon the request of any party before the Commission, may summon in writing any person before a meeting of the Commission as a witness and in a proper case, to bring with him/her any book, record, or paper which may be deemed material as evidence in the case. The fees for such attendance *shall* be the same as the fees of witnesses before the Superior Court, *except* that if the witness is a government employee no witness fees shall be given. The subpoena shall issue in the name of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, and shall be directed to the person and *shall* be served in the same manner as subpoenas to testify before the court. If any person or persons summoned to testify shall refuse or neglect to obey said subpoena, upon petition, the court may compel the attendance of such person or persons before the Commission, or punish said person or persons for contempt in the same manner provided by law for securing the attendance of witnesses and of their punishment for neglect or refusal to attend in the Superior Court.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 32-236:2 (Dec. 29, 2014).

§ 27009. Place of Commission Meetings.

The Chairman *shall* designate an appropriate location for each Commission meeting. Notice of such locations *shall* be given pursuant to the provisions of Title 5, GCA, Chapter 8.

§ 27010. Emergency Meetings.

An emergency meeting of the Commission may be called by the Chairman. Notice of such meeting *shall* be communicated in the manner most likely to give the greatest amount of notice to the members: phone, facsimile, mail, *or* email. Notice to the public of emergency meetings *shall* be given pursuant to the provisions Title 5, GCA, Chapter 8.

§ 27011. Executive Sessions.

Executive Sessions of the Commission are closed meetings which may be held only as expressly authorized by Title 5, GCA, Chapter 8. Persons who may attend and subjects that may be discussed are also described in Title 5, GCA, Chapter 8.

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§ 27012. Agendas.

The Chairman and the Executive Director determine the agenda for a Commission meeting. Final approval of the agenda lies with the Commission Chairman. Commission members should receive the agenda and supporting materials for an upcoming meeting at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting when possible.

In the event the agenda and/or supporting materials cannot be delivered at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting, the Executive Director *shall* notify the Commission as to the reason why. The Commission Chairman will timely provide other Commission members the reason for removing an agenda item after it has been posted.

§ 27013. Quorum and Carrying Actions of the Commissions.

A quorum *shall* consist of four (4) voting members. Actions of the Commission *shall* be carried by a vote of *not less than* four (4) voting members.

§ 27014. Signature Authority for Commission Disciplinary Orders.

The Chairman may sign on behalf of a majority of the Commission a decision *or* order issued in a disciplinary case relating to Commission disciplinary proceedings, including enforcement of the educator's code of ethics. Members of the majority, however, retain discretion to sign any decision *or* order.

§ 27015. Communications.

The Chairman and the Executive Director officially represent the Commission in communicating agency policy and procedures. This provision does *not* prohibit other Commission members from commenting publicly about the Commission in their individual capacities *or* expressing their personal opinions.

§ 27016. Rules: Fees.

(a) The Commission may adopt rules as necessary for its own procedures.

(b) The Commission *shall* propose rules that:

(1) provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of this Chapter in a manner consistent with this Chapter;

(2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;

(3) specify the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid;

(4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;

(5) provide for the issuance of an educator certificate to a person who holds a similar certificate issued by another state *or* foreign country,

(6) provide for special *or* restricted certification of educators, as needed;

(7) provide for disciplinary proceedings, including the suspension *or* revocation of an educator certificate,

(8) provide for the adoption, amendment, and enforcement of an educator's code of ethics; and

(9) provide for continuing education requirements.

(c) The Commission *shall* propose a rule adopting a fee for the issuance and maintenance of an educator certificate.

The Guam Commission for Educator Certification *shall* promulgate Administrative Rules and Regulations consistent with the provisions of Title 5, GCA, Chapter 9. Such Rules and Regulations may be revised as needed consistent with the provisions of Title 5, GCA, Chapter 9.

§ 27017. Relationships with the Public.

The Commission *shall* develop and periodically review policies regarding the following:

(a) Policies and procedures for stakeholder input on rule development.

(b) Policies and procedures on accepting public testimony.

§ 27018. Executive Director and Commission Staffing.

The Commission *shall* hire an Executive Director to manage the daily operations of the Commission. Such employment may be in either,

- (a) the unclassified service or
- (b) by employment contract.

The term of employment *shall not exceed* five (5) years, but may be renewed by the Commission, after expiration, for successive terms. Compensation and job qualifications *shall* be established by the Commission. The Commission *shall* create a staffing pattern for additional staff required for the operations of the Commission. The staff *shall* be classified employees hired pursuant to the merit provisions of Title 4, GCA, Chapter 4. The staff *shall* include, but *not be limited to*, those classified employees who transferred from the Department of Education Certification Office during the transition to the Commission.

§ 27019. Relationship of the Commission to the Executive Director Introduction.

(a) The Commission primarily employs the Executive Director to implement Commission policies and to hire and supervise other staff. Although the relationship between the Executive Director and individual Commission members is collegial, the relationship of the Commission to the Executive Director is hierarchical. The Executive Director is accountable only to the Commission as a whole, and not from individual Commission members.

(b) The Commission. In exercising its powers and duties, the Commission *shall*:

(1) establish major visionary guiding policies and principles;

(2) establish the mission and goals that define the end results the Commission wants to achieve;

(3) serve as a link between the agency and state policymakers;

(4) accept accountability for decisions and actions;

(5) establish an effective relationship with the Executive Director and direct him *or* her with one (1) voice;

(6) maintain objectivity in reviewing facts in the process of making decisions; act in the best interests of the schoolchildren and their parents, the education profession and the public; and

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(7) review the General Operating Policies and Procedures on an annual basis at the first (1^{st}) meeting of the first (1^{st}) quarter of each year.

(c) (1) The Executive Director. The powers and duties of the Executive Director include the following:

(A) performing duties as assigned by the Commission *or* specified by law;

(B) administering and enforcing all laws and rules implemented by the Commission;

(C) issuing the certificates authorized under 17 GCA Chapter 5B.

(D) hiring and dismissing Commission employees;

(E) serving as the Commission's Secretary in an ex-officio capacity;

(F) maintaining the vital records of the Commission;

(G) developing, issuing, and implementing workplace policies; and

(H) ensuring that new Commission members are given an orientation on the activities of Commission and that this be done, where possible, prior to the new member's first (1^{st}) Commission meeting.

(2) The Executive Director may designate other staff to aid in these functions. In exercising these powers and duties, the Executive Director *shall*:

(A) be accountable to the full Commission for achievement of policies;

(B) be open to all points of view and learning;

(C) provide all material information relevant to Commission decision-making;

(D) lead the Commission and its staff;

(E) implement Commission policies through specific objectives and strategies;

(F) consider multiple points of view expressed by Commission staff and persons outside the Commission as needed to facilitate fully informed Commission decisions; and

(G) update the Commission at a minimum of every other week, and at any other time essential information should be provided.

2015 NOTE: Pursuant to the authority granted by 1 GCA § 1606, subsection designations were added and altered to adhere to the Compiler's alpha-numeric scheme.

§ 27020. Evaluation of the Executive Director.

The Commission *shall* annually evaluate the performance of the Executive Director.

§ 27021. Applicability of this Chapter for Certification of DOE Educators.

The Commission *shall* be the Educator Certification authority for all Department of Education Educators *no later than* the earlier of the completion of a transition period following the enactment of this Chapter *or* October 1, 2008.

§ 27022. Funding.

The operations of the Commission *shall* be funded by appropriation of I *Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Additionally, the Commission *shall* retain all fees collected and use such fees for its operations in a manner determined by the Commission.

§ 27023. Office Space.

The Commission is authorized to lease office space for its operations. Nothing herein *shall* prevent the Commission from leasing office space within other government of Guam facilities *or* from accepting free, reduced *or* subsidized office space.

§ 27024. Fiscal Agent.

The Commission is authorized to procure the services of another government of Guam agency to administer its accounting, payroll and financial reporting requirements.

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§ 27025. Timeliness of Action on Applications for Certification.

The Commission *shall* establish reasonable timetables for the approval *or* denial of certification applications that commence when all required valid and authentic documents are received.

§ 27026. Prior Certification Standards.

All certification standards and requirements adopted by the Guam Education policy board *prior* to the enactment of this Chapter *shall* remain effective *unless* they are *amended or repealed* by the Commission in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Chapter. The Guam Commission for Educator Certification *shall* adopt rules which honor unexpired teaching, guidance counselor, school librarian, and school administrator certifications issued by DOE before the effective date of the GCEC.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 29-113:VI:68 (Sept. 30, 2008).

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Agenda

Confirmation and Roundtable Hearing

via Virtual Zoom Platform Thursday, July 30, 2020

- I. Call to Order at 4:00 P.M.
- II. Opening remarks by Vice Speaker Telena C. Nelson, Chairperson
- III. Items for discussion:

4:00 P.M. Confirmation Appointees:

- Lawrence Jay M. Alcairo (Member, Guam Education Board)
- Leeana Lynn L. Borja (Member-Guidance Counselor Representative, Guam Commission for Educator Certification)
- Lucy M. Alcorn (Member, Board of Directors, Guam International Airport Authority)
- Zenon E. Belanger (Member, Board of Directors, Guam International Airport Authority)
- Gurvinder "Bic" S. Sobti (Member, Board of Directors, Guam International Airport Authority)
- Donald I. Weakley, Sr. (Member, Board of Directors, Guam International Airport Authority)

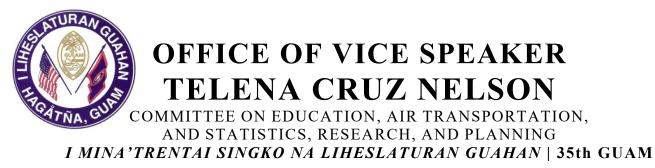
6:30 P.M. Roundtable Hearing: Guam Department of Education: Autism Spectrum Disorder

- July 10, 2020 Work Session Findings and Recommendations
- Division of Special Education Staffing Pattern
- Training and Professional Development
- Implementation Plans for SY 2020-2021
- Discussions on Public-Private Partnerships

IV. Closing remarks

V. Adjournment

The hearing will air live on TV Channel 21GTA or Channel 117/60.4 Docomo; or via <u>http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm</u>. You can also view the hearing on the Guam Legislature's YouTube Channel. A recording of the hearing will be available on YouTube at Guam Legislature Media after the hearing.



Virtual Confirmation Hearing Sign-in Sheet Thursday, July 30, 2020 • 4:00 PM • Virtual Platform (Zoom)

Appointee: Leeana Lynn L. Borja Position: Member (Guidance Counselor Representative) Agency/Board or Commission: Guam Commission for Educator Certification

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
Dr. Gayle Hendricks	Chairperson, GCEC	Yes		Yes		
Jon Fernandez	Superintendent, GDOE	Yes		Yes		
Jesse Libby		Yes		Yes		
Jesse Quenga	Director, GCEC	Yes		Yes		
Leeana Borja - Nominee		Yes		Yes		

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Virtual Legislative Confirmation Hearing Testimony July 30, 2020 • 4:00 PM • Zoom

Hafa Adai and good afternoon, Vice Speaker and fellow senators. My name is Leeana Lynn Libby Borja.

I would like to begin by thanking you for this most humbling opportunity to request for your favorable consideration of my appointment to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification as the School Counselor Representative. I would also like to take this time to thank our Maga'håga Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and our Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio for their faith and trust in my ability to serve our island in this role. I am both honored and humbled.

I am a wife and a mother of 3 beautiful girls. I graduated from Southern High School in 2001, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Bachelor or Arts degree in Political Science at the University of Guam in December of 2006. I graduated summa cum laude and at the top of my class as the Valedictorian that fall. In December of 2013, I earned a Master of Arts in Counseling degree also from the University of Guam. I am very proud alumna of UOG.

Right after graduation, I joined the Guam Department of Education as a elementary School Counselor. Now, I am a middle school counselor at Jose Rios Middle School in Piti and have been for four years and counting. A total of 7 years as a school counselor.

I do want to share that becoming a School Counselor was really not at all part of my "life plan" so to speak. I had other things in mind, but, of course, life has a way of leading you right to where you belong. I believe everything happens for a reason, and I am forever grateful that God led me to the School Counseling profession—most especially being here on our island as a School Counselor. I have always been a person passionate about helping others. And, school counseling is my perfect fit—my calling so to speak. I am extremely passionate about the role I, and my fellow counselors in the field, play in our students 'lives. We can educate our students in the core subjects and in elective courses. However, as this unprecedented time—as this pandemic—has shown and brought to the forefront…our social and emotional wellbeing play a key factor or key role in whether our students, our children can reach their fullest potential…

whether they can fulfill the dreams they have for themselves and the dreams we have for them as well—or not. Their success does not only depend upon their cognitive abilities and physical health, but it also depends in large part on their social and emotional wellbeing. They all affect one another. And, school counselors like me do our very best to help to bridge that gap. Even the most well adjusted students need social emotional support from time to time. Without support, without guidance, without mentorship, without emotional learning, our students cannot see past...cannot move past...cannot have faith in themselves while living with their fear, their sadness, their anxieties, their anger from the dysfunction they may have in their homes or families, from the trauma they may have experienced or are currently experiencing, from the stress of this new reality we live in today and/or for many other countless unfortunate reasons. Our work is not for the faint of heart, but it is truly a work of heart.

As a school counselor and educator, I have very high standards for myself and my colleagues. The significant role we as educators play in our students' lives demand these high standards. I hold myself and my colleagues to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics. And, I believe they hold themselves to those high standards as well. We are perpetual students learning each year how to best serve in our capacity. Keeping up with best practices, the latest research is crucial. Having these high standards are so important in ensuring we as educators all give our very best to our students.

The Guam Commission for Educator Certification plays such a crucial role. Through the work of the commission we ensure that we have high quality educators through a rigorous certification system. That we in Education continue to have high standards and we live up to those standards. It is with this belief and my passion in the work that I do as a school counselor and my role as a mother to my girls that I know I can contribute much to the commission as the school counselor representative. The same passion, the same energy, the same work ethic that I put into being a good mother and into being a good counselor, is the same passion, energy, and work ethic that I will put into my work with the commission should you vote favorably for my appointment.

Vice Speaker and fellow senators, thank you very much for your time. I once again humbly ask for your most favorable consideration of my appointment to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. Thank you.

Roberta M. Abaday

July 29, 2020

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org

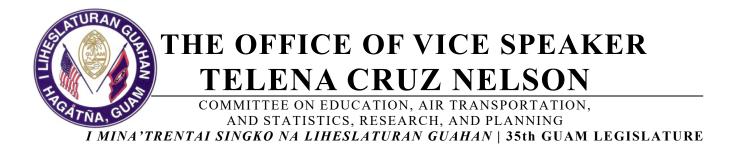
Dear Vice Speaker Nelson:

I would like to give my support for the nomination of Leeana Borja as a Commissioner representing Guidance Counselors in the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. As a member of the subcommittee reviewing the names of guidance counselors, I learned that she is a professional who would be a benefit to the GCEC with her knowledge and experience in the Guam Department of Education school system. Her interest in the position demonstrates her desire to serve our educational community and the children of Guam.

Please give her your kind consideration and approval of her becoming a member of the Guam Commission on Educator Certification.

Sincerely,

Roberta M. Abaday GCEC, Community Representative



COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The **Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning** convened a Virtual Public hearing on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 4:00 PM in *I Liheslatura*'s Zoom Conference platform. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as a Member (Guidance Counselor Representative) of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification (GCEC), and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on July 17, 2020, for three (3) years; February 19, 2018 to February 18, 2021; to fill the unexpired term of Jonathan Pilarca;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on July 20, 2020;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on July 22, 2020.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Thursday, July 23, 2020 (5-Day Notice), and again on Monday, July 27, 2020 (48-Hour Notice). Notice of today's virtual confirmation hearing was also available on the Guam Legislature Website.

Senators Present

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson, Chairperson Senator Telo Taitague

Appearing before the Committee

Leeana Lynn L. Borja, Appointee to serve as a Member - Guidance Counselor Representative of the GCEC Dr. Gayle Hendricks, Chairperson of GCEC Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of Education, Guam Department of Education Jesse Libby Jesse Quenga, Executive Director of GCEC

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 4:39 PM.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Okay, now we will move forward with Ms. Leeana Borja, is she here? Hi. Okay, Ms. Borja, who is to serve as a Member Guidance Counselor Representative to the Guam Commission for Education Certification.

It looks like Dr. Hendricks is here. Dr. Hendricks will you be providing testimony on her behalf?

Dr. Gayle Hendricks, Chairperson of GCEC: Yes, I will.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Okay, please, proceed. Thank you.

Dr. Gayle Hendricks, Chairperson of GCEC: Thank you, Senator. Vice Speaker Nelson, Minority Leader Taitague, I am here as the Chairperson of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

I'm here to fully support and encourage the confirmation of Leeana Borja to the Commission. One of the things that we have been missing is the voice from the counselor section of the education community. Leeana Borja can provide that. I think she will provide... be an excellent addition to our Board. Her seven (7) years of experience as a Counselor in elementary and middle school will definitely give her an insight as to what is necessary when we sit on the Commission.

I did not want to make a long drawn-out testimony. I just wanted to be here to say that I don't think we could get a better nominee than Leeana Borja. Thank you for your time and it's nice to see my students doing well.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: I guess Senator Taitague was your student as well.

Dr. Gayle Hendricks, Chairperson of GCEC: We won't say how long ago but she wasn't in high school yet. [Laughter]

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Okay, very good. Is there anyone else that would like to provide testimony on behalf of Ms. Borja?

Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of Education: Madam Speaker, may I offer a few words?

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Absolutely.

Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of Education: I guess, you know, I just didn't want to pass up the opportunity to offer a few words of support for the nomination of Ms. Leeana Borja, who is a Counselor.

As a parent of Jose Rios Middle School, I just wanted to also, as a parent, support her nomination as well. You know our counselors worked very hard across the school district and you know Ms. Hendricks said; it'll be important and helpful for her to have a voice on the Commission and as far as the Certification Commission goes, I've always supported the role that our teachers and our employees can play in helping shape, you know, the decisions and the policy; the policy discussions that happen at the Commission itself.

So, I just wanted to wish her the best of luck. I think she would be an excellent addition to the Commission and I hope the legislature will give her favorable consideration. Thank you.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Thank you, Mr. Superintendent. Jesse, are you here to give testimony on behalf of Ms. Borja?

Jesse Libby: Hi, yes. *Håfa adai!* Thank you so much, Madam Chair and Honorable Senators of the 35th Guam Legislature.

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> My name is Jesse Libby. I'm here today to provide testimony in support of the confirmation Leeana Borja to serve as a Member of the Commission for Educator Certification. I am the first cousin but reality is she is my sister. Growing up she always exhibited some of the strong attributes that anybody that strive to be. She's honorable, she is smart and she is driven. She is my hero, she is my idol and she is my mentor.

> She graduated top of her class at Southern High School and she later was accepted and attended American University in Washington, D.C. Then 9/11 happened and we were all scared for her here at home and so we brought her back home, that way we could make sure that she's safe and well...and then she later attended the University of San Francisco and came back due to a death in the family. Then she decided to go to school at the University of Guam in which she received her Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and Psychology. Not to always mention that she graduated valedictorian of her class. Then she later went back to the University of Guam to receive her Masters in Counseling.

So she is a proud daughter of Guam. Our grandfather, Fred Libby, Sr., has always told us...always embedded in us at a very young age that public service and community service to the people is something that we need. All need to do to ensure to advance our island to the next step and she has always had that goal in her... in her life and I'm so proud of her and all her accomplishments. I thank the Governor for nominating her to serve on this Commission. I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that she will make us all proud and she will serve honorably and I humbly request this body to vote in her favor of her confirmation and thank you so much for having me... giving me the opportunity to provide testimony.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Thank you, Jesse for your support and those kind words. The other Jesse, would you like to provide testimony for Ms. Borja?

Jesse Quenga: Thank you so much Madam Vice Speaker. When you said Jesse at first I yielded because I knew Jesse Libby will probably have a more heartfelt message from that perspective but he's a good friend. So, you know that was no issue for me. When I first reviewed the packet for Leeana Borja, I have to say I could have stopped right where it said alumni of Southern High School. I think as a fellow alumni... I gave like 100% support behind that nomination and then to see the University of Guam...

She is distinguished and accomplished. I think to be top of her class not just at the Southern High School but also the University of Guam, which I'm sure she'll expand on more, will just articulate a little bit about the capacity that she'll bring to the Commission. Beyond that I also recognize that she is a career professional. She's had experience working also on grants at the Guam Community College and then as Associate Director at the *Isa Pinangon* Suicide Prevention Program at the University. That's just fantastic.

I hope that the Committee will seriously consider the nomination put on before this committee. I'm appreciative of the Commission for their endorsement as well as for the Governor's appointment. If I didn't have the chance to do so first I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Jesse Quenga with the GCEC as their Executive Director.

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Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: All right. Thank you very much Jesse. Is there anyone else... you do have Ms. Borja a testimony in favor of your appointment and that is from Ms. Roberta Abaday and so, if you'd like to go ahead and give oral testimony, you may proceed at this time.

Leeana Borja, Appointee: Please see attached testimony.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Thank you, Leeana. It's truly an honor to have someone with your expertise and your experience being nominated especially as brilliant as you are and you know also having 3 children and being a wife. I mean those are huge feats and you know you are very accomplished and so, I look forward to your nomination. I believe that you'll do exceptional work. So, at this time I'd like to also extend to the Minority Leader, any comments or questions?

Senator Telo Taitague: Thank you, Madam Chair and Leeana, your cousin there, Jesse he's a keeper. When he was talking about you, I tell you, I was choking up. I don't know about you but I was choking up listening to what he had to say about you and then coming from my teacher, my mentor, Gayle Hendricks, junior high school. I mean that was most impressionable. Junior high school seems to be a time where you're most impressionable and for her to speak highly of you that just says so much in my book because of the respect I have for Gayle Hendricks and just knowing that you came from the south; I'm a southern girl.

So, you know, you had me at southern girl part, you know, but on top of that I've never met you before but listening to all this and reading your background and everything and listening to what you have to say going in detail about the importance of just not the physicalness of a student but their mind as well and the support they need to move forward to their best ability.

I'm just so happy that you decided to come back home because a brilliant mind like yourself, Guam could not lose a daughter of Guam you know to the states. We need you home and you're obviously amazing like good Chairman says you're a mother of 3 daughters, is that right? 3 daughters? Wow, well don't stop girl, my parents had 5 daughters, no boys, all 5.

I know you'll be able, with the support of your family, you'll be able to do this job and do this job very well and make so many other people happy, proud and making the right decisions for our people as well and you said that you never know what life takes you. It wasn't in your plan. Well you're young, there could be something new coming down your road; a different path that you might be able to take serving Guam in a higher capacity.

So keep that in mind and I thank you so much again for stepping up to the plate. God bless. You have my support, 100%. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Thank you, Senator Taitague. Leeana, again thank you for committing to this service and we have completed your confirmation and we will move forward with the next appointee and that is Mr. Lawrence Alcairo for the Guam Education Board.

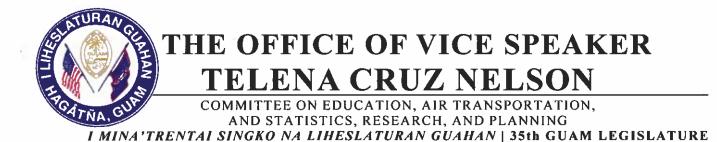
(Discuss the next item on the agenda. Appointment of Lawrence Alcairo).

The public hearing was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning hereby reports on the appointment of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as a Member (Guidance Counselor Representative) of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, with the recommendation <u>to</u> <u>do confirm</u>.



COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of Leeana Lynn L. Borja to serve as Member(Guidance Counselor Representative)of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification to serve a term of three (3) years; February 19, 2018 to February 18, 2021. To fill the unexpired term of Jonathan Pilarca.

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