

I Mina Trentai Kadtro Na Lihelaturan Gudhan
APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	CMTE REFERRED	DATE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	CMTE REPORT FILED	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
35GL-19-0378	Bernard S. Benavente	Member	Guam Contractors License Board	4/12/19	Four (4) Years	Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit	4/17/19	5/3/19 9:30 a.m.	5/23/19 4:14 p.m.		



Sinadót Jose "Pedo" Terlaje

*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 35th Guam Legislature
Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs,
Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit*

May 6, 2019

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
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Bernard S. Benavente

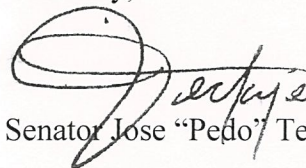
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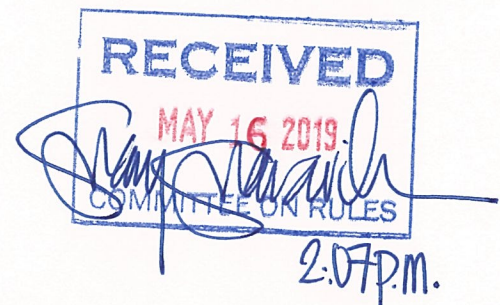
Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Bernard S. Benavente to serve as Member, Guam Contractors License Board, which was referred to the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>6</u>	TO 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

Sincerely,


Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje



2019 MAY 23 PM 4:14 JRT



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COMMITTEE REPORT

NOMINATION OF

Bernard S. Benavente

**to serve as a Member to the
Guam Contractors License Board**

Term Length: Four (4) Years




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May 6, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs,
Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit

From: Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje
Committee Chairperson 

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Bernard S. Benavente

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Mr. Bernard S. Benavente to serve as Member, Guam Contractors License Board.

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- 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'åse'

Senator Amanda L. Shelton,
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,
Member

Vice Speaker Telenia Cruz Nelson,
Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D.,
Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez
Member

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell
Member



COMMITTEE ON RULES
SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR
I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,
Member

Senator Jose T. Terlaje,
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,
Member

Senator Mary Camacho Torres,
Member and
Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

April 17, 2019

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Julian Aguon
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Appointment**

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: **Bernard S. Benavente**

Position: **Member, Guam Contractors License Board**

Term Length: **Four (4) Years**

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at http://guamlegislature.com/35th_mess_comms.htm. Please refer to the following document:


"35GL-19-0378 - Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Bernard S. Benavente, Member, Guam Contractors License Board."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to **Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit.**

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
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Minsu Trental Kaitra Na Libeslaturan Guahan
APPOINTMENTS

Appointment Number	Name	Position	Organization	Start Date	Term	Committee/Board	End Date	Remarks	Signature	Date
35CG1-19-0378	Bernard S. Benuente	Member	Guam Contractors License Board	4/12/19	Four (4) Years	Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit	4/17/19			

UFISINAN I MAGA'HAGA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÄHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

April 12, 2019

Honorable Tina Muna Barnes
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatna, Guam 96932

35GL-19-0378
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

APR 16 2019
Time 7:57 AM () PM
Received By:

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: Bernard S. Benavente
POSITION: Member, Guam Contractors License Board
TERM LENGTH: Four (4) Years

2019 APR 16 AM 9:52

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

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'hagan Guahan
Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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MAGA'HÅGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

April 12, 2019

Bernard S. Benavente
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Benavente:

Pursuant to my authority under 21 GCA § 70102, I am appointing you to serve as a

MEMBER, GUAM CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD
General Public Representative

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 the Office of the Governor.

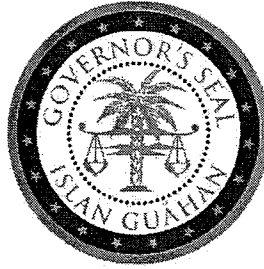
Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lou Leon', written in a cursive style.

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam
Executive Director, CLB

RICARDO I BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX - HAGATNA GUAM 96910
P.O. BOX 2950 - HAGATNA, GUAM 96932
671-472-8931 • 671-472-8952/6



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 BENAVENTE	First Name BERNARD	Middle Initial S
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, Guam Contractors License 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 John F. Kennedy High School Upper Tumon, Guam		High School Diploma	1976
College			
Graduate School			
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address University of Guam Mangilao, Guam	Position Title Project Administration	
	Dates Held 2/2017 - Present	

Previous Employer and Mailing Address JWS Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Ltd. Company Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Gen Superintendent & Safety Officer	
	Dates Held 11/2015 - 11/2016	

Previous Employer and Mailing Address P & S Construction, Inc. Design Barrigada, Guam	Position Title Superintendent	
	Dates Held 6/2014 - 11/2015	

Previous Employer and Mailing Address TG Engineers, PE Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Construction Manager	
	Dates Held 1/2014 - 5/2014	

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Niking Coporation - Design Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Superintendent	
	Dates Held 1/2013 - 1/2014	

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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

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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>	

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

TRAINING

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>
	12/2015

AWARDS

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

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MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

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

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?

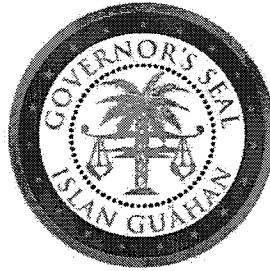
Yes No If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(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: Bernard S. Benavente

- 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


Bernard S. Benavente

Signature

April 10, 2019

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.


Bernard S. Benavente

Print Name and Signature

April 10, 2019

Date



SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Drive • Hagatña, Guam 96910

Telephone (671) 475-3370/475-3449

Fax (671) 472-2856

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court

Name: BERNARD S BENAVENTE

SS#:

ID# GU DL#

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:

- A. No Case Found
- B. 1. Criminal Case No.
- 2. Criminal Case No.
- 3. Criminal Case No.
- 4. Criminal Case No.
- 5. Criminal Case No.

Criminal Record: Page 1 of 1

Civil Cases:

- A. No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.
- 2. Civil Case No.
- 3. Civil Case No.
- 4. Civil Case No.
- 5. Civil Case No.

Civil Record: Page 1 of 1

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, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: 04/05/2019

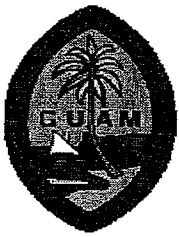
DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court



The absence of an original Court Seal invalidates this document

BY: JARED M. GARRIDO
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: JMG



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



April 5, 2019

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Bernard S BENAVENTE		
DATE OF BIRTH:		FINGERPRINT#:	
■	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: angela

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Acting Chief of Police

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
 REVISED 01/06/19

Bernard S. Benavente

Post Office Box 5640

Hagatna, Guam 96932

Home: (671) [REDACTED] (671) [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Qualifications

- ❖ Basic Microsoft - Words, Excel, & Outlook,
- ❖ Demolition Competent Person Training Course June 2015
- ❖ Basic Project Management Professional March 2014
- ❖ Construction Safety Hazard Awareness Course for Contractor 40 Hrs. Nov 2015
- ❖ Scaffolding Competent Person Training Course OSHA Standard March 2018
- ❖ Fall Protection Competent Person Training Course March 2018
- ❖ NAVFAC Construction Quality Management Dec 2015
- ❖ Lockout-Tag-out Competent Person Training Course OSHA Standard March 2018
- ❖ Electrical Competent OSHA/NFPA 70E Person Safety Supart K Course Training March 2018
- ❖ EM385-1-1 Construction Safety Hazard Awareness 40 hours Course for Contractors April 2018
- ❖ Excavation/Trenching Competent Person Training Course OSHA Standard March 2018
- ❖ Power Actuated Certification
- ❖ First Aid CPR AED Mar 2015
- ❖ OSHA 30 Hours Training Course
- ❖ Chauffeur License ABF Ten Ton & Over
- ❖ Peals Board Member 2010- 2011
- ❖ Construction Consultant License

WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Administration - Multiple Contracts Feb 2017 – Present
University of Guam UOG Station Mangilao, Guam 96913

General Superintendent & Safety Officer– Multiple Contracts Nov 2015 – Nov 2016
JWS Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Ltd Company 290 Tun Jose Salas St Tam Guam 96913-3817

Superintendent – Multiple Contracts Jun 2014 – Nov 2015
P & S Construction, Inc. Design – Build Contractors 1001 Army Drive Suite 203 Barrigada, Guam 96913

Construction Manager, APEX Radom Jan. 2014 – May 2014
TG Engineers, PE Sunny Plaza, Suite 303 125 Tun Jesus Crisostomo St. Tamuning, Guam 96913

Superintendent Jan. 2013 – Jan. 2014
Niking Corporation - Design Build P.O. Box 11229 Tamuning, Guam 96931

Field Superintendent/Quality Control Manager Jan. 2012 –Mar. 2013
Chugach World Service Inc. Construction Division Building E Sisket St. Dededo, Guam 96929

Project Manager March 2011 - March 2012
Pacific International Inc. P.O. Box K 3015 Kolonia Pohnpei, FSM 96941

Department of Insular Affairs Compact Impact Grants for Three School Projects Federated States of
Micronesia States of Pohnpei.

Field Superintendent/ Quality Control Manager Sept 2009 - March 2011
CHUGACH WORLD SERVICE INC Construction Division Building E Sisket St. Dededo, Guam 96929

Construction Manager Jan. 2008 – Sep. 2009
Employer: GMP HAWAII INC P.O. Box 2377 Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941

Project Manager July 2006 – Jan 2008
LLAMADO BUILDER'S 174 Kotpus St. Mangilao, Guam 96913

General Contractor/Construction Manager Dec. 1999 - July 2006
NBT Guam P.O. Box 5640 Hagatna, Guam 96932
Retired GPA Employee 1999

Education

High School Diploma 1976 John F. Kennedy High School Upper Tumon, Guam 96913

Basic Project Management Professional March 2014

Guam Community College – Welding Course and Interior Electrical Courses

Others

Dededo Municipal Planning Council Member

Baseball Manager & Coach 1998 – Present

Chairman for Our Lady of Lourdes Fiesta 2016 & 2017



Senator Pedo Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

First Notice of Confirmation Hearings – Friday, May 3, 2019 beginning at 9 a.m.

1 message

Senator Pedo Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

Thu, Apr 25, 2019 at 2:22 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

April 25, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

**From: Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje
Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors’ Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit**

Subject: First Notice of Confirmation Hearings – Friday, May 3, 2019 beginning at 9 a.m.

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in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*’s public hearing room.

On the agenda is the following:

- **Confirmation hearings**

Vincent P. Arriola, Director, Department of Public Works

Bernard S. Benavente, Member, Guam Contractors

License Board

The confirmation and public hearings will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4 and stream online via I Liheslaturan Guåhan’s live feed. If written testimonies are to be presented at the hearings, the committee requests that copies be submitted prior to the hearings date and should be addressed to Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje. Testimonies may be submitted via hand delivery to the Office of Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje at 140 Aspinall Avenue, Bridge Pointe Bldg., Suite 202, Hagåtña, Guam 96910; or to the mail room of the Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam; or via email to senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring special accommodations or services should contact the Office of Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje at (671) 989-5301 or by sending an email to senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com.



Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje

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Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs,
Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit*

April 25, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje
Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit

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I look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!



Senator Pedo Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

Second Notice of Confirmation Hearings – Friday, May 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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Senator Pedo Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

Wed, May 1, 2019 at 8:50 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

May 1, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

**From: Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje
Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and
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I look forward to your attendance and participation.

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Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje

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Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs,
Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit*

May 1, 2019

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Author**

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I look forward to your attendance and participation.


Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!



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April 25, 2019

VIA E-MAIL: Bernard S. Benavente


Subject: Invitation to Confirmation Hearing- 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2019

Dear Mr. Benavente,

Buenas yan Håfa adai!

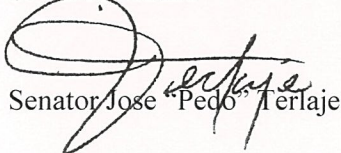
Please be advised that the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans' Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit will be conducting a **Confirmation Hearing on your executive appointment on Friday, May 3, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.**, in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room.

I invite you to appear before this Committee and provide testimony on your appointment. Please feel free to extend this invitation to your friends and family and other interested members of our community.

Testimonies should be addressed to Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje, Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit, and may be hand-delivered to my office at Bridge Pointe Bldg., Suite 202, 140 Aspinall Ave. *Hagåtña*, Guam 96910, or via email to senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com

Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or service, who plan to attend your confirmation hearing should contact and submit their request to my office at 989-5301/3218. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to your attendance and participation.

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Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje



Senator Pedro Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

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AGENDA

CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

beginning at

9:00 a.m., Friday, May 3, 2019

***I Liheslaturan Guåhan's Public Hearing Room
Guam Congress Building, Hagåtña***

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Opening Remarks**
- III. Items(s) for Discussion**
- IV. Confirmation Hearings**
 - Appointment of Mr. Vincent P. Arriola to serve as Director, Department of Public Works
 - Appointment of Mr. Bernard S. Benavente to serve as Member, Guam Contractors License Board
- V. Closing Remarks/Announcements**
- VI. Adjournment**



SINADÓT JOSE "PEDO" TERLAJE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, BORDER SAFETY, MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,
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Confirmation Hearing Sign-In Sheet Friday, May 3, 2019

Appointee: Bernard S. Benavente

Position: Member

Agency: Guam Contractors License Board

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Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje,
Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety,
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Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit

Buenas you Hafa Adai Honorable Senadot Jose "Pedo" Terlaje,
Chairperson & members of the Committee on Public Safety,
Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors Council,
Infrastructure and Public Transit.

My name is Bernard Santos Benavente and I reside in the
village of Dededo. I am married to Amelita Blas Benavente,
and we have 12 children, 26 grandchildren and 1 great grand.

I am a retired Guam Power Authority Electrician by trade. I
have been in the construction industry for over 25 years working
with mainland contractors, at Joint Marianas Naval Base Guam
and at Andersen Air Force Base, as well as serving on the
PEALS Board in the past not only as a member, but as the
Board Secretary. Currently, I am a Construction Manager
working with the University of Guam on Capital Improvement
Projects such as the Storm Water Mitigation Project,
Engineering Annex and the New Student Center.

I am qualified and certified by way of NavFac and Army Corp of
Engineers as a Superintendent, Quality Control Manger, Safety
Officer, Construction Manager and Project Manager.
I worked at our neighboring FSM Islands building schools,
paving airport runways, managing airport renovations and
infrastructures worth millions of dollars.

I give back to the community by being a active member in sports
for our youths, baseball, soccer, and football. I am a baseball
Coach and Manager for the village of Dededo and Yigo Cal
Ripken League.

I am a active member at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Yigo.

In 1977 the Contractor's License Board was Established and became public law 14-51 and was amended to Public Law 30-11 and comprised with a seven-member board

Their mission statement is to protect the public, Health, Safety and General Welfare in dealing with persons engaged with Construction Industry and affording protection against incompetent, inexperienced, unlawful and unfair practices with contractors with whom they may contract.

I can assure that rendering my experience & expertise to assist the Guam Contractor License Board to enforce the Rules and Regulations, to protect the peoples and Government of Guam to Enforce the Building Code Standards for Guam. The construction of buildings has increase tremendously on the Island, that is why we need to promote and strive for the prosperity of the construction industry that will best serve our community and to the best interest of the Guam Contractor License Board, and to reach it goal's to initiate an out reach program, a core digital system and to include a new facility.

I would like to thank the Honorable Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and the Honorable Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio for appointing me to the Guam Contractors License Board.

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Bernard S. Benavente



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Testimony Confirmation Hearing Bernard Benavente May 03 2019

2 messages

john burchard <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
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Thu, May 2, 2019 at 11:14 AM

Dear Senator Terlaje,

Please find the attached letter of testimony on behalf of Mr. Bernard Benavente for his Confirmation hearing on May 03, 2019.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to present on his behalf. I believe he is a remarkable person who will greatly benefit our government and it's administration.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

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Respectfully yours,

John Burchard
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Senator Pedro Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>
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Thu, May 2, 2019 at 11:20 AM

Mr. Burchard,

Your testimony has been received and will be included in Mr. Benavente's Committee Report.

R,
Therese Hart
Policy Analyst

On Thu, May 2, 2019 at 11:14 AM john burchard <jebivsons@gmail.com> wrote:
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RE: Testimony
Bernard S. Benavente
Confirmation Hearing for Executive Appointment on May 03, 2019

29 April 2019

Dear Senator Terlaje,

I am honored to provide this testimony to the Committee on behalf of Mr. Bernard Benavente.

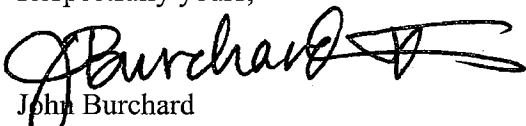
During the time I have known Mr. Benavente, I have found him to be a consummate professional, maintaining a high level of expectation from contractors while also being just and forthright in his dealings. Most notably he makes every effort to ensure each person under his watch is given the tools and information needed to succeed, while in turn ensuring projects are completed to the highest standards.

I have had the benefit of seeing Mr. Benavente's experience and knowledge first hand at the University of Guam, where he has been spearheading and administering infrastructure projects at multiple sites. On several occasions I have witnessed his attention to details, always following up to ensure compliance and standards are met before and during projects, while maintaining strict standards of quality during all phases of work. The contractors I know that work with him have a great respect for his ethics and work expectations.

It is a privilege to have worked with Mr. Benavente, and I sincerely believe that his character, work ethic and depth of experience make him a valuable person in any organization. I hope that your Committee considers Mr. Benavente in the highest degree. This is a Gentleman who truly cares about his work and the people around him.

Thank you for receiving my testimony and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully yours,


John Burchard
General Manager
JEB IV & SONS



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
CENTER FOR ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY

May 3, 2019

Honorable Jose "Pedo" Terlaje
Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs,
Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit
35th Guam Legislature

**Re: Testimony to support the confirmation of Mr. Bernard Benavente as Member,
Guam Contractors License Board**

Hafa Adai Chairman Terlaje and members of the committee.

My name is Dr. Austin Shelton. I serve as the Executive Director of the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability and Director of the University of Guam Sea Grant Program. I am happy to be here to speak in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Bernard Benavente as a member of the Guam Contractors License Board.

I met Mr. Benavente about two years ago when he started overseeing quality assurance of construction and capital improvement projects at the University of Guam. Our UOG Sea Grant Program has been expanding with additional grant funding in recent years, and we were in need of additional space for our growing staff. We were fortunate to get a new space for our headquarters at UOG Dean Circle, but it was badly in need of renovations. Our construction project was placed on Mr. Benavente's oversight list for quality assurance. Mr. Benavente led several meetings with the contractors. He was thorough in detailing the scope of work and laying out his expectations. Throughout the project, I watched how diligent Mr. Benavente was at every step of the way. He checked on the workers to make sure they established safety perimeters, wore safety vests and hard hats, and that no one was trying to sneak a cigarette on our tobacco free campus. He ensured that quality materials were procured, best practices were used, and that everything was up to code. Thanks to Mr. Benavente, corners were not cut, and a high-quality product was delivered. UOG Sea Grant now resides in one of the most beautiful office spaces on campus that even serves as a model of energy efficiency, using 70% energy than other offices on Dean Circle.

In my conversations with Mr. Benavente, I learned that he isn't at UOG simply to get a paycheck. Mr. Benavente has a great appreciation for the work of the university and the education provided to the students. Students are being trained to one day come out and lead our island. It is important to him that they have high-quality facilities to receive that education. Mr. Benavente demands that the job is done right the first time, so we can get ahead, instead of spending money on preventable repairs.

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Mr. Benavente's training and years of experience make him extremely knowledgeable in the construction industry. He is a hardworking person of integrity who cares about the island and ensuring that things are done right. I am confident that Mr. Benavente will bring the same integrity and passion he demonstrates at UOG to his work on the Guam Contractors License Board. Therefore, I urge you to vote in favor of his confirmation. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Austin J. Shelton III", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Testimony before the Committee on Public Safety,
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Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, Chairperson,

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Honorable Senadot Jose "Pedo" Terlaje,
Chairperson & Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Border
Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and
Public Transit.

My name is Amelita Blas Benavente and I reside in the village of Dededo.
I am the wife of Bernard Santos Benavente.

My husband Bernard is a retired GPA Electrician. He is a hard-working
man who not only is dedicated to taking care of his family, but his
community as well.

I would like to share with you short story about my husband's
determination.

If my memories serves me right it was in 1992 that Typhoon Roy hit the
Island of Guam. My husband and I both worked at GPA. At that
time, he was working with Customer Service and I was assigned to
Transportation. Because of the typhoon all Electricians were told to
report to T&D Operations to help with the restoration efforts. Power
was out for a while and GPA employees were working 12 - 16 hours
shifts. We lived at Wusstig road and was without power for almost 3
weeks. One day when he came home, I asked him why our area was

still without power and he replied that the transformer by our house was damaged and GPA was waiting for more transformers and as a result, we will not have power for quite a while. I jokingly told him, oh my God we both work for GPA and we don't have power, what's up with that? So, the next day when he got off, he went to the Dededo Substation Transformer yard and took 2 damaged transformers and repaired one for them. After which he asked if he installed the transformer to the pole in our area will they be able to energize the lines for customers on that feed. They said yes and our neighborhoods power was on that same day.

I know that my husband Bernard takes pride in all that he does, but he is has proven time and time again to be resourceful and ingenious. He turns a CAN'T into a CAN, with ingenuity and know-how. Not only is he a lifelong public servant, he also a proud member of the community who volunteers his time as a baseball coach and at our church, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church as a member in both the Hospitality and Finance Councils. Without a doubt Bernard's commitment, dedication, experience, & expertise will not only benefit the Guam Contractors License Board to enforce its governing rules and regulations, but our island, its people, and the government of Guam. Because Bernard is steadfast in his beliefs and will not falter, I am quite certain that he will ensure that the Mission of the Guam Contractors License Board is followed and that all who are involved in the Construction Industry not only adhere to the Building Code Standards for Guam, but that the individuals and companies practicing this trade are competent and experienced.

I would like to thank the Honorable Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and the Honorable Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio for appointing my husband to the Guam Contractors License Board.

And I would like to also like to thank you Chairman Terlaje and Members of the Committee for allowing me to speak with you this morning and for considering my husband Bernard Santos Benavente to be a member of the Guam Contractors License Board.

Thank You

Amelita Blas Benavente



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May 1, 2019

TO: Honorable Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje
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Bridge Pointe Building, Suite 202, 140 Aspal Avenue
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Honorable Senator Terlaje,

For the record, my name is DORIS FLORES LUJAN, Mayor of Inarajan.

It is my pleasure to support the confirmation of Mr. Bernard S. Benavente to the Guam Contractor's License Board.

I have come to know Bernard as a person of unquestionably strong character and ethics. He has an extraordinary pride in quality workmanship and overall excellence. He holds high expectations for performance and execution of himself and all others around him, and raises the caliber of his team as a result.

I continue to have high regard for his integrity and character and is well respected by all his peers. I believe he is an excellent choice to be confirmed as a member of the Guam Contractor's License Board.

I respectfully request you favorably consider and approve his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase

DORIS FLORES LUJAN

Mayor



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Bernard Benavente

2 messages

Tim <[REDACTED]@oriongroupllc.com>

Sat, Apr 27, 2019 at 11:50 AM

To: senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com

Cc: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Dear Senator Terlaje,

Bernard Benavente worked for me as a Superintendent constructing schools in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Mr. Benavente's understanding of the construction industry was evident as he became my key management asset during the project.

Bernard also vetted qualified subcontractors and was instrumental working with the Pohnpei government and local work force. Bernard was keen in understanding the local culture and finding ways to keep a multi-cultural workforce moving forward.

Sincerely,

Tim Cleveland
President
Orion Group International, LLC
USA/Philippines

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Senator Pedro Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

Sat, Apr 27, 2019 at 3:11 PM

To: Tim <[REDACTED]@oriongroupllc.com>

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Your testimony has been received and will be included in Mr. Benavente's Committee Report.

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Dear Senator Terlaje,

Bernard Benavente was the Project Manager on Pohnpei not the Superin correction.

Sincerely,

Tim Cleveland
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Testimony for Bernard Benavente

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Senator Pedro Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>
To: Darnelle Benavente <[redacted]@gmail.com>

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Hafa Adai Darnelle,

Your testimony has been received and will be included in Mr. Benavente's Committee Report.

R,
Therese Hart
Policy analyst

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Buenas yan Hafa Adai,

Senator Jose Pedro Terlaje, Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Board Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit.

My name is Darnelle Benavente and I am here on behalf of my father Bernard S. Benavente. Growing up my father was always there for me. I remember when I was in elementary my dad would drop me to school, he will always sing Raggamuffin Girl by Frankie Paul. My dad is a selfless man. He always puts his family first. There was twelve of us growing up but my dad made sure we had everything we need and more. I've always known my dad to be a coach for a baseball team. My dad also volunteers his time to the Yigo church. At a very young age I knew my father was and is to this day a hardworking man. My dad set an example for us to work hard and never give up. There are no words to explain why my dad should be a board member. He will show you through hard work that he deserves to be a board member.

Thank You,

Darnelle Benavente



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit, convened a confirmation hearing on Friday, May 3, 2019, at 9 a.m. in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of **Bernard S. Benavente** to serve as **Member of the Guam Contractors Licensing Board**, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'Hågan Guåhan* Lou Leon Guerrero on **April 12, 2019**, to serve for four (4) years;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on **April 16, 2019**;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on **April 17, 2019**.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **Thursday, April 25, 2019** (5-Day Notice), and again on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje, Chairman

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD, Committee Member

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The confirmation hearing was Called-to-Order at **10:05 a.m.**

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. Before we start with the testimonies and the proceedings, I just want to mention a couple of Administrative announcement here if you're gonna testify please make sure that you sign the sign-in sheet and if you're going to submit a written testimony you can send it you can present it here or you can send it to my email address and I'll give you my email address later on and the location of my office. Thank you very much! This confirmation hearing for Bernard Benavente to serve as a member of the Guam contract licensing board, but before we proceed can I ask Bernard to please come up to the front and also those that are giving a testimony for our good friend Bernard you can come up usually sometimes when we go with the we go with the you know the first speaker second speak up whatever we go with a signing sheet but what I usually do is just go from after the principal speaks then either we start from the right all the way to the left or the left to the right. Thank you very much.



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Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Hello to everyone that's here on this beautiful day!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: This confirmation hearing by the Committee of Public Safety, Border Safety, Military Veterans Affairs, Mayor's Council of Guam, Infrastructure and Public Transit is hereby called to order for the record and in accordance with section 8107 of chapter 8 - 5 GCA the first confirmation hearing notice was sent up April 25th, 2019 adhering to the five working days notice and the second confirmation hearing adhering to the 48 hours notice was sent out on Wednesday May 1, 2019 and in addition to this confirmation the notice was sent out to the homeless letter website also and the time now is 10:05 am in addition to that I just want to recognize our good senator here Senator Marsh Taitano and not be remiss if I don't say this as a whole thank you very much for coming here and joining us and sharing this wonderful moment to make sure that the principal Mr. Benavente is cleared and he's going to do a good job once he's confirm. Thank you very much! I want to ask our good friend Mr. Benavente to present his testimony and then we'll go with the others and then after that I'm gonna ask my colleague here to ask the questions whatever she wants so go ahead sir.

Bernard S. Benavente: (Provided written testimony. See attached)

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you very much!

Bernard you know I've known you maybe not personally but I've heard about your qualification I heard about your energetic style in life that you've always been out there not only working in private firms but also within the government and I want to thank you for taking the challenge and I want to thank our Governor and Lieutenant Governor for making that right choice and I know you're gonna do a good job so at this point in time we want to I want to start with the first on my left and to your right.

John Burchard: Thank You Chairman. Thank You Senators for the opportunity to speak here on behalf of Mr. Benavente. I'm going to keep it real short because I think I can encapsulate everything very quickly. In essence, I've known Mr. Benavente for quite some time, and I've known him to be a man of high ethics, good character, and outstanding work ethic. I've seen that, and experience it firsthand in dealing with contractors and employees a very fair just, and uh strict manner. So I believe this gentleman's experience, and his character will well serve this Government and the people of Guam, and I think uh this was a great appointment and I stand fully behind him, thank you.

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you very much!

Sonny Perez: Good morning Senators. Senators uhm Marsh Taitano, and Chairman Terlaje. My name is Sonny Perez, I'm the Chief Engineer or capital projects manager over at the University of Guam. I've known mis- I'm here to speak in support of Mr. Benavente. I've known Mr. Benavente since I was a junior engineer over at the Guam Power Authority back in the late 80s, and we eventually ran into each other again together at the peels board I served at the peels board for six years, and then over at the University



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of Guam. I ran into Mr. Benavente during one of our walkthroughs at the Student Center, and he was a contractor, and I was quite surprised because at that time when I ran into him I thought he was already retired. And so to see him again, I said, wow you know dude aren't you old already? You should be out in the beach you know relaxing and he goes no no no I can't relax. I said okay fine, and I asked him what he was doing he said, “Sonny I'd like to work for the University if there's a way to do so.” I said, “Well what are you doing?”. And he gave me this large packet of papers and oftentimes you know I've been the chief engineer at the University for 15 years or so sir and so I've run into enough contractors that the papers isn't enough to show really what you can do you gotta be able to pound that pavement and show me you know sweat you gotta sweat it out and you know what I'm not disappointed as a matter of fact he excelled all my expectations we we put him on a contract a small one just to see what he can do and you know and and he excelled III will confirm that I can testify to that he would show me these problems and and the trick is with these contractors there are some of them would just show me and then they'd let me finish the work and and that and that's the bad part it's like excuse me I hired you so not to just show me but to also figure it out and solve it well he did that he finished the loop he would report it give me a very suitable solution and then he would even execute it and wrap it up so it comes to me delivered and finished and that I appreciate that and I believe he can apply that same process when he's over at the Guam contractors licensing board he's quite diligent very capable competent so I have my utmost confidence that he will be very successful over at at the Guam licensing board sir and thank you very much.

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: Thank you very much and you're right when he mentioned you know he's got a he's got a know that you gotta see him do that practical application because you know I was I was an army for the Contractors License Board and what they did is they give me a written test and I passed it but I if I was gonna go and do electrical work I'm scared I don't really know how right but on paper you know I know the answers to that because it was only multiple choice so I was prepared to take the test and I passed it but I don't think I'm qualified really qualified to be an army and I thank you very much and you really could you know that the importance of knowing you know to do that practical you know tasks that you need to do go ahead Former Mayor of Yigo and working for the governor's office thank you.

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor! If you don't mind, I'm going to call you Mr. Mayor.

Robert J. Macintosh: Thank you Senator Terlaje and Senator Taitano! I'm here on behalf Bernard Santos Benavente. I'm the Capital Improvement Project Coordinator for the University of Guam and I'm a direct report to Sunny Perez and Bernard response both to Sunny and I on these projects that he's been assigned.

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: Go ahead say your name.

Robert J. Macintosh: Oh, Robert James Mackintosh! I know, everybody at UOG knows me as Uncle Bob. So just put Robert James Mackintosh that's the name my mother and father gave me that'll work fine. I'm



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gonna be very succinct in my response and because everybody else has already spoken highly of Bernard. I would say ditto that would be the shortest statement however in my experience in the short two years that I've known him and the projects he's been managing on behalf of the University. He has a very strong work ethic he has a very clear understanding of all of the building codes and all the safety standards he has a wonderful working relationship with all the contractors that he helps us manage. It's not only just go to work observe go back to the office to write reports. Bernard stays out in the field and not only manages the project he also manages the workers there to make sure that they're in compliance at all times. So in conclusion I highly support Bernard Santos Benavente to be on the contractors license he's well qualified and a very good and honorable man.

Lorraine Arceo: Good morning Senator Taitano and Senator Terlaje my name is Laurie Arceo. I am the resident manager for Apusento Garden I am proud to submit my testimony letter on behalf of Bernard Benavente whom I've known and worked with through UOG projects as a manager under Ability Solutions. I have had the opportunity to observe Mr. Benavente's professional skills as well as his interpersonal style he constantly is pleasant has great enthusiasm, a dedicated worker, shows strong leadership and is very well trustworthy. In the course of our project with Mr. Benavente he has given me an open minded education within the construction industry some things I don't know too much about it basically relates to my position as Resident Manager of Apusento Garden he has helped educate me tremendously in problem-solving knowledge sharing of his experience. I've had a great confident in Mr. Benavente ever since. I met him through UOG projects on a different note as well. He has encouraged me to become self-employed woman business which I'm in the process of obtaining my license something I've always wanted to do but didn't have the proper guidance nor the courage. He gave me the supportive motivation to pursue my interests of a sideline business. I have no doubt that Mr. Benavente will prove to be a great and valuable asset in any organization even on a private sector and he's all about compliance.

Dr. Austin J. Shelton III, PhD: (Provided written testimony. See attached)

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: I would like to have our Good Senator here ask her questions.

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Good afternoon everyone!

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: It's very good to see family here and a wide variety of people here to support Mr. Benavente. So first I want to thank Mr. Benavente for some of your additional work that you're doing the ways that you're going out there and serving our community by coaching and managing the youth teams like the baseball teams. I also come from a family that has that kind of service where my parents have done that kind of work as coaches and sports officials for decades. So I just think it's an important thing to give our youth that kind of activity it keeps them healthy, but it also it builds self-



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esteem it builds a camaraderie it just does so many important things. So thank you for that and if I can just ask really quickly.

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Excuse me!

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: So my understanding is that the Benavente family has a really strong presence in Dededo and I'm trying to continue building up that social map in my mind. So the benefit is that I'm closest to are those that are the children and grandchildren of Tan Elena. I'm just wondering how closely you are related?

Bernard S. Benavente: Tan Elena is my father's sister in-law. Tan Elena's husband Uncle Pepe is my dad's brother.

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano): Okay, so very closely related!

Bernard S. Benavente: Yes ma'am!

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: Well that is already additionally adding to your list of support then and the character that I know that you're coming here with. So it's also good to hear about your work in neighboring islands we of course have a diverse community and I think maybe it's not immediately apparent to everybody, but I think that those are some important characteristics that you bring with you to the Guam Contractors License Board there may be issues that come up in particular ways. So I think that's an additional qualification or characteristic that you bring with you and I think that's really important as our community is trying to work together and to build things literally and metaphorically together. So I really appreciate that aspect and it was very good to read through and hear your testimony, but also that of the others all of those qualities are so important not cutting corners making sure that it's done right the first time being very diligent about ensuring each of those steps is taken appropriately. So those all speak very very well to you being qualified for sitting on this board so the one question I would like to ask you. Is in seeing yourself in that position do you have a priority of something that you like to be addressing there may be some issue you'd like to help resolve or just something that you would like to continue to ensure stays in place.

Bernard S. Benavente: Well right off the bat the Contractors License Board needs to be more modernized with today's technology the board the entity itself in ways. It needs to formulate it needs to modernize their computer system the way how they handle contractors and issues here and on the island upgrading, educating, hiring more people. They need a really better facility to operate out of many key components to help the entity with what was mentioned earlier from federal grants local grants. We just can't wait for the Department of Administration especially on our budget crunch. We need to find ways better opportunity to build up the Contractors License Board and to support them and I welcome outside of investors not investors, but also the community to help out and find ways how to better the Contractors License Board. We need to move on because we're modernized we're growing there's thousands of



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people here the Marine buildup is here. We just can't feel it all we just need to move on and for the best interest of Guam.

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you!

Those sound like very important priority. It's very good to hear about them we're finding out that pretty much Government wide we're at a point in time in our development that we're needing to modernize some of our systems and certainly avail ourselves of software and programs that are out there or updating like heavily updating the ones that we have in place. We're finding out that many such as with the AG's office and elsewhere that they're dealing with software from the 90s the early 90s. So it's definitely time to be implementing some of those upgrades. So I'm glad that's a priority for you and I think it can help make the board be more efficient and the whole community that is part of that board more responsive to the community at large. I'm glad to hear of the ways that you're looking to engage, but also draw in members of the community. It's true that seems to be the way that Governments are operating now that we need to be figuring out how to access those Federal Grants and getting that Community Engagement and I would also encourage in the ways that it makes sense, but I think you'll find that the military is very supportive in these sort of measures. So if there are ways to be working with the military in the work that the board will be doing and the work that it oversees. I think that you'll find them a strong partner in that of course they're doing a lot of construction themselves they are relying on us having a strong Government and a strong economy and these strong parts of our build a better outside of the fence the ways that we're constructing. So when I say building up I mean that in the construction sense not the military build-up sense, but so I think that if there is not anything in place that they will be very receptive and very willing to be supportive and again maybe in those federal grants that the board might be applying for that they could offer that support and even testify on behalf of Guam in those situations.

(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you to everybody for being here!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: Thank you Senator, thank you Dr. Marsh! Is there anybody else? I just received a note here that there's two more individuals that would like to testify. Just go ahead and state your name.

Amelita Blas Benavente: (Provided written testimony. See attached)

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you so much! Go ahead, Nen!

Darnelle Benavente: (Provided written testimony. See attached)

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) I said, you're his favorite?



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Daniel Jon Ross Benavente: *Hafa adai*, Senator Jose Pedro Terlaje and Senator Kelly Marsh Taitano! I'm here on behalf of my father in support of him to be honest there's no way there's no words that could explain how hard-working my father is and if you search up the word hard-working. I believe that his picture is right next to it, but at a young age my father I always watched him, listen, learned, not really listen, but mostly learned. He always wants us to do great, be great, be better than you were yesterday. Excuse me, uh he's just one hard-working man my father he's my role model I look up to him and hopefully I could exceed his expectations of being his son he is my hero, he is my family's hero and I'm glad that he is my father. Excuse me, obviously you can see that this is very emotional because I'm the second youngest and we really don't have that communication between me and my father. I just know that he's ready to tackle this issue with the Board Committee. Thank you!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you!

Mariam Rupley: Hello Senator Terlaje and Senator Taitano my name is Mariam Rupley and Bernard Benavente is my father-in-law. I've known him for a little over ten years and he welcomed me into his family. I just want to say that he is a great man he's the leader of the Benavente clan and the kids, his kids and his grandkids all look up to him. He's an inspiration he's very firm, but also very loving he's just always there for the family, he's a very busy hard-working man. I visited him at job sites and I see how hard-working he is and even with that he still makes time for his family and he still makes time for his community and his church his faith and his service to the community is something that we all look up to and like my brother-in-law said we want to exceed his expectations and be better than we were yesterday because of him. I thank you for allowing him and us to speak today. I appreciate it.

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) A big thank you very much!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: Like I mentioned in the beginning right and you know just listening to some of the testimonies here especially coming from the family. I can tell that the Governor and Lt. Governor certainly made that right choice and I know you're gonna do good and help us, help our people and help our island.

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you very much!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: In closing, anyone else want to testify? Thank you Mr. Benavente!

Bernard S. Benavente: Thank you!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: Being on this board is important because you and the other members are responsible for making sure that the Construction Industry on Guam is striving. I am sure that he would do a good job in your responsibility and take your appointment seriously.



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Bernard S. Benavente: Yes Sir!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: The Committee of Public Safety, Board Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Marriage Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit heard the Executive appointment of Mr. Bernard Benavente to serve as a member of the Guam Contractors License Board and for those that are submitting written testimony you can send your written testimony to my website senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com or you can send it to my address at no later than 10 days at Bridge Point Building Suite 202, 140 Aspinall Avenue here in Agana but better yet, because everybody's calling my office. Where is your office? So to make it clear and to make it you know to for people to come to my office. You know going out from the Police Station you pass the Post Office is the yellow building on the right side and I'm on top there second floor that's better than giving you my number.

Bernard S. Benavente: Okay!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: Thank you all! You know challenge so you know the thing is you know the things that I heard like. I was an Army for the longest time and I was in the Construction Business. I used to own Pedo Construction.

Bernard S. Benavente: Yes!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: I've heard about you, I've heard about a man that needs to be in this Government and serve our people. I want to thank you again for coming up and taking the plate and taking the challenge.

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you very much all of you!

Bernard S. Benavente: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you very much!

Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje: (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) It's a beautiful day for you Mr. Benavente, a beautiful day!

The confirmation hearing was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit hereby reports on the appointment of **Bernard S. Benavente** to serve as **Member**, of the **Guam Contractors Licensing Board** with the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM**.



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Amanda L. Shelton
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TERLAJE, JOSE "PEDO" Committee Chairman		5/16/19				
MUÑA BARNES, TINA Committee Member						
NELSON, TELENA CRUZ Committee Member		5/16/19				
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SHELTON, AMANDA L. Committee Member						
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TORRES, MARY CAMACHO Committee Member		✓				
MUÑA, LOUISE B. Committee Member						
MOYLAN, JAMES Committee Member		5/16/19				
CASTRO, WILLIAM M. Committee Member		5/16/19				