

*I Mina' Trental Kaitro Na Lihelateran Guahan*  
**APPOINTMENTS**

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	CMTE REFERRED	DATE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	CMTE REPORT FILED	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
35GL-19-1181	Chris Duenas	Member	Department of Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners	10/31/19	Four (4) Years; January 23, 2017 - January 22, 2021 To fill the unexpired term of Ramon Topasna	Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña-Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs	11/4/19	11/29/19 5:15 p.m.	1/27/20 2:56 p.m.		

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.**

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

Assistant Majority Leader

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*



127 JAN 2020

**The Honorable Tina Muña Barnes**

Speaker

*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

Guam Congress Building

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

PBL

**VIA: The Honorable Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**RE: Committee Report on the Nomination of Chris Duenas** to serve as a **Member** on the Department of Parks and Recreation, Board of Commissioners

*Buenas yan Håfa adai* Speaker Tina Muña Barnes,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Chris Duenas** to serve as a Member on the Department of Parks and Recreation, Board of Commissioners.

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagatna* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs hereby submits its Committee votes as follows:

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

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JAN 27 2020  
10:51 A.M.  
COMMITTEE ON RULES

Stephanie Joenzo

Respectfully,

*K Marsh*  
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Revisions Rcd at 2:04 p.m.  
1/27/2020

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**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.**  
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## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Nomination of Chris Duenas**

To Serve as a Member, Department of Parks and  
Recreation, Board of Commissioners  
Term Length: Four (4) Years;  
January 23, 2017 to January 22, 2021  
(To fill the seat vacated by Ramon Topasna, whose term expired)

## Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
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27 JAN 2020

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

**From:** Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD. *Km*  
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on the Appointment of Chris Duenas

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Chris Duenas, to serve as a Member on the Board of Commissioners, Department of Parks and Recreation.

This document includes the following:

- Copy of COR Appointment Referral to the Committee
- Copy of the Appointment Transmittal Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Related Documents
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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



**COMMITTEE ON RULES**  
*I MINATRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
**35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE**

November 4, 2019

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell,  
Member

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,  
Member

Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje,  
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,  
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,  
Member

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

## MEMO

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

**Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** Senator Amanda L. Shelton  
Acting Chair, Committee on Rules

**Re:** Referral of Appointment

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*Buenas yan Håfa adai.*

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

**Appointee:** Chris Duenas  
**Position:** Member, Board of Commissioners, Department of Parks and Recreation  
**Term Length:** Four (4) Years; January 23, 2017 – January 22, 2021  
To fill the unexpired term of Ramon Topasna

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

**"35GL-19-1181 – Office of the Governor of Guam – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Chris Duenas, Member, Board of Commissioners, Department of Parks and Recreation."**

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the **Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña-Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs**, chaired by Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

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 matter.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Amanda L. Shelton in black ink.

Senator Amanda L. Shelton  
Acting Chair, Committee on Rules

*I Missa Trental Kulture Na Lihodatonan Guahan*  
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR

JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÁHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 31, 2019

3561L-19-1181  
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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

OCT 31 2019  
Time 1:48 (AM) (PM)  
Received By: *[Signature]*

2019 OCT 31 PM 2:02 *[Signature]*

**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:	Chris Duenas
POSITION:	Member, Board of Commissioners Department of Parks and Recreation
TERM LENGTH:	<b>Four (4) Years; January 23, 2017 – January 22, 2021</b> <b>To fill the unexpired term of Ramon Topasna</b>

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

*Senseramente,*

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

**1181**

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HÅGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 31, 2019

Chirs Duenas

Dear Mr. Duenas:

Pursuant to my authority under 21 GCA § 77106, I am appointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
Term Length: Four (4) Years; January 23, 2017 to January 22, 2021  
To fill the unexpired term of Ramon Topasna**

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,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam  
Director, DPR



**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

<b>Last Name</b> DUENAS	<b>First Name</b> CHRIS	<b>Middle Initial</b>
<b>Mailing Address</b> [REDACTED]		<b>Apartment/Unit #</b>
<b>City</b> [REDACTED]	<b>State</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Zip Code</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Phone</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-mail Address</b> [REDACTED]	
<b>Position to which Appointment is Made</b> Member, Board of Commissioners, Department of Parks & Recreation		
<b>Are you a citizen of the United States?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

### EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
<b>High School</b> George Washington High School, Mangilao, GU	2005 - 2009	High School Diploma	2009
<b>College</b> University of Hawaii-Manoa	2013 - 2017	BA	2017
<b>Graduate School</b>			
<b>Other Degree</b>			

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> IT&E Telecommunications Tamuning, Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Product Manager
	<b>Dates Held</b> 3/2019 - Present

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> WDI International Tamuning, Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Server/Supervisor
	<b>Dates Held</b> 2012 - 2018

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> LOTUS Surf Shop Tumon, Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Sales Associate
	<b>Dates Held</b> 8/2011 - 10/2013

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> LAND MARK Realty Tamuning, Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Admin Asst.
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1/2010 - 10/2010

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
	<b>Dates Held</b>

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE**

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

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

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

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

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

**TRAINING**

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Parcus Product Development & Management	2018

**AWARDS**

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* US Congress Recognition of Athlete Participation, 2012 London Olympic Games</li> <li>* SPG - Bronze Medalist, 100 meter Freestyle, 2007</li> <li>* US Nationally ranked #3, 100-meter freestyle, 16 &amp; under, 2007</li> <li>* US Nationally ranked #12, 50-meter freestyle, 16 &amp; under, 2007</li> <li>* US Nationally ranked #24, 200-meter freestyle, 16 &amp; under, 2007</li> <li>* Australian ranked #3, 100-meter freestyle, 16 &amp; under, 2008</li> </ul>

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

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

### COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

*List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:*

Member, Guam National Athletes Commission  
Member, Guam Swimming Federation  
Coach, Mahoben Swim Club

### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

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

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

### 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:

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**(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:

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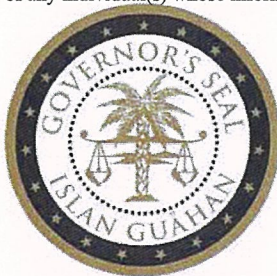
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**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
Governor

**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
Lieutenant Governor



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM**

**Statement of Financial Interests**

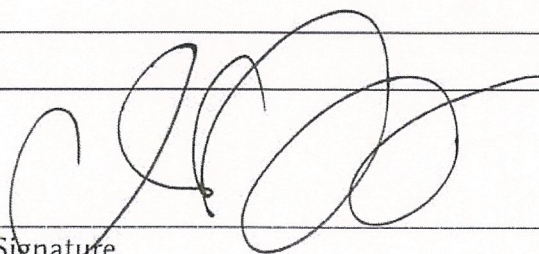
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TO: The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
Governor of Guam  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex  
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: CHRIS DUENAS

- I have no financial interest in any business
- I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST

  
Signature

10/29/19  
Date

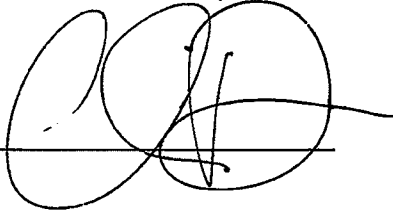
**AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

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.

**CHRIS DUENAS**

Print Name and Signature



10/29/2019

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: **CHRISTOPHER JUDE MESA DUENAS**

SS#:

ID# **GU DL#** [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

## 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.

**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.

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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

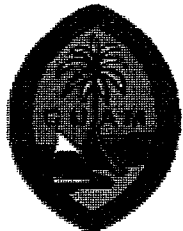
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**CARLENE C. SANTOS**  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **I.C.T.**



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



May 9, 2019

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Christopher Jude Mesa DUENAS		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>FINGERPRINT#:</b>	N/A
■	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: priscilla

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO**  
Chief of Police

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



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## FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing – Friday, November 29, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

2 messages

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Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD. <office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org> Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 4:40 PM  
Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

November 21, 2019

### MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, and Media

From: Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD, Chairperson  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing – Friday, November 29, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.**

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*Håfa Adai,*

Please be advised that the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs will convene a public hearing on **Friday, November 29, 2019 at 5:15 PM** in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room (Guam Congress Building, Hagåtña).

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Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services may contact and submit their request to Rikki Orsini at the Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD at 163 Chalan Santo Papa, *Hågatña*, Guam 96910, by phone at 989-5681, or by email at [office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org)

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Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
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Telephone: (671) 989-5681/2



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**Tom Unsiog** <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 4:54 PM

To: "Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD." <office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org>

Notice is now placed on the legislature's website calendar...tom

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**Thomas J. Unsiog**  
Sergeant at Arms

35th Guam Legislature  
*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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## SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – Friday, November 29, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

1 message

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Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD. <office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org> Wed, Nov 27, 2019 at 5:01 PM  
To: "Victor J. Lujan" <victor.senatorkelly@gmail.com>  
Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

November 27, 2019

### MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, and Media

From: Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD, Chairperson  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

Subject: **SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – Friday, November 29, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.**

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Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
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**Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD**

**Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
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## Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs Assistant

Majority Leader

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

### Committee Membership

Overall Vice-Chair:  
Speaker Tina Muña  
Barnes

Heritage and the Arts  
Vice-Chair: Senator  
Amanda L. Shelton

Self-Determination Vice-  
Chair:  
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## Agenda

### Public Hearing Room – Guam Congress Building Friday, November 29, 2019, 5:00 pm

- Bill No. 237-35 (COR) - Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD and Clynton E. Ridgell - AN ACT TO AMEND § 2204, § 2205(b)(3), § 2205(b)(10)(B), AND § 2206 OF CHAPTER 2, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SIMPLIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE GUAM PRODUCT SEAL TASK FORCE, UPDATING TERMS RELATED TO GUAM AND CHAMORU, REQUIRING THAT IT MEET BIANNUALLY INSTEAD OF MONTHLY, AND CLARIFYING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS NEEDED FOR QUORUM AND ACTION.
- The Appointment of Chris Duenas to serve as a Member of the Department of Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners.
- The Appointment of Audrea P. Sgro to serve as a Member of the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporations (KGTF/PBS) Board of Trustees.

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**Public Hearing**

**The Appointment of Chris Duenas to serve as a Member of the Department of Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners.**

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## **COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

### **Nomination Public Hearing of Chris Duenas, Member Board of Commissioners Department of Parks and Recreation Friday, November 29, 2019, 5:15pm**

#### **I. OVERVIEW**

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs, convened a public hearing on Friday, November 29, 2019 at 5:15 pm, at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's*, Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of **Chris Duenas**, to serve as a Member on the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks and Recreation, for a four (4) year term upon *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* consent. **Chris Duenas's** appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, on October 31, 2019, to serve as a Member on the Department of Parks and Recreation, Board of Commissioners, for a duration of four (4) years from January 23, 2017 to January 22, 2021, to fill the seat vacated by Ramon Topasna whose term has expired;
- Appointment packet received by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on October 31, 2019; and
- Appointment packet forwarded to this Committee for public consideration on November 4, 2019.

#### **a. Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via email to all senators, stakeholders and primary broadcasting instrumentalities in accordance to the Open Government Law and the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature Standing Rules. First Notice was issued via electronic mail, on Thursday, November 21, 2019. A second notice was subsequently disseminated via electronic mail on Wednesday, November 27, 2019.



**b. Senators Present**

Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D. Committee Chair  
Senator Therese M. Terlaje Committee Member

**c. Appearing Before the Committee with Oral Testimony**

Chris Duenas Nominee Support

**II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION**

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., Chairperson of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs, presided over the *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*'s nomination public hearing of **Chris Duenas** to serve as a 'Member' of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Board of Commissioners. The November 29, 2019, public hearing was convened at 5:20pm, ending at 6:08pm.

Items on the Agenda include the following:

- Bill No. 237-35 (COR) - An Act to Amend § 2204, § 2205(B)(3), § 2205(B)(10)(B), and § 2206 of Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Simplifying the Composition of the Guam Product Seal Task Force, Updating Terms Related to Guam and *CHamoru*, Requiring that it Meet Biannually Instead of Monthly, and Clarifying the Number of Members Needed for Quorum and Action.
- The appointment of **Chris Duenas**, to serve as a Member of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Board of Commissioners.
- The appointment of **Audrea P. Sgro**, to serve as a Member of the Guam educational Telecommunications Corporation, Board of Trustees.

**a. Transcription of Hearing (block formatted)**

**The public hearing was called to order at 5:20 pm.**

**INTRODUCTION STATEMENTS OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PHD., CHAIR:** *Hafa Adai* the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs now convenes this public hearing. Public hearing notices were given to the media.

The first notice was on Thursday, November 21st, 2019, and the second notice was on Wednesday November 27th, 2019. For the record today is Friday November 29th, 2019 and the time is now 5:20pm. The Committee will hear and accept testimonies both oral and written on the following as introduced by myself and Senator Clynton E. Ridgell; Bill No. 237-35 (COR) – “An Act to Amend § 2204, § 2205(B)(3), § 2205(B)(10)(B), and § 2206 of Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Simplifying the Composition of the Guam Product Seal Task Force, Updating Terms Related to Guam and *CHamoru*, Requiring that it Meet Biannually Instead of Monthly, and Clarifying the Number of Members Needed for Quorum and Action.”

We will also be having the appointment of Chris Duenas to serve as a member of the Department of Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners. And we had scheduled the appointment of Aundrea P. Sgro to serve as a member of the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation also known as KGTF/PBS Board of Trustees. However, the confirmation hearing for Audrea Sgro will be rescheduled to a later date.

Joining me at this public hearing is Senator Therese Terlaje *Saina Ma'åse* for taking your time out Senator and the general rules for public hearing the conduct of this public hearing shall be as follows. Those testifying will be recognized in the order of the sign-in sheets.

Written testimony will be read. Lengthy written testimony should be summarized so about five minutes. Written testimonies shall be submitted to the Committee. Please provide our legislative staff with your written testimony for photocopying. Testimony shall be confined to the substance. Persons will be allowed to present oral testimony only once when you are done you may be asked to remain in the room for questions or for additional testimony as may be desired by the members of the panel.

When you speak please make sure that the microphone is turned on and that you speak into the microphone. Please state your name clearly into the microphone for the record. We will now begin to hear testimonies on Bill No. 237-35 and actually for this particular bill. I will read the opening statement and we have written letter of support from the Lieutenant Governor and I will read that into the record as well and then Senator Terlaje may be having some comments on that.

**SEQUE INTO NOMINATION HEARING OF CHRIS DUENAS 5:32PM**

So for the bill, we will conclude the bill portion of this hearing at 5:32 and we will now begin hearing testimonies on the appointment of Chris Duenas to serve as a member of the Department of Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners *Saina Må'ase* Mr. Duenes is for coming today, please go ahead and sit here.

And I just remind you that before you speak please make sure that the microphone is turned on and that you clearly speak into the microphone beginning with your name. And so I believe we'll just go ahead and begin your testimony.

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** I did not prepare a testimony at this time, but I do fully accept the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Commission that the government has bestowed on me to serve on the commission for a term of four years, and I'll answer any questions that you may have in regards to that matter.

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PHD., CHAIR:** *Si Yu'os Må'ase* your willingness is duly noted. I will let Senator Terlaje go ahead and begin with the questions.

**SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE:** Thank you madam chair. Thank you, Mr. Duenas, for accepting this nomination and for submitting the information via your nomination packet, according to the letter from the governor. You are going to fill the unexpired term of Roman Topasna until January 2021.

So, I have a few questions. But before I ask those detailed questions, maybe just give us a little bit of your background because the public is watching and maybe they just want to know a little bit more about you. They don't have these packets in front of you. Just tell us why you think you would be a good addition to this board that oversees the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** So with my affiliation with the Department of Parks and Recreation, I've been closely affiliated with the Parks and Recreation Department because I've been swimming for the past 22 years now at Agaña pool and the other pool in Dededo. I did represent Guam at the Olympics from 2008 in Beijing and 2012 in London, and so I'm also affiliated with the Guam National Olympic Committee that does rely heavily upon the Parks and Recreation Commission or Parks and Recreation Department to upkeep those venues for Athletes Training for various competitions abroad and so I think that my appointment to the commission will serve as one related to athletes that are going to use the parks and recs facilities and as well as oversee those that aid

the Guam Visitors Bureau Parks as well. And so my background is I have a bachelor's in economics and finance from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and apart from that I've always been a member of Guam National athletes commission who also aids athletes with grievances or financial support from the International Olympic Committee.

**SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE:** You're currently working at IT&E?

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** That's correct.

**SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE:** And you graduated from GW and then UH Manoa?

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** Yes.

**SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE:** In finance, right? That's your major?

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** Yes.

**SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE:** All right. Okay. Well, of course your athletic career is very notable and I want to thank you for that and for representing Guam so very well in your sports and I'm sure you will be a very good asset to this board in making sure that these athletes, especially with your affiliation with the Olympic Committee that making sure that these athletes get what is necessary for them to train to properly represent Guam.

I wanted to talk in particular about so this board is a little unique compared to the rest of the Government of Guam boards. This board actually appoints-- or well, they hire the director for the department and many of the other line agencies that doesn't happen. So you're going to be responsible for hiring a director, you know overseeing them and making, you know kind of more I think it's a little bit more responsibility because of that and so this Parks and Recreation, of course, you've seen you probably, you know athletes know this because of the sports facilities, but we also have parks that are-- that have been the subject of a lot of attention in this legislative term since January 2019. We've talked about the park so often we've talked about them, you know, the litter we've talked about the broken facilities at the parks and you know, these parks are used by our tourists and our residents and they're getting to be you know, less and less places for residents to go, you know, so they have to go to the public places and so they're very much relying on these to be safe and clean and that's really been the number one complaint writer Parks and Rec I think is

as the parks that are not safe especially safe. So Parks and Rec has partnered with the Guam Visitors Bureau. And I think they've almost taken turns or you know divvy them up and sometimes and it just depends on where the resources are at the moment. When GVB has resources, they've taken it upon themselves to take care of the at least a top visitors spots to be and they put now you'll see here in *Hagåtña* we have, they called them VSOs Visitor Safety Officers.

Yes, they're wearing yellow vest they ride around on bicycles here in Hagåtña and Tumon different different things. But those are there in the Parks. So we were having huge problems even with our Parks here in Hagåtña being vandalized and people actually accosting visitors and residents alike, so safety was a big issue. So we've seen some improvement. I would like to save since January 2019 and we had what the visitor industry calls golden week I think and they really put a lot of resources into making sure it was safe and they pretty much went incident-free so we know that this is possible. That's what they've shown us that it is possible to keep the parks clean and safe and it you know takes resources, but it also takes focus right? And so that's what we're hoping that this new Board of the Department of Parks and Rec is going to focus on.

We know that the department has some resources to I think repair, or you know, some of the parks but we're going to have to make sure that I mean we're going to continue to get complaints every day. Every day I think I hear complaints about this park is dirty. This park is the bathroom it's locked or it's not working or but mostly it's the trash and we have not yet got this fail proof system of every weekend.

We know people party and every Monday a lot of the parks are dirty. So, you know, I don't want to kill that topic but it's just you have to find a solution right something that try anything at this point. This has been going on for years. So we have I think it that these young new ideas are going to be beneficial.

But my...the other point I wanted the other way I think this board is unique is that under the Department of Parks and Recreation is the Guam Historic Preservation Office. So our Guam Historic Resources Office and they actually have oversight of you know, maintaining our historic places. It's a huge responsibility I think, and you know when of within a department, maybe it's as you know with a lot of other priorities it's difficult. I guess I wanted to ask you in regard to that so this particular resource the historic Resources Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

I think historically has had issues right issues with focus, funding, they've had you know kind of a discord sometimes we've seen this publicly between the State Historic Preservation Office, which is supposed to be a classified employee within that division and the director.

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** Yes

**SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE:** And so because it deals with the director and you know get these federal laws that tell us that the SHPO is the one who has to who is the authority to sign certain things and yet these classified this classified employee is overseen by a director, right which is overseen by a board ultimately appointed by the governor that kind of thing we've seen politics we've seen just discord just and so I guess I just wanted to ask you if you're familiar with this role that the park Department of Parks and Rec plays and if you think you'd be able in this position to serve kind of independently without bias, you know to political affiliations or any other affiliations because I think that's what we need in this place.

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** Thank you for the question. But I think for the most part my role here for the Parks and Recreation overseeing the historic preservation as well as economic background and one that has seen the benefits of economics within Hawaii itself to utilize the resources that the department is given. I was given a short brief of what kind of resources we do work with apart from the TAF and where those resources go and I think itemizing and utilizing those resources to all kinds of beneficial and I would say more beneficial and strategically planning out of fiscal year plan within the next two years or so and having the board and the department work on those plans more strategically than I would say less strategically as we've seen in the past as some of those plans that have been set out for the department and the historic preservation have fell through and so I think having a solid plan for the next two years to preserve those sites and which we know full well is one of the driving forces behind not just our tourism. But as well as the self-determination parties as well and I think that yes that those are very important and I think that there's a lot more that the department as an avid user of the Parks and Recreation and I've seen on a day-to-day basis where they're at the pool and Ypao every week, using it sometimes two times a day and seeing the shortfalls of the department and some dealing with the contracts that the department is in with right now using outside resources and whatnot. And I think we need more strategic planning and that's what I'm there to do and I'll do my best without bias at all. And I think that I can work with the other board members as well.

**SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE:** Great. That's good to hear and I'm glad to see you tie all of those things together. I think that's the benefit of having a new eye on these long time issues that yes, hopefully, yeah, don't let them push you into this is the way we've always done it right? I think this is one area where we don't necessarily want to do it the way we've always done it and we can look back, you know, I'm sure you know, a lot of older people like me, we can look back and we can see how big parks and rec was in our villages in our lives. It was a huge driving force. Whereas now it's really, it's not and a lot of that is their resources have shrunk their staff has really shrunk. And so, you know, it's a it's a cycle and it's kind of in a bad one right now, maybe but you know, I know that we've got a lot of Hope for improvements based on some federal funding and other things, but I think people like you to really put some time into it. I really appreciate this is voluntary work on your part. I appreciate your willingness to do this.

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** Thank you happy to do it.

**SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE:** If you need any help. Just let us know where you know, we're willing to help in any way advice anything. Thank you.

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PHD., CHAIR:** *Saina Må'ase* for those those good points Senator, so I was noticing in your community and civic involvement that as you mentioned, you're a member of the Guam National Athletes Commission. You're a member of the Guam City swimming Federation. And then you're a coach for the Manhoben Swim Club. So with those commitments, I think they can work in two different ways one thing. Show us that you're very responsible with these kind of civic engagements and that you understand what kind of commitment and time these sorts of efforts take with that being said, if you are part of these three activities, do you feel that you will have time to sit on this board and you're ready to be dedicated with that kind of time commitment.

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** Thank you. I think they're all interrelated related in a sense. So I think that I if it comes to the fact that I don't have time I'll make time because this is the top tier of what we work with at Guam Swimming Federation and you know, the Department of Parks and Recreation Recreation and Guam Swimming Federation of always been in a constant battle as far as and as well as other federation's as well.

Because that's our facilities that we use that's where we train and that's where we grow our swimmers. So being at this position, which is why I volunteered and even though this was an

appointment, but I still took on this role because I do believe that they are all intertwined together and it's all related in a sense.

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PHD., CHAIR:** *Si Yu'os Mâ'ase* that provides a lot of clarity and I think it's really important what you are pointing out and that you have a lot of familiarity with these facilities and I really am glad to see that with this board that there are quite a few board members now that are familiar with and utilize different resources of the Parks and Recreation areas that it has oversight over and I think that's going to do really good things because you guys are the eyes and the ears on the ground, you know, the shortfall or the benefits or the potential you have all of that to bring and so I think those are very good things to be bringing to the board and hoping for some real differences there in those new types of experience I think that are part of the board and with that it was very good to hear about your abilities and familiarity with strategic planning. I'm a big believer in plan, in action plans strategic plans, all kinds of plans. They're really important, time slips by and although a person or a department might have good intentions, time can really run by if you don't have plans and goals and objectives and tasks and things. So I'm looking forward to some of that happening. I've been working with the department and I know that they've been developing a Strategic Plan, it's a that is good to hear that. It can continue to be developed and strengthened hopefully and there's going to be no shortage of opportunity to be a part of a lot of efforts. It has-- the department itself has along with a lot of our other agencies.

There have been budget cuts and other issues that it's dealt with but there are a lot of things that are happening we're working with them to develop in a volunteer program. So certainly hearing from board members who might have thoughts or experiences in these areas. I think would be good. The Island Beautification Task Force has just been it just went into law that it's going to be working on exactly those issues of public littering and public facility destruction so that we have an umbrella entity that is going to be at the forefront bringing the Department of Public Works together, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency. the department of Parks and Pec together' all of these entities together along with the mayors to see how they can work all together between their agencies and come up with awareness programs.and so forth.

I also have a bill coming up on rip current and hiking safety that the Department of Parks and Rec is slated to head up. So again, you might have some real understanding there about some of those concerns from the public's point of view in keeping those areas safe and keeping all of our community members safe, but I'm sure all of these represent opportunities for you to be able to sit



on some Subcommittees or provide policy direction in some things like that. We're also trying to get some service learning going on between the schools and the parks. So if you're working with the *Manhoben*, again you might have some ideas or connections there and updating the Adopt A Park Program. Part of what we've talked about is updating it with being part of Facebook having media releases, having actual events, having recognition. So again, I think having a board that thinks about those sorts of issues and maybe have that familiarity with the upcoming technology that they can think of directions to help that foster and grow.

So like I said, there's probably no shortage of ideas and I think bringing these kind of ideas fourth will be very good. Like Senator Terlaje, I'm looking forward to the perhaps new ways of thinking about issues, the new ways of interacting and connecting with these resources that this new board brings has a lot of exciting potential. So, with the different things that I mentioned and there will be as was mentioned, 5.6 million dollars of improvements. We're hitting all those bathrooms were hitting the bark pet park benches and things like that. Are there any ideas that you've had on your own about the parks the beaches the other resources or anything that I've mentioned that you'd like to talk about a little bit.

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** Well, I would start with the pool again you pull as it's been under a lot of scrutiny over the past year if not even past administrations as well. But I think for the most part my role as I've seen throughout the years is the shortfalls of outside contractors that we've hired and whatnot to upkeep the parks and their various areas. And so those are other things that I would love to address to this board is to have a stiffer stiffer policies against those contractors that we do payout on a monthly basis and whatnot and don't have deliverables and the end and I think apart from up keeping the parks and bathrooms as you mentioned. We've seen them deteriorate over the years and we've seen them, you know, sometimes get renovated and there was no upkeep to them and that was the main reason-- one of the main reasons why Agaña Pool is in this situation that it is that despite all the renovations there was no maintenance done on the pool, so that's one thing that you know, we've had a lot of involvement and we've had little say in and so I think that's one thing that we can change is the maintenance of the Parks and Recreation as a whole.

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PHD., CHAIR:** That's good long-term thinking that I believe in those things are so important. We live in a wonderful place and a wonderful climate, but at the same time the reality is that the climate is very hard on our resources. It's very hard on our facilities and you make very good points about us needing to make sure that our maintenance-- its key its key to a lot of things it's key to upkeeping those and you know, I think that part of what's out there is some need for some behavioral change. Definitely the maintenance is key. But

as we've turned around the island a few different times with the department and with the administration we could see that a lot of parts of the facilities were just broken apparently just kind of because. Because they were there, and so this is where we're hoping that some of that awareness program can really help but again, you guys are coming from a place where you might be able to give some real input some real insight to awareness programs campaigns that might be really effective that might really help change. I think most of us care and most of us take care, but I think for the few percent out there that we've got to try to reach them and help them understand that they can be part of the solution. Right? But certainly it makes a lot of sense that you have a lot of familiarity with the pool. And so you have definitely insights that you should be able to share there, but I appreciate that you thought more broadly about the parks and other areas as well.

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** And I just want to say that I also thought about the safety as well apart from the parks and up along Tumon and the lifeguards situation is always quite scarce with the Parks and Recreation and you know, that's just one thing that I think needs to be addressed. So apart from maintenance is the safety.

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PHD., CHAIR:** Definitely and so when we're building up this volunteer program there have been people that have come up to me. We have a good number of retired folk, and other folk, and people such as yourself that are willing to volunteer time for the benefit of us all but some of these retired folks, they're really interested in safety for their neighborhood. They're really interested in upkeep of parks in their neighborhoods and things like that. And so I think we're very blessed as a community to have people who want to use some of their time this way and again getting back to that volunteer program. It can have a lifeguard aspect to, it can have a patrol aspect to it, and a maintenance aspect to it depending upon the policy direction by the parks themselves, you know the department itself. So I appreciate that you've been thinking in those different directions for what might come under your role there at the board and as was mentioned as well, the Historic Resources Division which is our Historic Preservation Office does sit underneath the Department of Parks and Recreation, so there is some tie-in although they do have a Historic Preservation Review Board that oversees them directly but they still fall within your purview. I'm not sure have you had much time to get very familiar with that part of the parks program?

**MR. CHRIS DUENAS:** Not just yet. So I think as I start getting-- when we come to our quorum, I think I'll be briefed and given more to read about and the functions of that department.

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PHD., CHAIR:** Okay. Well, thank you again for volunteering. It really is something that we as the community for all of the people that have been volunteering to be on boards, commissions, task forceS or just volunteering in general in different ways for the community, we're very grateful. Government is very important, of course, but it takes all of us together to make everything happen, all of our needs to help them be close to being met. So is there anyone who has not testified who wishes to testify or anyone else who wishes to make any statements? There being none, this Committee will conclude the public hearing for the appointment of Chris Duenas to serve as a member of the Department of Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners. The Committee will continue to receive testimonies for the next few days. Please address your written testimony to the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs and submit it via email to [office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org). My office is located on the second floor of the Guam Congress building. You can either hand deliver it there or if you wish to mail your testimony. Our address is 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña Guam 96910.

Si Yu'os Må'ase for your attendance and participation in today's hearing. Today's public hearing has now ended the time is now 6:02pm. Have a good evening.

**Public hearing adjourned at 6:02pm.**

### **III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs, hereby reports on the appointment of **Chris Duenas**, to serve as a '**Member**' for a term of four (4) years from January 23, 2017 to January 22, 2021, to fill the unexpired term of Ramon Topasna, to the **Department of Parks and Recreation, Board of Commissioners**, with recommendation '**TO DO CONFIRM.**'



## Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

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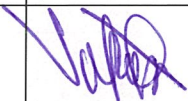

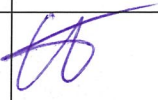
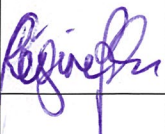
### COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET Confirmation of the Nomination of **Chris Duenas**

to serve as a Member,

Department of Parks and Recreation, Board of Commissioners

Term Length: Four (4) Years; January 23, 2017 – January 22, 2021

(To fill the seat vacated by Ramon Topasna, whose term expired)

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