

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
APPOINTMENTS

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35GL-20-2372	Dr. Matilda N. Rivera	Member (Teacher Representative)	Guam Public Library System Board of Directors	10/22/20	Three (3) Years; June 30, 2020 to June 29, 2023 To fill the seat of William Q. Sarmiento whose term has expired	Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning	10/30/20	12/1/2020	12/8/20 4:05 p.m.		



THE OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TELENA CRUZ NELSON

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AIR TRANSPORTATION,
AND STATISTICS, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN | 35th GUAM LEGISLATURE

December 2, 2020

The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guahan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña Guam, 96910

VIA: The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera

Håfa Adai Speaker Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Dr. Matilda N. Rivera** to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System, and which was referred to the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 4 TO CONFIRM
- TO NOT CONFIRM
- TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- TO ABSTAIN
- TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

**COMMITTEE ON RULES
RECEIVED:**

December 2, 2020

5:09 P.M.

Sincerely,

Senator Amanda Shelton

Acting Committee Chairperson

Revisions Rec'd:

December 8, 2020 @ 1:47 P.M.



THE OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TELENA CRUZ NELSON

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AIR TRANSPORTATION,
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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN | 35th GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera

As a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System for a term of three (3) years; June 30, 2020 to June 29, 2023. To fill the seat of William Q. Sarmiento whose term has expired.



THE OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TELENA CRUZ NELSON


COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AIR TRANSPORTATION,
AND STATISTICS, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN | 35th GUAM LEGISLATURE

December 2, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning

From: Senator Amanda Shelton 
Acting Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

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
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimonies
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

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

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

173 ASPINALL AVENUE, SUITE 202A ADA PLAZA CENTER HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910

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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



Senator Clynton E. Ridgell,
Member

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,
Member

Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje,
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,
Member

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

October 30, 2020

MEMO

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

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Re: **Referral of Appointment**

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

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

Appointee: **Dr. Matilda N. Rivera**

Position: **Member (Teacher Representative), Guam Public Library System, Board of Directors**

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-20-2372- Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera, Member (Teacher Representative), Guam Public Library System, Board of Directors."

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

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chair, Committee on Rules



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UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
MAGA'HÅGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 22, 2020

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

35GL-20-2372
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

RE: Board Appointment

OCT 30 2020
Time 10:21 AM LPM
Received By: hatt

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: Dr. Matilda N. Rivera
POSITION: Member (Teacher Rep) Board of Directors
Guam Public Library System
TERM LENGTH: **Three (3) Years; June 30, 2020 to June 29, 2023**
To fill the seat of William Q. Sarmiento whose term has expired.

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

Senseramente,

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SICUNDO MAGA'LÁHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 22, 2020

Matilda N. Rivera, Ed.D.

Dear Dr. Rivera:

Pursuant to my authority under 5 GCA § 80106, I am appointing you to serve as a

MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Teacher Representative

Term Length: Three (3) Years; June 30, 2020 – June 29, 2023

To fill the seat of William Q. Sarmiento, whose term has expired.

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 Guahãn*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Governor.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hagan Guahan

Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam
Acting Director, Guam Public Library System

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

Last Name RIVERA	First Name MATILDA	Middle Initial N
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, Board of Directors, Guam Public Library System		
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 Notre Dame High School, Talofofo, GU	1987 - 1991	High School Diploma	1991
College University of Guam	1991 - 1997	BA - ED	1997
Graduate School Unviersity of Guam	1998 - 2000	M. Ed	2000
Other Degree California Coast University	2001 - 2010	Ed.D	2010

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Department of Education Government of Guam	Position Title ESL Teacher / Coordinator
	Dates Held 8/2002-1/2012 & 9/15 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address University of Guam Mangilao	Position Title Assistant Professor
	Dates Held 1/2012 - 5/2015

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Department of Education Government of Guam	Position Title Teacher
	Dates Held 8/1997 - 7/2002

Previous Employer and Mailing Address University of Guam Mangilao	Position Title Adjunct Professor
	Dates Held 8/02 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Guam Community College Mangilao	Position Title Adjunct Professor
	Dates Held 8/2010 - Present

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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

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

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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

<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>
Let's Talk about language: Language-focused approaches	6/2020
Supporting early language & literacy skills for low-income children	6/2020
Coaching strategies to support Teachers-Dual/Multi Language	6/2020
Power of Words & Stories to Create the Life of the Mind	6/2020

AWARDS

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>
* Leadership Certificate, Int'l Assoc of Lion Clubs, District 204, 2019 - 2020
* USCG Auxillary National Staff Cert of Appointment, - Branch Asst - Performance Solutions, 2020
* Certificate of Appreciation for Historical Value of Storytelling Presentation, Guam High School, 2020

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
Board Member - President, CY2016-17; Pres-elect, CY2015-16; Webmaster, 2009-Present Guahan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club: Governing Board member; 2-yr Board of Director, 2018-Present USCG Auxillary (USCGAUX)
* Flotilla Commander, Guam Flotilla (140-02-24), 2019-Present; VFC, 2017-2019

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

<i>List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
Member & Past Officer, Int'l Reading Association, 2009 - Present Member & Past Officer, Guam Interagency Coordinating Council, 2006 - Present Board Member, Webmaster, Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association Int'l, 2009 - Present Board Member, Guahan

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<i>List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:</i>

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:

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.

Matilda N. Rivera



Print Name and Signature

8/11/20

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: MATILDA NAPUTI RIVERA

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.

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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: 08/11/2020

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court

BY: RODNEY-JOE P MANIBUSAN
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: RJPM



The absence of an original Court Seal invalidates this document



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



August 3, 2020

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Matilda Naputi RIVERA		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	NONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

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

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

By Direction: roque

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

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police

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CH. 80 GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**DIVISION 8
CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**CHAPTER 80
GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

SOURCE: P.L. 2-107 (Aug. 6, 1954) added Title XXXVII to the Government Code, codified as GC §§ 42000-42018. During the transition from the Government Code and the establishment of the Guam Code Annotated, the Compiler codified GC §§ 42000, 42003, and 42012 as 5 GCA § 3122. The remaining provisions were codified to this Chapter 80.

- § 80101. Library.
- § 80102. Name.
- § 80103. Use.
- § 80104. Collection of Locally Authored Books and Materials.
- § 80105. Board.
- § 80106. Library Board Members.
- § 80107. Library Board Tenure.
- § 80108. Library Board Chairman.
- § 80109. Board Meetings.
- § 80110. Board Quorum.
- § 80111. Acts of the Board.
- § 80112. Board Compensation.
- § 80113. Report to Governor.
- § 80114. Director.
- § 80115. Employees.
- § 80116. Selection of Employees.
- § 80117. Gifts to the Library.
- § 80118. Custody of Funds.
- § 80119. Rules & Regulations.
- § 80120. Government Depository.
- § 80121. Guam Archives. [Repealed]
- § 80122. Disposition of Records Upon Termination of Functions of Government Organizations. [Repealed]
- § 80123. Confidentiality of Library Records.
- § 80124. Friends of the Library Volunteers.
- § 80125. Separate Budget for Branch Libraries.
- § 80126. Procurement of DSL, Cable and Wireless Broadband Services.

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- § 80127. Use of *Hagåtña* Library Parking Lot.
§ 80128. Authorization for Solicitation and Contracting for Lease..

§ 80101. Library.

[Codified as 5 GCA § 3122(a).]

SOURCE: GC § 42000. Codified by the Compiler as subsection (a) of 5 GCA § 3122.

2016 NOTE: This provision was codified as 5 GCA § 3122(a) by the Compiler during the transition from the Government Code and the establishment of the GCA.

§ 80102. Name.

The Agana Branch Library within the Guam Public Library System shall have the name *Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library*.

SOURCE: GC § 42001. Codified by the Compiler to this section. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997).

§ 80103. Use.

All the libraries in the Library System shall be available for use by all persons in Guam in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board. However, the Board shall have the authority to impose fines for lost books, late return of books or other misuses of the library resources. The Board shall also have the authority to establish fees for other services provided by the library pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Adjudication Law.

SOURCE: GC § 42002, amended by P.L. 15-124:1 (Apr. 4, 1988). Codified by the Compiler to this section. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997).

§ 80104. Collection of Locally Authored Books and Materials.

The Library System is hereby authorized to actively solicit or purchase, if necessary, books and written matter authored by local residents which contain information of significant historical and cultural value to the people of Guam. The Library System shall insure that all materials so acquired will benefit the people of Guam and the Library System's Guam collection. The Board shall establish and promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law for the implementation of this Section. The Library System is authorized to request funds for the implementation of the provisions of this Section to be included in the Library System's annual budget request submitted to the Governor for submission to the Guam Legislature.

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SOURCE: GC § 42000.1 added by P.L. 22-92. Amended by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997).

NOTE: The Legislative History accompanying P.L. 22-92, enacted as Section 1, states:

For many years, local residents have written books and other documents about Guam, the Mariana Islands, Micronesia, and the Pacific region which contain valuable information beneficial to the people of Guam, pertaining to Guam's history, culture, language or traditions. Such books and materials written by local authors should be collected by Guam's major informational resource center, the Guam Public Library, for the benefit of future generations. This Act authorizes the Guam Public Library to solicit or purchase, if necessary, such materials for the Library's informational collection.

§ 80105. Board.

[Codified as 5 GCA § 3122(b).]

SOURCE: GC § 42003. Codified by the Compiler as subsection (b) of 5 GCA § 3122.

2016 NOTE: This provision was codified as 5 GCA § 3122(b) by the Compiler during the transition from the Government Code and the establishment of the GCA.

§ 80106. Library Board Members.

The Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, to be appointed by *I Maga'lahi* with the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Of the appointed members, one (1) member shall be a full-time student, in compliance with 4 GCA § 2105.1; at least one (1) shall be employed as a librarian throughout the term of appointment; at least one (1) shall be a classroom teacher throughout the term of appointment; at least one (1) shall be employed in the field of Information Technology throughout the term of appointment; at least one (1) shall be a business owner or a senior manager employed with a private business throughout the term of appointment.

SOURCE: GC § 42004, amended by P.L. 18-014:1 (Sept. 1, 1985). Codified by the Compiler of this section. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997). Amended by P.L. 28-050:2 (June 30, 2005).

§ 80107. Library Board Tenure.

Except for the student member, the members of the Board shall serve for a term of three (3) years, commencing with the date of appointment, and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, that of the members first appointed, two (2) shall serve for two

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(2) years and two (2) shall serve for one (1) year, as designated by *I Maga'lahi*. The term of the student member shall be for one (1) year.

SOURCE: GC § 42005. Amended by P.L. 28-050:3 (June 30, 2005).

§ 80108. Library Board Chairman.

The Board shall annually elect at the first meeting of each fiscal year, a chairperson from among its members.

SOURCE: GC § 42006. Codified by the Compiler of this section. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997).

§ 80109. Board Meetings.

Meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and held at a regular time and place each month. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson. All meetings shall be subject to the provisions of 5 GCA Chapter 8, '*The Open Government Law*'.

SOURCE: GC § 42007. Codified by the Compiler to this section. Amended by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997) and P.L. 28-050:8 (June 30, 2005).

§ 80110. Board Quorum.

Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SOURCE: GC § 42008, amended by P.L. 22-092:4 (Mar. 7, 1994). Codified by the Compiler to this section.

§ 80111. Acts of the Board.

The concurrence of four (4) members of the Board shall be necessary for the validity of its official actions, including the election of the Chairperson.

SOURCE: GC § 42009, amended by P.L. 22-092:5 (Mar. 7, 1994). Codified by the Compiler to this section. Amended by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997).

§ 80112. Board Compensation.

Members of the Board shall receive the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each attendance at the meetings of the Board, provided, however, that no member shall receive more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month.

SOURCE: GC § 42010, amended by P.L. 14-120:3. Codified by the Compiler to this section.

§ 80113. Report to Governor.

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The Board shall make an annual report to the Governor with respect to its activities, financial status, the condition of the Library System, and recommendations as to future operations.

SOURCE: GC § 42011. Codified by the Compiler to this section. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997).

§ 80114. Director.

[Codified as 5 GCA § 3122(c).]

SOURCE: GC § 42012, entitled “Librarian”; repealed and reenacted by P.L. 22-092:3. Codified by the Compiler as subsection (c) of 5 GCA § 3122.

2016 NOTE: This provision was codified as 5 GCA § 3122(c) by the Compiler during the transition from the Government Code and the establishment of the GCA.

§ 80115. Employees.

The Board may appoint such other employees as may be necessary for the operation of the Library.

SOURCE: GC § 42013. Codified by the Compiler to this section.

§ 80116. Selection of Employees.

Employees of the Library System, except for the Director and Deputy Director, shall be appointed, paid and hold their positions pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, and other personnel laws, and their remuneration shall be established in accordance with the provisions of said Title 4 and such other personnel laws. The salary of the Director and Deputy Director shall be established by the Director of Administration.

SOURCE: GC § 42014, repealed and reenacted by P.L. 22-092:6. Codified by the Compiler to this section. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 2997). Amended by P.L. 28-68:IV:42 and 47 (Sept. 30, 2005), effective January 1, 2006.

2016 NOTE: Reference to Civil Service Commission changed to Director of Administration.

§ 80117. Gifts to the Library and Fundraising.

The Board shall have authority to solicit for and accept on behalf of, and in the name of, the government of Guam from any government or agency thereof, or any person, advisory services, grants-in-aids, gifts, donations of money and other property for the benefit of the Library System, or the Guam Archives; provided, that any grants-in-aid, gifts, donations or other form of assistance involving an obligation on the part

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of the Library System or the Guam Archives or the government of Guam shall require the approval of *I Maga'lahi*. The Guam Public Library system may, upon approval of the Board, engage in fundraising activities for the benefit of the Public Libraries. The Board shall submit an annual report on such fundraising activities to *I Maga'lahi* and *I Liheslatura*.

SOURCE: GC § 42015, amended by P.L. 10-008, P.L. 15-124:2, P.L. 17-038:2; P.L. 22-092:7 (Mar. 7, 1994). Codified by the Compiler to this section. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997). Amended by P.L. 28-050:5 (June 30, 2005).

§ 80118. Custody of Funds.

Funds received by the Library System pursuant to §§ 80103 and 80117 of this Chapter shall be for the exclusive use of the library system and shall be kept in the custody of the Treasurer of Guam and disbursed under authority of the Board.

SOURCE: GC § 42017, amended by P.L. 15-124:2. Codified by the Compiler to this section. Amended by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997).

§ 80119. Rules & Regulations.

The Board shall prepare rules and regulations for the government of the Library System in pursuance to the provisions of this Chapter, including, if deemed desirable, provisions for the following: registration fees, deposits by borrowers, fines for failure to return borrowing on time, charges for damaged or destroyed borrowing, pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Adjudication Law.

SOURCE: GC § 42018. Codified by the Compiler to this section. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 24-041:3 (June 20, 1997).

§ 80120. Government Depository.

The Guam Public Library System is designated depository for all governmental publications, including any printed or processed paper, book, periodical, pamphlet or map, originating in, or printed with, the imprint of, or at the expense and by the authority of, the government of Guam.

SOURCE: GC § 42020 added by P.L. 17-036:2 (Nov. 29, 1983). Amended by P.L. 25-069:3.

§ 80121. Guam Archives.

[Repealed.]

SOURCE: GC § 42021 added by P.L. 17-038:1. Repealed by P.L. 25-069:4.

§ 80122. Disposition of Records Upon Termination of Functions of Government Organizations.

[Repealed.]

SOURCE: GC § 42022 added by P.L. 17-038:1. Repealed by P.L. 25-069:4.

§ 80123. Confidentiality of Library Records.

(a) A library or library system operated with public monies shall not allow disclosure of any record or other information, written or oral, which identifies a user of library services as requesting or obtaining specific materials or services or as otherwise using the library.

(b) Records may be disclosed:

- (1) If necessary for the reasonable operation of the library.
- (2) On written consent of the user.
- (3) On receipt of a court order.
- (4) If required by law.

(c) Any person who knowingly discloses any record or other information in violation of this section is guilty of a Petty Misdemeanor.

SOURCE: GC § 42023 added by P.L. 21-5:1.

§ 80124. Friends of the Library Volunteers.

The Board may institute a program within the Guam Public Library System to be entitled, 'Friends of the Library'. The Board shall make necessary rules and regulations for the employment and use of said volunteers within the System. The Board may obtain liability insurance coverage for said volunteers. Title 4 GCA § 2112 shall apply to volunteers hereunder.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 28-050:6 (June 30, 2005).

§ 80125. Separate Budget for Branch Libraries.

The Board shall submit a separate budget to *I Liheslatura* annually for the operations of each branch library. The budget shall include sufficient funding for personnel, utilities, books, periodicals, computers, internet access, etc. necessary to operate a branch for *not less than* twenty (20) hours per week. The Board may transfer funds within each

branch library budget among object categories, however, such transfers of funds shall not impede a branch's operating for the minimum hours prescribed herein.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 28-050:7 (June 30, 2005).

§ 80126. Procurement of DSL, Cable and Wireless Broadband Services.

The Guam Public Library System is authorized to procure, from private companies doing business on Guam, DSL (Digital Subscriber Lines) services, cable television/internet services and/or wireless broadband services as a means of providing internet access to its employees and patrons. In the procurement of such services, the Guam Public Library System shall consider the cost, the amount of bandwidth, and the reliability of the service. The Department of Administration shall not require the Guam Public Library system to use the Government of Guam's data network to provide internet access to its employees and patrons.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 28-182:1 (Jan. 29, 2007).

§ 80127. Use of *Hagåtña* Library Parking lot.

(a) The *Hagåtña* Library parking lot *shall* be reserved for parking of vehicles operated by patrons and employees of the Guam Public Library System (GPLS). Parking in the *Hagåtña* Library parking lot by persons other than those, *supra*, *shall* be a violation and punishable by a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) per violation.

(b) The Director *shall* be required to maintain a roster of those persons authorized to park in the *Hagåtña* Library parking lot. The form of such roster *shall* be determined by the Board. The Director *shall* post a sign at the entrance of the parking lot that states, 'In accordance with the provisions of § 80127 of Title 5 GCA, this parking lot is reserved for the exclusive use of Guam Public Library patrons and employees. Patrons parking in this lot *shall* be required to sign in and out when entering and leaving the library building. Violators are subject to a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) per violation.'

(c) Enforcement of the provisions herein this Section *shall* be the responsibility of the Guam Police Department; however, the Chief of Police may authorize any employee(s), designated by the Director, to issue citations for violation of this Section.

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SOURCE: Added by P.L. 29-035:1 (Oct. 25, 2007).

2016 NOTE: Subsection designations were added to adhere to the Compiler's codification and alpha-numeric schemes pursuant to authority granted by 1 GCA § 1606.

§ 80128. Authorization for Solicitation and Contracting for Lease.

(a) The Guam Public Library System is hereby authorized to solicit and contract for the lease and operation of the Internet Café located at Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library in Hagåtña to provide drink and food services for library patrons and the general public, for the purpose of generating a source of revenue to support library infrastructure and attracting patrons to the establishment.

(b) All funds received from the contract for the lease of the Internet Café shall be maintained separate and apart from any other funds of the government of Guam, and independent records and an independent bank account shall be kept in connection with this Fund. The revenue from the contract for the lease of the Internet Café shall be used for facility maintenance, improvements, supplies, and programs. The use of these funds shall be subject to the determination and approval of a majority of the Library Board members, and subject to legislative appropriation through the annual budget act.

(c) Funds directed, as a result of revenue received from the contract for the lease of the Internet Café, shall be subject to an annual audit by the Office of Public Accountability.

(d) The Library Board shall establish interim policy and procedures for the administration of this § 80128 until the promulgation of rules pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 31-031:2 (Nov. 17, 2011), amended by P.L. 33-139 (Mar. 4, 2016).



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Confirmation and Hearing

via Virtual Zoom Platform

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

- I. Call to Order at 2:30 P.M.
- II. Opening remarks by Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson
- III. Items for discussion:
Confirmation Appointee:
 - **Dr. Matilda Rivera** to serve as a **Member Teacher Representative** to the **Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System;**
- IV. Closing remarks
- V. Adjournment

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Position: Member (Teacher Representative)

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Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee		Support		X		
Liwanag Dominguez	LBJ Elementary School Teacher	Support	X	X		
Theresa Taitano	<i>Ma'estran Fino', Kottura yan Atten Tradisionat CHamoru</i> (GDOE) Region 1 Chairwoman	Support	X	X		
Sylvia Taylor	School Librarian, UPI Elementary School	Support	X	X		
Charlene Gumataotao	2nd Grade Teacher, Tamuning Elementary	Support	X	X		
Josephine Laniog	Gifted & Talented Teacher, Talofoto Elementary	Support	X	X		
Alicia Diego	School Librarian, Talofoto Elementary	Support	X			
Lois Taitano Gumataotao, M.Ed	Retired DOE Teacher/Administrator	Support	X			
Catherine E. Stoicovy, PhD	Program Chair, Reading Online Program, UOG	Support	X			
Dawn Maka	Former Student, UOG	Support	X			
Dr. Monique Storie	Dean, University Libraries	Support	X			



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Eloise R. Sanchez		Support	X			
Johanna Salinas	Reading Teacher, GDOE	Support	X			
John Wesolowski	Principal, Talofof Elementary	Support	X			
Joseph D. Franquez		Support	X			
Lou Klitzkie, PhD	Professor Emerita, GDOE	Support	X			
Mae M.C. Mendiola	Teacher, Pedro C. Lujan Elementary	Support	X			
Maria Lourdes G. Felipe	ESL Teacher, Astumbo Elementary	Support	X			
Marie Virata Halloran, RN	Executive Director, Rainbows for All Children-Guam	Support	X			
Melvin B. Won Pa- Borja	Acting Director, Guam Public Library System	Support	X			
Patricia Ann C. Quichocho		Support	X			
Piola Fernandez	GDOE Chamorro Language Educator	Support	X			



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Rosanne U. Lastimoza	LBJ Elementary School Teacher	Support	X			
Vera Flores Dela Cruz	Business Owner	Support	X			
Vivian E. Wolff		Support	X			
Jean Marie Lizama Aguon		Support	X			

November 20, 2020

To: Senator Telena Nelson

From: Liwanag Dominguez

Subject: Testimony Letter for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera

Dear Senator Telena Nelson,

Hoping and praying that this letter finds you well and in good health. I am writing a letter of testimony for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera. I have known Dr. Rivera for about 20 years as a colleague, a friend and a trusted and dependable member in various school and community organizations. My first encounter with Dr. Rivera was at Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School where she taught kindergarten students then moved on to ESL teacher. She was involved in our school leadership committee. She was a chairperson of one of the Focus Groups and devoted her talent and time in collaborating with our school's stakeholders as well as her students and their families. She and our other ESL teachers/coordinators conducted a Parent Workshop at LBJ to help the students and their families to improve their academic skills.

Dr. Rivera continues to involve herself in school and community activities and organizations to promote literacy, safety, and the love of learning for young and adult learners. She serves as a webmaster to numerous organizations such as the Guam Council International Reading Association, Guam Rainbows for All Children, Guam Auxiliary Coast Guard, and others. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Guam and at the Guam Community College. I am honored to have known Dr. Matilda N. Rivera as a colleague and a friend. Dr. Rivera is a great asset at Talofoto Elementary School, Guam Department of Education and the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

Respectfully,

Liwanag Dominguez

LBJ Elementary School Teacher

(671) 646-5046

**KÁTTAN TESTIMONIA para si Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera
I Inapunta para Reipresentanten Ma'estra na Membron I "Board of Directors"
para I Sesteman Laibirihan Puplicon Guåhan
Hiningok Komfitmasion gi Mina' Trentai Singko/35th na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Måttes, Primet diha gi Disembre na mes 2020**

Håfa Adai yan Magof Talo'åne,

Hu agrade si este na oputunidåt ni' para bai hu testigu put i ma'apuntan Doktora Matilda Naputi Rivera para u saonao put Reipresentanten Ma'estra na Membron I "Board of Directors" I Sesteman Laibirihan Puplicon Guåhan. Todu i finaiche'cho'-ña, i umeskuelå-ña gi kuleho siha, i sumaonao-ña gi inetnon siha, ha chocho'gue ginen I kurason-ña para u asiste yan abånsan i tiningo' gi edukasion para i estodiante siha .. famagu'on yan åmko'. Ti ha rinunsia na ha akseptu i ma'apuntå-ña ginen i Maga'Hågan Guåhan.

Mientras gui' Ma'estrang Segundo Lengguåhen Fino' Engles gi eskuelan Depåtamenton Edukason Guåhan, mama'nå'gue lokkue' gi Unibetsidåt Guåhan yan gi Kulehon Kumunidåt Guåhan. Ha nånå'i tiempo-ña, ha ufefresi i nina'sinå-ña, i setbisio-ña parehu yanggen ma'apåsi pat dibåtde. Ti hinalang na ha mesngoni sa' este kontribusion-ña.

Meggai prodokto-ña ni' ha fatta huyong, gi mampresenta gi fina' komferensia guini giya Guåhan, giya Micronesia, giya Amerika, tatkomu hinanao para i mismo lugåt pat gi ma'usan teknolia gi laguan tinigo'. I fina' tinige'-ña siha ni' ma'empressa para lepblo, na'halom attikolo siha gi gayetan profesionåt. Maseha amånu guato, siempre ha fattoigue.

Put kinalamten gi Edukasion Dos Lengguåhi yan Kottura, i Fina'nå'guen Fino' Engles gi Mamfifino' Otro na Lengguåhi, i Espesiåt Edukasion, i Profisienten Manaitai. Ti ha chånda na ha konsigi i hinengge-ña.

Ha espiha empeñu håfa taimanu mafonduyi i nisisidåt para u cho'gue yan u kabåles i planu-ña desde i tinituhon estaki monhayan ya tinattituyi nu tinige' dokumento.

Hunggan put bulontåriu na mafåtto gui' guatu gi laibirihå siha para manayuda gi maneran teknolia annai sumaonao gui' gi AmeriCorps, i manaitai para i famagu'on gi durånten progråman Orna Umestoria an Sabålu yan i grupon P.I.B.B.A, i mama'nå'gue put mångge' leplon estorian famagu'on gi tiempon Festival of Pacific Arts, pat para u bisita ha' guato put intires-ña yan i famagu'on-ña. Ti u suhåayi sa' minagof-ña.

Hu tungo' si Doktora Rivera sa' manhami gi inetnon Ginen I Hila' I Maga'Taotao Siha, Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association, Guam Chapter yan PIBBA International, Literary Arts component of Guam's delegation to the Festival of the Pacific Arts yan Guåhan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club. Guaha otro mås na fina' inetnon siha annai sumåsaonao gui'. Ti membro ha gi este siha na inetnon na kontodu Ofisiat na pusision ya mas na Webmaster gui'.

Takhelo' konfiansiå-ku para si Doktora Matilda Naputi Rivera nu i kualidåt-ña yan kapasidåt-ña para u komple i ginagao i pusision Reipresentanten Ma'estra na Membron I "Board of Directors" I Sesteman Laibirihan Puplicon Guåhan. Ya ginen este na espisiåt Hiningok Komfitmasion gi hamyo na inetnon, I Mina' Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan na maloffan i Inapuntå-ña nu I Maga'Hågan Guåhan para u Reipresentanten Ma'estra na Membron I "Board of Directors".
Tauguenaon mohan.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase' nu i atension yan konsiderasion-miyu.

Guahu si Saina MINETGOT, si Theresa EG Taitano, si "EWY"

Ma'estrang Fino', Kottura yan Åtten Tradisionåt CHamoru (GDOE)
Region 1 Chairwoman – Lions Club International District 204
Immediate Past President – Guåhan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club

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Monday, November 23, 2020

Letter of Recommendation

Dear Honorable/Vice Speaker Nelson,

Buenas yan hafa adai!

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for endorsement of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera as teacher representative to the Board of Directors for the Guam Public Library. I had many opportunities to be in several of her classes when I was completing my certification for Language Arts at the University of Guam. She is innovative and engaging and students hold her with high respect. She is organized and well prepared both with teacher duties as Teacher/English as Second Language (ESL) Coordinator at Talofof Elementary School and as a professor at the University of Guam (UOG) and Guam Community College (GCC). She has been actively involved in many professional organizations and honor societies and several community partnerships such as Lions Club International, Guam Federation of Teachers (GFT), American Federation of Teachers (AFT), and a lot more. In addition, she has held some leadership positions including School's Accreditation, President of International Reading Association (ILA), Technology Cadre, and a lot more.

Dr. Rivera is an exceptional educator and has shown incredible care and commitment to her students. I have witnessed tremendous growth of her students to their higher levels of intelligence and understanding even to the most confusing and complicated projects. Furthermore, Dr. Rivera has a remarkable connection with students and the Guam community especially the younger people. Her extraordinary ability will tackle every worry including difficult challenges and deadlines with grace and ease.

Dr. Rivera's experience in the educational arena offers a wealth of knowledge that will reap benefits as she becomes a member of the board. She has always demonstrated her gift of service and dynamics in leadership roles both in her school and in the community.

Dr. Rivera was instrumental in inspiring me to finish my master's degree. She taught me well and I learned from her the value of a higher education and to never give up on my dream. Dr. Rivera has motivated me to join her in attending a Ph.D. program although I do believe that she has already earned a couple doctoral titles namely Ed.D in English Second language, Ed.D in Education and her third one will be Ed.D in Management of Education that we will both graduate together in two years from.

Dr. Rivera would be an excellent add-on for the board. Her skills, dedication, commitment to keep everyone safe and carry the educational mission for the library as she works with the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library make her a perfect candidate to represent her colleagues and students. I am therefore without any reservation; Dr. Rivera has my highest recommendation and I am honored to write this letter on her behalf.

Should you need further information, please contact me through email below.

V/r,

Sylvia O. Taylor

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November 20, 2020

Honorable Telena Nelson
Vice Speaker and Majority Leader
35th Guam Legislature

Re: Testimony Letter for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera

Dear Honorable Senator Telena Nelson,

I am writing a letter of testimony for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera. I have known Dr. Rivera for 17 years and have had the pleasure of working with her as a fellow teacher at Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School. We also worked together as facilitators for the Motherread/Fatheread program, which is an adult literacy program, at Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary.

Dr. Rivera has held many positions (past and current) including, but not limited to, Adjunct Professor at the University of Guam, Adjunct Professor at the Guam Community College, ESL Teacher/Coordinator, Motherread/Fatheread Facilitator, Flotilla Commander at the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, just to name a few. Her dedication and service to our island's educational system, as well as to many other organizations, is highly commendable.

Dr. Rivera is a very honest, compassionate, dedicated, driven, hard-working, and committed person. I am confident that Dr. Matilda N. Rivera will be an asset as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

Sincerely,



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November 23, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a recommendation for my colleague at Talofof Elementary School, Dr. Matilda N. Rivera, our ESL Teacher/Coordinator. I feel fortunate to have worked with Dr. Rivera for over two years (August 2018 thru November 2020), and I am grateful for the professional advice and support she gave me since her arrival in 2018.

During these two years, Dr. Rivera has been a total professional educator. She addresses the alignment of Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Content Standards, SAT10/AIMSWEB, and School/District/Accreditation Action Plans when preparing lessons. In her role as an ESL Teacher/Coordinator, she primarily services children in the ESL Program who speak a home language other than English, using ESL strategies to enhance the learning experience of the students, enabling them to further increase their oral language skills.

Dr. Rivera has been an asset to Talofof Elementary school in various ways: serving as a judge for the annual schoolwide Spelling Bee, being part of the school's accreditation committee, serving as a Science Fair judge, and conducting vital training during scheduled professional development workshops.

As a professional educator, Dr. Rivera continues to further her technical knowledge and expertise in the field. From 2018 to 2020, she participated in various seminars and conferences to ensure she was knowledgeable in the latest practices. She attended eight local educational seminars, and 26 national educational conferences in the United States mainland.

Dr. Rivera has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Guam since 2002, at the Guam Community College (2010 - present), and at Argosy University (2013 – 2019). Additionally, Dr. Rivera has taught several scholarly local and institutional workshops and seminars since 2018. She has also aided in the educational advancement of fellow educators by serving on the University of Guam Master's Students Advisory Committee and the Argosy University Doctoral Student Advisory Committee.

During the September 2018 to February 2020 time frame, Dr. Rivera was invited to conduct professional presentations at local, national and international levels. These include presentations at: the Guam International Reading Association Meeting (September 22, 2018), the 48th Annual National Association for Bilingual Education Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada (February 2020) and the 38th Annual International Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association Conference, Koror, Palau (June 19, 2019).

She was also invited to participate in National Research and Policy Work Conferences during March and June 2019. These included: the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June 23-26, 2019), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Professional Institute for Early Childhood Education Professional Development Conference, Long Beach, California (June 2-5, 2019), and the Technology, Education, Assessment and Management (TEAM) Third International Conference, UOG School of Education, Mangilao, Guam (March 10-11, 2019).

Dr. Rivera additionally participated in scholarly professional activities associated with FEMA (December 2019), the International Association of Lions Clubs District 204 2019-2020 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (February 29-March 1, 2020), and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxilliary (September 2018, March 2019 and January 2020).

As an actively involved member of the island community, Dr. Rivera has held several leadership positions, and has been a committee member on various local councils, clubs, and boards. These include: the Guam Council of the International Reading Association/ILA, the Guahan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club, the Guam Interagency Coordinating Council, and the Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association International.

Dr. Matilda's interpersonal skills are friendliness and respect for all (both children and adults). She bonds well with her ESL students in all grades (K thru 5th) and maintains a professional relationship with colleagues and superiors.

Please free to contact me at jmlaniog@gdoe.net or 789-1171, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Josephine M. Laniog

Gifted and Talented Teacher

Talofof Elementary School

December 2, 2020

Alicia Diego



Vice Speaker Telena Nelson
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Dear Vice Speaker Telena Nelson,

I wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera to be appointed as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors. She has great interpersonal skills. She collaborates with all of us in meeting our educational goals at Talofoto Elementary School. She is also highly competent in her profession as our English as a Second Language Teacher (ESL) Coordinator/Teacher. She is dedicated to her students and effectively communicates with parents via WhatsApp, Google Meet, Google Classroom, Zoom, etc. In addition, she attended our school library activities such as presentations by guest speakers and authors. She also participated in the Newspapers in Education program which provided free Pacific Daily Newspapers for the ESL students to take home.

Dr. Rivera is currently our co-chair of the Accreditation Committee for our Self-Study. She assists and guides our focus groups to meet the criteria of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Dr. Rivera is a member of the Guam Council International Reading Association. She co-chairs our annual read-a-thon at school and acquires books for our students. In addition, through her work our school participated in the Operation Christmas Drop by providing educational donations which benefited our Pacific neighboring islands.

Dr. Rivera's professional achievements make her an ideal Member (Teacher Representative) for the GPLS Board of Directors and I highly recommend her appointment to it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AD'.

Alicia Diego
School Librarian
Talofoto Elementary School

November 21, 2020

Honorable Telena Nelson
Vice Speaker and Majority Leader
35th Guam Legislature
RE: Testimony Letter for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera

Buenas Honorable Senator Telena Nelson,

My name is Lois T. Gumataotao, a retired DOE Teacher/Administrator, and I was asked to write a testimonial letter on behalf of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera for the position for her nomination to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) of the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System which I am honored to do so.

I have known Dr. Rivera since 2000 where she worked as a Kindergarten teacher and an ESL Teacher/Coordinator at LBJ Elementary School. She is the loving mother of 3 and a wife of 27 yrs. She continued to develop herself professionally by acquiring her doctorate degree in education. In addition to teaching in the elementary grades, she is also adjunct professor at the UOG and GCC. Dr. Rivera wears many hats and has added more to her educational resume by volunteering responsibilities related and focused on improving children's learning. During her teaching career, some of the professional organizations that Dr. Rivera is a part of and not limited to, Dr. Rivera volunteered her teaching expertise as a member, Chairperson and Coordinator with the following: Saturday Scholar, Guam Interagency Coordinating Council, SOE Advisory Council, AmeriCorps, International Reading Association, MotherRead / FatherRead Program with Guam Humanities Council, Guahan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club, PIBBA (Pacific Islands Bilingual/Bicultural Association, NABE (National Association of Bilingual Education), USCG Auxiliary (Flotilla Commander) and WEBMASTER for various organizations. These are just a few mentioned achievements for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera.

With all these positions and experiences, the question is, Is Dr. Rivera deserving to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System? Will she be committed? Yes. Dr. Rivera has demonstrated and followed through with her responsibilities. Will she be focused on the mission of the Guam Public Library? Yes, Dr. Rivera is a doer and sets her mind in accomplishing the tasks toward the goals, mission, and vision of the organization. Is she compassionate for the educational well being of all children? Yes, Dr. Rivera, possesses the skills of empathy, patience and truism. She puts children first and finds new ways to solve problems. The answer to the first question above is YES, Dr. Rivera is deserving to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

Therefore, I am highly recommending for you to take into consideration the confirmation of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera as member for the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System as I know she will share and promote future innovation techniques and address and focus on emerging issues to help librarians, professionals, and stakeholders shape their future.

Sensaremente,



Lois Taitano Gumataotao, M.Ed.

November 28, 2020

To: Office of Vice Speaker Nelson

From: Catherine Stoicovy, PhD
Professor, School of Education
University of Guam

Re: Written Testimony for Dr. Matilda Rivera's appointment to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System

Dear Vice Speaker Nelson,

I am pleased to submit this written testimony in support of Dr. Matilda Rivera's appointment to serve on the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. I have known Matilda for over 20 years and have worked with her at the University of Guam, School of Education for a number of those years. Matilda is a perfect fit for this appointment to the Board. She has a strong background in literacy education, early childhood, and ESL content and teaching. I worked closely with Matilda during her past employment as a fulltime professor for the School of Education and we continue to enjoy an excellent working relationship in her current capacity as an adjunct professor for the Masters in Reading Online Program at SOE. She is an incredibly capable and talented professor who is committed to serving the UOG community and the island community at large.

Matilda is well respected and valued by the SOE faculty and administration. She is recognized for her incredible commitment to UOG, its students and the community, and for her collegiality and endless supply of energy. I highly support her appointment! You may contact me at cstoicovy@triton.uog.edu or telephone [REDACTED] should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Catherine E. Stoicovy, PhD
Program Chair, MEd in Reading Online Program
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My testimony on Dr. Matilda Rivera

1 message

Maka Dawn <auntyama2001@[REDACTED]>

Sun, Nov 22, 2020 at 10:00 PM

To: "senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org" <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Hafa Adai Senator Nelson,

I'm writing this testimonial letter in reference to Dr. Rivera. She has been my mentor in my studies when I was a student at the University of Guam. She had introduced me to a program called moodle which really came in handy once I became a teacher. She has the patience and took time when I would have a situation with my classes and gave me the courage and strength to not give up. I graduated with my masters in education because of Dr. Rivera. She is a very down to earth person and I've seen her solve many situations and come to conclusions which always benefitted the organization which I'm in with her. She wears many hats and still has time to be a teacher in our schools as well as instruct students at the university. I highly recommend her for the position she is proposing for.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha, Dawn Maka

Contact: [REDACTED]



November 30, 2020

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RE: Letter in Support of the nomination of Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera to the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors

Saludu yan Hafa Adai Chairperson and Vice Speaker Telena Nelson; Acting Chairperson & Senator Amanda Shelton; and Members of the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning and Senators of the 35th Guam Legislature:

My name is Monique Storie and I currently serve as the Dean of University Libraries at the University of Guam. I positively support Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera's nomination as the Teacher Representative to the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors. Having known her since 1987 and worked with her on various projects and committees, I am confident that Dr. Rivera possesses many talents and skills that make her a perfect fit for this appointment.

Dr. Rivera is a dedicated, yet versatile educator. She has served within Guam Department of Education for many years, where her tenure has included working with ESL students. Her teaching at the university level demonstrates her versatility, where she has long been a proponent of inclusiveness through the use of technology and of cultural systems within the educational process. Her professional associations demonstrate her continuous advocacy and commitment to promoting learning through a variety of formats. Her myriad of experiences as a teacher will definitely be a wonderful addition to the library board's range of knowledge.

Dr. Rivera is a wonderful creative. She has been a lifelong reader, writer, and poet. She is a member of the Ginen I Hila storytelling group and helped to establish the writer's collective, Ta Tuge' Mo'na. Her storytelling repertoire highlight the culture and values that are present in the everyday Guam experience, and encourage listeners to look for the ways our island cultures tell us who we are. She released her first book of poetry before she finished school, so she understands the power of the youth voice in the written literary arts. Her webmaster and storytelling experiences demonstrate her comprehension that communication is an essential part of our people's lives. Her leadership and dedication are well known by fellow artists; such that Dr. Rivera was asked to co-chair the Literary Arts Organizing Committee's Publications subcommittee for the 2016 Festival of the Literary Arts in Guam. Her understanding of these creative communities will be immensely useful as the library continues to seek out new ways to be a resource to the island.

Dr. Rivera is a strong collaborator and team-builder. In the organizations we have both been involved with, I have seen her be the first to welcome newcomers and to find out more about



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them. I have seen where she had served as the negotiator, seeking out resolutions that benefit the larger group. I have seen her also be the problem-solver, the backbone to many new projects, and the first to volunteer for tasks. In all these roles, Dr. Rivera has always had a smile on her face, an encouraging word, and a positive “we can do this” attitude. As the Guam Public Library seeks to reposition itself in the villages, I can see where Dr. Rivera will be a great team member who will be an ardent advocate for the community, which will lead to strong library-community relationships.

Dr. Rivera is a poet, storyteller, webmaster, teacher, and an advocate. Each one of these skills would make her a valuable board member. Being someone who understands how all these callings can work together seamlessly makes Dr. Rivera invaluable. With all this said, I will conclude by stating that I am in full support of Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera being selected as the teacher representative to the Guam Public Library Board of Directors and I hope you will act favorably upon her nomination.

With sincerest regards,

Monique Storie
Dean, University Libraries

**Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and
Statistics, Research and Planning
I Mina'Trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guahan/35th Guam**

**Confirmation Hearing – Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) to
the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System**

Hafa Adai yan Buenas Vice-Speaker Telena Nelson and Members of the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning. My name is Eloise R. Sanchez and I am submitting my written testimony in support of the appointment of Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

It is with great pleasure and an honor that I write this Letter of Support for Dr. Matilda Rivera to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. I have had the privilege, over the last twenty years, to work closely with Dr. Rivera in various educational initiatives and programs, specifically in the area of language and literacy.

Dr. Rivera is currently an English as a Second Language Teacher (ESL) Coordinator/Teacher at Talofoto Elementary School with the Guam Department of Education and I have observed her work at the district-level. Dr. Rivera has served in various committees, such as, being a member of the ESL Cadre Committee over the last two years. One of the goals of the committee was to review and update the ESL Procedural Manual, which was approved by the Guam Education Board.

Dr. Rivera has significantly contributed to the education community through her participation at national level conferences such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and presenting what she has learned to other educators. More recently, during the district's Distance Learning Training over the summer of 2020, Dr. Rivera presented on "Working with Diverse Learners" to K-12 educators in preparation for the opening of School Year 2020.2021.

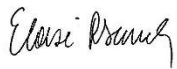
At the regional level, Dr. Rivera has presented at the Pacific Educational Conferences, which are held bi-annually at different pacific region entities over the years. These regional conferences allowed her to gain perspectives of the diversity of learners that are served in our public schools.

At the local level, Dr. Rivera can be recognized as an individual who is not only committed to supporting her ESL students, her colleagues, but she also makes every effort to work with families. She is dedicated and passionate about working in the field of education not only at the school-level, but her involvement with the International Reading Association indicates that she is always advocating for improving and increasing literacy amongst our students throughout the island.

In closing, I strongly believe that Dr. Rivera will be an asset as a member of the Board of Directors for the Public Library System. Her educational experiences at the local, regional and national level will only bring a broader view of how to serve the community. Further, if appointed, I know that Dr. Rivera will be committed to the mission of the Guam Public Library System, which is to provide free and open access to information and ideas to a democracy. Through her educational experiences, Dr. Rivera will also be prepared to protect intellectual freed, promote literacy, encourage lifelong learning and maintain cultural materials for all those who are served at the public libraries on Guam.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony.

Submitted by:



11/27/2020

Eloise R. Sanchez Date

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Dear Guam Legislature,

I am writing to you in support of my mentor, Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, to be appointed as a Teacher Representative for the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. I can confidently say that her strong intellect and her passion for cultural-based education would be highly beneficial to Guam.

I have known Dr. Rivera since 2015 as a literary delegate for the Festival of the Pacific Arts. Dr. Rivera was the Co-Chairperson of the Publications Committee. She helped introduce me to the different forms of Pacific Literature and encouraged me to find my voice in writing. During FestPac, Dr. Rivera helped coordinate the committee's author workshops and author readings. All these events were well-attended, with every participant gaining a deeper appreciation for Pacific Literature and Chamoru culture.

Dr. Rivera's drive to promote our culture inspired me to do more as a teacher. And so, she encouraged me to join Pacific Island Bicultural Bilingual Association Guam. With PIBBA Guam, Dr. Rivera has travelled to different islands throughout Micronesia to share cultural-based lessons. Dr. Rivera reminds educators of the importance to balance school standards with our cultural values.

It is truly an honor to be mentored by Dr. Rivera and I wholeheartedly recommend her to be a Teacher Representative for the Board of Directors of GPLS. Her commitment to Pacific Literature and promoting culture-based learning can truly help the community, as well as the region. Please feel free to contact me for any questions.

Sincerely,



Johanna Salinas
Reading Teacher
Guam Department of Education



Jon J. P. Fernandez
Superintendent of Education

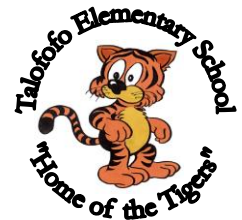
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November 24, 2020

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RE: Recommendation of Dr. Matilda Rivera for Board of Directors, Guam Public Library System

Hafa Adai! Dr. Matilda Rivera is highly recommended to be the teacher representative on the Guam Public Library System, Board of Directors. She possesses the knowledge, skills, and desire to represent the library system at a high level and help to improve the system.

Dr. Rivera is a highly respected member of Talofofu Elementary and the Guam Department of Education. She is the English as a Second Language Coordinator/Teacher at Talofofu Elementary, who always works to ensure that the school is in compliance with policies and regulations regarding ESL students. Furthermore, Dr. Rivera is constantly researching best practices to ensure that ESL students receive the highest quality instruction. In addition to her duties at Talofofu Elementary, Dr. Rivera is a member of the GDOE ESL Cadre, refining ESL policies and instructional practices at the district level.

Along with her work within GDOE, Dr. Rivera displays her dedication to the community of Guam by her involvement in a number of organizations. Dr. Rivera is a member of the Coast Guard Reserve, Lion's Club, and Guam International Reading Association. She is also an adjunct professor for the University of Guam, offering pro bono courses to her GDOE colleagues.

While Dr. Rivera is involved in a number of activities, she always has the energy and desire to give more to her community. Given Dr. Rivera's proven record of community service through her work within the Guam Department of Education and Guam at large, I am confident that she would be an excellent member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Public Library System.

Sincerely,

John Wesolowski

MISSION STATEMENT:

"Talofofu Elementary School community prepares all students to be lifelong learners, by educating the whole child, and empowering each student with the skills to succeed."



Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Supporting Dr. Matilda Rivera Appointment

1 message

Joseph D Franquez <sinoff@[REDACTED]>

Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 11:24 AM

To: "senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org" <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Hâfa Adai, Senator Nelson;

I am very happy to write to you in support of Dr. Matilda Rivera to serve as a member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors, of the Guam Public Library System. I have known Dr. Rivera for many years and know of her passion and commitment to education, children's literacy and community organizations promoting these efforts. She is a very incredibly giving and compassionate person with a wealth of knowledge. She will be an excellent member of the board and will add to their mission with her years of experience and resourcefulness.

I am hoping that you will consider and approve her appointment to the board of directors and I will support her nomination.

Sen dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'âse'.

Senseramente,

Si Siñot Joey Franquez

From: Lou Klitzkie <[klitzkie@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:klitzkie@[REDACTED])>
Date: November 28, 2020 at 16:23:11 ChST
To: "senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org" <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>
Subject: Re: Dr. Matilda Rivera

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Matilda Rivera to serve as a member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System as appointed by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero.

I have known Dr. Rivera for over twenty years; first as a student of mine in Ed. 352: PE Methods for Elementary Teachers and second as a colleague in the School of Education and Alumni Association University of Guam. Dr. Rivera has earned both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the University of Guam and her Doctorate Degree from California Coast University.

Currently Dr. Rivera is the English as a Second Language Coordinator/Teacher at Talofof Elementary School serving grades Kindergarten-5 Grade. She also serves as the School Leadership Team Co-Chair for Accreditation. Dr. Rivera has a number of years both teaching for the Guam Department of Education and the University of Guam. For DOE, she has taught both primary and intermediate regular and special needs classrooms. As a professor at UOG, Dr. Rivera has also taught Language and Literacy, Teaching English as a Second Language Programs, education courses and secondary education instructional technology courses.

Dr. Rivera has served on numerous boards, councils and organizations, e.g., School of Education Council, Interagency Coordinating Council, Governing Board Member- Webmaster Pacific Island Bilingual Bicultural Association International, International Reading Association, School of Education Alumni Association, USCG Auxiliary Association, Association for Childhood Education International, SOE Alumni Association Library to name a few.

Dr. Rivera has demonstrated knowledge and skills in instructional technology, computer literacy and created the SOE Alumni Association Library website. She regularly publishes short stories, poetry, journals and creative arts for faculty and students. Dr. Rivera can be described as an intelligent, talented, creative, ambitious, hard worker and a driven-individual. Dr. Rivera is more than qualified for service on the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. I highly recommend her confirmation .

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Klitzkie, Ph. D
Professor Emerita

Guam Department of Education

December 1, 2020

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Hafa Adai, Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson and the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning,

I would like to also submit my written testimony for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera for the Virtual Confirmation Hearing to be held today, December 1, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. I know that Dr. Rivera will definitely be an asset to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

I have no doubt that there are many testimonies vouching for Dr. Rivera. She is definitely very intelligent, very bright, excellent, outstanding in all aspects of being SMART. She wowed me when I first met her at Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School in January, 2001. Not only was she very passionate with teaching the kindergarten and first grade students, she was also very professional and friendly as she collaborated with us new teachers. I was amazed when she received her doctorate because she was only thirty years old at the time!

As an ESL teacher (English as a Second Language) for many years, Dr. Rivera takes great pride teaching her students the joy of speaking, listening, reading, and writing the English language. The students are also excited to learn about other children and their cultures as well. Whenever I would visit her classroom, the children are enjoying the activities at hand. They are learning, and they don't want to leave her classroom.

Dr. Rivera is also very active in the community. She always gives the opportunity to her colleagues and friends to join the different clubs and organizations she's in – USCG (United States Coast Guard) Auxiliary (Dr. Rivera is our Guam Flotilla Commander.), IRA (International Reading Association), Lions Club ("Isan Famagu'on Lions), PIBBA (Pacific Islands Bicultural Bilingual Association), USO (United Service Organizations), and more. I want to support Dr. Rivera in many of her endeavors, so I am happy to serve alongside her. She is also very "tech-savvy". As the Webmaster, she definitely is an asset as more and more students and their teachers and others are on ZOOM and GOOGLE MEET.

But the BEST testimony I can give for Dr. Matilda Rivera is that she is a true and loyal friend with a genuine love for the children, for all people here on Guam, throughout Micronesia, and in different countries. Dr. Rivera and I have been like sisters for almost twenty years. When I need her, she is always with me in spirit, more so because of the

pandemic. I have to share this. My husband just passed away due to COVID-19 on November 21, 2020. While my husband was in Naval Hospital ICU, she called me every single day to check on me. She always said that our best friends as well as many others were constantly praying for my husband and for our family. She knew I was in a very distressful crisis because my entire family got sick with the virus... and then my husband died. I will always be grateful for her compassion because I know how extremely busy she is. Yet she made the time to check on my family and me and our well-being.

Thank you for at least reading this very belated letter, even if you received it after the hearing. Please know that I support Dr. Matilda N. Rivera 100% to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. She is truly an advocate for supporting literacy for all children.

Sincerely,
Mae M.C. Mendiola
GovGuam DOE Teacher
Pedro C. Lujan Elementary School

November 23, 2020

Re: Testimony for Dr. Matilda Naputi-Rivera for her appointment as a member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Public Library System

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege and pleasure to provide a testimony for Dr. Matilda Naputi-Rivera, who I have known for several years, as my professor, colleague and currently a classmate in a Doctoral Program. I have always been in admiration of Dr. Rivera's energy and enthusiasm to learn, teach, research and reach out to others, always giving of herself unconditionally.

As a student in the Graduate School, I was under Dr. Rivera's tutelage in the TESOL and Reading Masters Programs at the University of Guam. As a professor, she engages with her students in a respectful way, always challenging us to think about what we do. She is the epitome of a committed and dedicated teacher, sharing her expertise generously and taking time to develop a personal relationship with her students so that she can address our needs and challenges individually. Her class sessions were always informative, thought provoking and engaging. Her innovative teaching strategies were invaluable lessons for us teachers because we are able to bring these back to our classrooms to benefit our students. They are now part of my teacher toolkit and have proved to be advantageous especially for students who struggle in the classroom. Our classes with Dr. Rivera were always joyful and pleasant.

As a colleague in GDOE, Dr. Rivera is an accomplished teacher. She is very well respected by her colleagues and is looked up to as an authority in the field of Literacy. She advocates for our ESL students, actively engages in research, uses research to drive her instruction, shares her expertise generously and works tirelessly to be a part of initiatives that help improve the state of our struggling learners. Dr. Rivera also actively involves herself in numerous GDOE committees and programs as I have interacted with her in several of these meetings and trainings. She contributes positively to discussions on teaching and learning and is very critical about issues that do not promote fairness and integrity. Dr. Rivera is also very strong supporter of technology in education.

As a classmate in our Doctoral Program (her second), she is one of my colleagues that I feel comfortable approaching and working with because her personality is that of someone who I can trust. She is one who is willing to help, is able to have fun and interact freely with. I am confident to say that she is someone who works tirelessly and puts a lot of effort in the work that she does. She is a model worthy of emulation.

I believe that Dr. Matilda Naputi-Rivera will be an extremely valuable addition as a member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System, as she embodies the ideal of a true educator and mentor.

Respectfully,

Maria Lourdes G. Felipe
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November 26, 2020

Office of the Vice-Speaker, Senator Telen Cruz Nelson
Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning
35th Guam Legislature

Dear Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson, Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media:

I am honored to submit this recommendation letter in support of Dr. Matilda Rivera's nomination as a teacher representative for the Board of Director member of the Guam Public Library System.

I have known Matilda Rivera for over 20+ years and I am in admiration at how much she has contributed in the field of education as well as other various community affiliated organizations. I first met Matilda as a teacher at Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School. She gladly volunteered as a Rainbows Certified Facilitator, to help her students who are going through life painful transition from a divorce, death, separation, abandonment, military deployment, incarceration of a parent or a significant loss of a loved one. She facilitated the Rainbows for All Children Guam program faithfully without hesitation. Shortly after she volunteered, she observed how her students' behavior improved and their attitude changed for the better toward their friends, classmates and teachers and their academic performance has gone positive.

Through the years, I have noticed from a distance how her compassion, empathy and dedication have impacted reassurance among her students. She would without hesitation bend over backwards to ensure that her students' growth and development are embraced as a whole person: with academic, physical, psychological, emotional and social challenges are being met.

I am very confident that Dr. Matilda Rivera's vast wealth of knowledge in education with a masters and doctoral degree in education combined with her 20+ years' experience in teaching at the Guam Department of Education, and as an adjunct professor at the Guam Community College and University of Guam would be an asset to the Guam Library System. She is an exemplary candidate for this position. Dr. Matilda Rivera meets the highest standard requirement to serve as a **Member (Teacher Representative)** to the **Board of Director member of the Guam Library System.**

Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marie Virata Halloran

Marie Virata Halloran, RN

Rainbows for All Children Guam/LifeWorks Guam

Executive Director



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November 25, 2020

The Honorable Telen Cruz Nelson
Vice Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature
Chairperson, Committee on Education,
Air Transportation and Statistics, Research and Planning
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**Re: Written Testimony in Support of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera
Gubernatorial Appointee Teacher Representative to the
Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System**

Dear Madame Chairwoman:

In the short time I have served as Acting Director of the Guam Public Library System (GPLS), my observations have impressed upon me the strong need for leadership across all levels of the agency to ensure its operations are conducted with efficiency and accountability.

This includes leadership that is mindful of the especially important need for access to literature and for literacy programs to be made available to our island community while using current technologies and resources, embracing new ones, and providing services and resources that are culturally and globally relevant to the constituent.

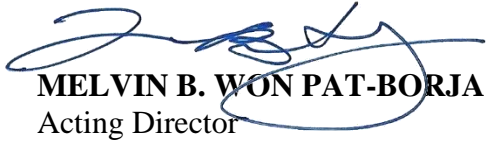
As a teacher by profession, I understand these needs as they tend to fall short in classrooms. This is where teachers do more than teach. They become skilled in management, accounting, and innovation among other things to make-up for the shortfalls within their classrooms.

The leadership of our Library needs individuals who embody the skilled teacher and for that reason, I offer my support in the appointment of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera as member of the GPLS Board of Directors. As a veteran teacher and professor, I believe Dr. Rivera has the skillset and knowledge base that can be an asset to the leadership of the GPLS. Her experiences as a teacher will aid the Library in its mission to expand literacy to men, women, and children of our communities and to hopefully make it into a leading center of literacy in the region.

Our work is always in the pursuit to constantly improve and evolve, therefore, this legislative body is encouraged to accept this appointment so that this work may continue.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony and I look forward to a favorable outcome in the name of literacy for our people. *Saina Ma'āse'*!

Senseramente,



MELVIN B. WON PAT-BORJA
Acting Director

December 1, 2020

To: Honorable Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson
From: Patricia Quichocho
Subject: Recommendation for Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera

Dear Vice Speaker Nelson,

Hafa Adai! I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of the appointment of Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera to serve as a member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. I have known Dr. Rivera for over 25 years as an educator and as an active participant in civic organizations such as the International Reading Association, Ginen I Hila I Maga'taotao Siha Association, and Guahan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club

As an educator, Dr. Rivera's professional experience ranges from a Language Arts mentor/webmaster to an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher/coordinator. She has taught reading classes at several Guam Department of Education schools, Guam Community College, University of Guam, and Argosy University, Hawaii. She has always taken her role as an educator seriously and is passionate about her results as evidenced in her curriculum vital. In the civic arena, Dr. Rivera is at her best in a group environment as she is open-minded to advice, a team player, and proactive in moving ahead to achieve the best results possible in any given situation.

I have the deepest professional and personal respect for Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera and sincerely believe she will bring her unique energy, optimism and passion to achieve to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

If you require any other additional information, please email me at [pcquichocho@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:pcquichocho@[REDACTED]).

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,

Patricia Ann C. Quichocho



Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Matilda Rivera

1 message

Piola Ann Fernandez <pafernandez@gdoe.net>
To: senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org

Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 4:12 PM

Hafa Adai Senators,

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Matilda Rivera to serve as a member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

Dr. Rivera's extensive knowledge and experience in education and literacy has been commendable as a local professional who promotes Guam's culture, language, and the importance of literacy for our students. She has been instrumental in our field as her contributions and works have produced many professional books, scholarly articles, and participated in professional presentations where she is always willing to share her expertise and contribute to all her fields of expertise.

Dr. Rivera has been a great mentor to me and my professional colleagues since 2019, as she is always willing to share her knowledge, resources, and experiences. She is a perfect candidate for the Board of Directors, where she will have the opportunity to share and apply her wealth of knowledge in Guam's Public Library System.

GDOE Chamorro Language Educator,

Sinora Piola Fernandez

Guam Department of Education

November 20, 2020

To: Senator Telena Nelson

From: Rosanne U. Lastimoza

Subject: Testimony Letter for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera

Dear Senator Telena Nelson,

Greetings! I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and continued safety during this time of the pandemic. I am writing this letter of testimony for Dr. Matilda N. Rivera. I have known her since we both started teaching back in 1998 at LBJ Elementary School. She is a friend, colleague, and my support throughout my career. She has and continues to provide the guidance, shared knowledge and continue professional dedication to the Department of Education, the University of Guam, adjunct to GCC, International Reading Association as well as so many other educational groups as well as community associations. She continues to be active in her career. She has maintained and improve her skills by gaining more credits, units, and certificates in so many educational online sites as well as local chapters and organizations. She is willing to help others, and goes above and beyond her abilities without hesitation. She is dependable and trustworthy. I commend her for her hard work and dedication to our community.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Rosanne U. Lastimoza

LBJES Teacher, GDOE

November 30, 2020

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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera

Hafa adai!

Passionate, committed, dependable, trustworthy. This is Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera in a nutshell. Her commitment and passion for education and the island community are awe-inspiring and make me want to be just like her.

My recommendation for her confirmation to the Board of the Guam Public Library System is made with a firm belief she will add value to the agency's mission serving the general public. While she was recommended by a colleague, she expressed sincere interest in serving in this capacity to further develop the resources available to our island community. When she commits, she gives her all.

Thank you for accepting my recommendation and for confirming her appointment to the GPLS Board of Directors. You will not regret it!

Feel free to contact me via email at [veradc@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:veradc@[REDACTED]) or WhatsApp at [REDACTED]

Si Yu'os Ma'ase & thank you.

Senseramente,

Vera Flores Dela Cruz

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Senator Telena Cruz Nelson
Office of the Vice Speaker
Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning
35th Guam Legislature

November 27, 2020

Dear Senator Nelson,

It is with pleasure that I submit this testimony in support of the confirmation of Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera as the Teacher Representative to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. I have known Dr. Rivera for many years in her capacity as President of the Guam Chapter of the International Reading Association (IRA), Instructor of post graduate level courses at UOG and USD, and as a respected member of the educational community of Guam.

There are four things that stand out in my mind when thinking of Dr. Rivera's nomination to this board.

- 1) Leadership- Dr. Rivera is a natural leader. She gets people to take action in such a way that they feel ownership and pride in getting things done. Instead of ordering or bossing people around, she gives common sense "next steps" that make the task doable and non-threatening. She builds consensus for the movement forward.
- 2) Organization- As Ben Franklin once said, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." That quote embodies Dr. Rivera's involvement in the community. She is active in many community service organizations with hands-on commitment. Her advanced technological skills are manifested in her work as the IRA Webmaster. The IRA Blogspot is refreshed almost immediately with new and pertinent information, IRA Board decisions, and important announcements for the membership. She is one of the most efficient, organized, and hardworking people with whom I've worked.
- 3) Responsive Listening- I have witnessed Dr. Rivera quietly listening to people with problems or roadblocks to completing tasks and assignments. Using skillful questioning techniques and creative problem solving, she helps them overcome or

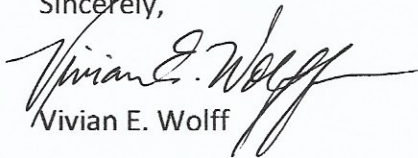
get around the issues and complete assigned work. She listens intently, notices relevant details, and is thoughtful in her response.

- 4) Vision- Dr. Rivera is a role model who sets the example for others to be lifelong learners. She is well-read and knowledgeable in multiple areas, yet thoroughly enjoys soaking up information and learning new things. She values books and educational resources. Her vision for the development of literacy in her classroom, as well as in her UOG students, has far reaching consequences for Guam and the Micronesian region.

I strongly support Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera's nomination as the Teacher Representative. She will be an excellent addition to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



Vivian E. Wolff

To: : **Senator Amanda Shelton**

Subject:**Dr. Matilda Rivera** to serve as a **Member (Teacher Representative)** to the **Board of Directors** of the **Guam Public Library System**.

Dear Senator Shelton,

I have known Dr. Rivera for over 15 years. My first encounter with her was when I was her student at the University of Guam and she was teaching the teachers of the Guam Department of Education, then as a representative for the Read-a-Thon for Talofoto Elementary School and finally as a colleague at Talofoto Elementary School.

I highly recommend the appointment of Dr. Rivera to serve as a member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. She is a hard worker, she's knowledgeable, she knows what she's doing, she's very responsible and she's always deeply committed (dedicated) to whatever she undertakes. She is always willing to help everyone and has a great attitude while doing so. She will be a great asset to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System.

Sincerely,
Jean Marie Lizama Aguon



THE OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TELENA CRUZ NELSON

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AIR TRANSPORTATION,
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning convened a Virtual Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 2:30 P.M. in *I Liheslatura's* Zoom Conference platform. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on October 22, 2020, for a term of three (3) years; June 30, 2020 to June 29, 2023; to fill the seat of William Q. Sarmiento whose term has expired;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on October 30, 2020;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on October 30, 2020.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Friday, November 20, 2020 (5-Day Notice), and again on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 (48-Hour Notice). Notice of today's virtual confirmation hearing was also available on the Guam Legislature Website.

Senators Present

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson

Senator Telo Taitague

Appearing before the Committee

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee

Liwanag Dominguez

Theresa Taitano

Sylvia Taylor

Charlene Gumataotao

Josephine Laniog

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 2:32 P.M.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: *Håfa adai* everyone and good afternoon. Thank you all for being here today. The Committee on Education, Air Transportation,

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and Statistics, Research and Planning will now convene this Virtual Confirmation Hearing. Today is Tuesday, December 1, 2020, the time now is 2:32 p.m.

For the record, I am the Acting Chairperson on the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning as Vice Speaker Telen Nelson is currently on military duty.

In accordance with the Open Government Law, public notices were sent out via email to all senators, stakeholders, and all main media broadcasting outlets on Friday, November 20, 2020 (5-Day Notice), and the second notice on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 (48-Hour Notice). Notice of today's Virtual Confirmation Hearing was also available on the Guam Legislature's website.

Joining me today for this Virtual Confirmation Hearing is my colleague, Senator Telo Taitague. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* for joining us. I also would like to thank everyone for tuning in on our YouTube channel and the Guam Legislature channel. Thank you for listening.

Before we proceed with this Virtual Confirmation Hearing, the legislature has general rules of conduct that must be followed.

All must abide by the rules of conduct and quality assurance standards. Please keep video on at all times and ensure you are in a room with little interruptions and adequate lighting, specifically to make sure the participants face is visible at all times.

1. The host of this hearing will mute participants until called upon by the chair.
2. When called to speak, please ensure that you are "un-muted" and that you are speaking into your microphone.
3. Members of the Committee wishing to speak may indicate via the in-app chatbox.
4. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the Chair before speaking and shall state their name for record-keeping purposes.
5. We will then have a round of questions from the Senators after the panel has spoken. And the Senators will be allowed to pose their questions. We ask that testimonies and questions shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda. Personal inference as to the character or the motive of any Senator, or any individual testifying, is NOT permitted.

Any violations of this general rule of conduct will result in removal from the Public Hearing by the host.

Today's agenda for this Virtual Confirmation Hearing is for Dr. Matilda Rivera to serve as a Member Teacher Representative to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System. I would like to invite those who have joined us today to give their testimony for Dr. Rivera. I have a list here, if you give me a second, I will call you in the order that I see you and if I see you in the chat as well.

First, I have Liwanag Dominguez, I see you here, you may begin.

Liwanag Dominguez: Please see attached testimony.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Thank you very much, Ms. Dominguez. And I would like to call on Lois Gumataotao to provide testimony.

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee: I believe she is driving on the road to Vegas now. So, she wanted to come on and she was hoping to but she's still enroute from her Thanksgiving. She is off-island.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: No, problem. Thank you.

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee: She sent a message regarding that.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Thank you so much. We have next signed up for testimony, Marie Halloran. I don't see her in the Zoom room, perhaps, this is written testimony that she will be providing. Next on the list is Josephine Laniog.

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee: She is in a district meeting now. Sorry.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: No, problem. Also, Dr. Monique Storie, signed up to testify for you and now we have Theresa Taitano. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the record before you begin.

Theresa Taitano: Please see attached testimony.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* Thank you very much for your testimony. Last on the list, we have Sylvia Taylor, *Håfa adai* ma'am. Please unmute yourself and introduce yourself before you begin.

Sylvia Taylor: I'm sorry, good afternoon to all. Please see attached testimony.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Thank you very much, Ms. Taylor. I believe there's someone else on the line, Charlene Gumataotao, if you would like to provide testimony today. Thank you.

Charlene Gumataotao: Please see attached testimony.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Excellent. Thank you very much, Ms. Gumataotao. And I see that Josephine Laniog has signed on. Ms. Josephine if you would like to provide testimony, I ask that you turn on your camera. Thank you very much. Please state your name for the record before beginning.

Josephine Laniog: Please see attached testimony.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Thank you very much, Ms. Laniog. I appreciate your testimony today and I'm glad you were able to join us. I see that there is someone else to join the Zoom room to provide testimony, Marissa Meers, however she is having a hard time connecting, so, we will come back to her if she is able to connect.

At this time, I would like to read some of the duties what a Board Member of the Guam Public Library System has to do. So, all the library... this is coming from the Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated for the Guam Public Library System. All the libraries in the Library System, shall be available for use by all persons in Guam in accordance with the Rules and Regulations which are promulgated by the Board. However, the Board shall have the authority to oppose fines for books, late returns, or misuse of the library resources. The Board shall also have the authority to establish fees for other services provided by the library pursuant provisions from the Administrative Adjutant Act. And we know how important the library is for our entire community especially for students and teachers who are within our education system. And the library is an important resource as it serves as the government depository for all governmental publications for any printed or process paper, book, periodical, pamphlet or map originating or printed with the imprint or at the expense and by the authority of the Government of Guam.

So, there are many responsibilities as a Board Member of the Guam Public Library System, that Dr. Rivera will have to undertake. And at this time, I would like to give her the opportunity to introduce herself and testify. Dr. Rivera?

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee: *Hâfa adai! Guahu si* Dr. Rivera. I wanted to say *Si Yu'os Ma'âse'* to all of you for the testimony. It is an honor to work with each and every one of you because we have that mission to ensure that we are in the best interest of our children of Guam. Our underlying goal is to ensure that the future of our island are well taken care of because they will in return take care of us, right? The old folks? We are not old but anyhow we want to ensure that we have productive citizens on our island because with that in mind we will know to continue to sustain our culture, sustain literacy and sustain what is ensure that our island is productive and will thrive for years to come. And all of that is made possible through all of us as team leaders to ensure that we give them the power to succeed and we do that because for now we hold the power because we are the ones guiding them. But in essence they will hold the power to ensure our island continuously thrive and endure through generations and with this in mind we can perpetuate what we know to be true, to ensure we have the resources that we need for our island, for our children, for our families. Pat gon, our familia, for years to come. Fa'maguon is what we have of course, in our hearts. So, in our corazon, that is what we need to ensure that we always remember and we do so because we care. And that is the underlying goal. *Si Yu'os Ma'âse' Todus Hamyu* and I appreciate all of you, so, I could break down in tears, I'll try not to do that because we are in public television. So, I want to give my heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Thank you very much, Dr. Rivera. Thank you so much to all the people that came out to testify for you today and also submitted written testimony. I also like to mention that the Committee received testimony from Mae Mendiola in support of your appointment to the Board. We will continue to collect testimony for those who wish to submit but couldn't make it on the call today. I also would like to thank those who came on but they were unable to connect properly so, I hope they will send in their testimony for you as well.

And at this time, we would like to open the floor for questions from me and Senator Telo Taitague, who is on the line with me today.

First, Dr. Rivera, we heard a lot of praise for you work and your dedication in the community. You're involved with many activities not just in the school setting and the University of Guam but in the community as well in the non-profit organizations, your civic work. There's a lot on your plate. I just would like to ask if you feel that you have the time and commitment to give fully to this organization?

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee: I do feel that I have the time because it is in line with what I advocate for. It deals with ensuring the cultural resources that are available for our students and that is already what I'm doing. So, it's close to my heart and if you have that passion naturally, the school mission is there. It's something that I yearn to do. To ensure that we meet the needs of our island. To provide the resources that they deserve, the quality resources that should be made available to all.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Thank you very much. That's great to hear. I'm reassured that you have that passion. That you're ready to get working as soon as your confirmed with the Legislature. I'd like to ask as you touched on a little bit in your testimony how important it is with the work for the

future of our island. We've been experiencing with this pandemic together and it's obviously changed the way we have to operate. So, I'd like to hear from you what you have as a vision with the library system and how we can continue to adapt and to serve the young people on our island and the patrons of the library?

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee: As we know we are in the technology age so. I myself am an Ed Techy and I want to ensure that we do provide online resources of the same time. We do have some that can actually improve and increase what is made available to our island, our kids and families, adults, everyone. In doing so, we both can have the traditional and as well as the online resources. So, having a hybrid of the two (2) will further enhance the availability of resources that can be made to all. So, that we don't leave anybody behind so, that there are no cracks that can ultimately fall under that we don't have the resources and I encourage research so, providing that leverage we need to ensure that the resources are there.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Thank you very much, Dr. Rivera. Now, I would like to ask my colleague, Senator Telo, if you have any questions.

Senator Telo Taitague: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* Madam Chair for the opportunity. *Buenas*, Dr. Rivera, it's good to see you.

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee: *Buenas*, Senator Telo.

Senator Telo Taitague: You know I want to thank you, first and foremost for stepping up to the plate. You know you have a lot on your plate already but I have no doubt that you can do an excellent job representing especially as a Teacher Rep for the Guam Library System. I don't know if the Chairwoman had the opportunity to mention everybody that provided testimony on your behalf. It's so extensive, I mean I would cry if you read the amount of testimony that came in here. So, you know your forgiven if you shed a tear because all the people... Lou Klitzkie, Melvin Won Pat, Patricia Quichocho, Johanna Salinas, Vera Dela Cruz, Dr. Monique Storie, Eloise Sanchez, these are heavy hitters. You know these are people, you touched a lot of people especially those that are testifying today. Sylvia Taylor, who I know Sylvia for many years, you know when I used to do pictures at the schools and used her lovely library, always.

You know to encourage teachers and to pursue higher education, I mean that speaks highly of you. That gives me tears just thinking of that. I know you are going to do a great job. However, there is a couple of things, Dr. Rivera – Matilda, I love that name by the way. The website, if you go to the website for the Guam Public Library System, it's not up. It's not up and running. And I know you are a techy person so, I'm counting on you to make sure that the Guam Public Library System is up and to give information to everybody in the community especially the goals that you have for the Guam Library System. People need to know about it and the importance now since we are in this COVID. Everyone relies a lot on the online and the social media. So, it's very helpful so, I'm hoping that Dr. Rivera you take up on that, make sure that website is up and running.

Dr. Matilda Rivera, Nominee: Definitely, that will be one of the first things on the agenda.

Senator Telo Taitague: Yay, thank you so much. I know it's going to get done. And again, I would like to thank everyone. Taitano... good to see you again, Theresa, good to see you and everyone who is here Dominguez as well as Gumataotao, *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* I know she greatly appreciates you being here and as well as I do to hear it from you, yourself how great a person Dr. Rivera is. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* again.

Senator Amanda Shelton, Acting Committee Chairperson: Thank you so much, Senator Telo. And yes, thank you everyone for being here today to provide your testimony and Senator Taitague is right, there is an extensive list of testimonies that were submitted from members of our community. So, that will all be available within the Committee Report for you, Dr. Rivera.

I'd also like to mention that two (2) members of the Guam Library Board were also on the call to be here to express their support for you and that was Marissa Meers and Nicole Nelson.

And with that I would like to conclude this hearing and congratulate you, Dr. Rivera on this appointment to the Board. I wish all the best and I look forward to confirming you in our next session in a week from now, in our December session. I would like to thank you for your commitment to the students of Guam, to education. I know you will bring a very beneficial perspective to the work of the Guam Public Library System and we look forward to everything that you will do and help us adapt and have these resources available to our community.

So, *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*

All right, the time now is 3:08 p.m. This Virtual Conformation Hearing is now completed. The committee will continue to accept written testimony for the next three (3) working days. Testimonies may be sent via email to senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org or delivered to the Office of Vice-Speaker Tena Nelson of Suite 202A, 173 Aspinall Avenue, *Hagåtña*, Guam 96910 or to the Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, *Hagåtña*, Guam 96910.

The hearing will be replayed here on the legislature channel and will be available on our YouTube channel as well. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* everyone. For the record again, the time is 3:08 p.m. and this concludes our Public Hearing.

The public hearing was adjourned at 3:08 P.M

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning hereby reports on the appointment of Dr. Matilda N. Rivera to serve as a Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System, with the recommendation TO DO CONFIRM



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Nomination of

Dr. Matilda N. Rivera

to serve as Member (Teacher Representative) to the Board of Directors of the Guam Public Library System to serve a term of three (3) years; June 30, 2020 to June 29, 2023. To fill the seat of William Q. Sarmiento whose term has expired.

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