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**APPOINTMENTS**

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35GL-19-1049	Dr. Paul B. Pomes	Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative)	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners	9/25/19	Three (3) Years from date of Confirmation	Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land, and Justice	10/2/19	12/5/19 10:30 a.m.	12/18/19 3:52 p.m.		



Senator  
**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

*I Mina'trentai Singko na Libeslaturan Guåhan*

35th Guam Legislature

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

December 17, 2019

**The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

Speaker

*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña Guam, 96910

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

**RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Dr. Paul B. Pomes**

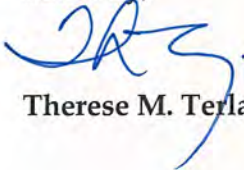
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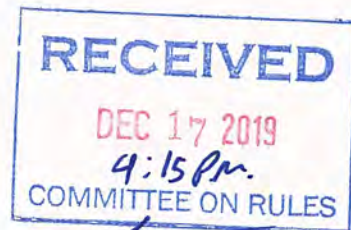
Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Dr. Paul B. Pomes** to serve as a **Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative)** of the **Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners**, and was referred to the **Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice**.

Committee votes are as follows:

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

Sincerely,

  
Therese M. Terlaje





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35th Guam Legislature

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### **Nomination of Dr. Paul B. Pomes**

As a Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative) of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to serve a term of three (3) years from the date of confirmation.



Senator  
**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

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35th Guam Legislature

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

December 17, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

**From:** Senator Therese M. Terlaje   
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on the Appointment of Dr. Paul B. Pomes

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Dr. Paul B. Pomes to serve as a Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative) of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to serve a term of three (3) years from the date of confirmation.

This report includes the following:

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

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

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

Senator Regine 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



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**35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE**

October 2, 2019

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Member

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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

## 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

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*Buenas yan Håfa adai.*

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

**Appointee:** Dr. Paul B. Pomes

**Position:** Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

**Term Length:** Three (3) Years from the Date of Confirmation

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


**"35GL-19-1049 – Office of the Governor of Guam – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Dr. Paul B. Pomes, Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners."**

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the **Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice** chaired by Senator Therese M. Terlaje.

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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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
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35 GL-19-1049  
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

September 25, 2019

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

SEP 27 2019  
Time 8:25 ( )AM ( )PM  
Received By:

**RE: Board Appointment**

Dear Madame Speaker:

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

APPOINTEE: Dr. Paul B. Pomes  
POSITION: Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative)  
Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners  
TERM LENGTH: Three (3) Years from the Date of Confirmation

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

*Senseramente,*

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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September 25, 2019

Paul B. Pomes, DVM



Dear Dr. Pomes:

Pursuant to my authority under 10 GCA § 12803, I am appointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS**  
**Veterinary Medicine Representative**  
**Term Length: Three (3) Years**

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

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

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Governor.

*Senseramente,*

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam  
Chairperson, GBAHE  
Administrator, HPLO



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
Governor



**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
Lieutenant Governor

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

The following information is required for submission to the  
Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

<b>Last Name</b> Pomes	<b>First Name</b> Paul	<b>Middle Initial</b> B
<b>Mailing Address</b> [REDACTED]		<b>Apartment/Unit #</b>
<b>City</b> [REDACTED]	<b>State</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Zip Code</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Phone</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-mail Address</b> [REDACTED]	
<b>Position to which Appointment is Made</b> Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners		
<b>Are you a citizen of the United States?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

### EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
<b>High School</b> Downers Grove Community High School South	1972-1976	High School Diploma	1976
<b>College</b> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1976-1981	BS Computer Eng	1981
<b>Graduate School</b> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	09/2004-05/2007	Doctor of Veterinary Med	2007
<b>Other Degree</b>			

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> USDA OFO-FSIS 1 Denver Federal Center Bldg 45, Door S-3 Denver, CO 80225	<b>Position Title</b> Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer
	<b>Dates Held</b> 30 April 2017 - Present

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Furry Friends Veterinary Service 535 Chalan Pale Ramon Haya, Suite 116, PMB 53 Yigo, GU 96929	<b>Position Title</b> Owner (Full time veterinary relief provider)
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1 July 2007 - 1 April 2017

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Qualcomm, Inc 5775 Morehouse Dr San Diego, CA 92121	<b>Position Title</b> Senior Staff Engineer
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1 August 1995 - 1 September 2000

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> University of Illinois Computing Services Office 1304 W Springfield Ave Urbana, IL 61801	<b>Position Title</b> Senior Research Programmer
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1 January 1984 - 1 July 1995

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

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE**

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

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

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

<b>Agency or Department Name</b> See USDA-OFO-FSIS entry above		<b>Position Title</b>	
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>	

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

**TRAINING**

<b>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Western States Veterinary Conference	February 2019
USDA New Supervisor Training	July 2018
USDA Public Health Veterinarian	August 2017
USDA Inspection Methods	June 2017

**AWARDS**

<b>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</b>
None

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

<b>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</b>
GAIN Spay/Neuter surgeon

## COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

<i>List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
None

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<i>List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:</i>
Paul Pomes, et al: Apparatus and method for installing a decryption key. United States Patent 7203319 (April 2007) Paul Pomes, Roland Hedberg: The CCSO Nameserver (Ph) Architecture, RFC-2378 (September 1998).

## 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>
N/A			

## OTHER INFORMATION

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

Yes  No  If so, please specify in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Infraction Committed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Yes  No

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

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

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**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.

Paul Pomes  
Print Name and Signature

Paul Pomes, DVM

13 Sept 2019  
Date



# SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

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**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**

Clerk of Court

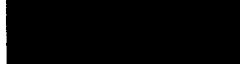
Name: **PAUL S. POMES**

SS#:

ID#



Date of Birth:



## CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

**Criminal Cases:**

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

**Civil Cases:**

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

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Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: 09/25/2019

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

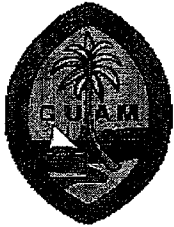
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Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **JJD**



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



September 25, 2019

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Paul B POMES		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	██████████	<b>FINGERPRINT#:</b>	██████████
■	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**

## **Dr Paul Pomes**

Clinical & Food Safety Veterinarian  
Yigo, Guam

Client-oriented veterinarian with ten years of experience in companion animal GP, multi-doctor, & ER/trauma practices, as well as human food safety settings.

### **Qualifications**

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (University of Illinois).
- Highly skilled in internal medicine and soft tissue surgery; competent with simple orthopedics.
- DEA licensed, APHIS accredited in CA, GU, MD, & VA.
- USDA-trained HACCP expert.

### **Professional Experience**

**USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service**, Tamuning, Guam  
**Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer**, Full Time, May 2017 – Present

Oversee meat/poultry slaughter and processing in Guam/Saipan establishments. Perform antemortem inspections and postmortem dispositions. Ensure establishments meet the requirements of the Pathogen Reduction and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations. Perform outreach and education to bring non-conformant establishments under inspection. Oversee consumer protection, non-food safety concerns such as proper labeling and packaging. Serve as team leader who works with and supervises other public health professionals to ensure establishments under our jurisdiction comply with sanitation standards and properly implement systems that control hazards from entering the food supply. Maintain meaningful labor-management relationships with subordinates by representing and expressing management's viewpoints in daily communications.

**Furry Friends Veterinary Service** (Licensed Independent Contractor), Hagåtña, Guam  
**Relief DVM**, 35-50 hours per week, July 2007 – April 2017

Full-time provider of motivated, compassionate, and productive veterinary relief services in companion animal medicine and surgery. Experienced with single doctor GP practices, large hospital settings, and emergency/trauma care. Licensed in California, Guam, Hawaii, Maryland, and Virginia. Special interests in dermatology and feline chronic renal failure. I don't perform ear crops or tail docks.

### **Previous Career Experience**

**Qualcomm, Inc.**, San Diego, California, Full Time, August 1995 – September 2000

**Senior Staff Engineer**, Digital Cinema Group, August 1998 – September 2000  
Security, network, and protocol architect for the Qualcomm/Technicolor Digital Cinema project.

**Senior Staff Engineer**, Globalstar Group, April 1998 – August 1998  
Lead security engineer for the Globalstar Gateway Management System.

**Staff Engineer**, Globalstar Group, August 1995 – April 1998  
Lead security engineer for the Globalstar Ground Operations Control Center.

## **Education**

**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine**

**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, B.S. Computer Engineering**

## **References**

Dr Tom Poole, Guam Territorial Veterinarian, [REDACTED]

Dr Peter Flanagan, GAIN Veterinarian, [REDACTED]

Dr Laura Stokking, DACVD, Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego, [REDACTED]

## **Selected Publications**

Paul Pomes, et al: Apparatus and method for installing a decryption key  
*United States Patent 7203319 (granted April 2007).*

Paul Pomes: Digital Cinema System Security Specification  
*Qualcomm Digital Media white paper, QC 80-D0707-1 (November 1999).*

Paul Pomes, Roland Hedberg: The CCSO Nameserver (Ph) Architecture  
*RFC-2378 (September 1998).*

**FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing - Thursday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 8:00a.m.**

1 message

Senator Therese Terlaje &lt;senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com&gt;

Wed, Nov 27, 2019 at 1:52 PM

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November 27, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson  
Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing - Thursday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

*Häfa Adai!*

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice will convene a public hearing on **Thursday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 8:00 AM** in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room (Guam Congress Building, Hagåtña).

## AGENDA

### 8: 00 AM - Oversight Hearing on the Judiciary of Guam:

- Update on Orders of Release Protocol and sharing of critical data with the Department of Corrections
- Discretion in execution of Warrants of Arrest and enforcement of release conditions
- Status of implementation of a Sex Offender Risk Assessment prior to release and update on monitoring of Sex Offenders

### 10:00 am - Confirmation Hearings:

- **10:00 a.m.** - Robert D. Camacho- Member, Guam Parole Board
- **10:30 a.m.** - Dr. Paul B. Pomes- Member, (Veterinary Medicine Representative) Guam Board of Allied Health
- **11:00 a.m.** - Nicole A. Calvo- Member, (CHamoru Culture- Alternative), Guam Historic Preservation Board
- **11:30 a.m.** - David Atienza, Ph.D.- Member (Archaeologist Representative), Guam Historic Preservation Board

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November 27, 2019

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson   
Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing** - Thursday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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# Incumbent GHURA commissioners seek dismissal of whistleblower suit

Incumbent commissioners of the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority have jointly filed a request for the U.S. District Court of Guam to dismiss a whistleblower lawsuit filed by GHURA Executive Director Ray Topasna involving alleged fraudulent activities Topasna raised during his previous role as GHURA's chief years ago - under a different administration.



**Ray Topasna**

whistleblower plaintiffs involved in what's called "qui tam" actions "are supposedly privy to the alleged fraud and therefore the whistleblowers should have adequate knowledge to plead matters with sufficient particularity," the commissioners contend. In a qui tam action, a private party brings a case on the government's behalf, according to Cornell University's Law School website.

granted motions to dismiss John Ilaio, Deanne Torre and Rosie Blas on Tuesday morning.

Their former co-defendants, David Sablan, Roland Selvidge and Cecile Suda, stood trial in October and were acquitted of the charges against them, which stemmed from an alleged illegal meeting in December 2011 and a poll vote conducted in April 2015.

Ray Topasna, a former and now current GHURA executive director, was not called to the witness stand, an action with which he took issue.

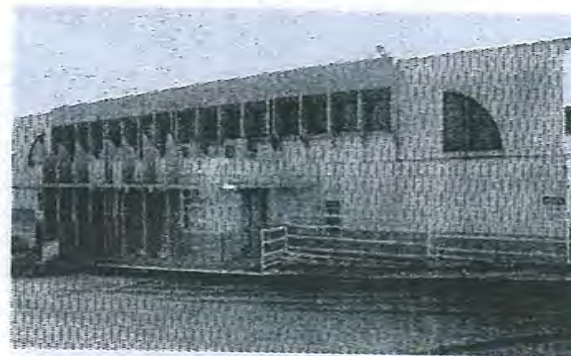
Torre, Ilaio and Blas faced similar charges, which the Office of the Attorney General chose to dismiss following the trial. The government

Former GHURA Executive Director Michael Duenas was the seventh and only defendant to accept a guilty plea, admitting to conspiracy as a misdemeanor.

All of the former defendants faced misdemeanor charges only, but at nearly 50 misdemeanors when the case was first filed.

Former Chief Prosecutor Joseph McDonald called it a "milestone case" in early 2018 after Duenas pleaded guilty. McDonald is no longer with the AG's office.

"Hopefully this is the first example that (shows) the Office of the Attorney General has decided it's important to have transparency in the running of the boards. And so,



**GHURA:** The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority building is shown on Nov. 13 in Sinajana. Incumbent GHURA commissioners are requesting for the dismissal of the agency director's lawsuit in federal court. David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

being a landlord to the agency he represents, the federal government his work as legal counsel and as a landlord through the Section 8 law in-

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
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## Confirmation Hearing for Executive Appointment to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

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Tue, Nov 26, 2019 at 11:15 AM

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**SUBJECT:** Confirmation Hearing for Executive Appointment to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

*Hafa Adai* Dr. Pomes,

Congratulations! On October 2, 2019, the Committee on Rules of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* forwarded the Memorandum of Referral of Appointment to the Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice for your Executive Appointment as a Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative) to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners for a Three (3) year term from date of Confirmation.

The Committee has set a Confirmation Hearing for **Thursday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 10:30 a.m.** in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building in Hagåtña.

The Committee is requesting your attendance to provide oral testimony supporting your appointment to the Board. It is recommended that testimony consist of a brief summary of your professional background, qualifications for the position, potential contributions and ability to serve. Please also be prepared to answer various questions by the Committee and members of the panel.

You are welcome to invite family, friends and/or colleagues to provide oral or written testimony in support of your nomination. **The Committee kindly requests that oral testimony be limited to no more than five (5) minutes.**

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Attached to this email for your reference is a copy of § 12803 of Ch. 12, 10 GCA, relative to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (671) 472-3586.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse',*

Charissa L. Manibusan  
Committee Director

CC: Dr. Mamie Balajadia, GBAHE

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Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

Thursday, December 5, 2019

## AGENDA

### **10:00 AM: Confirmation Hearings on the Executive Appointments:**

- 10:00 AM – Robert D. Camacho – Member, Guam Parole Board;
- 10:30 AM – Dr. Paul B. Pomes – Member, (Veterinary Medicine Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners;
- 11:00 AM – Nicole A. Calvo – Member, (CHamoru Culture-Alternative), Guam Historic Preservation Review Board;
- 11:30 AM – David D.F. Atienza, Ph.D. – Member, (Archaeologist Representative), Guam Historic Preservation Review Board

*The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4 and stream online via [LiheSlaturan Guåhan's live feed](#). A recording of the hearing will be available online via [Guam Legislature Media](#) on YouTube after the hearing. If written testimonies are to be presented at the Public Hearing, the Committee requests that copies be submitted prior to the public hearing date and should be addressed to Senator Therese M. Terlaje. Testimonies may be submitted via hand delivery to the Office of Senator Therese M. Terlaje at Ada Plaza Center, Suite 207, 173 Aspinall Avenue, Hagåtña, Guam; to the mail room of the Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam; or via email to [senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com](mailto:senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring special accommodations or services should contact the Office of Senator Therese M. Terlaje at (671) 472-3586 or by sending an email to [senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com](mailto:senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com).*

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

**Date:** **Thursday, December 5, 2019**

**Time:** **10:30 AM**

•Confirmation Hearing on the Executive Appointment of Dr. Paul Pomes as a Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative) to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners for a three (3) year term from date of Confirmation.

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**Re: Confirmation Hearing for Executive Appointment to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners**

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**Paul Pomes, DVM** <[REDACTED]@pomes.org>  
To: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>  
Cc: Mamie Balajadia <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Tue, Dec 3, 2019 at 10:27 AM

Honorable Senators,

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners in the Veterinary Medical role.

I have been a veterinarian for the last 12 years. I'm licensed in 5 jurisdictions: California, Guam, Hawaii, Maryland, and Virginia. I'm APHIS accredited in all of those save Hawaii. My practice outside of Guam is now mostly limited to advising distant relatives to see their local veterinarian.

A two week stint in a local clinic after graduation convinced me that relief work was my niche. Being able to choose my employment settings, set my own schedule, and the numerous advantages of being an independent contractor are all factors for that path. An opening for a 6-month relief veterinarian position at Isla Veterinary Clinic brought me to Guam for the first time in mid-2014. When a 6-month extension was offered, I jumped at it.

I returned stateside after that just long enough to pack what I wanted shipped to Guam.

While I came to love Guam, relief veterinary work here pays at most half of what I earned stateside. In January 2017 I started the application process to become a Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer for the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service. I was hired April 30th of that year and with whom I work for today.

A relief veterinarian experiences many different practice cultures and ways of doing things. I've been the sole doctor in many situations. In some clinics I do everything from setting catheters to shooting radiographs. Others have an A-team of technicians that allow me to focus more on the patient. All of these experiences add up to the conclusion that there's no ONE way of meeting the standard of care our ethics code requires.

Guam veterinary clinics fit into that continuum. I've worked an extended time at Isla and covered Dr Oshiro's absences at Marianas Vet Care. I volunteered for several months as a spay/neuter surgeon at GAIN. I have a broad perspective on the issues facing the veterinary community on Guam.

The immediate issue is the public's perception of GBAHE as ineffectual. This stems from a 14 May 2015 letter from AG Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson to GBAHE stating, "[...] I have determined, however, that our role heretofore cannot and shall not extend to the investigation or prosecution of disciplinary complaints before the Allied Health Board." This has kneecapped the Board because it has had little funding available for hiring its own attorney. Without a prosecuting attorney, avoidable procedural errors end up as grounds to reverse Board actions to protect the public. I urge the Senators to either appropriate the necessary funds and/or query our new AG as to whether that policy letter is still in effect.

Looking around I see many colleagues that have urged me to apply for this position. I want to assure them and you that like the oath I took upon entering the veterinary profession, I will take my responsibilities seriously and perform my duties with integrity and transparency.

I have a small correction to my financial disclosure sheet. I maintain a Guam business license for my sole proprietorship, Furry Friends Veterinary Service, a in-home euthanasia service. This generated \$250 of income last year. Otherwise I have no other veterinary business interests.

Full disclosure: Dr Silk of Isla Veterinary Clinic overlooked a large payroll anomaly January to April 2015 that resulted in ongoing overpayments to my account. I didn't notice as I only dig into expense flows when the balance dips too far.

When we weren't able to agree on an equitable settlement that addressed our several responsibilities, she sued in Small Claims for the remaining third of the overpayment and won. One year of monthly \$500 payments fulfills the settlement. I had my day in court, my arguments were heard, and I lost. I bear Dr Silk no personal animosity and will recuse myself if

advised to by Board counsel.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Paul Pomes, DVM

On Tue, Nov 26, 2019 at 11:16 AM Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com> wrote:  
November 25, 2019

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

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Dr. Paul B. Pomes  
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**SUBJECT:** Confirmation Hearing for Executive Appointment to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

*Hafa Adai* Dr. Pomes,

Congratulations! On October 2, 2019, the Committee on Rules of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* forwarded the Memorandum of Referral of Appointment to the Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice for your Executive Appointment as a Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative) to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners for a Three (3) year term from date of Confirmation.

The Committee has set a Confirmation Hearing for **Thursday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 10:30 a.m.** in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building in Hagåtña.

The Committee is requesting your attendance to provide oral testimony supporting your appointment to the Board. It is recommended that testimony consist of a brief summary of your professional background, qualifications for the position, potential contributions and ability to serve. Please also be prepared to answer various questions by the Committee and members of the panel.

You are welcome to invite family, friends and/or colleagues to provide oral or written testimony in support of your nomination. **The Committee kindly requests that oral testimony be limited to no more than five (5) minutes.**

Written testimony can be submitted to the Committee prior to the hearing via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com; or by hand delivery to the Office of Senator Therese M. Terlaje at Ada Plaza Center, Suite 207, 173 Aspinall Avenue, Hagåtña, Guam 96910; or to the mail room of the Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam.

Attached to this email for your reference is a copy of § 12803 of Ch. 12, 10 GCA, relative to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (671) 472-3586.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*,

Charissa L. Manibusan

Committee Director

CC: Dr. Mamie Balajadia, GBAHE

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Presentation to the Senators of Guam  
Allied Health Board Nomination  
Paul Pomes

**Introduction:**

Good Morning Senators! My name is Dr. Robert Hildreth. I am a veterinarian working here on Guam. I began my career in veterinary medicine over 40 years. I graduated first from UC Berkeley, and then UC Davis. For the past 26 years, I have been a licensed veterinarian. I have worked in California for 23 years as an emergency veterinarian, a practice associate, and eventually a practice owner until moving to Guam 2 ½ years ago. I have spent much time working in 2 private clinics here in Guam and also at Anderson Air Base clinic. I have long been a proud member of the veterinary profession known for its exceptional ethics and high moral standards.

**The State of Veterinary Medicine on Guam:**

Pets have become important members of many families here on Guam and all over the world. Dogs and cats are a great source of pride for many owners, and offer support to their families even in the roughest of times. As such, these families depend on the veterinary community to help keep their pets healthy and live long lives. Unfortunately, ***some*** in the veterinary community do not live up to this responsibility, and in my opinion, have dishonored the trust of the people. This dishonor casts a shadow over the entire veterinary community, ***even those who perform their duties admirably.***

Veterinary medicine here on Guam has been in a state of turmoil for many years. Veterinary practice here on Guam is substandard compared to much of the western world, some of which is due to lack of resources, but much is due to a climate of conflict and turmoil within the profession here. While it is common on the mainland for clinics to share information and provide detailed medical records about the care of a particular patient, the cooperation among veterinarians here in Guam is almost non-existent. This often prevents patients from getting the care they need in a timely manner, and often results in repeated testing, leading to increased costs being placed on the pet owners families. ***Guam deserves better than this!***

Many pet families would like to file complaints, but do not do so as they have come to believe that their complaints will fall on deaf ears, and nothing will be done about it anyway. There is a continuous stream of discontent amongst veterinary consumers that feel frustrated, feel taken advantage of, and feel unable to protect their pets from incompetent or unscrupulous care. **WE MUST CHANGE THAT PERCEPTION:** we must enforce our laws in order to re-establish the credibility of the veterinary profession here in Guam.

The Allied Health Board has been honest, fair, and diligent about trying to address the complaints: ***I have witnessed myself their hardworking attempts to address these issues.*** But their hands have been tied by not having a veterinarian on the board to help review in detail the complaints filed.

### **The Nominee**

Today we are hearing testimony regarding the nominee to the Allied Health Board, Dr. Paul Pomes. ***I am here to put forth my strong and unshakable support for his nomination to the board. I believe many of the other veterinary professionals are here in support of and to impress upon you the importance of having a veterinarian on the board, and in particular, Dr. Paul Pomes.***

Dr. Pomes has spent many years as a relief veterinarian for hospitals when their own doctors are out sick or on vacation. The value of this is that Dr. Pomes has seen how a vast number of different clinics operate which give him a great understanding of the ***“acceptable standards of care for animals”***. In his role as a relief veterinarian, Dr Pomes has had to quickly analyze veterinary operations and work within that individual practices culture. ***This is INVALUABLE experience when it comes to being a board member: he has been personal witness to the general standards of care at dozens of clinics and can compare those widely held standards to those here on Guam.***

I have known Dr. Pomes for several years and have found him to be an honest individual. I have discussed many cases with him, and while we don't always agree, I have found him to be thoughtful, insightful, and honest in those discussions, weighing the many options of treatments and their potential for success or failure. He has made helpful suggestions and provided insight from his unique experiences as a relief veterinarian. But he has too been open to suggestions, to keeping an open mind; a vital characteristic of any one in the



medical field. ***Most importantly, Dr Pomes has always and unwaveringly dedicated himself to putting the care of the patient first and foremost.***

Furthermore, Dr Pomes is independent of any veterinary business on Guam by virtue of his employment with the USDA. Familiarity with government processes in general comes with the job. And as Dr Pomes has been a regular attendee to the Allied Health public meetings and is aware of the issues the board is currently facing, he will quickly become a useful contributor to the board.

***Again, Dr Pomes has the years of experience, the breadth of knowledge, the proper perspective, and the willingness to participate that would make him a great addition to the Allied Health Board.***

### **The Next Steps**

Dr. Pomes appointment to the Allied Health Board is a very important **first step** towards improving the care of pets and their families on Guam. ***It is huge step forward in getting the veterinary community to be held accountable for their actions.*** This will in turn serve to bring back the confidence in the government of Guam by the pet owning public.

The second step is for the government of Guam to provide the funding to investigate, ***and if necessary, prosecute. Veterinarians need to be held accountable just as any other medical professional.*** To date, however, this critical funding has been held up by a technical matter that has delayed several cases before the board. The government of Guam needs to quickly remedy this matter.

### **Conclusion**

Again, I want to give my full support to the nomination of Dr Paul Pomes to the Allied Health Board. ***Dr. Pomes will do much to bring much needed accountability to the veterinary community.*** I hope that the senators will see what I see in him and vote unanimously to appointment him to the Allied Health Board.

Thank you for your time today and your thoughtful consideration of this very important milestone for veterinary medicine.

December 5, 2019

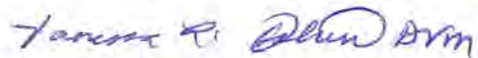
Good Morning Senators:

For the record, my name is Dr. Vanessa Oshiro and I am the owner and operator of Marianas Vetcare in Barrigada, GU.

I am here this morning to support the nomination of Dr. Paul Pomes to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE). I have been acquainted with Dr. Pomes in a professional capacity since March of 2016, when he covered my hospital in my absence. He had originally come out to Guam to do relief work for Isla Veterinary Hospital and enjoyed the island enough to extend his work in the community. Though I had not brought Dr. Pomes out to Guam myself, I found him to be as professional and courteous as any other veterinarian I could hope to entrust my patients' care to, and ultimately I believe my clients felt the same way. This was evident in his case handling and follow through, both at the level of his interaction with me as a fellow doctor and with the pet owners he helped, who later often complied with his medical recommendations and commended his service as well.

It can be a wonder to find professionals as committed as I have found Dr. Pomes to be, but I am glad to have been allowed some insight as to what motivates him particularly. He once told me about his disabled son, who despite his physical limitations since birth insisted on getting himself into college and independently plowing through all that comes with it, entirely without complaint. No surprise then, that when that young man succumbed to complications of his condition unexpectedly, Dr. Pomes would carry on in his example. If we have to lose our loved ones too soon in this life, it is a real comfort to know that the seeds they plant in us in their passing can take such deep root--and yield such good fruit. Even now, in his current bid for a place on the GBAHE board, I believe that is what drives Dr. Pomes. I am hard-pressed to imagine any better candidate for this reason, and whole-heartedly support his nomination.

Thank you for your audience,



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## COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice convened a public hearing on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 8:00 AM in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Dr. Paul B. Pomes to serve as a Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative) of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on September 25, 2019, for three (3) years from the date of confirmation;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on September 27, 2019;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on October 2, 2019.

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

Notices for this Confirmation Hearing were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and again on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. The notice was also published in the Guam Daily Post on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 & Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

#### **Senators Present**

Senator Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson  
Senator Sabina Perez, Committee Member  
Senator Mary Torres, Committee Member

#### **Appearing before the Committee**

Cyrus Luhr, President of GAIN, Board of Directors  
Dr. Vanessa Oshiro, Veterinarian  
Dr. Robert Hildreth, Veterinarian  
Dr. Paul Pomes, Nominee

#### **Written Testimony Submitted by**

Dr. Paul Pomes, Nominee  
Dr. Robert Hildreth, Veterinarian  
Dr. Vanessa L. Oshiro, Veterinarian



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## II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 10:53 AM.

### **Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

All right. For all those who have testified who signed up to testify for the Appointment of Dr. Paul Pomes, please have a seat and Dr. Pomes if you could sit in the middle. All right. Before I go any further Dr. Pomes, am I pronouncing your name correctly? Okay. All right.

All right. So, we're not on the part of our agenda for the Appointment of Dr. Paul Pomes to serve as a Veterinary Medicine Representative Member of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

So, we will the powers and responsibilities of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners. This is a combination of different specialties. For example, one veterinary representative but specialties from other disciplines and they are the licensing board for the allied health professions.

And they approve or deny applications for license, license renewals. They investigate complaints. They cooperate with law enforcement and they're really our regulatory board when it comes to ensuring that those and the allied health professions are conducting safe practices for the community as required by law.

All right. So, signed up to testify is let's begin with this side, Mr. Cyrus, Cyrus Luhr.

### **Cyrus Luhr:**

Thank you, Chairperson. My name is Cyrus Luhr and I'm here to provide testimony on behalf of the Appointment of Dr. Paul Pomes to the position of Veterinary Medicine Representative on the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

In the interest of transparency, I should share that I am a current employee of the Guam Legislature. In fact, I do work for Senator Perez but my testimony today is being provided purely in my capacity as the President of the Board of Directors of GAIN.



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And so, thank you, Senator Terlaje and thank you, Senator Torres and thank you, Senator Perez for being here this morning.

I first met Dr. Pomes about a little over three years ago and at GAIN we have a spay and neuter clinic. And we pride ourselves in holding very high standards at that clinic we follow not only DEA and local regulations but we exceed them and we try to stick to that very strictly.

And what was very striking is that when Dr. Pomes came and began his services throughout clinic like many local and military vets do, he wanted to double-check all of our procedures. He checked our paperwork. He ran scenarios through with our staff just to test them out.

And I've found that very reassuring that he never took anything for granted. He's a by the book person who follows the rules and checks to make sure that, you know, the backups are in place and that everything is run safely.

And I think that's something that we have found consistently in all of his actions over the years. He is very ethical by the book person, that's fair and reasonable. And he's also takes a pride in being able to educate as well in the surgery room.

In veterinary medicine in general it can be very stressful environment and when conducting surgeries. Our staff have said consistently that he's very calming presence and he takes a leadership role.

And he's able to teach as well as performing the surgeries and so in many of these different examples he's consistently demonstrated a level of caliber of expertise that is very notable. And I think that we're very lucky that he is on Guam and that he's offering to make to serve on the board.

Over the years he's also been extremely generous with both his time and his energy whenever we've had questions at the shelter in general. It could be anything from veterinary medicine to just general practice type of questions, he's been available. I can give him a call and he'll take the time out of his day to be able to walk me through questions and concerns I have. And that's sort of the attitude that we need in public service, that we need on a board.

He's a very approachable person. Again, he's very reasonable and he's just a presence that I think will be very valuable to have in any team environment. And so, in given the position that he has now this federal position, is one that requires extremely advanced expertise,



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advanced certifications and I think it's reassuring that he meets those standards and is also willing to devote his time to Guam.

So, I thank the Governor for making such a strong selection for the board. I thank Senator Terlaje for chairing today's meeting and receiving testimony. And I thank Dr. Pomes for making Guam his home and offering to serve the people of Guam. Thank you.

**Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

Thank you, Mr. Luhr also for your work with GAIN and I've seen a lot of progress with GAIN over the recent years. So, I want to thank you for that. You're doing a huge service for our entire community. Dr. Pomes? Ms. Vanessa Oshiro?

**Dr. Vanessa Oshiro:**

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I'm hard pressed to imagine any better candidate for this reason and wholeheartedly support his nomination. Thank you for your audience.

**Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

Thank you, Dr. Oshiro. I like the way you put that. Are we able to get a copy of your testimony? Si Yu'os ma'åse'

Dr. Pool?

**Dr. Robert Hildreth:**

*Please see attached testimony.*

**Senator Mary Torres:**

We have listed as one of the supporters, Susuico? Is that person here to testify? Yes, Susuico, do you care to testify you're just going to do some written. All right. Thank you.

Is there anyone else that's would like to testify before the panel? Okay. If not, may I ask Dr. Pool if you like to testify.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

Dr. Pomes.

**Senator Mary Torres:**

Dr. Pomes, I'm sorry, Dr. Pool, you just finished. Thank you very much. Dr. Pomes, if you'd like to offer some testimony.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**



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Thank you, Senators, for your time and consideration here today. I have been a veterinarian for the last twelve years. I'm licensed in five jurisdictions, including Guam. My practice outside of Guam is now limited because of my focus on my USDA job, but it was a relief veterinary work that brought me here.

And it's been a feature of my life since graduation that it was the best suited for me to pick my schedule, pick my hours, pick my place of business and clinic didn't measure up to the standards I thought it should be that I'd needed to continue working there. I could move onto another place and after a while, I had a fairly stable set of clients who practiced high quality medicine and a delightful place to work. I found that when I came to Guam the environment, the ocean, the culture and the clinics, I had a chance to work at. Dr. Oshiro and Dr. silks, both exemplary clinics. As a relief veterinary and I've been exposed to hundreds of clinics. I would say over the last twelve years.

When the recession of 2009-2009 came across, I applied to Virginia and Maryland. Licensed there and went away across the country to see how they do things and it's about the same as we do in California.

The problem with the Guam board at this time is the lack of funding for prosecuting and investigating complaints. Complaints come in, they are referred to the committee over an attorney for investigation, who is not veterinary trained and that leaves people in limbo.

And so, I would like to offer my services in that regard to move forward the regulation and the making veterinary medicine on this island more respective profession. I look around and see my colleagues who have recommended me and actually I'm very flattered.

I didn't know I was I had such a halo but I guess I must have maintained it somehow. I'm here to answer and they've covered everything I wanted to say.

*Please see attached testimony.*

**Senator Mary Torres:**

I have a question for you, Dr. Pomes, can you give us a general idea of significance of care for animals on Guam? Not only health care but the population of animals on Guam that would be serviced by veterinary medicine.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**





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There's two populations. One very small. One very large. The very small ones, are the animals that are kept in good care. They're not, let me enlarge on that – three categories. There's the indoor pets; the ones that are traditional pets as has been come to been known for many people. They're part of the family. They live inside, they provide companionship and are generally are considered part of the family.

Then there's a second category much larger of outdoor pets. They're just kept in the yard. Very little social interaction. Oftentimes tied up. And the very large population of animals that run free sometimes they have a collar on. Somebody feeds them but they're the ones who are sleeping in the street and laying under parked cars at Payless.

**Senator Mary Torres:**

This is dogs and cats mostly?

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

Pine march dogs. Cats keep a much lower profile. You see them and they're thin and scrawny and they're not doing as well as I see in other places. More competition for food and the chickens are meaner, I think.

The meaning of veterinary care for the first population is like it is everywhere. We will provide vaccines and health matters, advice on husbandry, how to prolong their lifetimes, advice on diet, weight control, skin issues. Those are two big things for animals on Guam.

Allergies, skin issues, parasites. Parasites kill. We didn't have certain diseases. The actual dog problem ensign would be far worse without hook worms, parvo and heartworm. We could probably have doubled the population that we do now.

There's nothing that's going to address the last problem without some serious consideration of population control measures. There's just too many. I don't think we can spay or neuter our way out of that, out of that problem.

We can give it a good try and perhaps there's some technologies that can come along to make it easier and faster, but if I have to control an animal's reproductive capability by doing abdominal surgery that limits just how far and fast we can handle it.



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Does that answer your question, Senator? I know it's rambling.

**Senator Mary Torres:**

No, it does answer my question. The reason I ask is oftentimes we overlook the relationship and interaction between pets or animals and humans and how the necessity to regulate both ultimately determines how our quality of life is affected.

Not only in terms of emotional companionship, service animals but also the destructive nature if the feral animal population and safety on the community and how I think, if we're talking about Allied Health, we can't address just human care or healthcare without recognizing the impact of the lack of care for animals who live alongside us.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

Who deserve better.

**Senator Mary Torres:**

Would deserve- yeah, that's why I want to ask just how that is and I think that your mention of the larger category. Which is the category of the feral animals who are breeding uncontrolled and you know succumbing to diseases not necessarily transmitted to humans but diseases that just make you know they're existing in our community less than desirable.

I think it needs to be addressed. So, I certainly appreciate the support that's been lent to you today and also just for broadening our horizons on veterinary care and how that's an important component of healthcare on Guam, generally.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

I also look forward to working with the senators on other issues that are related to veterinary care and a veterinary profession as they come up.

**Senator Mary Torres:**

But I would also be curious what you are talking about; investigation and prosecution. How that's lacking? How it's not funded. Is it currently that the Attorney General's Office is the default for any matters that are referred from the Allied Health Board?



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**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

I'll read from my written testimony on that board. In a letter dated 14 May 2015, then Attorney General Elizabeth Barret-Anderson wrote to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners stating in quoting, "I have determined however that our role heretofore cannot and shall not extend to the investigation or prosecution of disciplinary complaints before the Allied Health Board."

So, with that one letter, she cut off our prosecutorial ability and without replacement funding for the board to hire outside counsel or have one made her full-time counsel. They have been lacking in prosecuting. Some of the latest most recent prosecutions have been overturned in court; not for any violation, not for any mistakes in the evidence that showed errors and judgement errors and practice but rather open meeting law violations. The newspaper failed to publish the agenda. That announcement that they said they would, and with that whole prosecution went out the window.

**Senator Mary Torres:**

Sorry to hear that. All right. Thank you.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

Thank you.

**Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

Senator Perez?

**Senator Sabina Perez:**

Thank you, Madame Chair. Thank you, Dr. Pomes, for being here and for accepting the nomination. I just wanted to ask you what are some of your initiatives that in serving on the board? What are some of the initiatives that you will take on in addition to looking maybe in reinitiating the Attorney General's Office- having them relook at providing some service?

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**



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I actually cornered the current AG on an airline flight from Saipan and he danced around the issue very nicely but he wasn't prepared. So, I can't blame him for that. I hope to hear back from him since then about the resolution of this issue and I think his plates just been very full.

As far as initiatives I would like to bring to some degree back the collegiality among the profession that I see everywhere else. As practitioners have learned to be very defensive in our practice because other veterinarians have not been hesitant to throw the first veterinary under the bus.

Saying, that the inadequate care ...they didn't do this test, they misinterpreted it wrong, they didn't find this problem and that test. That has to stop. So, I would like to initiate, independent my board membership, some sort of like journal club- some way of bringing the veterinarians together to talk about things rather than be so defensive with each other. But there are certain bad actors on this island that have promoted this defensive attitude. It's not without reason that it's there.

And so, that's one of the things that has to be dealt with in time as well. It's continuing education. It's also an issue for veterinarians. We don't get paid the big bucks like the medical doctors do and the Guam Board has been very generous and allowing us to get CE credit for a number of things like online education. But providing some sort local CE would help a great deal for us to meet our obligations.

I think that can be done by possibly recruiting a speaker to come in and share the cost among the other veterinarians. if there's interest of the profession can be dealt with to some degree by the board but a lot of it has to be dealt with by the veterinarians themselves. There's no other way around it. You can only use a club so much then you have to get out your carrots.

**Senator Sabina Perez:**

Thank you.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

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**Senator Sabina Perez:**

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**Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

Thank you, Senators. Thank you, Dr. Pool again. And so, Dr. Pomes, again, thank you for accepting this nomination and for all your works. You are both correct. There are issues that have been brought up regarding the Guam Allied Health Board that they've been very delayed in their prosecution or following through on complaints that have been made to the board.

And it's been explained to me, because I also have oversight of these boards, that it stems from a change in the policy of the Attorney General's Office for as to who's going to investigate, who's going to prosecute.

But my understanding is that with the appointment of a veterinary member, we are going to be able to proceed with cases involving veterinarians, with the use of fees that have been paid by the various allied health boards, I mean members, of profession to this board, that we are going to ensure that the revolving fund operates as it's supposed to and so that you have access to those fees for use in your investigations, prosecutions and to hire a hearing officer.

And of course, I'd like to continue to work with the Attorney General to see which of those they can provide in addition to the resource- the attorney that they're providing for board advise at board meetings. But I think I'm hoping that they can provide at least one of these others so that it's not all at cost to the boards.

But you're not alone that this board; all the boards have this issue. They all need to step up in their investigations and their prosecutions. They are our only protection really against malpractice. You are our first line of that kind of protection to ensure that the practice is proceeding as it's supposed to- that people are getting the continuing education that's required and that our standards are what the community is entitled to. So, it's a big amount of work. I just have two questions for you.

You do run a private business for relief veterinary service?

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

Yes, and I wanted to enlarge on that a little bit. I have made a very small income from that, but it wasn't doing euthanasia even though that what I set up the business to do. It turns out that all that income was made writing health certificates for travel- for animals to get on an



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airplane and go somewhere because the CSR fee was raised to such a high level that it became an unaffordable expense for an amount of income I expected to derive from the business.

The Controlled Substances Registration fee is now five-hundred dollars a year. Which is two and a half times more than any other state in the union. and normally of the twenty-three states that do have their own registration requirements the average fee is eighty-five dollars and I've queried the public health to find out what the justification for such a high increase was. Where does the money go? Other states run their controlled substances programs with far less and it's really put a crimp on the small practitioners to pay that five-hundred dollars year after year.

A one-time fee would with some reduced recurring fee would be acceptable. But five-hundred dollars a year after year was just a lot for many practitioners.

**Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

All right. I appreciate that. I expect that there's a lot of topics we could go on for the veterinary field by itself. Unfortunately, I'm pressed for time this morning. But I do just want to ensure that- so we have a practicing veterinarian, who is serving on the board that oversees and licenses all veterinarians and this is the same with all of the other health professions.

So, this is not unique. But it is where we're kind of monitoring ourselves, right? The legal profession does the same. But I just want to ask you for the record, do you foresee any conflicts in this regard? Where you are one practicing veterinarian- there are others- those are your competition perhaps. You also have a court dispute with one of them.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

That has been resolved.

**Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

I mean are you going to be able to do your work on the board without any conflicts?

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**



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I believe so. The experience I had with the clinic's from working with them, in them plus the fact that I have now a federally employed food safety veterinarian. I have no ties to any one practice and as far as my court case. I feel I was I had a fair hearing. I lost, life goes on.

**Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

All right. Okay. Again, I thank you all and we will address some of the other concerns that you've brought up in a separate hearing or some separate way. But again, I want to thank you Dr. Pomes, for accepting this appointment, this nomination.

**Dr. Paul Pomes:**

And I thank you for your time and consideration.

**Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:**

Thank you. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'*

Any additional testimony in regards to the nomination of Dr. Paul Pomes may be submitted to our office or through email to [senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com](mailto:senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com).

The public hearing was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

**III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Testimony in support of the nomination of Dr. Paul B. Pomes to serve as a Veterinary Medicine Representative of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE) was presented by Cyrus Luhr, President of Guam Animals in Need (GAIN) and by fellow veterinarians.
- Supportive testimony highlighted Dr. Pomes's professionalism, level of caliber of expertise and confidence in Dr. Pomes's care of patients.
- Dr. Pomes conveyed to the legislative panel, his willingness to assist with addressing the lack of funding for the prosecution and investigating complaints and improve veterinary medicine on the island.
- Chairperson Terlaje asked Dr. Pomes's if her foresees any possible conflicts of interest to appropriately carry out his duties as a Board member given his veterinary business and a past court dispute with another provider. Dr. Pomes stated for the record that he is no



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longer affiliated with any one veterinary business in particular and that the prior dispute with another provider had received a fair hearing and was settled.

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice hereby reports on the appointment of Dr. Paul B. Pomes to serve as a Member (Veterinary Medicine Representative) of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners, with the recommendation

TO DO CONFIRM.





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**COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET**

**Nomination of  
Dr. Paul B. Pomes**

**to serve as a Member**, (Veterinary Medicine Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners **to serve a term of three (3) years from the date of confirmation.**

	SIGNATURE	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
<b>Senator Therese M. Terlaje</b> Chairperson	<i>TT 12/17/19</i>	✓				
<b>Senator Sabina Flores Perez</b> Vice Chairperson						
<b>Senator Kelly G. Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D.</b> Member						
<b>Senator James C. Moylan</b> Member	<i>JCM</i>		<i>JCM</i>	<i>JCM 12/17/19</i>		
<b>Senator Louise B. Muña</b> Member	<i>LB 12/17/19</i>	✓				
<b>Vice Speaker Telena C. Nelson</b> Member						
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Member	<i>JS</i>	✓				
<b>Senator Amanda L. Shelton</b> Member						
<b>Senator Mary Camacho Torres</b> Member	<i>MCT 12/17/19</i>	✓				