

I Mina Trentai Kadtro Na Lihelaturan Gudhan
APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	CMTE REFERRED	DATE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	CMTE REPORT FILED	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
35GL-19-0223	Florida M. Sanchez	Member	Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors	3/11/19	Three (3) Years November 29, 2018 to November 28, 2021	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement	3/13/19	4/19/19 1:00 p.m.	4/24/19 3:39 p.m.		



OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ

Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN

35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

April 24, 2019

The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guáhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RBV

VIA: The Honorable Regine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Executive Appointment of Ms. Florida M. Sanchez to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

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Håfa adai Speaker Muña Barnes,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the **Executive Appointment of Ms. Florida M. Sanchez** to serve as *Member* of the *Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency* and which was referred to the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement.

Committee votes are as follows:

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

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Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Sabina Flores Perez

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35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

**Nomination of
Florida M. Sanchez**

**As Member, Board of Directors Guam
Environmental Protection Agency**

**To Serve for Three (3) years; November
29, 2018 to November 28, 2021**



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35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

April 24, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement

From: **Senator Sabina Flores Perez** *SFP*
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on Appointment of Florida M. Sanchez**

Håfa Adai,

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Ms. Florida M. Sanchez** to serve as a *Member of the Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency*.

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 and Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Testimonies and Supporting Documents
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

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

Senator Amanda L. Shelton,
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,
Member

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson,
Member

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

Senator Sabina Flores Perez
Member

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell
Member



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SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR
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Senator Joe S. San Agustin,
Member

Senator Jose T. Terlaje,
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,
Member

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

March 13, 2019

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature
Attorney Julian Aguon
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Re: **Referral of Appointment**

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

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

Appointee: **Florida M. Sanchez**

Position: **Member, Board of Directors, Guam Environmental Protection Agency**

Term Length: **Three (3) Years**
November 29, 2018 to November 28, 2021

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

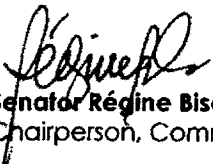
"35GL-19-0223 - Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Florida M. Sanchez, Member, Board of Directors, Guam Environmental Protection Agency."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to **Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement.**

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

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

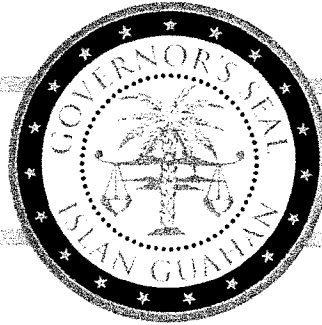

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LANI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 11 2019

Honorable Telen Cruz Nelson
Acting Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatna, Guam 96932

3561-19-0223
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

MAR 12 2019
Time 11:25 (AM) (PM)
Received By: *[Signature]*

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Madame Speaker:

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

APPOINTEE: Florida M. Sanchez
POSITION: Member, Board of Directors
Guam Environmental Protection Agency
TERM LENGTH: Three (3) Years
November 29, 2018 to November 28, 2021

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

Senseramente,

[Signature of Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero]

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

Cc: Lt. Governor of Guam
Chairman, GEPA Board

0223

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM
Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

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

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name SANCHEZ	First Name FLORIDA	Middle Initial M
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 Environmental Protection Agency		
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 Academy of Our Lady of Guam Hagatna, Guam		High School Diploma	1980
College University of Oregon Oregon		BS	1984
Graduate School			
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Sagua Managu Birthing Center Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Business Manager
	Dates Held 1999 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address DFS Guam Tumon, Guam	Position Title Inventory Accounting Manager
	Dates Held 1993 - 2000

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Pacific Islands Club Tumon Guam	Position Title HR Manager
	Dates Held 1989 - 1993

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Pacific Islands Club Tumon, Guam	Position Title Accounting Supervisor
	Dates Held 1987 - 1989

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Glimpses of Micronesia Hagatna, Guam	Position Title Office Manager
	Dates Held 1984 - 1988

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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

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Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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

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

TRAINING

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Union Organizational Campaign	
Time/Stress Management	
Compliance: Maintaining HR Function	
HR Management (UH-Manoa)	

AWARDS

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

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
Member, Guam EPA Board Treasurer, Guam National Olympic Committee

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Member, Guam Women's Outrigger Team, SPG
 Treasurer, Guam Volleyball Federation
 Member, Guam Women's Volleyball Team, SPG
 Member, Guam Master's Women's Basketball, 50's Australia
 Member, Guam Master's Women's Basketball, 40's New Zealand
 Corporate Member, Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE

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:



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



February 28, 2019

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Florida Maria SANCHEZ		
DATE OF BIRTH:	██████████	FINGERPRINT #:	██████████
██████	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in GPD files that are subject to Guam law and rules and regulations of the Department.		

*******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: ap

[Signature]
**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
 ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE**

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



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: **FLORIDA MARIA SANCHEZ**

SS#:

ID#



Date of Birth



CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

Criminal Cases:

Civil Cases:

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

- 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.

Criminal Record: Page 1 of 1

Civil Record: Page 1 of 1

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

Dated: 03/06/2019

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court

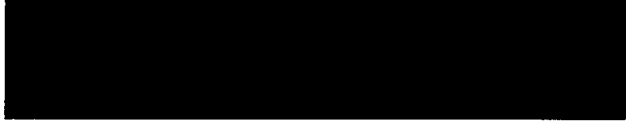
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JEANNETTE B. ROBERTO
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **JBR**



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FLORIDA MARIA SANCHEZ



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EDUCATION

1984	University of Oregon Bachelor of Science: Finance	Eugene, OR
1980	Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School Diploma	Agana, GU

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999 – present	Sagua Mañagu Birthing Center Marianas Physicians Group Clinic Business Manager <u>Duties:</u> Oversee the birthing center's finance, materials management and payroll functions.	Tamuning, GU
1993 - 2000	DFS Guam Inventory Accounting Manager <u>Duties:</u> Manage the inventory, accounts payable and general ledger valuation.	Tamuning, GU
1989 - 1993	Pacific Islands Club Human Resources Manager <u>Duties:</u> Direct recruitment, hiring, benefits & compensation, training and counseling programs. Organized employee morale programs.	Tamuning, GU
1987 – 1989	Pacific Islands Club Accounting Supervisor <u>Duties:</u> Oversee fixed assets, income audit and payroll.	Tamuning, GU
1984-1988	Glimpses of Micronesia Office Manager <u>Duties:</u> Handle subscriptions, bookkeeping and administrative functions of the organization.	Agana, GU

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Union Organizational Campaign
Time Management
Stress Management
Dealing with Union Organizing
Compliance: Maintaining the HR Function
Performance through Training, Recruiting, Interviewing, Hiring
Employee Law Conference
Human Resource Management (University of Hawaii, Manoa)
Training for Results
Management Development Seminar

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Treasurer, Guam National Olympic Committee
Member, Guam Women's Outrigger Team, South Pacific Games
Treasurer, Guam Volleyball Federation
Member, Guam Women's Volleyball Team, South Pacific Games
Member, Guam Master's Women's Basketball, 50's, Australia
Member, Guam Master's Women's Basketball, 40's, New Zealand
Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board

PERSONAL

Birth date: March 24, 1962
Hobbies: Volleyball, reading, photography



Richard Salas <richard@senatorperez.org>

1st Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, April 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Office of Senator Sabina Perez <office@senatorperez.org>

Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 9:23 AM

To: "Walter S. Leon Guerrero" <walter.leonguerrero@epa.guam.gov>, nic.rupley@epa.guam.gov, fsanchez.mpgsagua@gmail.com, "Robert A. Perron" <raperron@mrrubbishman.com>, jim.oehlerking@gmail.com, spcarbullido@gmail.com, moneka.deoro@gmail.com, Sabrina Salas Matanane <sabrina@kuam.com>, nestor@kuam.com, Chris Barnett <malafunkshun@kuam.com>, carmen@kuam.com, joan@kuam.com, news@sorensenmediagroup.com, reporters@postguam.com, news@guampdn.com, news@k57.com, phill@k57.com, rlimtiaco@guampdn.com, heugenio@guampdn.com, John O'Connor <johntaoconnor@gmail.com>, kstokish@gmail.com, editor@pacificislandtimes.com, Maureen Maratita <publisher@glimpsesofguam.com>, businesseditor@glimpsesofguam.com, reporter2@glimpsesofguam.com, Joy White <reporter4@glimpsesofguam.com>, Guam Progress <guamprogress@yahoo.com>, phnotice@guamlegislature.org

April 12, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, *Chairperson*

Subject: **1st Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, April 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.**

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Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement

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Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 11:03 AM

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Cc: Sabrina Salas Matanane <sabrina@kuam.com>, nestor@kuam.com, Chris Barnett <malafunkshun@kuam.com>, carmen@kuam.com, joan@kuam.com, news@sorensenmediagroup.com, reporters@postguam.com, news@guampdn.com, news@k57.com, phill@k57.com, rlimtiaco@guampdn.com, heugenio@guampdn.com, John O'Connor <johntaconnor@gmail.com>, kstokish@gmail.com, editor@pacificislandtimes.com, Maureen Maratita <publisher@glimpsesofofguam.com>, businesseditor@glimpsesofofguam.com, reporter2@glimpsesofofguam.com, Joy White <reporter4@glimpsesofofguam.com>, Guam Progress <guamprogress@yahoo.com>

April 17, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, *Chairperson*Subject: **2nd Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, April 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.**

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Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement
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Jailed Reuters reporters, US border photographers win Pulitzer Prizes

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Reuters won two Pulitzer Prizes on Monday, one for revealing the massacre of 10 Muslim Rohingya men by Buddhist villagers and Myanmar security forces, and another for photographs of Central American migrants seeking refuge in the United States.

The awards marked the second year in a row that Reuters has won two Pulitzers, the most prestigious prize in American journalism. Reuters has won seven since 2008.

Two of this year's honorees have been jailed for 490 days in Myanmar for their role in uncovering the killings.

"While it's gratifying to be recognized for the work, public attention should be focused more on the people about whom we report than on us – in this case, the Rohingya and the Central American migrants," Reuters Editor-in-Chief Stephen J. Adler said.

In other categories, coverage of mass shootings in the United States and investigations into President Donald Trump featured prominently. The New York Times and the Washington Post also took two Pulitzers each.

Reuters and the Associated Press were both awarded prizes for international reporting, with the AP winning for its coverage of war atrocities in Yemen.

The Reuters award was for an investigative report that revealed the massacre of 10 Rohingya at the village of Inn Din, in the heart of the conflict zone of Rakhine state in Myanmar.



JAILED: Detained Reuters journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo arrive at Insein court in Yangon, Myanmar, Aug. 27, 2018. Myo Kyaw Soe/Reuters

Two young Reuters reporters, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, both Myanmar citizens, found a mass grave filled with bones sticking out of the ground. They went on to gather testimony from perpetrators, witnesses and families of victims.

They obtained three devastating photographs from villagers: two showed the 10 Rohingya men bound and kneeling; the third showed the mutilated and bullet-ridden bodies of the same 10 men in the same shallow grave.

In December 2017, before Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo could complete their story, they were arrested in what international observers have criticized as an effort by authorities to block the report. The report, "Massacre in Myanmar," was completed by

colleagues Simon Lewis and Antoni Slodkowski and published in February of last year.

In September, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo were sentenced to seven years imprisonment for violating the country's Official Secrets Act.

"I'm thrilled that Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo and their colleagues have been recognized for their extraordinary, courageous coverage, and our photojournalists for their moving pictures that show humanity defying huge obstacles," Adler said. "I remain deeply distressed, however, that our brave reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo are still behind bars."

Assange, Manning had reason to believe leaks would injure US

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and former U.S. Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning had reason to believe that leaking U.S. military reports "would cause injury" to the country, federal prosecutors alleged in a newly unsealed court filing on Monday.

In the affidavit submitted to federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, prosecutors said U.S. military reports from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq included information about the "identity and significance of local supporters of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan."

When U.S. forces raided the compound in Pakistan where Osama bin Laden was hiding out, for example, they found a letter that showed the al-Qaida leader was interested in copies of Pentagon documents published on WikiLeaks, the prosecutors said.


According to prosecutors, leaked reports on the Afghan war included information on militants' improvised explosive device designs and attacks, including details of U.S. and coalition countermeasures against such home-made explosive devices and their limitations.



PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Guam Visitor's Bureau will hold a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in GVB's Main Conference Room. Any individuals needing special accommodations are requested to contact GVB at 646-5278 for assistance.

FINEGAYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	
FAMILIES AND TEACHERS EMPOWERED (FATE/PTO)	
SY 2018-2019	
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	
(OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER 2018)	
Revenue(s):	
I. Existing BOG Balances as of 08/30/18 (SY18-19)	\$ 1,310.49
II. FATE/PTO Meetings/Raffle & Snack Sales	\$ 385.00
III. FES-FATE Pledge Fundraiser	\$ 1422.16
IV. FATE Halloween Grams	\$ 886.00
V. FATE Christmas Grams	\$ 702.00
VI. FATE Avon Calendar	\$ 102.00
VII. FATE 17 Minutes Commission	\$ 1,300.00
VIII. FATE Chuck E. Cheese Commission (November 2018)	\$ 274.46
IX. FATE Harvest Carnival	\$ 1,930.00
X. FATE Sponsored Grade Levels' fundraisers (Pre-K, Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades STUCO MEHS, SPED, Special Programs, & Chamoru for EDY incentives)	\$ 10,540.83
Total Revenue(s)	\$18,852.48
Expense(s):	
I. National Office Supply/M&M Cartridges (supplies/materials for FATE docs and school purposes)	\$ 953.52
II. Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser deposit fee	\$ 100.00
III. FATE/PTO Meeting Snack Sale Items/Raffle Prize(s) (Cost-U-Less)	\$ 598.67
IV. BOG Check Book Order	\$ 24.00
V. FATE donation(s) (faculty, staff, students, & Student Council-STUCO)	\$ 313.83
VI. Underground Dungeon (grams materials/supplies)	\$ 1,226.62
VII. FATE donation for Pre-K Conference -JOG	\$ 88.00
VIII. FATE donation for FES Employee Health Fair (Refreshments for guests/vendors/faculty/staff)	\$ 355.23
IX. Pre-K Coupon Payment (Jamaican Grill)	\$ 300.00
Pre-K Pizza purchase (students' holiday treat)	\$ 43.96
XI. Kinder Payment (Hornet T-shirts)	\$ 409.10
XII. Reimbursement for purchased items	\$ 174.17
Total Expense(s)	\$ 4,587.10
*Remaining FATE/PTO BOG Balance as of December 2018	\$14,265.38



Senator Sabina Flores Perez
Committee on Environment,
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Public Hearing Notice
Friday April 19, 2019
I Liheslaturan Guahan, Public Hearing Room

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35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

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Public Hearing

Friday, April 19, 2019, 1:00pm

I Liheslaturan Guahan, Public Hearing Room

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NAME (please print)	AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION	ORAL TESTIMONY	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	IN FAVOR	NOT IN FAVOR	CONTACT INFORMATION
✓ Steve Carrara	IT&E EPA Board	✓		✓		STEVEN.CARRARA@it&e.net
✓ Ann Roth	"	✓		✓		rothann@gmail.com
✓ Walter LG	GEPA	✓				
Flori Sanchez	GEPA	✓				



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35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement convened a public hearing on April 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in *I Liheslaturan Guahan* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Ms. Florida M. Sanchez to serve as Member, Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency, whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero on March 11, 2019, to serve Three (3) years, expiring on November 28, 2019.
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* on March 12, 2019
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on March 13, 2019

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via email to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on April 12, 2019 and again on April 17, 2019. Publication was conducted in the **Guam Daily Post**, a newspaper of general circulation, fulfilling the 5-Day Notice and 48 Hour Notice of the Open Government Law requirements respectively.

Senators Present

Senator Sabina Flores Perez

Committee Chairperson

Senator Therese M. Terlaje

Committee Vice Chairperson

Senator Telo Taitague

Committee Member

The confirmation hearing for **Ms. Florida M. Sanchez** commenced at 1:00 p.m.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

Chairperson Perez called up all Guam EPA Board of Director nominees together and those who have signed up to testify.

Florida Sanchez, Nominee, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors: *Håfa adai* Senator Perez and Senator Taitague, thank you kindly for your service and time to support Guam EPA's need for board members. My name is Florida Sanchez, also known as Flori and I'm grateful for Governor Leon Guerrero and Lieutenant Governor Tenorio's nomination to the Guam EPA board. My background includes being a Guam EPA board member through the term ending late November, last year. I'm employed as the business manager at *Sagua Managu* birthing center and Marianas physicians group clinic. As a board member I've advocated for our island home, our community islanders and for the skilled responsible staff of Guam EPA with their integral support from the USEPA. I appreciate this opportunity and I thank you and may I wish all here a blessed Easter weekend. Thank you.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you so much. So yes speaking of mandates, the mandate of Guam EPA and its board is to ensure a high quality environment to be maintained at all times, to guarantee an enjoyable life for all people at present and in the future and that environmental degradation of the quality of land, water and air by pollutants including all physical, chemical, biological agents should not be allowed. So, to this end it is the purpose of this act to provide a united integrated and comprehensive territory-wide program of environmental protection and to provide a framework to fulfill that task. And yes, as you mentioned the board members are very important. Its present, it's important that they meet quorum, there are consequences when quorum is not met and so that's why it's important that, I'm glad to see that the governor has nominated a complement, full complement of board members with diverse backgrounds I must say and long backgrounds too. So, I just want to basically open up, oh sorry we have more testimony. So, Steven Carrera, if you want to speak to, I know you signed up in support of Steven Carbullido, Miss Florida Sanchez, Robert Perron.

Steven Carrara, Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors: Yes, so thank you and good afternoon. I've been on the EPA board for several years; it's been rewarding and have appreciated the opportunity to contribute to the community. I really have great respect for the way EPA is run under the leadership of Walt and Bob at the board. It's a real community and there's a lot of interaction and you can feel it when you go to the board meetings. And I think EPA is doing a great job and I think we will do even better things. Bob's been a great Chairman, we've had frank discussions at the meeting, and we had a lot of participation. Florie's been on the board for several years and always appreciated working with Florie on it. Again, everybody participates, and I believe would have a great mission. And Steve and I, well we've been friends for a while. I know his employer, and he speaks very highly of Steven. We all know his family and good, solid people and we welcome his expertise on the board. I know he's worked on the landfill closures, Puerto Rico and *Ordot*, so we look forward to his participation. Monica I just met her yesterday, but she jumped right into the board meeting. I didn't sign up to speak to her because I don't really know her, but I could tell she's gonna be a great contributor as well. So, thank you very much.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you so much Mr. Carrara. Administrator Walter Leon Guerrero.

Walter Leon Guerrero, Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency: Good afternoon Senators my name is Walter S. Leon Guerrero, I'm the Administrator at Guam EPA. I'm here to speak on behalf of the four board nominees that the Madam Governor has selected and appointed to be before you. First, I'd like to talk about as you mentioned Senator Perez that our board, Guam EPA board is very important to the procedures that Guam EPA does. In short, if NOV is issued and there's a contesting to that NOV and if we don't have quorum and abort it does not matter. Basically, the potential violator can, the NOV is wiped clean and currently with Bob and Florie's a term being up we do not have quorum. It is the fastest that, necessity that and if it's that we man our board to the fullest possible. I'm glad we have four nominees. I've been in this position for about two years and eight/nine months and I've worked with Florie and Bob during the 16 years that they've been on the board. I know a lot of the things that they've done and the work and effort in time that they put in to ensure that Guam EPA maintains its efficiency and to manage and oversee the environment of Guam and the people of Guam. I know Mr. Carbullido and the work

that he's done on some of the consent decree and stipulated orders so that speaks well of itself. I myself I don't know Moneka as well but in yesterday's board as was stated, there is an issue that she thought was not appropriate and she made sure everybody knew what her, the feelings were and that can only add some a greater respect to making sure that we cover everybody's views and passions for the environment and for the island of Guam. Again, I support all four, I look forward to them all being part of the board because again it is the wide variety of expertise that they bring to the table will definitely help Guam EPA maintain the status of being a lead agency in the government of Guam. Thank you.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you so much. I'm not familiar with you if you can...

Ann Roth, Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors: My name is Ann Roth, good afternoon Senators. I'm a member of the on the board of directors of EPA, have been for over six years. I was here to testify in support of Bob and Florie, they were on it, they've been on for many more years before me. Bob is consistently at meetings and so he's not the reason we may lack a quorum. It has been great working with them, they're both knowledgeable people and I do want to say I do support them continuing on. I don't know personally know Steven or Moneka but it's great to get the youth in it, in the on the board. I'm sure they have their own ideas and we can work with that. Thank you.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you so much Ms. Roth. Ms. Taitano would you like to testify?

Conchita Taitano, President, SWANA Pacific Basin Chapter: Yes, I would thank you Madam Chair, members of the 35th Guam Legislature. My name is Conchita Taitano and I sign leave for today for a couple of reasons, was because I'm gonna go to Mass afterwards, but the other reason is to offer my support for the board, for the nominees today. I come to you not as a member of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency. I come before you as the president of the SWANA Pacific Basin Chapter. Bob Peron is the treasurer and secretary for this organization. I offer my support because Bob really does care about building capacity with respect to waste management on island. As an example of that is the upcoming Pacific Islands Environment Conference that's scheduled for June. We are bringing these pre-conference workshop, SWANA pre-conference workshops at one third of the price that they would normally charge if you attended this course, the same course in the States and that was done not because of me, it was really because of Mr. Perron and his close relationship with the national organization in DC. I also like to offer my support for Florie Sanchez. Florie has been with the agency for a long time. She provides, she also provides that continuous thread for the Board of Directors. I do not personally know the two new nominees, but I can tell you that I know Mr. Carbullido's parents and they're excellent people and chances are their children, their son is just as excellent. He also brings to you, brings to the board a wealth of experience aside from his youth. I know Moneka. I spoke to her very briefly but let me tell you that's one thing that I think the... When we take care of the environment we always talk about cleaning and enforcement, all these things that are normally associated with the organization. What people don't realize that they do not take into account is culture and I believe that's what Moneka can bring into the board. Because the protection of the environment, the protection of the land is directly related to the culture of a people and that in itself is well, it speaks for itself. In closing the two new nominees, the young paired with the young at heart only leads to what we know as succession. Excellent succession planning. Thank you very much.

Chairperson Perez: *Si Yu'os ma'åse'*. I would like to also acknowledge the presence of my colleague Senator Therese Terlaje thank you for being here today. We're now at this point actually, would anybody else would like to provide testimony on behalf of the nominees? Okay so at this point, I would like to open up the floor to my colleagues for questions to any of the nominees here today. Starting with Senator Taitague.

Senator Taitague: Thank you Madam Chair and thank you to all the nominees for stepping up to the plate. Actually, you hit it on the nose with regards to Conchita, when you mentioned he's at every, or no miss Roth, when you mentioned that he's at every board meeting, one of you guys said that. That's very important when you sit on these boards that you do attend the meeting but, most especially to have additional time out of your already busy schedule to really look into the issues and find solutions to bring to the table. That's something I'm hoping to get your commitment and as I look at all four of you. I have that commitment you will show up on the board meetings, right? That's number one, number two would probably be you know, I appreciate the fact that now we have some youth to the board, that's gonna be very helpful. And Moneka I've known you since you're graduating from high school and your passion with everything from the culture and now to the environment. I have immense confidence that you will speak your mind because I've met you and you're like me, well speak on what's on our mind, no host you'll do it. Thank you for stepping up and please be there at the meetings. Bob we've known each other as well for so long and I'm so happy to hear that you've decided to continue on. I kind of got wind that you might want to retire you know from this but I'm glad you're stepping up because you have that historical knowledge at EPA and all the work that you've done, so thank you so much. Florie, I've met you as well I really appreciate all the work that you're doing at EPA. And Mr. Carbullido, thank you I was hoping you would actually work for EPA instead of GHD. The amount of knowledge that you have you would be a great asset at EPA but if we can take you in this capacity then we'll take that. The only concern I have is just a conflict of interest you know so if they're... Mr. Carbullido this is to you because I know Bob has that situation before and he addresses it in a certain way but because your company, the company that you work for, if there is a conflict of interest, you know information and you have at EPA that other companies don't have, how are you gonna deal with that?

Mr. Carbullido: Yeah it is my understanding, that the company I work for, we don't have any contracts with Guam EPA. Typically, I've interacted with EPA on-site inspections for construction projects. We route documents through DPW for permitting. I don't foresee there being a conflict of interest and if there is one, I will certainly recuse myself.

Senator Taitague: Okay I thank you. I know your parents too. They raise good kids. Thank you so much for stepping up to the plate and thank you Madam Chair.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you so much Senator Taitague. Senator Therese Terlaje do you have any questions?

Senator Terlaje: Thank you all. Sorry I was a little late, I was trying to listen on my way here on the YouTube, but do you mind Mr. Carrara, what is your interaction with the board? It sounds like you have a lot of interaction, are you a board member? Okay that's why I wanted to make sure you

didn't... All right well thank you then for your service. We have two other board members here and then the ones who are being reconfirm. Great thank you very much. I just, that's good too because I wanted to talk about the prior board's actions, and I have a few concerns of EPA. Of course, I want to praise EPA because I do think that they are doing some very good things and I think they've got good leadership and the board I am very glad that that you both are again joining the board. I want that good work to continue. I was just concerned that while they were finalizing the rules and regulations on the Recycling Revolving Fund and EPA was doing that, that there was efforts and the Legislature to remove those funds from the purview of EPA and really direct them elsewhere. I don't believe that those efforts are, have gone away. I think that they may still, they may be revived and just because you know their funds and everybody's looking to use funds in different ways. But I guess I wanted to just hear from the board members. What do you believe those funds, do you believe that you should protect them for the use of the new rules and regulations and the Recycling Revolving Fund or that it's okay if they are diverted, I guess to other places?

Mr. Perron: Can I take that Senator? Yeah, those funds really need to be protected and that's why it's so important that we get these rules and regs for the RRF completed and put into place. I know the staff is working diligently with the in-house attorney and the Attorney General's Office to make a few final tweaks to it and then working with Senator Perez's Office on some potential legislation. You know we're actively pushing it very hard and very fast and in fact we've recessed our last board meeting and we're going to call a special meeting to vote on the updated rules and regs that we have to tweak a little bit, to satisfy some legal requirements. The board is very much in favor of getting them in place as soon as we can to make sure those funds are used properly for their intended purpose which is for the environment and to further the recycling industry on Guam.

Senator Terlaje: So, thank you. Ms. Sanchez did you want to add anything today?

Ms. Sanchez: In the beginning the funds were not allocated or to be directed by Guam EPA but once it was directed to them, they took great responsibility in ensuring that the intent of it is afforded. I just, I respect that they are taking care of the funds as best they could or as its intent is to help our environment and, but we definitely are in the process of finalizing the rules and regs. They do want to have it as clean as possible so that it is relayed in the law what the full intention is and how to operate the funds.

Senator Terlaje: Thank you. Yeah for those who are new members, just a little bit of background is that when the, before the rules and regulations are in place, pretty much the Legislature has in different budget cycles taking the money and assigned it to Mayor's for their recycling purposes and other areas. And so, I yeah, they do have plans now in their rules and regulations of how to use these funds for of course recycling. And so, I just think that the employees they have done a very good job, but they need the board's support and they need the board to be very consistent about that and not to say it's okay. And not to allow any of the employees to say it's okay if we divert those even temporarily. You know that you have to really show very consistently to the public, to the Senators, that you have your plan, you are intent on getting that in place as soon as possible. I am just recommending to the Chair that that really should be in place before the budget cycle comes around because it's going to be a problem if it's not.

Mr. Perron: Senator it's got a big target on it but sitting there as unobligated funds. So that's why it's so important that we get those obligated and put to use in the way that the law intends it to be used.

Senator Terlaje: Right and because this we've all heard it one of the biggest complaints on Guam is you know littering and we have no recycling program, that I mean you know very... They're criticizing our efforts in this regard but I for a fact know that EPA is, they've got the most competent people. I just think you have to; you have to let them shine; you have to you know guard from them everything else so that their efforts will indeed be the prevalent efforts on Guam. I guess, I just wanted to ask, and I love the transparency. I see that you're going to try to do electronic, you said electronic board meetings. Yeah, I work with the AG on that I'm not sure how clear that is but keep the transparency efforts. I think your agency is a regulatory agency, it's one you know even if they're not criticizing EPA, they're criticizing that nobody's doing what you're supposed to be doing right. And so, you just have to bring the public along and that's the way and you want their help. I'm pretty sure the employees want their help. A lot of the things that we found out about is because of people reporting, right, that they found this. You can't be everywhere, we know that, you're limited and so that's how we all work together. So please encourage their help, be as transparent as possible and let the efforts of your employee's shine. I mean bring them to the media, talk about it a lot. I say they're talked about too little you know. Very often we hear from EPA when there's a problem and they're responding to you know, their, what they had done. But I keep telling Walter brag about what you guys are doing because the public needs to have confidence that you are doing everything possible to protect our environment. Otherwise they're going to believe the opposite right. So, I'm, I don't know it's a little bit of PR which is not really your job but push the PR right and just push in your board meetings and at every opportunity you get that all the, all the efforts of EPA and especially your transparency.

I guess I wanted to just ask do you think that any more can be done, these are for the new members, to ensure that Agent Orange or other contaminations on Guam, that they can be removed or that their effects can be fully addressed? Mr. Carbullido?

Mr. Carbullido: My knowledge on specifically, the Agent Orange issue is what I read about it in the news. I know efforts are underway to, we're sampling them and seeing the levels of what's in the soil. I'm not entirely familiar on the subjects but I definitely support sampling and seeing what is, what is on our island, if we do have it.

Senator Terlaje: There's other places around that we know that are contaminated and I'm sure EPA is kind of the holder of a lot of this knowledge but the people of Guam, like me, we kind of know that there is that contamination for example PCBs in certain areas and other elements in other areas. But we're not exactly sure. We're trusting that somebody's on top of it, but I guess, I would just ask the new board members to be sure that EPA is on top of it. That we're not just totally relying on another federal agency to report when they decide to report. That you're leading in this, I think the Agent Orange would never have happened if you know, Walter didn't push that with them and the in fact maybe not even if the veterans didn't themselves come forward and really make a big public ordeal about it. Right and so that's why I'm asking you as new board members that you can do that, that can be a role. There are so many mandates of EPA. You can pick one and let it be your, you know you be the champion of it. I'm sure that they could use that kind of

help and that you don't let that become low on the priority list just because you're focusing on it, well while they're focusing on you know putting out the fires right. There are so many things. Moneka?

Ms. De Oro: Yes, I hope that everyone and you especially in the Legislature can know and count on me to be a voice that is very critical of all the actions that have taken place in our island and the actions that will be taking place in our island. I have been an advocate for the de-militarization of our island for a very long time specifically because of the contamination associated with militarization of our lands and of the past military action and the impact it's had on our birds, on our bodies, on our minds, on our soil. It is definitely something that I think that we need to step up our game and in all ways that we can to hold those in power accountable to speak truth to that power. We have ridiculously high rates of cancer and other NCDs that are direct result of that, the contamination that you speak of. We do need to step up our game in enforcement, in testing and sampling. I do think that it's an injustice for people to have the environmental agent, protection agency not have a home, not have a building that they call their own. I think that's something, that's in the five-year work plan and I support the efforts to build a state-of-the-art home the for the Environmental Protection Agency, where we could conduct these sorts of community outreach programs as well as all the other program mandates that the agency holds. But yes, I will be someone that the Legislature can count on to ensure that the quality of our environment and all of the different contaminants are a counted for and then those who violate any sort of laws or even in the past. I don't know how we would be able to do that but if we could make sure that we hold the military accountable for all that retribution, reconciliation or whatever the avenues are to do that. Because it's evident in our bodies that we're not in a healthy place right now.

Senator Terlaje: Well my goal is that by using the knowledge that EPA has accrued over the years that we are able to pursue various avenues of cleaning up and for example with the Agent Orange one of the goals is to get these veterans the health care that they need because of the exposure. And that's the case with other contaminations to, it's not just to point the finger but it's really to get what they might be able to get if they are suffering from exposure to any contaminants that I think is the ultimate goal. And so that's why and I really believe. I worked at EPA just for one year many years ago when I was right out of college and it was probably the most eye-opening experience of my life. I loved everybody there and what they did. I especially, I just thought the water division was the coolest because they were going into places of Guam to sample rivers and different places and you know along the coast that we didn't normally have access to, or we just didn't go to normally. So, they were really out there, and I think you know developing that program in those days and it was so exciting. I know that they've just got years and years of expertise knowledge and so your board members, your role and my role, we all have different roles but we're all supposed to help them to get all that hard work that they have been doing to just be shared with the people of Guam. Because somebody's going to come up with an even better idea than any of us have right now right. If they have the facts and if they have the knowledge that they need and that's why I appreciate your transparency efforts and appreciate your willingness to serve on the board. So, thank you all very much. Thank you.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you so much Senator Terlaje. I would be remiss if I didn't include this comment. We got a call from Mayor Louise Rivera as she called to provide us. She's in full support of the appointment of Bob Peron and because he has helped the whole island with his efforts and

he's a great asset and serves well on the Guam EPA Board. I forgot to mention that earlier. Yes, Guam EPA is going through some huge changes and pretty exciting changes. I think if you look at the five-year plan and all the changes that are that are occurring with their regulations. Like Senator Therese Terlaje very much focused on the water issue here on Guam because it pretty much all our contaminants end up there eventually. I know they're updating the Safe Drinking Water Act and I'm looking forward to working with the Administrator to strengthen the standards for us here on Guam and also looking at you know how our hazardous wastes are being handled you know, whether we can strengthen our laws here to protect the health of our community. The task is huge you know and there you never, there's so much to do here on Guam, when it comes to the environment. I'm really thankful that you have accepted the nomination to be on the board. We look, I look forward to working and collaborating with you all.

And so I would just like to announce before we end the hearing, I will continue to receive testimony until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday April 24th and please address testimony to Senator Sabina Flores Perez, chairperson of the Committee on Environment revenue and taxation and procurement or it could be dropped off here or it could be emailed to office@senatorperez.org.

Thank you so much for being here today and have a great Easter weekend.

Chairperson Perez then adjourned the confirmation hearing for **Ms. Florida M. Sanchez**.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement finds the following on the appointment of **Ms. Florida M. Sanchez**:

- Florida M. Sanchez received overwhelming support for her nomination as a Member of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement hereby reports out the appointment of **Ms. Florida M. Sanchez** to serve as a **Member** of the **Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors** with the recommendation to do confirm.



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Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement

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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of

Florida M. Sanchez

to serve as Member, Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency

To Serve for Three (3) years; November 29, 2018 to November 28, 2021

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