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**APPOINTMENTS**

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35GL-19-0203	John C. Leon Guerrero	Member	Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors	3/5/19	Four (4) Years (August 25, 2018-August 24, 2022)	Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit	3/8/19	5/7/19 1:00 p.m.	6/3/19 10:29 a.m.		



## Sinadót Jose "Pedo" Terlaje

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

May 8, 2019

The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña Guam, 96910

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

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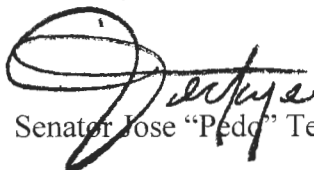
RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of John C. Leon Guerrero  
*Håfa Adai* Speaker Muña Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of John C. Leon Guerrero to serve as Member, Board of Directors, Guam Regional Transit Authority which was referred to the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit.

Committee votes are as follows:

9 TO CONFIRM  
0 TO NOT CONFIRM  
0 TO REPORT OUT ONLY  
0 TO ABSTAIN  
0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

  
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje



2019 JUN -3 AM 10:29PT



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# COMMITTEE REPORT

## Nomination of

**John C. Leon Guerrero as Member,  
Board of Directors, Guam Regional  
Transit Authority Four (4) Years  
(August 25, 2018- August 24, 2022)**



## *Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje*


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May 8, 2019

### **MEMORANDUM**

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

**From:** Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje   
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on the Appointment of John C Leon Guerrero

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Mr. John C. Leon Guerrero to serve as Member, Board of Directors, Guam Regional Transit Authority,

This report includes the following:

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

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

*Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'*

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



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

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,  
Member

Senator Jose T. Teraje  
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,  
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,  
Member

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

March 8, 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:** **John C. Leon Guerrero**  
**Position:** **Member, Board of Directors Guam Regional Transit Authority**  
**Term Length:** **Four (4) Years**  
**(August 25, 2018 - August 24, 2022)**

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at [http://guamlegislature.com/35th\\_mess\\_comms.htm](http://guamlegislature.com/35th_mess_comms.htm). Please refer to the following document:

**"35GL-19-0203 - Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for John C. Leon Guerrero, Member, Board of Directors Guam Regional Transit Authority."**

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

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

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

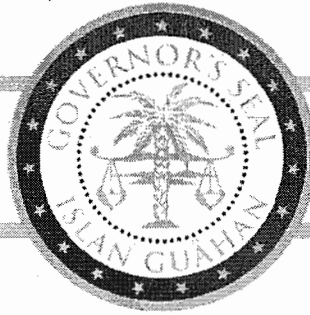
  
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*House Transmittal and Information Committee*  
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HRG-19-0183	John C. Lem Guerrero	Member	Guam Rental Transit Authority Board (TRTA)	3/2/19	Five (5) Years August 24, 2018 - August 24, 2023	Committee on Public Safety, Disaster Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Military Service, Information and Public Service	7/8/19				

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÁHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 5, 2019

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

35GL-19-0203  
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

MAR 06 2019

Time 7:33 AM (PM)  
Received By: [Signature]

2019 MAR - 6 PM 3:19  
[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:	John C Leon Guerrero
POSITION:	Member, Board of Directors Guam Regional Transit Authority
TERM LENGTH:	Four (4) Years (August 25, 2018 - August 24, 2022)

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

Senseramente,

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA E. TENORIO  
SIGUNDO MAGA'LAHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 5, 2019

John C Leon Guerrero

Dear Mr. Leon Guerrero:

Pursuant to my authority under 12 GCA § 6201, I am appointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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

*Senseramente,*

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
1000 GARDENIA AVENUE, SUITE 100  
AGANA, GUAM 96910  
TEL: 472-5911 • FAX: 472-5926



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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 / *Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

<b>Last Name</b> LEON GUERRERO	<b>First Name</b> JOHN	<b>Middle Initial</b> C
<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>	<b>E-mail Address</b>	
<b>Position to which Appointment is Made</b> Member, Board of Directors, Guam Regional Transit Authority		
<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> John F. Kennedy High School Tamuning, Guam	1974 - 1977	High School Diploma	1977
<b>College</b>			
<b>Graduate School</b>			
<b>Other Degree</b>			

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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Various Positions
	<b>Dates Held</b> 12/1992 - 9/2009

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Department of Revenue & Taxation Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Various Positions
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1982 - 1991

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

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

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

### PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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

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

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

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**TRAINING**

<b>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**AWARDS**

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

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

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

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### COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

<b>List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</b>

### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

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

<b>BRANCH</b>	<b>DATES OF SERVICE</b>	<b>RANK AT DISCHARGE</b>	<b>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</b>
US MARINE CORPS	10/1978 - 09/1982	Guardsman	

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(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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**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
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Lieutenant Governor



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM**

**Statement of Financial Interests**


(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

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

FROM: John C. Leon Guerrero

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST

  
Signature

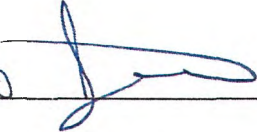
2/20/19  
Date

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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.

John Cleon Guerrero   
Print Name and Signature

2/20/19  
Date



# SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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

Telephone (671) 475-3370/475-3449

Fax (671) 472-2856

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

Name: **JOHN C LEON GUERRERO**

SS#:

ID# **GDL#**

Date of Birth:

## CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

### Criminal Cases:

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

Criminal Record: Page **1** of 1

### Civil Cases:

- A.  No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.
- 2. Civil Case No.
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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: **02/12/2019**

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

BY: **ANTOINETTE FG CRUZ**  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **CJQC**



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

October 4, 2017

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	John C. LEON GUERRERO		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>FINGERPRINT #:</b>	[REDACTED]
	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.*

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.  
REVISED 02/03/16

By Direction: katm

**JOSEPH I. CRUZ**  
Chief of Police

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**JOHN C. LEON GUERRERO**

**CONTACT (671) XXX-XXXX  
EMAIL**

**OBJECTIVE:**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS**

**EXPERIENCE**

**Date – Retired, Motor Carrier Investigator** Department of Revenue & Taxation

- Inspected all commercial vehicles and hazardous material vehicles.
- Collected and submitted reports on motor carrier accidents.

**Date – Date, Supervisor, Acting** Department of Revenue & Taxation

- Planned, developed and implemented the Weights & Measures Programs consisting of Local and Federal Government owned vehicle safety inspection program.

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

**10/1978 – 09/1982, Guardsman** U.S. MARINE CORPS

- Stood Guard on post.
- Performed barracks maintenance.
- Performed skills proficiency on the field.

**EDUCATION**

Marine Corps Maintenance System (MCI) 1980 U.S. Marine Corps  
MIMM Course 1979 ?  
High School Diploma 1977 John F. Kennedy High School



Senator Pedo Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

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**FIRST NOTICE of Confirmation Hearings – Tuesday, May 7, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

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Senator Pedo Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 9:16 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

April 30, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media**

**From: Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje  
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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*



## ***Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje***

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan • 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

Email: [senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com](mailto:senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com)

Tel: (671) 989-5301/3218

April 30, 2019

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April 30, 2019

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

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

**Subject:** UPDATED FIRST NOTICE of Confirmation Hearings – Tuesday, May 7, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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**SECOND NOTICE of Confirmation Hearings – Tuesday, May 7, 2019  
beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

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Senator Pedro Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

Sun, May 5, 2019 at 8:08  
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To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

May 5, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media**

**From: Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje**

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

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**UPDATE of Confirmation Hearings – Tuesday, May 7, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

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Senator Pedro Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

Tue, May 7, 2019 at 8:52 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

May 7, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media**

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

**Subject: UPDATE of Confirmation Hearings – Tuesday, May 7, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

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**Tom Unsiog** <[sgtarms@guamlegislature.org](mailto:sgtarms@guamlegislature.org)>  
To: Senator Pedo Terlaje <[senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com](mailto:senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com)>

Tue, May 7, 2019 at 11:51 AM

Noted and the deletion of **Evelyn R, Duenas- Member, Board of Directors, Guam Regional Transit Authority**, is now reflected on the legislature's website calendar.....tom

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**Senator Pedo Terlaje** <[senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com](mailto:senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com)>  
To: Tom Unsiog <[sgtarms@guamlegislature.org](mailto:sgtarms@guamlegislature.org)>

Tue, May 7, 2019 at 12:37 PM

Thank you, Sarge.

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Therese Hart  
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Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje

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**Andrea Pellacani** <[andrea@spbguam.com](mailto:andrea@spbguam.com)>  
To: Senator Pedo Terlaje <[senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com](mailto:senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com)>

Tue, May 7, 2019 at 12:41 PM

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May 7, 2019

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

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

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April 30, 2019

VIA EMAIL: John C. Leon Guerrero

 [@yahoo.com](mailto:_____@yahoo.com)

Subject: Invitation to Confirmation Hearing beginning at 1: 00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Dear Mr. Leon Guerrero

*Buenas yan Håfa adai!*

Please be advised that the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans' Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit will be conducting a **Confirmation Hearing on your executive appointment on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, beginning at 1 p.m.**, in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room.

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

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

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

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Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje



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## Invitation to Confirmation hearing

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**Senator Pedro Terlaje** <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>  
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 9:03 AM

Please see attached.

Thank you,

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# **AGENDA**

## **CONFIRMATION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**beginning at**

**1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

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

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Opening Remarks**

**III. Items(s) for Discussion**

**IV. Confirmation Hearings**

- Mr. John C. Leon Guerrero to serve as Member, Board of Directors, Guam Regional Transit Authority
- Mr. Ray Topasna to serve as Member, Board of Directors, Guam Regional Transit Authority

**V. Closing Remarks/Announcements**

**VI. Adjournment**



# SINADÓT JOSE "PEDO" TERLAJE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, BORDER SAFETY, MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
MAYORS' COUNCIL, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC TRANSIT

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## Confirmation Hearing Sign-In Sheet

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

**Appointee: John C. Leon Guerrero**  
**Position: Member, Board of Directors**  
**Agency: Guam Regional Transit Authority**

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### COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

#### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit, convened a confirmation hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of **John C. Leon Guerrero** to serve as **Member** of the **Guam Regional Transit Authority**, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* **Lou Leon Guerrero** on **March 5, 2019**, to serve for Four (4) years (August 25, 2018 – August 24, 2022)
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on **March 6, 2019**;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on **May 8, 2019**.

#### Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 (5-Day Notice), and again on Sunday, May 5, 2019 (48-Hour Notice).

#### Senators Present

Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje, Chairman  
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Committee Member  
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee, Committee Member  
Senator Amanda Shelton, Committee Member

#### II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

**The confirmation hearing was called-to-order at 1:04 p.m.**

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you very much for sharing this wonderful moment with all of us. Before we start with the hearing I just want to recognize a good friend of mine, the former Chief of Police Retired Fed FBI, Frank Ishizaki, and I also want to I also want to recognize Mr. Ray



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Topasna, who's also the manager and the Director or manager of GHURA and he's gonna be testifying here today also. I just want to announce that Evelyn Duenas will not be here today she's down with the weather so we're gonna I'm gonna have to reschedule her confirmation hearing. The confirmation hearing from Mr. John Leon Guerrero and Mr. Ray Topasna, board members for the Guam Regional Transit Authority. (*Spoken in Chamorro translated to English*) Hello to everyone that's here on this day. The Confirmation hearing by the Committee on Public Safety Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayor's Council, Infrastructure of DPW Public Transit is hereby called to order. For the record and in accordance with section 8107 chapter 8-5 GCA, the first confirmation hearing notice was sent out Tuesday April 30, 2019 adhering to the five working days requirement, and the second confirmation hearing to the 48 hours notice was sent out on Sunday May 5, 2019. In addition to this confirmation hearing was notice to the Guam Legislature website. The time now is one or 1:04 p.m. I set myself to introduce some of the Senators that are supposed to be with me this afternoon but maybe I'll recognize them as they come in. Just a couple of administrative announcement that I wanted I usually would put out before we start the confirmation hearing. On my left we have the sign-in sheet, so whoever's going to testify just sign in and then we'll work it out as you guys come out come up to the front to testify. Usually, I don't go by the listing I just go by the number of people from my left to my right or to my right to my left and so that's how I or we will start. Mr. John Leon Guerrero, thank you sir. Has been nominated to serve as a board member of the Guam Regional Authority and I would I'm gonna go ahead and start with you John and I know right after this I'm gonna have what I wanted to do is just bring up si Ray Topasna to sit with you in front but by policy and by procedure I cannot do that. It's got to be a separate type of thing that I need to call out. So, John go ahead and do your statements and we'll go from there.

**John C. Leon Guerrero:** Thank you Senator. Good afternoon Senator, my name is John Camacho Leon Guerrero. I am humble to be able to come before you for my confirmation for the board of Guam Mass Transit. My understanding of the Guam Mass Transit is to provide our island community with public bus service. I have worked in the Government of Guam in the following capacity; One, I was a weights and measures Inspector for the Department of Revenue's taxation, two, I was a motor carrier investigator for the Department of Revenue taxation, and lastly I was a safety officer for the Department of Mental Health. In consideration of the board member of the Guam Mass Transit the safety of the buses is of my first concern. Sincerely, thank you for this time.

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**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Thank you very John. Former Chief of Police go ahead. No, we'll go later - oh oh you're gonna testify on behalf of-okay since we're at this point maybe I can just go ahead go ahead and call up si Ray and to say a few words for us. Just stand by John because I have some questions for you guys, yeah. Go ahead Ray.

**Ray Topasna:** You wanna go before me?

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** No, I'll let you go because you might have to rebuttal some of the things you say.

**Ray Topasna:** (see written testimony attached) Thank you.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Thank you very much Ray. Before we continue I just want to recognize the Speaker of the 35th Guam Legislature Mrs. Tina Rose Barnes.

**Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes:** (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you very much!

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Oh and we do have our good Senator, Amanda Shelton here with us. Thank You Amanda. Thank you very much. So, as we go on, let me ask my good friend to go ahead and speak. Former Chief of Police.

**Mr. Frank Ishizaki:** I hope you have a lot of good friends. I'm sorry let me let me put some decorum back into this I'm sorry, good afternoon Chairman Pedo, Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, and Senator Shelton. I come before you today, and I appreciate your interest in mass transit and certainly the speaker and I've worked together some years ago on mass transit and I think we need a great mass transit system and I think disappointed that what it is today. And I and so I come before you today to support Ray Topasna's confirmation as well as Evelyn Duenas because I know those two people very well. For Ray, he has that great experience as a planner, and I think a planner a grant writer, grant executor, and I think any time you spend federal money you want to be accountable, and you want to get the best bang for the buck and I think Ray is very capable of doing that. I do know Ray as honest, dependable, hard-working person who cares about Guam and so I come here to testify in support of them and I keep it that short, thank you very much.



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**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Go ahead and mention your name first.

**Frank Ishizaki:** Frank Ishizaki from Yona, thank you.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Go ahead and just state your name and go on with your testimony.

**Ginger S. Porter: (Spoken by Kathleen Moore Lynn)** My name is Kathleen Moore Lynn from the Research Corporation of the University of Guam, and my colleague of more than 30 years in higher education Ginger S. Porter, who has a master's in Education, asked me to come down and read her letter of support for Mr. Topasna, into the record. As she is off Island at this time but felt that it was very important that it be read. So, I will do so on her behalf. (See written testimony attached) as read by Kathleen Moore Lyn and thank you for allowing me to testify on her behalf. Chairman Terlaje, Senator Shelton, and Speaker Muna Barnes, thank you.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Thank you very much. I just want to get our Speaker to maybe say a few words also and after that or let Senator Shelton do whatever she wants to impart.

**Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes:** Si Yu'us Ma'ase Mr. Chair for giving the opportunity to speak in share comments and maybe a couple of questions, but more importantly Mr. Chair to stand in full support of Mr. L.G and Mr. Topasna. I do want to say that I thank Senator Frank Ishizaki for being here because it was in the 30th Guam Legislature where he, I, and Senator Adolfo Palacios really tried to tackle some of the transport a lot of the transportation concerns in this.

We talked about the road to recovery back then I see that some of the issues are still in sight and maybe what we need to do is revisit. I know there's some action items that you worked closely with Mr. Topasna. Even during the transition team and I just want to say that I'm confident that your heart and support for this for this very important agency and very crucial as it provides transportation for our community residents that are in need. We have had this issue of seeing how we can procure and get the resources; I think that's important that if our government does not have the hundred percent support. How can we leverage the power that we have today to get funding from our federal counterparts and just look at the ground opportunities out there and as I see some of the key players



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on the table and even looking at the faces that have been part of the university and that support there. I'm really appreciative of that, but Ray going back to you, based on the immediate support for the Guam Regional Transit Authority, has the I don't see the manager here does this does the has the board taken the opportunity to look for the grants that are needed for not just the facility upgrades but for the busing that's needed based on your testimony provided. I apologize for being late, having to be at three places at one time I knew that this was important. So, I had to make sure I got here in time.

**Ray Topasna:** yeah and if I can just speak for Cel Babauta, I believe we have a cabinet meeting as we speak so I'm missing the cabinet meeting and he might be there. So, he I don't see him here at all so that might be the reason. As far as grants from FTA are concerned, you know I've not been involved with transit for a few at least well actually I did write the transition report for the Governor. But we didn't even have the opportunity with to meet with GRTA. I actually had to write a lot of that just out of memory, but it's my understanding that there's a number of grants that are have had multiple grant extension requests approved by the FTA.

So, in other words after several years and I think one grant was dating back to 2011, and other is 2012. After several years they've not been able to make any progress, so they've requested for an extension, they got the extension request and then they didn't make any progress. Once again, they requested another extension so some of these grants are very critical to move public transportation forward one particular grant is the architectural engineering design for the maintenance facility, and in order to have you would want to have a maintenance facility owned by the government because what that does, is when you put the bus services contract out to bid it can bring out the big the big players such as Roberts in Hawaii, or the folks in Seattle.

They want to come out here because there's a maintenance facility in place. Right now, it the only ones that are putting in bids are the local operators and in one in the last multi-step bid there was just one bid. So in order to have more fair competition you ideally you want to have a maintenance facility that so there won't be a huge investment on the part of off-island companies, and FTA has told us that repeatedly but for some reason GRTA has not been able to move forward with the design or the construction of the maintenance facility even though the money has been there.



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**Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes:** If you and Mr. Leon Guerrero get confirmed will that meet the complement of the quorum for the board are there any-

**Ray Topasna:** Well right now I think the Governor appointed three of us to include Evelyn Duenas who unfortunately is not here today. You would need at least there there's two that are appointed by the Mayor's Council, and then there's one existing member that's part of the ridership. Yes, we would have a quorum provided everybody is present or most our present. I think we're gonna be challenged at the next board meeting, quite honestly. Or the first - well they haven't had a board meeting I believe since August, and so there's been a lot of you know bickering in the media about who has the authority but the bottom line is it's a dysfunctional board there's not a quorum, they can't meet, they can't decide, they can't vote on any issue. The Governor has appointed an interim manager, executive manager, who has no choice other than to make some decisions simply because the governing boards not in place.

**Speaker Tina Muña Barnes:** Okay, so with that being said if afforded the opportunity and the timelines that you have with your current position with the Guam Housing Urban Renewal Authority. Do you think that the workload and the need to try and bring the collaboration together with all the members and with all the I guess the bickering or the issues that have come up to the forefront, do you think that that could be that you could manage with that and help facilitate this to its positive programming moving forward?

**Ray Topansna:** Well you know fortunately the Governor has appointed Mr. Cell Babauta, who I believe was is well qualified. He will be running the operation not the board. Although it's a Governing board, the board is really as a governing board would only step in if the executive manager is derelict in his in his responsibilities. But, all we're gonna do is set policy, set the direction and allow him to do his job and give him the support he needs and if we have to lobby with the legislature for additional funding us will be here to support that effort. But quite honestly public law 30 - 5 gives GRTA broad authority to generate revenues in so many other ways other than relying solely on an appropriation from the legislature. So that's been kind of my- that's kind of where I butted heads in in the previous administration with the previous board. If you have the authority to charge for advertising on the site of the buses or bus stops, why don't you do that? They've not generated a single penny on advertising. If you have exclusive franchise



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rights for public transit you could charge a certain percentage to the for example the red trolley service. That they're not generating any income from that and then the most political politically sensitive generating idea that was that's granted to them by the Guam Legislature is parking fees on any government property with the exception of the airport and the port. So essentially you could partner up with the hospital and build their parking garage and split the proceeds. You could charge for parking in Agana, you can do pilot programs. I know it's a political hot potato, nobody wants to pay for parking but the

bottom line is GRTA unlike any other Transit Authority in the United States has been granted statutorily the powers to generate revenues through parking, and as it is with the airport I was at the airport when we implemented parking fees at the airport. Everyone was up in arms. Today we expect to pay for parking at the airport and the airport generates millions of dollars just on parking alone. I can't see why we're not able to do that, and we can you know we can take baby steps we can do it on a pilot phases, but the bottom line is we haven't even tried. We've not tried - we've not made an attempt to generate revenue through parking, through advertising, through franchising, and just rely solely on the legislature for a handout, and I think if it's unfair to come to the legislature every year and ask for money if you're not if you've not even attempted to generate the money that the legislature has given you the authority to do so.

**Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes:** Ray, I'm trying I'm really trying to literally look at ideas of how we could see how this public transportation can work for our community, and I must bring up that when I was in the 30th Guam Legislature with

a good Senator Frank Ishizaki, I think 30 years somewhere around the 29th I guess,

dating us back we talked about maybe even a dedicated Rapid Transit System that would be implemented and at that time we were talking about north, central, south working closely with the mayors, we were going to call it the applicable. We had to come up with a compromise and I think with his efforts and our efforts working closely with Senator Palacios we did at least the basics to get the Transit Authority trying to at least come up with something that would work for our ridership, and I wanted to know if that could be revisited and maybe setting I mean I know we have the schedules but understanding that the timelines are sometimes the timing based on traffic was maybe not so conducive to making sure that the timelines are fit in to the time schedules that have been provided.



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So are you looking at can you look at revisiting that where that dedicated services so that we know that between time A from point A to point B consistently on a daily basis that there would be actual opportunity for a dedicated bus or dedicated transit rapid transit circulation that would be consistent, is the word I was trying to get at.

**Ray Topasna:** Absolutely, you know I think it's um and some might feel I'm a bit optimistic. If I can just compare us to Maui for example similar population base. The bus shows up every fifteen minutes and their and island like we are. The difference is they spend eighteen million dollars on their public transit system and we don't. I think we got a budget or GRT gets a budget of a little over three mil. But again, the legislature has in their infinite wisdom has thought of other ways that they can generate revenues which even the public transit system in Hawaii has not even gone down that road. So, we're mixing apples and oranges between parking and public transportation but why not. Nobody charges for parking here why not GRTA take the lead and again it's you don't need a lot of money, a lot of capital to move forward with your plans to charge for parking. You can do multi pay parking stalls along this road here and you just park it, or you just pay at the end of the for all the stalls along that line you there's a stall there. That's not very that's not cost prohibitive.

You can you can charge for parking at the Chamorro village. You can partner up with the hospital they've been talking about a parking garage for many many years but technically GRTA was the one that's given the authority to build, to charge for parking on all Gov Guam land with the exception of the port and the airport. So why not partner well partner up the hospital and issue a request for proposal, bring in a private operator that can build that parking garage and split the proceeds. There's just so many ways that the Transit Authority could generate revenues. But we haven't even gone down that road and similarly you know I'm at Ghura now and I'm thinking of different ways that we can bring in revenues and not rely solely on HUD. There's a lot of options on the table and I'm discussing it with my staff. So, we're thinking outside the box and we're trying to put the Housing Authority in a better position financially, and I like to do the same for GRTA. You can't just rely on three million dollars and expect it to be a reliable public transit system, it's just not enough money. By the way in response to your earlier question, yes, I have a lot of work it at the Housing Authority's not like there's I have a lot of free time. But I also commit it to the governor that I'll do my best and provide guidance at GRTA.



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But I have a lot of confidence in her interim executive manager. He just needs the support and the guidance but he's well qualified for the position.

**Speaker Tina Muña Barnes:** thank you, Ray. I just want to share that I hope and I'm hopeful that with your confirmation with our support that you'd be able to bring a lot of the ideas to generate the revenue source that that the Transit Authority needs to move forward. Because I think it's very crucial very key as we look into the future and bringing our Transit Authority to where it should be, and that's even to provide those that basic transportation from point A to point B. Even with our students and we like I said Sarah she's like you know as far back as the twenty-ninth Guam Legislature I think we're here to hear those concerns and I'm like I said I'm very hopeful that with your leadership that we can go further. Saina Ma'åse, Thank You, Mr. Chair.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** thank you. I just wanna add before I recognize her our Senator to my right. I just want to mention that someone Mr. Babauta several times to my office timeline to expand the federal funds. It's been there for since to 2014 and you know I was I was kind of compelled to make sure that we get the manager in place, we get the board in place, the board that will support the manager. So, that's the we were fighting with the timeline here because if we lose, we're going to be losing millions of dollars under the federal funds. So, this is why I had to push myself to really go out of my way to get you know the total operation of the mass transit in operation. At this time, I want to recognize Senator our Committee on Rules, Senator Biscoe Lee. Thank you very much Senator for joining us. Go ahead, Senator Lee if you have any questions.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on time out. Let me let me give the floor to our good the Senator to my immediate right Senator Shelton.

**Senator Amanda Shelton:** Thank You, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much. Mr. Topasna, Mr. Leon Guerrero, I know we haven't met yet but thank you for being here today and I appreciate that you're both here and answering the call to serve. So, I think Governor Calvo, I mean Governor Leon Guerrero excuse me for appointing you and I know you've explained to me Mr. Topasna then the need to firm this board up and to fill all of the seats and we also talked a little bit about the composition of the board and you spoke about it revisiting the composition of the board in your testimony. So, I wanted to ask what is your ideal composition of the board?



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**Ray Topasna:** you know my experience I'll be very careful, so I don't upset anyone. But my experience is right now public the enabling statute public law 30-5 basically requires that two members of the board be appointed by the Mayor's Council. Sadly, Mayors are just one of the busiest public servants out there. So public transportation or public transit is not a top priority for whoever is appointed to the Mayor's Council. That is where I think we need to revisit perhaps they could play an advisory role but not necessarily as a voting member and, but I'll leave that I'll defer to you folks. But ideally, I think the board should be no different from any other or most boards appointed by the Governor of Guam so that the board and the Governor are held accountable. Right now, it's hard to point fingers when it's a hybrid board and everybody thinks the other parties to blame.

**Senator Amanda Shelton:** okay and do you think that it's enough representation with just one member from the ridership?

**Ray Topasna:** I think it ideally and it may be better if we have at least two members from the ridership and then two from two advocates for persons with disabilities. But all appointed by the Governor and then perhaps the Governor can look at appointing someone in the transit industry and somebody else with a business background. But right now, the current composition is not working.

**Senator Amanda Shelton:** Thank you very much and this is for Mr. Leon Guerrero and Mr. Topasna, with all of the issues that GRTA is faced with. There's lots of talk all the time about private privatizing the transportation system. I know this is a concern to many people especially to the ridership because it is public transportation. So, I'd like to hear what would you say to these people who are advocating for privatization of our public transportation system?

**John C. Leon Guerrero:** Thank You, Senator. My understanding is that the public transportation basically is a function that would after all these years we provided the service to the community, but it was owned by the government. I believe that this thing that we have now the Guam mass transit should stay with the government. Basically, we start going along with the ticket to the private contractors outside you know what's gonna happen. Sometimes they'll do it, sometimes they won't do it at least with the Government of Guam. If we're mandated to do this for the community, they'll know we're gonna do it and basically the community will feel that if they have that commitment from the





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government then, the government will be they'll feel more comfortable that they have something to rely on. So, I think that will answer your question.

**Senator Shelton:** Thank you very much, Mr. Leon Guerrero.

**Ray Topasna:** you know again there's been a lot of discussion about privatizing public transit in with previous legislature legislators, in fact Senator Tom Ada actually introduced the PPP a public-private partnership bill a couple years back. Technically the bus services contract is it's outsourced it's privatized. So, going down the road of privatization doesn't really change anything in my opinion because GRTA is not the one providing the bus service it's a private operator. So, and GRTA technically technically is just the contracts administrator. So, and there's also the issue of whether you would lose FTA funding if you're completely privatized and nobody to - oh no oversight by the government. So, it's my understanding it's not as easy as some may think that you can just privatize the operation. It's in my opinion its 95 percent privatized already. So, my answer to that is no, going down the road privatization is not good.

**Senator Amanda Shelton:** Si yu'os ma'åse, thank you very much, gentlemen.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Go ahead, Senator Lee.

**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee:** Si yu'os ma'åse, Mr. Chair and thank you all so much for being here, I really want to thank you both gentlemen for accepting the governor's nomination and my thanks to your families as well should you be confirmed we look forward to your continued service to the Government of Guam. There was an interesting opinion editorial that was written in September of 2018 by a Senator Isezaki. So, I'm really glad that he's here and he targeted a customer-friendly care for riders, and I think that Senator Shelton had touched on it as well. I think the ridership is really important they are the ones that we really need to be focusing all of our efforts on and making things really easy for them, very accessible for them, and so I just wanted to give you both an opportunity to give the committee a chance to hear a little bit more about your focus on customer care and your focus on accessibility for our ridership, Mr. Leon Guerrero.

**John C. Leon Guerrero:** Thank You, Senator. My understanding as far as people with dealing with this is people with disability. Various times when a customer comes to the bus service and they and they're handicapped, I wanted to try the things that before they even get on the bus, the first thing they wanted to do is how they gonna get on the bus,



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is it much easier for them to get on the bus, and a lot of the times when we look at the bus service what we want to do is be able to provide the services not only to community but the people with disability. Because basically these even though these people might still be the average citizens out there, they have a handicap. So, we need to address that because we need at the bus service that we generate must provide that to these types of people. So basically, when we when we're looking at I know Ray and I will be looking at the type of buses that we're going to be getting. My understanding is that this is a federally funded bus buses that we can purchase. So basically, if in that respect these buses must also not only comply with Department of Transportation requirements for the motor carrier but also it must fall in must meet the requirements of disability, Disability Act. So basically, whatever buses that we purchase must meet these requirements as far as being able to provide for the for these people with disability. As far as a lift for the wheelchair, as far as maybe a lift for people with cane or walker, or you know just be able to get on the bus. Okay cause basically that's the main thing.

**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee:** Yes, certainly with the equipment, with the fleet, we need to make sure that everything is ADA compliant and accessible. But we also want to take a look at the routes as well and make sure that it's not difficult for folks to yeah be able to get on the bus.

**John C. Leon Guerrero:** yes, because basically you know a lot of the times these people with disability, they have their own sets set of ways and basically they just want to go from point A to point B the fastest way they can. So, we can cut that down as far as where the bus travels, maybe that's a way for them to do it.

**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee:** Thank you.

**John C. Leon Guerrero:** I think we can address that.

**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee:** Mr. Topasna.

**Ray Topasna:** thank you for that question. You know, Senator. I don't have a disability, you may not have a disability, but a good friend of ours Evelyn Duenas does and unfortunately, she's not here today. What she shared with me and she's told me this many many times, for her to come to this hearing which was scheduled for 1 p.m., she would have to be dropped off by the bus, I think 11 o'clock in the morning, and then wait until 1:00, and then she wouldn't be picked up till like four something and you know this is a this is common along to the paratransit riders. You have a 10 o'clock doctor's



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appointment, you got to be there at six in the morning, and they pick you up at four. Your entire day is shot and this but this is this is just what they've become accustomed to and this is what needs to change under the Leon Guerrero, Tenorio Administration. You know for you and I, for me to get here, I had lunch at sub marina and I walked over here and I'll be back at work once this is oh no we have a cabinet meeting but you know I take the car so for these folks to lead normal lives we have to have a reliable dependable safe public transit system and one of the one of the ideas that I had discussed with the previous board Ginger Porter in particular is possibly outsourcing the fixed route, which are the red line, green line, blue line and then running as a government operation the paratransit site which means hire your own drivers and you just take ownership of that. That's where all the complaints are, that's where everyone's getting shortchanged, that's where and I have to mention this you know we're aware of a particular case where somebody was actually removed from the kidney donor list because they miss multiple dialysis appointments. That's unfortunate but if the government were to take ownership that would not happen. If you have the right leadership in place. So yes, the persons with disabilities, the elderly who use paratransit have a lot of challenges even without public transportation and then public transportation in and of itself is another challenge. So we really do need to change that for the better and I think we have an opt a good opportunity here with the new with a new board and a new executive manager and collectively I think we can make a difference and yeah you know the governor's gonna hold us accountable so.

**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee:** Thank you. I have just two quick questions for you Mr. Topasna. In terms of conflicts of interest and you may have already covered this prior to my coming to the hearing. So, I know that you're really busy at Ghura and I'm not sure if you have any private enterprise but do you foresee any conflicts of interest with your work potentially on this board.

**Ray Topasna:** You know the question has come up the media keeps calling about it. I actually asked Ghura's legal counsel to opine on it. I provided a copy of the legal opinion to the media. He doesn't believe there is a conflict, I have nothing to benefit, I'm actually going to be doubly stressed by playing two roles. So no, I don't believe there's a conflict and if it is it's a positive one.

**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee:** Thank You, Mr. Topasna. If at any point as we go down the road if you feel like there is one, what will you do at that juncture?



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**Ray Topasna:** I will immediately let the Governor know and she may have to find a replacement.

**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee:** Si yu'os ma'ase. I know that we've had many discussions over the past few months and years about fleet management. So, I just wanted to give you an opportunity to talk a little bit about our aging fleet and what your thoughts are about just ensuring that it's maintained so we can make sure that we have this reliable service to our riders.

**Ray Topasna:** you know I'm glad you asked that question as I mentioned during my testimony, I was the one responsible for procuring the fleet of vehicles that they have today. Initially they had 22 vehicles, eleven buses and eleven minibuses and eleven vans and it was it came down to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour GRTA was challenged to get that procurement to move forward. I worked very closely with the attorney general's office. We awarded the contract and the buses arrived in time before federal funds were lost. So, that was one of the roles I played a GRTA. Unfortunately, after I left public service those vehicles were put on the street to provide public transportation. Contrary to what I had recommended to the board, they did not have a maintenance contract in place. They basically ran all 22 vehicles right into the ground and I they've they're they they're in the process of acquiring more, but they need to have a maintenance contract in place absolutely before those vehicles are put out put to use. That if I'm confirmed by this this body, I will certainly ensure that it happens.

**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee:** thank you very much. I think you've both again are coming to the table we really appreciate it. I think that many people don't you know GRTA isn't the first you know brightest shiniest part of the government but I think it's so critical to really growing our Island's economy to protecting our environment, to promoting a healthy healthier community, focusing on safety, but also just as you said Mr. Topasna. This is life or death for some people, we have people who are you know transplant patients, people who need to make it to their dialysis appointments, or other medical appointments and it's really important that they don't waste or squander their entire day. I had an experience last year where I chose to because I usually come to work I Drive to work but I chose to take GRTA, take the bus to work and what would have been about a 15-minute ride from my house to the office here, took about an hour of waiting at the bus stop and then additional delays as we were going along the route and then I had to I was dropped off at the Hagåtña pool and walked to work here and so just taking the time out to really see what our riders go through every single day I think is really important and



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I want to encourage more people to ride the bus. But I also want to do that at a point where our new board can ensure that they will have a reliable sound and safe transportation system to take them to and from wherever they need to go. So, I am very grateful to you for taking the time this this morning or this afternoon to come in and speak with us but also you know for your commitment to our island and making sure that this is something that we can all rely on. Si yu'os ma'ase and Thank You Mr. Chair.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Thank You, Senator. Just a couple of things that I wanted to bring up because I was going through the budget documents and there's nine incumbent employees right now and there's like four or five proposed for positions within the mass transit and I didn't see any who's gonna be driving the van and the buses I don't see it in the budget request.

**Ray Topasna:** If I may respond to that. Right now, the entire bus services operation is contracted out to a private operator so GRTA does not need to provide any or hire any drivers. If they were to if the board and the executive manager were to decide to operate the paratransit side, then of course they would have to hire drivers. My recommendation and I've discussed this with Cel Babauta and the previous board is. Majority of the complaints 95% of all the complaints are on the paratransit side. So, we need to take ownership we can't fail these folks. These are the folks that are the most vulnerable, these are the folks that rely on that service to get to the doctor, and so the I it's my understanding I heard this from my belief Ginger Porter 50% of all the paratransit riders make a or schedule appointments specifically to go to the doctor and those are the folks that we've been failing. So, yes in response to your question we would have to hire drivers if it were take if we were to take on paratransit ourselves and if we were to move towards full autonomy you need a controller, you need an HR department, you know no different from the airport then Ghura. The Transit Authority in pre in the in the past has not even ventured down that road to try and look at becoming fully autonomous even to the law even though the law requires that they become fully autonomous. You have to right hire the right personnel to be fully autonomous and they've not done that. So, will we be discussing it as a board and together with the executive manager and together with the administration absolutely that's that's my goal.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** I'm just, Ray and John, I'm just a little bit concerned about you know the funding here in reference to purchasing those vehicles through federal funds and you have just mentioned that it's going to be contracted out. So, I think there's going to be some kind of questionable issues regarding that buying those transportation



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under federal funds and then you're gonna contract it out you know for to serve to service the community. So, I need to check into that and make sure that you know Shelton understands that and I want a feedback from whoever the federal the Bureau of Transportation in Washington regarding that. Because that's going to be a big issue if we go beyond just our own mindset. That we're gonna do this and you know because I'm just a little bit concerned. Another thing that I that I wanted to because I was kind of just looking over the whole the whole request for the funding, but I don't see anything there for a water, power, telephone on the budget. So, I you know we don't I don't know do you know about that.

**Ray Topasna:** I, well you know, I'm not currently there but it's my understanding that GRTA is without a home. They operate under the or within the DPW compound. So, they're just they're like an adopted child of the of the Department of Public Works. There's currently I believe legislation that's being considered to provide land for so that they can construct a the maintenance facility and possibly their administrative office. I don't know the status of that that bill but even that in and off itself is a challenge. I hear the property's got a lot of debris that needs the it's going to be very costly to remove and what's missing and I spoke about this during my testimony. What's missing in with GRTA is really key personnel that that can that have the strategic planning mindset. You have to be able to say okay we have these federal funds for a for a maintenance facility, but that maintenance facility requires having to put out a bid. Does anyone there know how to package those bids? I don't know, I don't know most of them. But I do know that there's other agencies such as Ghura, such as the airport that issues invitation for bids for construction projects all the time. So, why can't we seek their help? It's all about collaboration that's all we talk about at the cabinet meetings and you know just sitting at the helm at Ghura, I've met with at least a couple of dozen cabinet members each day. I mean I don't have a day that goes by that I don't meet with a cabinet member and we talked about possible collaboration from behavioral health, to public health, to GPD, we're gonna build the as you know Senator we're gonna build the Central Police Precinct for the police department and we're going to cut the ribbon hopefully before the end of the month. So, yes is it possible to get those bids out? We can do it. We if you don't have the expertise in-house you can certainly ask and that's that's all this administration talks about. So, that's the route we're gonna go.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** and you know like when I first met Mr. Babauta and you're right when you mentioned the mass transit does doesn't have a home. So, my nightmare was like, then where we gonna set up your mass transit office and all that



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right. So, I went out of my way and I talked to the land trust Commission and the land management director and sure enough in a couple of weeks we got confirmation but then again I put the bill on the floor to be heard then it came back that the lot number that was given by that was given to Cel Babauta is the wrong lot number. So, I had to go back to the Director of Land Management and make that correction again. So, were in full force on this one and I think it's gonna become a reality the land area, the office space is gonna be there. So, at the end I just want to thank John and Ray for taking that challenge because I know that with the two of you being there I know that we're gonna have a smooth mass transit authority services on our island and I want to thank you very much for that.

**Ray Topasna:** and Senator if I can just share, I actually spoke with my colleague here on the phone and I found out that just based on his background he actually brings a lot to the table. One of the challenges that I discovered with GRTA is they issue a bid for or I help them issue a bid to procure buses and minivans and when it arrives, there's they're lacking the expertise to ensure that all the vehicles that actually came in, fully conformed to the specifications that were laid out in the bid and I'm hoping he can bring that to the table because that's a challenge that I think they've been facing for many years.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje** Go ahead, John.

**John C. Leon Guerrero:** It's like that of what Ray had said. Based on my experience of one of my biggest things I have was working for Rev & Tax with motor carrier. Then what the motor carrier Inspection Service is, is follows the Department of Transport U.S. Department of Transportation law that says the govern any vehicles 10,000-pound vehicles and above. That includes tractor trailers, cement trucks and buses, the tour buses, our buses that we have for Guam regional the Guam Mass Transit fall under that. My understanding that now before a vehicle is registered the motor carrier investigators must do inspection on those vehicles to make sure they pass as far as the brakes, the horns, the turn signals, and everything like that. So like Ray said when we get these vehicles coming in when we purchase these vehicles a lot of other times when we get these vehicles coming in the personnel that received these vehicles don't know how to see whether or not they're safe or not. What I bring to the table is based on my experience, I'm gonna show, I'm gonna present to the board and to the executive manager my expertise as far as motor carrier and what they check for to ensure that they meet this requirement. Because any buses that we purchase from the federal funds must meet the Department of Transportation rules or regulations. So, that's what I wanted that's what I want to bring



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to the board. So, guarantee know the Governor has pretty much said that she relies on me based or whatever what my experience is to bring to the board and I think she has every confidence in myself to be able to ensure that the board provides that proper service, to provide the buses that we can purchase that are safe not only for the drivers but for the passengers that's riding in it. So, that ultimately is we don't want to see anybody getting hurt and to ensure that we've got we have to make sure that these busses that we buy meet the requirement of Department of Transportation. So, that's what I'm going to bring to the board. Okay.

**Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje:** Thank you, John. I just want to thank our Governor and our Lieutenant Governor for making that right choice and the two of you do have my support and let me tell you the Senators here got you got their support also. The Committee of Public Safety, Board Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure or DPW, Public Transit has duly heard the Executive Appointment of Mr. John Leon Guerrero and Mr. Ray Topasna, to serve as board members of the Guam Regional Transport Transit Authority. Written testimony may be submitted to my email at [senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com](mailto:senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com) and you can also deliver your written testimony to my office at building at Bridge Point Building, Suite 202, 140 Avenue in Agana. But better yet because you cannot when I tell you my you're not gonna find my office so right after the post office on the right side going out to the traffic light the yellow building, I'm on top. Thank you very much. (spoken in Chamorro, translated in English) Thank you very much. The confirmation hearing are is now adjourned the time is 2:10 (spoken in Chamorro, translated in English) Thank you very much.

**The confirmation hearing was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**

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

The Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit hereby reports on the appointment of **John C. Leon Guerrero** to serve as **Member** of the **Guam Regional Transit Authority**, with the recommendations **To Confirm**.





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