

I Mina Trentai Kadtro Na Lihelaturan Gudhan
APPOINTMENTS

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35GL-19-0309	John T. Burch	Member	Guam Education Board	4/1/19	Two (2) Years	Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning	4/3/19	5/9/19 9:30 a.m.	5/23/19 4:15 p.m.		



OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TELENA CRUZ NELSON

CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, AIR TRANSPORTATION, AND STATISTICS, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN | 35th GUAM LEGISLATURE

May 20, 2019

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

RBL

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

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of John T. Burch

Håfa Adai Speaker Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **John T. Burch** to serve as a **Member of Guam Education Board**, and which was referred to the **Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning**.

Committee votes are as follows:

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

Sincerely,

Telena C. Nelson
Vice Speaker

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of John T. Burch

As a Member of Guam Education Board
For a Term of Two (2) Years




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May 20, 2019

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of John T. Burch

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of **John T. Burch** to serve as a **Member** of **Guam Education Board**.

This report includes the following:

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

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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
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Senator Joe S. San Agustin,
Member

Senator Jose T. Tertaje,
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,
Member

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

April 3, 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 T. Burch**
Position: **Member, Guam Education Board**
Term Length: **Two (2) Years**

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-19-0309 - Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for John T. Burch, Member, Guam Education Board."

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

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Régine Biscoe Lee".

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Misa' Trenmi Kadro Na Likelakelaran Guåhan
APPOINTMENTS

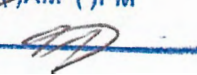
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April 1, 2019

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

35GL-19-0309
Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes

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RE: Board Appointment

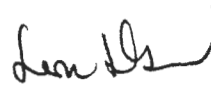
Dear Madame Speaker:

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 T. Burch
POSITION: Member, Guam Education Board
TERM LENGTH: Two (2) Years

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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UFISINAN I MAGA'HAGA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÁHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

April 1, 2019

John T. Burch
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Burch:

Pursuant to my authority under 17 GCA § 3102.7, I am appointing you to serve as a

MEMBER, GUAM EDUCATION BOARD

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero'.

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam
Chairman, Education Board

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 BURCH	First Name JOHN	Middle Initial T
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, Guam Education Board		
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 Kaimuki Community School for Adults Honolulu, Hawaii		High School Certificate	1973
College University of Guam Mangilao, Guam		Bachelors (Bus Admin)	1982
Graduate School University of Guam Mangilao, Guam		Master of Public Admin	1988
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Residential Apartment Rental Barrigada, Guam	Position Title Owner
	Dates Held 1987 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Guam Community College Mangilao, Guam	Position Title Assoc Professor/Various Positions
	Dates Held 1991 - 2001

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Labor Council of the Western Pacific (AFL-CIO) Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Chairperson
	Dates Held 2000 - 2001

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Guam Federation of Teachers AFT Local 1581 Hagatna, Guam	Position Title President/Chair
	Dates Held 1992 - 2001

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Department of Education Government of Guam	Position Title Teacher
	Dates Held 1987 - 1991

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name Department of Youth Affairs		Position Title Director
Address Mangilao	Phone No.	Dates Held 1984 - 1987

Agency or Department Name Guam Energy Office		Position Title Deputy Director
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held 1/1984 - 9/1984

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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

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

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
Certificate of Retirement, GCC, 2001 "WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICA'S TEACHERS, 2000" "THE HIGHEST FRATERNITY OF WISDOM OF THE CHAMORRO CHIEF GADAO", 1999 Letter of Recommendation, DOE 1991 Letter of Recommendation, Guam Legislature, 1985 "CHI OMICRON GAMMA", UOG, 1983 Letter of Commendation, COMNAVMAR, 1976

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Lector, San Vicente/San Roke Catholic Church, Barrigada, 1987 - Present
Member, Guam Workforce Investment Board, 1999 - 2001
Chair, Nominations Committee, 2000 Teacher Appreciation Day Committee, 2000
Chair, Standards Committee, Governor's Community Task Force on Education, 1999
Chair, Nominations Committee, 1999 Teacher Appreciation Day Committee, 1999
Member, DOE Transition Committee, SY98-99
Judge, Excellence In Teaching Foundation: Guam Top Teacher Award, SY96-97

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Co-Author/Curriculum Writer: "Hale-Ta: I Ma Gobetna-na Guam" Governing Guam: Before and After the Wars, Political Status Education Coordinating Commission, 1994

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:

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests

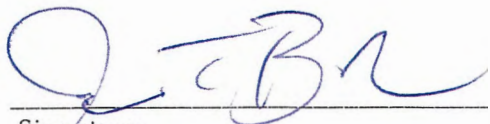
(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

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

FROM: John T. Burch

- 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
Residential Apartment Rental	
270 Lujan Way, Barrigada, Guam 96913	Owner - 100%


Signature

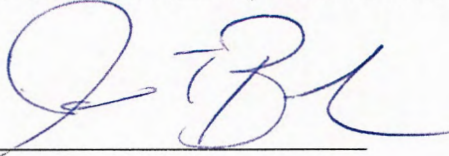
April 1, 2019
Date

AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

John T. Burch



April 1, 2019

Print Name and Signature

Date



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



March 19, 2019

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	John T. BURCH		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	[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.

By Direction: BARBIE

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

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Acting Chief of Police**



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 T. BURCH**

SS#:

ID#

Date of Birth:

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

Criminal Cases:

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

Criminal Record: Page 1 of 1

Civil Cases:

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

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

BY: **JEANETTE B. ROBERTO**
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **JBR**



The absence of an original Court Seal invalidates this document

John Thomas Burch



PERSONAL

Date of birth: January 2, 1955
Place of birth: Guam
Citizenship: U.S.
Marital status: Married

EDUCATION

04-73 Kaimuki Community School For Adults
State of Hawaii
High School Certificate

12-82 University of Guam
Bachelor of Business Administration
Magna Cum Laude

12-88 University of Guam
Master of Public Administration

WORK EXPERIENCE

01-87 to Present

Self-employed

Type of Business Residential Apartment Rental
Position Title Landlord/Owner

Duties

Provide housing rental units to self-paying customers and GHURA clients, inclusive of billing and collection of rent, and inspection and repair of the rental units.

08-91 to 12-01

Guam Community College

P.O. Box 23069
GMF, Guam 96921

Immediate Supervisor Reilly Ridgell, Dean
School of Trade and Professional Services

Telephone No. 735-5614
Type of Business Postsecondary & Secondary Education
Reason for Leaving Retirement

Position Titles

10-96 to 12-01 Associate Professor – Social Science
06-00 to 12-01 Department Chair – Social Science Department
06-00 to 12-01 Department Chair – Criminal Justice Department
06-94 to 06-96 Department Chair - Social Science Department
05-94 to 05-95 Ex-official Faculty Advisory Member - GCC Board of Trustees
10-93 to 10-96 Assistant Professor – Social Science
08-91 to 10-93 Instructor – Social Science

Duties

Instruct and evaluate postsecondary students primarily in the Principles of Economics. I taught this course as a combination online/telecourse. I taught other courses such as American Government, American History, Geography, Social Studies Skills, Guam History, Guam Culture and Legends, and Interpersonal Relationships. I have also instructed courses outside my department such as Guam Tour Guide Certification, Introduction to Business and Purchasing.

Duties Continued: Guam Community College

Other primary duties include: Advise and assist students with registration. Conduct department meetings. Review and revise department curriculum. Prepare and finalize faculty workload schedules, semester course offerings, book orders, department plans, department monthly reports, department budgets, room utilization, and department annual reports. Write and coordinate federal grants. Coordinate special programs such as Emergency Medical Services Training. Prepare supply and materials requisitions. Prepare work requests. Maintain department inventory. Oversee and coordinate the activities of six full-time faculty and approximately twenty adjunct (part-time) faculty per semester. Screen and select adjunct faculty. Coordinate program development with institutions outside of GCC such as the Department of Public Works, the Guam Fire Department, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the Guam Memorial Hospital.

Previous duty as the ex-official Faculty Advisory Member to the GCC Board of Trustees included the advisement of Board members on policy issues that affect the college community from the faculty perspective.

Previous assignments include but are not limited to membership in the Standard IV Committee of the Self-Study for Reaffirmation of Accreditation 1994, Faculty Chief Negotiator of the GCC Board/Union Contract signed March 1, 1999, advisor/coach for the GCC Mock Trial and Speech and Debate Team, member of the GCC Academic Affairs Committee, member of the Campus Safety Committee, member of the Faculty Job Specifications Committee, chairperson of Calendar Committee.

09-00 to 12-01

Labor Council of the Western Pacific AFL-CIO

P.O. Box 7930

Tamuning, Guam 96931

Type of Business Nonprofit-Private Labor Organization

Reason for Leaving: Retirement

Position Title: Chairperson

Duties:

Coordinate activities of all AFL-CIO affiliated Unions on Guam and Saipan to ensure compliance with AFL-CIO labor policy.

05-92 to 12-01

Guam Federation of Teachers AFT Local 1581

P.O. Box 2301

Hagatna, Guam 96932

Immediate Supervisor GFT membership (Elected Office)

Telephone No. 735-4390/4

Type of Business Nonprofit-Private Labor Organization

Reason for Leaving Retirement

Position Titles

05-96 to 12-01

President

05-96 to 12-01

Chairperson - Committee on Political Education

05-95 to 05-96

Treasurer

05-94 to 05-95

Chairperson - Guam Community College Faculty Union

05-92 to 05-93

Treasurer

05-92 to 05-93

Vice Chairperson - Committee on Political Education

Duties: Guam Federation of Teachers

Duties as GFT President include: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Spokesperson, and Chairperson - GFT Executive Council.

Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Federation, which include a staff of seven and a membership of 1,400. GFT bargaining units include: faculty and support staff from the University of Guam, the Guam Community College, and the Department of Education; nurses from the Guam Memorial Hospital; and bus drivers from the Department of Public Works.

Represent the Federation in dealing with government agencies and non-government organizations. Participate in public forums involving education and labor issues on Guam. Review, draft, and/or present legislation to the Guam Legislature relative to matters affecting GFT bargaining units. Work with GFT bargaining units to ensure consistency with labor policy. Advise GFT membership on matters affecting their bargaining units through the publication of the "Guam Union News" a quarterly newspaper and the "Informs" a biweekly newsletter.

Duties as GFT Treasurer include: Member - GFT Executive Council and GFT Certifying Officer. Report to and advise the GFT Executive Council on all financial matters concerning the Federation.

Duties as Chairperson of the Guam Community College Faculty Union include: Member - GFT Executive Council, Member - GCC Board of Trustees, Chief Contract Negotiator - GCC Faculty Union, Chief Spokesperson - GCC Faculty Union. Represent the Union in contract negotiations, grievances, and adverse actions. Report to and advise the GFT Executive Council and the GCC Board of Trustees on matters concerning the GCC/GFT Faculty Bargaining Unit.

Duties as Chairperson of the GFT Committee on Political Education include: Report to and advise the GFT membership on legislation that affect their bargaining units. Report to the GFT membership of the actions or positions taken by locally elected officials on legislation that affect their bargaining units.

01-87 to 08-91

Department of Education

P.O. Box DE

Hagatna, Guam 96932

Immediate Supervisor Mike B. San Nicolas, Principal

Inarajan Middle School

Telephone No. 475-0673/4

Type of Business Secondary Education

Reason for Leaving Career advancement

Position Titles

08-90 to 08-91

Teacher IV

08-88 to 08-90

Teacher II

01-87 to 08-88

Provisional Teacher

Certification Secondary Social Studies and Business

Duties

Instruct and evaluate students in Business Math. Advisor for the National Junior Honor Society. Certified to teach secondary Social Studies and Business.

In previous assignments, I have instructed Social Studies and Special Education classes at John F. Kennedy High School, Oceanview High School, and Untalan Middle School.

09-84 to 01-87

Department of Youth Affairs

P.O. Box 23672

GMF, Guam 96921

Immediate Supervisor Ricardo J. Bordallo, Governor of Guam

Telephone No. 734-2597

Type of Business Juvenile Corrections & Social Services

Reason for Leaving Political Appointment/End of Term

Position Title Director

Duties

Serve as Chief Executive Officer of the department and Executive Secretary of the Guam Council on Youth Affairs. Represent the department at the Governor's Cabinet meetings and at public hearings before the Guam Legislature. Serve as a professional witness before the Family Court of Guam. Responsible for the day-to-day management of the department, which includes the preparation of the department budget, overseeing and supervision of federal funds, the assignment and supervision of a staff of 71, and the incarceration and rehabilitation of juveniles as designated by the Family Court of Guam. Other duties include Coordinator for the Summer Youth Employment Program, Coordinator for Cultural Unity Day, Coordinator for the Drag Racing Association of Guam, and Coordinator for International Youth Year.

01-84 to 09-84

Guam Energy Office

P.O. Box 2950

Hagatna, Guam 96932

Immediate Supervisor Dr. Douglas Smith, Director

Telephone No. 477-0538

Type of Business Energy Conservation

Reason for Leaving Promotion

Position Title Deputy Director

Duties

Junior Executive Officer of the Agency. Oversee the preparation of financial reports for all federal programs administered by the agency. Assume the duties of acting director in the absence of the director. Other duties include Coordinator for the Young Medallist Program, Coordinator, Governor's Student Leadership Seminars, and Coordinator for International Youth Year.

01-83 to 01-84

Office of the Governor

P.O. Box 2950

Hagatna, Guam 96932

Immediate Supervisor Ricardo J. Bordallo, Governor of Guam

Telephone No. 472-8931/6

Type of Business Territorial Government Executive Branch

Reason for Leaving Promotion in Rank

Position Title Special Assistant for Youth Affairs

Duties

Senior policy advisor to the Governor for youth programs. Research and prepare reports on youth issues for the Governor. Represent the Governor at functions at his discretion. Other duties include Coordinator for the Young Medallist Program, Coordinator, Governor's Student Leadership Seminars, Coordinator for International Youth Year, and Energy Conservation Officer for the Governor's Office.

05-72 to 12-82

Prior to and while pursuing a Degree in Business, ten years of work experience was earned in the field of electrical/electronics.

PUBLICATION

Co-Author/Curriculum Writer, "Hale'-ta: I Ma Gobetna-na Guam" Governing Guam: Before and After the Wars, Political Status Education Coordinating Commission, 1994.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

03-87 to Present	Lector - San Vicente/ San Roke Catholic Church, Barrigada
09-99 to 12-01	Member – Guam Workforce Investment Board
06-00 to 11-00	Chair – Nominations Committee, 2000 Teacher Appreciation Day Committee
04-99 to 10-99	Chair – Standards Committee, Governor's Community Task Force on Education
06-99 to 10-99	Chair – Nominations Committee, 1999 Teacher Appreciation Day Committee
SY 98-99	Member - Department of Education Transition Committee
SY 96-97	Judge – Excellence In Teaching Foundation: Guam Top Teacher Award

AWARDS AND HONORS

"CERTIFICATE OF RETIREMENT"
Guam Community College, 2001

"CHI OMICRON GAMMA"
Honorary Scholastic Society,
University of Guam, 1983

"WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICA'S
TEACHERS, 2000"
Who's Who Among America's Teachers
721 N. McKinley Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

"LETTER OF COMMENDATION"
Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural
Department of Affairs and Human Resources;
18th Guam Legislature, 1985

"THE HIGHEST FRATERNITY OF WISDOM
OF THE CHAMORRO CHIEF GADAO"
Carl T.C. Gutierrez, Governor of Guam, 1999

"LETTER OF COMMENDATION"
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, 1976

"LETTER OF COMMENDATION"
Inarajan Middle School,
Department of Education, 1991



Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

First Notice of Public Hearing: May 9, 2019 at 9:30am

5 messages

Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, May 2, 2019 at 9:09 AM

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- I. Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.
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- III. Items for Discussion
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John T. Burch	GEB	472-2728	✓	✓	support
Paul S. Polinski	GFD	787-5470			Support
John Burch					support
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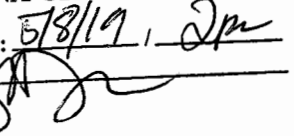
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**Public Hearing – Thursday, May 9, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | Public Hearing Room
Appointment of John T. Burch – Member – Guam Education Board**

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	ORAL TESTIMONY (✓)	WRITTEN TESTIMONY (✓)	SUPPORT OR OPPOSE
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May 9, 2019

The Honorable Telena Cruz Nelson, Vice-Speaker
Chairperson, Committee on Education, Air Transportation,
and Statistics, Research, and Planning
35th Guam Legislature
173 Aspinall Avenue, Suite 202A Ada Plaza Center,
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Nelson:

My name is John T. Burch, I am honored and humbled to have been nominated by the Governor of Guam to serve as a member of the Guam Education Board. Furthermore, I am pleased to appear before you, the 35th Guam Legislature, and the Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research, and Planning for consideration of appointment to the Guam Education Board.

I retired from the Government of Guam with over twenty-five years of credited service. Over fourteen of those years were devoted to our island's public education system. I also retired from the Guam Federation of Teachers with over nine years of executive managerial service. I feel that this was a period remembered more for the cooperation between the GFT leadership and the Public School System's management in successfully resolving issues concerning public education on Guam.

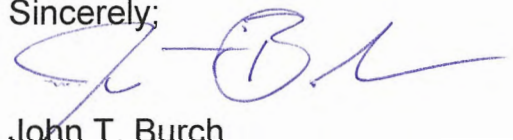
I believe that my qualifications and my experiences as an educator, a labor leader, a private businessperson, and government administrator, provide me with a unique understanding of the operations of our government and our public education system.

I have no illusions of the challenges ahead. I know that it will require a lot of hard work, dedication, and creative innovation to resolve the many issues before us. The Every Child is Entitled to an Adequate Public Education Act of 2005 stipulates that at a minimum Guam public schools will provide certified teachers, librarians, counselors and administrators. That the school and classroom environments are maintained to assure a healthful, safe, and sanitary learning environment. That schools should have required resources like textbooks for each child for the classes he or she is enrolled and a library that has the right resources. This Act recognizes that education on Guam is a civil right. If given the opportunity to serve as a member of the Guam Education Board, I will provide an

uncompromised focus on standing up for our children to see that every child is provided and adequate public education. I see this not just as our legal responsibility but also as our moral and ethical responsibility.

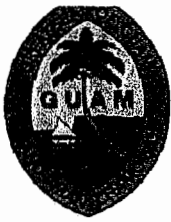
Thank you for your consideration and the time you have taken to review my nomination to serve as a member of the Guam Education Board.

Sincerely;



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Dear Vice-Speaker Nelson:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY


Jon J. P. Fernandez
GDOE Superintendent

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today on behalf of the Guam Education Board to testify in support of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's nominees for the Guam Education Board — Mr. John Burch and Mr. Ray Chargualaf, Jr. As you know, the GEB is comprised of nine voting members, six of whom are elected by the public and three of whom are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Guam Legislature. At this point, there are only four elected members, including Chairman Mark Mendiola, myself, Ms. Lou Benavente, and Mr. James Lujan. This leaves two elected positions vacant for which the Governor may nominate members to fill these vacancies for the remainder of the term. Dr. Ron McNinch is currently the only remaining appointee, serving as the business community representative. The Governor may nominate individuals to fill the appointed vacancies reserved for a parent and a retired educator.

We urge the Guam Legislature to act quickly in considering and approving the nominations of Mr. Burch and Mr. Chargualaf to the GEB. With only five members on the board now, all five GEB members must be present at every official meeting in order to meet the minimum quorum requirement as well as the minimum number of votes needed to take any action. Any absence, illness, or delay threatens our ability to conduct business, and this has been our challenge over the past few months. Having two additional members on board as quickly as possible will help immensely.

It is no easy task to be a member of the GEB. We may meet once a month for our official meetings, but we also hold numerous work sessions and community meetings as part of our effort to engage all of our stakeholders. The fact that Mr. Burch and Mr. Chargualaf have agreed to be nominated already speaks volumes to their commitment to children and public education. We look forward to them joining us in the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.


MARIA A. GUTIERREZ
Acting Chair



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning convened a public hearing on May 9, 2019 at 9:30 AM in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of John T. Burch to serve as a Member of Guam Education Board, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on April 1, 2019, for Two (2) Years
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on April 3, 2019;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on April 3, 2019.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Thursday, May 2, 2019 (5-Day Notice), and again on Monday, May 6, 2019 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Vice Speaker Telena C. Nelson, Chairperson
Senator James C. Moylan
Senator Kelly Marsh Taitano
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator William M. Castro

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 9: 36AM

Vice Speaker Telena Nelson *convened the hearing at 9:36 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019.*

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: We will begin with Mr. John Burch as a Member of the Guam Education Board. Is there anyone that wants to give testimony on Mr. Burch's behalf, please come forward to the table. We'll go with Mrs. Gutierrez first. Please state your name and your position.

Maria A. Gutierrez: Good morning. My name is Maria Gutierrez. I am the acting chair of the Guam Education Board. With me this morning is my colleague Mr. James Lujan. *Mrs. Gutierrez greeted the senators present.* When I heard about the appointment of Mr. Burch, I know Mr. Burch from a long time ago as a former educator, president of GFT. For Mr. Chargualaf, I really don't know much about him, but when I was told that his mom is a teacher, his son is a teacher, his grandparents are both teachers, and his uncle, rest in peace, Chief John Martinez is also a teacher. I feel very confident that we have two good appointees to the Guam Education Board. *Maria Gutierrez read from written testimony that has been appended to this committee report.*

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* Mrs. Gutierrez. Mr. Burch?

Mr. John T. Burch: Thank you Madam Chairwoman and senators. Good morning to all of you... I'm very happy to be here before the Committee on Education and the 35th Legislature, to be nominated or appointed to the Board of Education. *Mr. Burch read his written testimony which has been appended to this committee report.*

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Thank you, Mr. Burch. I'll now open up any questions that my colleagues may have for you. Senator Castro?

Senator William Castro: Thank you, Madam Chair, no questions for the appointee, but I do want to highlight a few things of Mr. Burch. His resume will reflect a highly educated individual. He's come through the ranks as a teacher at DOE, he's a former associate professor. As he mentioned in his testimony, he was a labor leader, and so I think he's come full circle. What I'd also like to mention for the public record, when considering this appointee, he's a responsible and contributing member of the beautiful village of Barrigada. He raised wonderful children, all law-abiding contributing members of this community. Mr. Burch is a responsible Harley rider, and I can tell you this based on personal experience, personal and professional experience by the way. For the record, I've known some of his children for thirty (30) years, but I think the one quality, Mr. Burch, that I appreciate the most is the fact that you're not afraid to speak up. I've seen you in action as a labor leader. You spoke out for those who you felt were disenfranchised or being treated unjustly. For what it's worth, Madam Vice-Speaker, and I'm sure you could appreciate this as well he's a not a "yes ma'am" "yes sir" kind of appointee. I think he's (going to) speak out, he's (going to) be a very divergent thinker, and if that can mix things up at the department to make us a better community, you have my unqualified support.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: Thank you Senator Castro. Senator Taitague?

Senator Telo Taitague: Thank you, Madam Chair. He has a qualified support, definitely qualified for this, but oh my gosh, I don't know what else I can say other than what Senator Castro mentioned. I totally agree. You're well rounded. What stands out to me though is your time at DYA for children who are less fortunate and who run into issues and problems, and I'm so hoping that you bring that to the

table of the Board. Don't forget those children that need a little help, a little assistance and sometimes it's at no fault of their own that they come into these problems. I'm so glad you have that experience, and I'm not a Harley rider, but I'm a dirt bike rider, so I hope you don't hold that against me. I really appreciate most especially for you coming up and stepping up to the plate to do this because it's not an easy job. I'm sure you've seen what's happened in the last eight years, you know what the Board has gone through, and it's very important to not just get one opinion, but two opinions when you're moving forward with anything, you know what I'm saying? Again, John, thank you so much for your commitment to this because I know you're going to put 120% into this.

Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson: Thank you, Senator Taitague. Senator Moylan?

Senator James Moylan: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Burch, thank you for coming out of retirement and coming back to serve the people of Guam. Your educational experience is exactly what we're looking for and your experience in other fields as well as excellence. I think this is a great opportunity if you have that excitement to go forward and make some changes that through your experience as a member of the board, that's a great opportunity for you, so I'm looking forward to seeing your name on the next session that we have to place our vote. Congratulations for accepting the nomination. Thank you.

Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson: Senator Kelly Marsh?

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: We've got quite a full house, and thank you for the testimony that you have provided, so in going through it, as has been mentioned your qualifications are very strong for this sort of position. I want highlight some of them, one being that you went to high school in Hawaii. I don't know if you grew up there for most of your life. Were you just there for high school?

Mr. John T. Burch: just for a short time to finish high school.

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: I see. I think educationally in some ways, we've looked to Hawaii as an example for certain things, language immersion, cultural immersion, and some of the approaches as to the way that an indigenous community living within a larger, more diverse nation, and how they approach things, so I think that experience probably serves as well, that you can bring some things from that experience of having had those years in Hawaii and probably stay attuned to some of what is going on there, so the fact that you went to UOG, you understand our systems. You've been an educator yourself and through having worked at Guam Community College, the Labor Council of the Western Pacific, the Guam Federation of Teachers, the Guam Department of Education, again, those all speak very well of your being able to understand the breadth of what needs to be looked at and how to manage and navigate all of that. Another thing that I was very pleased to see is that you were a co-author for one of the Hale-Ta series as a fellow social studies and history instructor and professor, the Hale-Ta series in my opinion has been so incredibly important for our community at large. I've seen a real difference in the students that I teach after the Hale-Ta series was written. It looked for ways to critically rethink of the ways that we were imparting information to our youth and the adults that because I've used it at the university level with adults there and even just thinking about what and how they should be learning this information about themselves and about their island and how it all fits in together the publication that you co-wrote. So, I appreciate the whole series, but in particular, I do reference I Ma Gobetna-Na Guam I use that one quite a bit or I just admire the way that it reads, the way that history is

told and presented to our populations so I think that does speak well of your ability to think out of the box, to have some of that critical examinations, those efforts that you've been a part of to the Board as well and I think we need a lot of that, so I think those were the main points I wanted to highlight. I did want to ask you just a couple of questions, so with all of that background, is there something that you would point to as your strongest attribute that you'll be bringing to the Board?

Mr. John T. Burch: I think it's my understanding of the education system as it is here on the island having taught at various levels from middle school to high school and at a college level. I understand a transition that students must go through as they progress through each grade level, and I definitely understand the culture and that the issues that many of our children are faced with today, and I've dealt with children, I mean I've taught classes not just at a college level, I started out teaching as a special-ed teacher, so I understand how they react, children who comes from families who have disadvantages, so I have seen that and because of my work at (the Department of Youth Affairs), I have seen children that have been locked up not because they had caused trouble or the acts that were accused of would have had them locked up as an adult, it's simply because they were children and they had no one to take care of them, so I see the disadvantages that families have had to go through. That's why, for the majority of my life, the jobs and the work that I've worked in have all been toward helping people out whether they've been at the Youth Affairs office or as a teacher or as a labor leader, my whole life has been geared towards helping others and even today, as a lecturer in our parish, I've been a lector there now for over 32 years with my wife. It's all been geared toward others, and yes, I did take a break. Maria Gutierrez and I have worked together, we sat on opposite ends of the table arguing issues back in the 90s and early 2000s, but we've always been friends because we've always had the same goal in mind to accomplish what we need to help the children that are attending the classes in our schools and of course to make sure that we have the proper teachers and administrators and others in place. We'd know we didn't always agree on the way to get there, we always agreed that we had to get there, and that's why we always walked away with an idea of what we wanted to do, and Rosie Tainatongo was here. She was a superintendent at the time, she and I got along very well and we worked towards the same goals, and I think that's why I say that's a time where there you saw a lot of cooperation between the labor union and Department of Education at the time and although we did have issues back then, and the same issues are still carried forward to today -- there are ways that I believe that we can resolve these issues, (it's) just coming to an agreement on how to get there and that's where all the disagreement has been on it. Everybody wants to do the right thing. It's how do you get there, that's the biggest issue, that's where the disagreement has always been. Understanding and knowing how to work with it because not only have I worked inside of labor, I was also Director of Department of Youth Affairs, so I've been on a side of the executive management with the government, so I understand both sides and I was trained to be a manager when I went to school having my degrees in business management and public administration, and then I re-educated myself and decided that I wanted at one point in time to become an educator, I went back to school and got my education in that area, so I think my strongest is understanding what needs to be done and trying to convince others how to do it.

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD: It's incredibly important to me to hear about that experience and that range and especially your heart and your consideration for those that are disadvantaged. One of the things for me, maybe it doesn't seem that way, but I had what I would consider a pretty hard childhood in a lot of ways, and so, for me, that's a lot of where my heart and consideration are as well as they mentioned for our schools, we have a really high number of students that are coming from disadvantaged situations, families that are struggling to make ends meet and so forth, and so it's good to

hear that you have that real understanding. We don't know, as you mentioned, what they're dealing with it at home. We don't know if they're going home to a type of dwelling that doesn't even have electricity and yet they're competing against other students that have computers and all sorts of other advantages, so I think understanding our community in that way is going to be really important to help us understand how to bridge all of that, how to come together and to meet their needs and lift them up so that they can be succeeding and they can dream for themselves that they came from a hard life but they can do great things with that life, so I look forward to being able to bring those skills and those understandings along with you.

Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson: Mr. Burch, I want to thank you for accepting this appointment and giving of yourself. I appreciate the fact that you're a teacher and that you have especially, your integration with special education so you understand the hardships of even the littlest ones. I do have several questions for you. What is your vision for Guam Department of Education?

Mr. John T. Burch: Well, it has been for a long time to see that the students and classrooms are given the highest of all priorities. In the past, I know that the current Superintendent has made a lot of improvements. I congratulate him for that. He's pulled the department way ahead of what it was before I retired, but many issues are still the same. We still need to bring and make sure that we have a teacher in every classroom, we have textbooks or because we're becoming modernized, tablets where they can download electronic textbooks for every child to make sure that they have that because currently, that's not the case. When I was in the system itself, that definitely was not the case. Many times, teachers and even to this day, still produce their own materials because they simply don't have enough and to make sure that the assessments of our students as they go through school are good enough so that they can get and if they want to advance even into higher education, in some colleges or universities or trade schools, to make sure that have the basic skills that we need today and that includes skills in areas of technology, not just academics, so it's making sure that children have the right and correct resources available to them and that the teachers have access to these materials and of course that we have qualified administrators in there that recognize this. I understand that the great majority of administrators in Department of Education come from the teaching ranks, so they're very much aware of what it takes to be a teacher in the frontlines because that's where everything takes place is when you are in the classroom, you meet with the children, you meet with your students, and then you make contact with the parents, that's where the learning actually occurs but teachers can't do it alone. You need the support. You can't just walk in a classroom and turn on the lights unless there's maintenance people to make sure that occurs, but you need to have people that are well-versed in maintaining the rooms. You need to have administrators that make sure you get your resources in, and then of course, their children that do have many issues where you need counselors, whether it be health counselors or guidance counselors because they do have all kinds of problems, and it's not unique to each child. Each one is different. They're all different, and I've been faced with that where you deal with children that you have in your classroom, especially today where the issue now is to mainstream all children, even those (with) disabilities into regular classrooms. How do you rate these or assess these students when they're in classrooms with other children that are operating at a higher level, so this makes it difficult on the individual teacher, but if we make sure that they have the correct resources available to them, we can make it easier for them and coming from the classroom, I'm very much aware of how that occurs. I mean, I've dealt in a regular classroom with having children in there who have autism and trying to deal with an autistic child in a regular class setting is difficult, but there's ways to do it. It's just that not everyone has the training for it, and we can't expect, or we probably don't have the finances to go out

and pay for every single teacher to be trained in every single area, but we can probably get some people that are experts to come out and assist in them, so hopefully, we can do that and they can expand and make the concentration on the classroom. I was a classroom teacher. I still feel the same way, and although I've been in management in many situations, I still refer back to my experiences on the front lines of the classroom itself, that's where the experiences are.

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson: thank you. In the most recent years, the Guam Department of Education opened the success academy and they did away with alternative school. Perhaps in your time there, there was PACE. During some of my visits to the schools, especially at the middle school level, some of the teachers have been asking to return alternative school. What is your perspective on that matter?

Mr. John T. Burch: I agree with the teachers. When PACE was active, I was a teacher at Oceanview Middle School, so we were neighbors with PACE. I know that teachers dealt with PACE. These were for students that were extremely disruptive in a classroom, I mean, extremely. They're not the regular student you would deal with on a day-to-day basis. What they did was they removed them from the regular classroom environment and placed them in a controlled environment because all it takes to disrupt your class, so you have a class of thirty students, it's one child and the whole hour of education is gone because you're dealing with the issues of one child, and all of a sudden, you're trying to take care of that child and because of necessity, because of the safety of that classroom, because of the outbursts and the violence that does occur with these children, you're concerned about the safety of the other children and you simply stop teaching and you go into a safety mode. I've done that while I was at JFK. I was a teacher at JFK, when I was teaching special education there, and when I walked in, one of my classrooms, one of my students walked up to me and said Mr. Burch, be careful. I (asked) why. He says (that) there's a student with a knife who's (going to) stab another student in a classroom, so of course, I watch out for that child when he came in, I grabbed the bag, took the knife away from him, we had a monitor, so I press those buttons on the wall and called the office, they sent somebody over and took him in that same day. Another child had bullets in his and a brown bag with lists of names including one of the assistant principals that they were going to shoot on the same day. That's what PACE was for, to remove these violent students and remove them from the classroom, so I was really disheartened when I heard that PACE was dismantled or stopped. I'm glad they have this other program coming in, but I still see a need especially now that the required age to attend school is up to the age of 18. Many of those students at that level will be bringing this into the classrooms and how many teachers do we have that are capable of disarming a student with a knife or gun? There's not that many out there, and so much violence has been happening in our schools in the states, and we don't ever want to see any of that happen here on island, but we can't train everyone to disarm somebody. When you walk into a classroom as a teacher, I hear from many teachers starting from middle school, they said watch out for students who wear a necklace around their neck because on the end of that is not a medallion, that's a knife or something of a point that they're using as a weapon, so little things like that. They carry socks, they put padlocks in it, so you hit somebody in the head and knocks him out pretty hard. I've seen that. PACE was made for that, for those disruptive students and so when they took PACE away, it took that avenue away that teachers had where you could remove a student from the regular environment with other students and place them in a controlled environment while they're in school. If you met any of those PACE teachers back then, they were tough. When I met them, I think I'm glad I'm not where you're at, but we did meet them, and I think we probably still need them, and now that we have older students who are not just older, they're bigger, they're stronger, and not all teachers are six feet tall. You

have students that play basketball and football that are giants out there, so if you have one of them turn violent, how do you take care of it? Do you just put him in a room on campus and say, well you're (going to) be in that room for one month until you settle down? PACE was something totally different, and it set up a learning environment, maybe it could have been improved. I'm not aware of why they discontinued it, but I do remember the need, and I do remember referring a few students and some that have been placed into that program.

Vice Speaker Telenia Cruz Nelson: just one last question. Are you looking to introduce any board policies or is there something that you'd like to introduce and why, I mean, you (could) introduce the board policy to bring PACE back?

Mr. John T. Burch: It's a topic that I am very much concern about that PACE is something, and I did read in the paper how they created something, not like PACE but similar to it, it doesn't necessarily remove students from the classroom environment, but it is definitely something that I will bring up before the board because yes, it's one of those programs, I thought that was one that was really good that helped the classroom teacher out and many of us have heard about the violence that have been occurring in some of our classrooms and how some teachers and administrators have been able to handle it, but I think one of the safest ways is to isolate violence and remove that student if necessary, and there was a process for it back then. I'm not sure how that's going to work today, but yes, hopefully we can do something about that.

Vice Speaker Telenia Nelson *thanked Mr. Burch.*



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The public hearing was adjourned at 12:13 PM.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Education, Air Transportation, and Statistics, Research and Planning hereby reports on the appointment of John T. Burch to serve as a Member of the Guam Education Board, with the recommendation
TO CONFIRM.



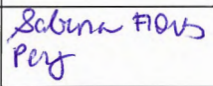



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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Nomination of
John T. Burch
to serve as a Member of Guam Education Board
for Two (2) Years.**

	SIGNATURE	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Vice Speaker Telena C. Nelson Chairperson		✓ 5/19/2019				
Senator Therese M. Terlaje Vice Chairperson						
Senator Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson of Education		✓ 5/22/19				
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member						
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member		✓ 5/22/19				
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member		✓ 5/21/19				
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Member						