

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**APPOINTMENTS**

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35GL-20-2465	Joseph R. Meno, Jr.	Member (Public)	Kosas Board of Advisors Guam Museum	11/27/20	Four (4) Years	Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña-Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs	12/2/20	12/14/20 8:00 a.m.	12/16/20 5:52 p.m.		

# Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

Assistant Majority Leader

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December 15, 2020

## The Honorable Tina Muña Barnes

Speaker

*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

Guam Congress Building

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

### RE: Committee Report on the Nomination of Joseph R. Meno, Jr. to serve as a Member (Public) of the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum

*Buenas yan Háfa adai* Speaker Tina Muña Barnes,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Joseph R. Meno, Jr.** to serve as a Member (Public) of the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum for a term of four (4) years from the date of confirmation plus four (4) years.

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagatna* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs hereby submits its Committee votes as follows:

<u>  4  </u>	TO DO CONFIRM
<u>  0  </u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u>  1  </u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Respectfully,

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Nomination of**

**Joseph R. Meno, Jr.**

To Serve as a Member (Public),  
Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum  
Term Length: Four (4) Years;  
From the Date of Confirmation plus Four (4) Years

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.**

**Committee Chair**

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December 14, 2020

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

**From:** Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD   
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on the Appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr.

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr., to serve as a Member (Public) of the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum, for a term of four (4) years from the date of confirmation plus four (4) years.

This document includes the following:

- Copy of COR Appointment Referral to the Committee
- Copy of the Appointment Transmittal Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Related Documents
- Copy of 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. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee,  
Chair

Senator Amanda L. Shelton,  
Vice Chair

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,  
Member

Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson,  
Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD,  
Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez,  
Member



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Member

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Member

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Member

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Member and Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

# MEMO

**To:** **Rennae Meno**  
Clerk of the Legislature  
  
**Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

**Re:** **Referral of Appointment**

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*Buenas yan Háfa adai.*

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

**Appointee:** **Joseph R. Meno, Jr**  
**Position:** **Member (Public), Guam Museum, Kosas Board of Advisors**

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

**"35GL-20-2465 - Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Joseph R. Meno, Jr, Member (Public), Guam Museum, Kosas Board of Advisors."**

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the **Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña-Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs, chaired by Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.**

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
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November 27, 2020

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

35GL-20-2465  
Speaker Tina Rose Muña 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: Joseph R. Meno, Jr.  
POSITION: Member (Public), Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum  
TERM LENGTH: **Four (4) Years**  
TERM SERVED: **From the Date of Confirmation plus Four (4) Years**

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

*Senseramente,*

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SICUNDO MACA'LÁHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

November 27, 2020

Joseph R. Meno, Jr.  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Meno:

Pursuant to my authority under 5 GCA § 87136, I am appointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, KOSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES (GUAM MUSEUM)**

**Term Length: Four (4) Years**

**Term Served: From the Date of Confirmation plus Four (4) years**

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

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

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

*Senseramente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hagan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam  
Chairperson, KOSAS Board  
Chairperson, DCA Board of Trustees

**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**

<i>Last Name</i> MENO	<i>First Name</i> JOSEPH	<i>Middle Initial</i> R.
<i>Mailing Address</i> [REDACTED]		<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>
<i>City</i> [REDACTED]	<i>State</i> [REDACTED]	<i>Zip Code</i> [REDACTED]
<i>Phone</i> [REDACTED]	<i>E-mail Address</i> [REDACTED]	
<i>Position to which Appointment is Made</i> Member, Kosas Board of Advisors		
<i>Are you a citizen of the United States?</i> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

**EDUCATION**

<i>SCHOOL (Name, City and State)</i>	<i>DATES OF ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>TYPE OF DEGREE</i>	<i>YEAR EARNED</i>
<i>High School</i> Southern High School, GUAM	1998 - 2000	High School Diploma	2000
<i>College</i>			
<i>Graduate School</i>			
<i>Other Degree</i>			



## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> Hagatna Restoration & Redevelopment Authority (HARRA) Government of Guam		<b>Position Title</b> Administrative Officer, Acting
		<b>Dates Held</b> 3/2020 - Present
<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Hagatna Restoration & Redevelopment Authority (HARRA) Government of Guam		<b>Position Title</b> Computer Operator III
		<b>Dates Held</b> 2/2019 - 2/2020
<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Guam Department of Education Jose LG Rios Middle School Government of Guam		<b>Position Title</b> Computer Operator III
		<b>Dates Held</b> 10/2018 - 11/2019
<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Guam Department of Education Inarajan Middle School Government of Guam		<b>Position Title</b> Clerk Typist II
		<b>Dates Held</b> 6/2018 - 9/2018
<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Mercy Hospital & Care Oakland, CA.		<b>Position Title</b> CNA, Med-Tech
		<b>Dates Held</b> 11/2008 - 6/2009

## PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

<b>Agency or Department Name</b> GDOE, Marcial Sablan Elementary School		<b>Position Title</b> Clerk Typist II	
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b> 8/2016 - 6/2018	
<b>Agency or Department Name</b> GDOE, Marcial Sablan Elementary School		<b>Position Title</b> GDOE, Marcial Sablan Elementary School	
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>	

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

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

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

**TRAINING**

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

**AWARDS**

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

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
Liason, Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, Dorchester, MA., 6/2007 - 6/2009

## COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

<i>List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
* Religious Brother, Capuchins Franciscan-Vice Province, 1/2004 - 8/2009 * Youth Rep, San Isidro Parish Council, 2010 * Confirmation Teacher, San Isidro Catholic Church, 2010 - 2014

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

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

<i>BRANCH</i>	<i>DATES OF SERVICE</i>	<i>RANK AT DISCHARGE</i>	<i>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</i>

## OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes  No

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

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

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**AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

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

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

  
Joseph R. Meno, Jr.

Print Name and Signature

10/26/2020

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: **JOSEPH RAYMOND MENO JR**

SS#: ID# **GU DL#** [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

## CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

**Criminal Cases:**

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

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**Civil Cases:**

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

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: **11/20/2020**

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

*[Signature]*  
BY: **RODNEY-JOE P MANIBUSAN**  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **RJPM**



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



October 30, 2020

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Joseph R. MENO JR		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>FINGERPRINT#:</b>	[REDACTED]
■	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\*

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

By Direction: priscilla

  
**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO**  
Chief of Police

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.  
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## FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE – Monday, December 14, 2020 at 8:00 am

1 message

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Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD. <office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org>  
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Fri, Dec 4, 2020 at 4:45 PM

December 4, 2020

### MEMORANDUM

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

**From: Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD**, Chairperson  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization,  
Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

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A copy of the agenda is available upon request. Written testimony may be delivered to the Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., at 163 W Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, or via email to [office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org). Copies of written testimonies must be submitted forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing.

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**Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,**  
**Hagåtña Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs**  
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## Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Gé'helo', Kumitehan Irensia yan i Atte siha, Plasét siha, Fina'tinas Guåhan,  
Finamta' Hagåtña, Dinitetminan Maisa, yan Asunton Rihinát Siha  
Assistant Majority Leader  
*I Mina' Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

December 4, 2020

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#### Committee Membership

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Barnes

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Vice-Chair:  
Senator Amanda L.  
Shelton

Self-Determination Vice-  
Chair:  
Senator Jose "Pedo"  
Terlaje

Regional Affairs Vice-  
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Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 7:45 AM

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## Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

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Assistant Majority Leader  
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December 11, 2020

### MEMORANDUM

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

**From: Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD**, Chairperson  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam  
Products, *Hagatna* Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

**Subject: SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE – Monday, December 14, 2020 at 8:00 am**

*Håfa adai!* Please be advised that the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagatna* Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs virtual public hearing on **Monday, December 14, 2020 at 8:00 am**, via Zoom Conference platform on the following:

**-The appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr., Member (Public), Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.**

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A copy of the agenda is available upon request. Written testimony may be delivered to the Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., at 163 W Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, or via email to [office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org). Copies of written testimonies must be submitted forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing.

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring assistance or accommodations should contact the Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., by phone at 989-5681 or via email at [office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org). We look forward to your participation! *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
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## Urgent, Notice to Confirm Live Participation: Public Hearing, 8:00 am, December 14, 2020

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Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD. <office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org> Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 5:55 PM  
To: Speaker's Office <speaker@guamlegislature.org>, Office of Senator Shelton Guam Legislature <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Jose Pedro Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>, Senator Clynt Ridgell <sen.cridgell@teleguam.net>, Régine Biscoe Lee <senatorbiscoelee@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>, "Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>, Melvin Won Pat Borja <[redacted]>, Joseph Meno <[redacted]>, "Laura M.T. Souder" <[redacted]>

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December 11, 2020

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai* Senators and Stakeholders:

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagatna* Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs invites your participation to a scheduled Zoom meeting for a Public Hearing on the following:

**-The appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr., Member (Public), Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.**

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Please note that this link is exclusively for Senators and active live participants. All others may watch the broadcast live on GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60, and live-streamed via the Guam Legislature YouTube Channel.

Please find below the link to participate in the Public Hearing , via Zoom Conference platform, scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 8:00 am.

Guam Legislature is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Virtual Public Hearing - Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.  
Time: Dec 14, 2020 08:00 AM Guam, Port Moresby

Join Zoom Meeting

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All Public Hearing documents for the meeting are accessible at the following downloadable link for your convenience:

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We kindly ask that Senators wishing to participate in the public hearing to **please confirm your attendance with the Committee by replying to this email as soon as possible.**

We ask for your cooperation and assistance to ensure a smooth and productive hearing by following the following guidelines:

1. Please LOG IN **no later than 7:45 pm.** We will go live at 8:00 am;
2. Please ensure that your VIDEO remains ON, and you are visible throughout the hearing;
3. Participants must be visible at all times and as much as possible, not engaged in other activity during the hearing;
4. As much as possible, log in from an area with good lighting and little to no background noise and good internet connectivity;
5. Please MUTE your AUDIO unless called upon to present, respond or to ask questions;
6. Further hearing protocol and decorum requirements will be announced at the beginning of the hearing;
7. If you are having technical difficulties, kindly log off and return using the same link, we will work toward reconnecting you.
8. You may contact the Guam Legislature MIS Division at [mis@guamlegislature.org](mailto:mis@guamlegislature.org) if you are having technical issues.
9. You may also contact 671-989-5681 or via email to [office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org) if there are any changes in hearing attendance; or, to quickly relay immediate technical issues to the Guam Legislature MIS Division.
10. Written testimonies or audio/video recordings as an alternative for an individual's participation in the virtual public hearing must be submitted 24 hours prior to the hearing via email and coordinated with the Committee.

Please respond to this email should you have any questions. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*



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**Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.** <[office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org)>  
To: Dee Hernandez [REDACTED]

Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 5:57 PM

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## Virtual Public Hearing Agenda **Monday, November 14, 2020** **8:00 am** *via Virtual Conference Platform*

### **-The appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr., Member (Public), Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.**

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An agenda is available upon request. Copies of the public hearing documents and submitted testimonies may be viewed and downloaded at the following link:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1svaH\\_5m2aAa\\_7-MZ4XFfjlyIbsHvW2bR?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1svaH_5m2aAa_7-MZ4XFfjlyIbsHvW2bR?usp=sharing)

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**Public Hearing  
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**Monday, December 14, 2020, 8:00 am**  
**The appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr.,**  
**Member (Public), Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.**

Virtual Public Hearing: December 14, 2020, 8:00 am

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## Written Testimony for Joseph R. Meno

1 message

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**Missy Flores** [REDACTED] >

Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 6:42 PM

To: office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org

Buenas Senator Kelly,

My name is Melissa Flores. I would like to submit written testimony to support the appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr. to the Kosas Board of Advisors. My testimony is attached. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Melissa  
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December 11, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to provide written testimony in support of Mr. Joseph Raymond Meno, Jr's appointment to the Kosas Board of Advisors.

I have known Mr. Meno for more than ten years. In that time, he has consistently been an advocate for the Chamorro culture and a living testament to the fortitude and strength of our people. His entire life reflects his love for our heritage and his desire to preserve our way of life.

In Joseph's personal life, he cherishes and respects what our people value the most, our elders. He took care of his grandparents in their final days. He did not turn his back on them or abandon them. In a time when it is easy to get caught up in the priorities of the world, he did not lose his focus. He sacrificed his own ambitions in order to care for his grandparents without complaint, never did he find this to be a burden. I remember feeling such a sense of pride in my Chamorro culture when I saw this young man, choose to put his life on hold so that he could honor his grandparents.

In Joseph's public life, he has always done work in service to others. This is another way he uses his life to perpetuate our culture. He never just belongs to a community. He is always an active, contributing member of his communities. He gives back in service to his friends, his work, and his Church. I have seen him drop whatever he is doing, even in the late hours of the night, to be by someone's side if they lost a loved one. He will go to the hospital or the family's house and offer words of consolation and prayer. He has spent years as a trusted *techa*. Joseph has become like a member of the family to those who invite him year after year to lead their prayers and devotions. His behavior of giving speaks volumes about how he lives out our cultural values.

Not only does Joseph think and behave in ways that carry on our heritage, but he also speaks it. He is one of the few people I know in his age group who can fluently speak the Chamorro language. Although Joseph also speaks English fluently, I would consider Chamorro to be his first language. Speaking the language shows how much he values the culture. It links him to his grandparents and his elders. It connects him to our people. It gives him a sense of belonging to our island.

Joseph R. Meno, Jr. has a profound respect for the Chamorro heritage and for the island. You can be assured that decisions he makes on the Board will always be in the best interest of Guam and her people. I wholeheartedly support Mr. Meno's appointment and I am confident that he will do an outstanding job in his role on the Board.

*Si Yu'us Ma'ase,*



Melissa Flores 12.11.20



Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD. <office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org>

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## Letter of Support: Appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr.

1 message

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Tony Chargualaf [REDACTED]

Sat, Dec 12, 2020 at 11:59 AM

To: office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org

Cc: [REDACTED]

Hafa Adai Senator, please see attached letter of support for the scheduled appointment hearing for Joseph R. Meno, Jr., to the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.

Due to a prior commitment, I will be unable to attend the Zoom Conference and would like to request that my letter of support be included during the appointment hearing.

Best regards,

Tony

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December 11, 2020

To: Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chairperson  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

From: Anthony P. Chargualaf, Jr.

Subject: **Letter of Support for the Appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr.,  
Member (Public), Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum**

*Hafa Adai!* My name is Anthony Chargualaf, a longtime resident of the village of Inalahan and the newly elected Mayor of the village.

I met Joe four years ago while on the campaign trail and instinctively, I knew based on his character, that he would be a great individual to have on my campaign executive committee. Joe was the chairperson for our volunteer registrars and was always assisting with the other committees. Joe is very goal oriented, results driven, a self-motivator, confident and always willing to help in various ways. He was instrumental in promoting voter registration drives in our village and was able to increase the number of registered voters. Joe has demonstrated many times over that when he commits to a task or goal, he puts all his time, energy and effort until the goal or task has been reached or accomplished.

I am in support of Joseph Meno's appointment to be a member of the Guam Museum, Kosas Board of Advisors. Joe will be a huge asset to the Museum. He is a contributor in meetings and more importantly, he is a man of action and will follow through on all commitments until a product or result is achieved.

I humbly request for your kind and compassionate consideration for Joe to be confirmed as member of the Guam Museum, Kosas Board of Advisors.





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## Written Testimony for Joseph R. Meno Jr. - Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum

1 message

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**Teresita Naputi** [REDACTED]

Sun, Dec 13, 2020 at 2:40 PM

To: office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org

Cc: [REDACTED]

Hafa Adai!

Please find attached my written testimony for Joseph R. Meno Jr. in support of his appointment to the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum. This is a response to the virtual public hearing scheduled tomorrow, December 14, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest time. Thank you!

Terry

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December 11, 2020

**To: Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD, Chairperson**  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks,  
Guam Products, *Hagatna* Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

**Subject: Written Testimony for Joseph R. Meno Jr. - Appointment Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum**

*Hafa Adai!* I am delighted to provide a written testimony to the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagatna* Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs, and especially pleased to have the opportunity to share my thoughts and observations about appointee to the *Kosas* Board of Advisors, Guam Museum – my good friend, **Joseph R. Meno Jr.**

Joseph (Joe) and I have been friends for twenty-one years and he is about four years older than me.

Joe is the epitome of a leader of the Chamorro language and culture.

But there are many individuals who personify this leadership. So why Joe among all others? There are proportions to Joe that set him apart from most people; particularly, his fluency in the language and understanding in the custom distinctively separate him among those in my generation – born in the 1980s.

Joe grew up, figuratively, in a world apart from me. While speaking English at home and school was the norm for my family and friends, Joe was raised in a home where Chamorro was the primary spoken language, and English was secondary. He was raised by wonderful grandparents, +Mr. Jose & +Mrs. Maria Mantanona, who instilled both the Chamorro lifestyle and customs that those in previous generations embraced and practiced, while those in my generation (many of us) both never grasped and now looking for every opportunity to learn.

My colleague, who is the same age as me, was taking a Chamorro language class and was tasked to deliver his speech in Chamorro. Because most of those my age know Joe's fluency in Chamorro, my colleague reached out to Joe to practice his speech and converse in the language orally. After, we all knew that my colleague needed more practice, but Joe, finding the good in all things, provided his recommendations for practice and gave him lots of encouragement. This is a perfect illustration of the leadership that Joe brings among my peers.

Joe became a *techa* – a Chamorro word, meaning one who leads prayer, at the age 14. Some 28 years later, Joe continues to *techa* for rosaries and novenas. Often times when glancing at him while praying, Joe is reciting his prayers with no book or paper, and singing the Chamorro hymns in memorization. With pure amazement and joy, people – both those my age and those in the older generations – are very much intrigued in his *techa* devotion. It is very much appealing to see a young person saying the rosary or novena in our language.

More recently, our friend started a devotion to Santa Marian Kamalen, Our Lady and patroness of the island – both a cultural and Roman Catholic affair for the community. Besides saying the novena in Chamorro, he shares what he knows about our customs. He once told us that being a *techa* – is an official role – and is a dedicated life of service and an assurance to lead prayers upon request. Just as tradition says, Joe is skilled as he able to keep his rhythm, while efficiently guiding others through a momentous prayerful experience. These are examples on how Joe leads us in the Chamorro teachings.

Although Joe's grandparents, +Mr & +Mrs. Mantanona have both died and whom I am sure he misses dearly, he continues to share what he has learned from them. He is compassionate about our culture. He is phenomenal in our language. He will be remarkable board advisor. But above all else, Joseph is simply my wonderful friend who is close to my heart.

Should you need to contact me, please call [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

Teresita I. Naputi



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**Simeon Palomo** [REDACTED]

Sat, Dec 12, 2020 at 5:46 PM

To: "Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD." <office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org>

Hafa Adai Senator Marsh! Happy Holidays! Sorry I couldn't attend the virtual meeting. I look forward to a positive result for Mr. Meno so we can work with him in the Kosas Board.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**  
**Virtual Public Hearing**  
**On the Appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr.**  
**Member (Public), Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum**  
**Term Length: Four (4) years from the Date of Confirmation plus Four (4) Years**  
**December 14, 2020, 8:00 am**

**I. □ OVERVIEW**

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs convened a virtual public hearing on Monday, December 1, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. Among the items on the agenda for consideration was the appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr., to serve as a Member of the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum. Joseph R. Meno, Jr.'s appointment is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, on November 27, 2020, to serve as a Member of the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum, for a term of four (4) years from the date of Confirmation plus four (4) years;
- The appointment was forwarded to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on December 1, 2020; and
- The appointment packet was forwarded to this Committee for public consideration on December 2, 2020.

**a. Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via email to all senators, stakeholders, and primary broadcasting instrumentalities in accordance with the Open Government Law and the 35th Guam Legislature Standing Rules. The first notice was sent out on Friday, December 4, 2020. The second notice was sent on Friday, December 11, 2020. The virtual public hearing notice is also posted at the Guam Legislature's website at [www.guamlegislature.org](http://www.guamlegislature.org).

**b. Participating Committee Members and Senators**

- Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano) Ph.D., Committee Chair

**c. Participants Providing Oral Testimony**

- Joseph R. Meno, Jr.                      Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum, Nominee

**d. Written Testimony Submitted**

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| • Simeon Palomo              | Self | Support |
| • Anthony P. Chargualaf, Jr. | Self | Support |
| • Melissa Flores             | Self | Support |

## II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., Chairperson of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs, presided over *I Maga'hågan Guåhan's* nominee, Virtual Public hearing of Joseph R. Meno, Jr. to serve as a 'Member (Public)' to the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.

On the agenda is the following item:

1. *Appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr. to serve as Member (Public) of the Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.*

### Transcription of Hearing (block formatted)

#### The Virtual Public Hearing was called to order at 8:07 am on the nomination of Joseph R. Meno, Jr.

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PH.D., CHAIR:** *Hafa adai todos hamyo*, thank you for your participation in today's virtual public hearing. This virtual public hearing is convened by the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs. For the record, in accordance with the Open Government Law, public hearing notices were given to all Senators stakeholders and all media broadcasting outlets. The first notice being sent out on Friday, December 4, 2020. The second notice being sent out on Friday, December 11, 2020. The virtual public hearing notice was also posted at the Guam Legislature's website at [www.guamlegislature.org](http://www.guamlegislature.org).

Today is Monday, December 14, 2020, and the time is now 8:07 am. This virtual confirmation hearing is now called to order. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* again for your virtual attendance at this morning's hearing. On the agenda for this morning's virtual confirmation hearing is the appointment of Joseph R. Meno, Jr., to serve as a member (as public representative) on the *Kosas*.

Support of advisers for the Guam Museum, the Committee will receive oral testimony for *I Maga'håga's* nominee at this public hearing. For the viewing public's benefit, the Committee will

continue to accept written testimony that will be made a part of today's public hearing record. We do have several pieces of written testimony already.

Joining me this morning is the nominee, Mr. Joseph R. Meno himself. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* for your attendance kind of bright and early this morning. Let's go ahead and move on to go over some of our general rules of conduct for those who are virtually participating in today's virtual hearing. The conduct of his hearing shall be as follows: All participants must abide by rules of conduct and quality assurance standards, including broadcasting from a quiet room with little to no interruptions. The use of virtual backgrounds is not permitted. All participants must broadcast from a room with adequate lighting specifically to ensure that a participant's face is not backlit but visible at all times when speaking.

When speaking, please ensure that you are unmuted and that you are speaking clearly into your microphone. I will moderate this hearing by recognizing each participant. Before presenting their oral testimony and before speaking, please clearly state your name and title for record-keeping purposes.

The order of questioning will begin with the panel of senators who are present. Each panel member will pose one question, and then as needed, we will move on to subsequent rounds. Oral testimonies received shall be kept to the substance of the issues on the agenda.

The personal inference as to the character of a nominee Senator or any individual testifying is not permitted. Any violation of this general rule of conduct will result in the removal of that person from this virtual public hearing by the host. I ask that all participants keep their comments or testimony to within five minutes. There's just two of us, so we have a little bit of flexibility.

The Guam Museum officially is named the "Senator Antonio "Tony" M. Palomo Guam and *Chamoru* Educational Facility," a public facility under the Department of *Chamoru* Affairs. Within the Department of *Chamoru* Affairs organization, a seven-member Advisory Board known as the Kosas Board of Advisors was established through Public Law 22-118 and placed into the Department of *Chamoru* Affairs through Public Law 25-69.

*Kosas* Board of Advisors is mandated to promote increased understanding of Guam's geology, biota, prehistory, history, and contemporary culture, overseeing the Museum and is the official repository and custodian of historical artifacts of Guam. *Kosas* is mandated to acquire, preserve, and make available for public viewing ancestral heritage and archival materials related to Guam's cultural, historical, and natural heritage. As a member of the *Kosas* Board of Advisors, board

members' work involves much volunteer time and commitment that provides an important link between the Museum, the public, the legislature, and the governor. The *Kosas* Board of Advisors is unique in its purpose, mission, and role. It is essential that members be familiar with their Board's governing statutes or other authorizing directives to understand its framework.

I want to call upon Mr. Joseph R. Meno, Jr., to provide his testimony to serve as the public member to the *Kosas* Board of Advisors for the Guam Museum. Then perhaps, I will read portions of the submitted written testimonies. We received about four written testimonies in favor of Mr. Meno. I'd like to recognize Mr. Joseph R. Meno, Jr., to provide his testimony and general comments to the Committee. If he could begin with stating his name and his position if there is a title to state. Mr. Meno, please unmute your microphone, and good morning.

**JOSEPH R. MENO, JR., NOMINEE:** *Manana si Yu'os Senadora Marsh Taitano. Si Yu'os Ma'åse put este na chånsa. Maninetnon hit pã'go na ogga'an para bai hu testigon maisa hu para este na apuntu, gi i mangehilo' i faninadahen kosas Guåhan. Malago' yu' bei nã'i un dangkolo na si Yu'os Ma'åse para i Maga'håga-måmi as Lourdes Leon Guerrero, yan i Sigundo Maga'låhi as Joshua Tenorio, put este ma'apunta yu'. Si Yu'os Ma'åse nu i manggaikonfiansa nu Guahu, na bai fata'chungi este kapasidåt.*

Good morning, Senator. Thank you very much for this opportunity to be here this morning. I would like to give thanks to our Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero and you for this opportunity, as the appointee to this Board, their confidence in me to serve this Board.

*Annai ma faisen yu', ma apunta yu' gi este kapasidåt, magof i korason-hu, bumanidosu yu' na taotao, sa' Chamoru yu', taotao Guåhan yu'. Trentai nuebi años yu' taotao Inalåhan na songsong. Magof yu' sa' este kinahulo'-hu, ma poksai ginen as nanå-hu biha yan tatå-hu bihu. Ma fa'nu'i yu', ma fa'nå'gue yu' i taimanu i pusision i taotao-ta, taotao Chamoru no? Pues, måtto pã'go este na ora, i malago'-hu para bai nã'i tåtte para i tano'-hu, sa' ginen este hu. Magof hu na bai hu facho'chu'i este i mangehilo' i faninadahen kosas Guåhan, i kosas i tano' board. Sen magof yu' Senadora ni este na chånsa ya komo makonfitma yu' ginen i Trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan, espesiåtmente pãra hågu gehilo' Senadora Marsh Taitano, un nã'i yu' nu este na chånsa para bai fata'chungi. Hu prometi hu na bai hu facho'chu'i yan bai hu dalalaki i pumalu na board members siha, ni' para ta prutehi, sa' meggai na biahi ta huhungok na ma såsangan na kumekemåtai osino måtai i kotturan Guåhan pat i lengguåhi. Ya gaige hu guini na ora para bei sangåni hao na lå'la'la' ha' i kotturå-ta, lå'la'la' ha' I lengguahi-ta Chamoru. Ya debi, ya impottånte na para ta difende este na kottura, sa' ginen i mañaina-ta no? Tåya' mås, ya mohon para hãyi i manmamaila siha na henerasion – the upcoming generation – debi di para ta fa'nu'i*

*ya ta fa'nå'gue i taimanu hit na taotaogues i taotao Chamoru. Pues, un biahi ta'lo Senadora Marsh Taitano, un dångkolo na si Yu'os Ma'åse ni' maninetnon hit pã'go na ogga'an para ta diskusa este na pusision. Si Yu'os Ma'åse.*

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PH.D., CHAIR:** *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* for your testimony, and I am going to read a few excerpts from the testimony received. It's very important to hear this kind of written testimony that's in support. We want members who will be well-versed in the field they're representing, and I was very assured by the testimony.

I just want to mention that we've had discussions here and there throughout the last year or so. I've always come across to me your passion for the culture, for the language, for promoting it, and for safeguarding it, and for those who haven't necessarily looked at some of the terminologies. I want to mention that a little bit. What I'm discussing here is that there's protection, which of course is important. There's also this concept of safeguarding. Safeguarding is more comprehensive in a lot of ways. Throughout the time, I have felt that we've gotten to discuss these kinds of issues, and in reading through your testimony that you understand more of the holistic approach. It's really about safeguarding. It's promoting, maintaining, and figuring out all of these ways that go even beyond just protection. Like I said, I have felt that from you in our interactions. I do want to mention that I do have a little bit of connection with *Inalajan*. I was very pleased to see that you are from the village of *Inalajan*. I went to *Inalajan* Junior High when it was a Junior High back in the day. I think it was a pretty new school, actually. Then my uncle and aunt taught down at *Inalajan* for a period of time as well. It's always been a special village, not just to me but I think to the entire community. Precisely for some of the reasons you're nominated is because it's one of the villages recognized as this keeper of history and culture.

I remember Saina Judy Flores mentioning that she heard people singing Kantan Chamorita as she walked down the street when she was growing up. I think not many of us have an experience like that. It just speaks to some of the nuances that are part of daily life down at *Inalajan* or have been over time and the fact that *Gef Pãgo* is there. It's a historic district. There are a lot of these indicators speaking to the fact that the people of *Inalajan* have grown up in many ways treasuring their history and culture and representing it. Sharing with the rest of the island, that's some of what came through in the testimony. It is that I think one of the most important things to me was hearing that you cared for your grandparents because that transmission is so important. We can learn a lot through books and through Academia and so forth. There's probably nothing stronger than hearing it from and seeing it being acted out by one's own parents and grandparents when it comes to culture and the language and lifeways.



So, before I move onto other parts, can you speak to that, Mr. Meno? The relationship that you had with your grandparents? Did you ask them about culture and life-ways? You recognized any difference in learning to speak *Chamoru* as a first language and whether you find that has helped you? In, you know the work to do with saving the language and speaking it in a way that can also then be transmitted to others.

I'd like to give you a few minutes to speak about some of that and how that has informed you as somebody who could serve well on this Board.

**JOSEPH R. MENO, JR., NOMINEE:** *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* Senator. You know, as shared earlier, I was raised by my grandparents, my maternal grandparents. It became very natural for me. My grandfather rarely spoke English at home. He would always talk to us in *Chamoru*. It became very natural for me to start learning the language for me, you know, looking back because both my grandparents are both deceased. Now, my maternal grandparents, paternal grandparents, are still living...Carmen and Vicente Meno from *Inalåhan*.

I don't think I ever recalled asking them to teach me about culture. It just came naturally. I watched both grandparents in their daily lives and how they shared raising their children. It became very natural for me to learn the language and learn about the culture. I would oftentimes sit with my grandparents and speak to them about their experience in the war. They would share that and for me. That became very important for me to learn about who I am as a *Chamoru*. To learn about my culture, as you said. You know, the importance of protecting and defending our culture is who we are as a *Chamoru* people, and as you said earlier, we can study. They can provide so many books about what it means to be *Chamoru*. But I think for me the important part is how we live our lives as *Chamoru* people *Hu sângan fine'nina gi tinituhon, impottante na para ta prutehi yan ta difende este na kottura. Para i manmamaila na henerasion no? The upcoming generation, it's very important for me. Ya hu cho'cho'gue todú i nina'siñå-hu i para bai hu prutehi ya para bai hu fa'nu'i ya u fa'nå'gue put i kotturan Guåhan yan i lengguahen Guåhan ni' taimanu ma fa'nu'i yu' ma nå'i yu' ni' mañaina-hu. Gi i kinahulo'-hu hu hasso na si tatå-hu bihu yan si nanå-hu biha, tåya' ma chomma' yu' para bai tungo' i lengguahen Chamoru pat i kotturan Chamoru. My grandparents never, they always encouraged me to learn about our Chamoru culture and language. Hu hasso un biahi i tihå-hu, techa taotao Inalåhan i tihå-hu, nanan kilisyånu, ya ha faisén, kao malago' hao tumecha? I hinengge-ku umbre techa para famalao'an, tåya' nai hu li'e' techa para lalåhi. Lao ha faisén yu', ilek-ña, sigi mågi ya bai hu fa'nu'i hao håfa taimanu tumecha. Pues desde katotse años yu' tumecha yu' para i kumunidåt no? At the age of 14, I became a techa or a prayer leader.*

At the age of 14, I became a Techa or a prayer leader, and it was by way of my aunt, who encouraged me to become a Techa. Growing up, I've never seen a male prayer leader. Growing up, it became very shocking for me when she asked me to tag along with her and learn the ways of Techa.

*Pues pã'go gaige hu gi kapasidât-hu, hu sãngan na trentai nuebi años yu', ya anai hu hasso tãtte, na'manman, na'manman para Guahu, ya na'magof para Guahu sa' Chamoru yu'. Mãs sensia hu para Guahu, an hu atan tãtte, i direksion, ginen i mañaina-hu. Sa' ma fa'nã'I yu' ya ma pula' i chalãn-hu para bai hu tattiyi yan I hãftaimanu i tiningo'-hu put Chamoru. Pues magãhet, hu nã'i sen dãngkolo' na si Yu'os Ma'ãse para todú i dos mañaina-hu, i difunto as Jose, i difunta as Maria Mantanoña. Yan si nanã-hu yan si tatã-hu, as Carmen and Vicente Meno. Hu nã'i sa' ginen siha muna'posipble este i kapasidât-hu pã'go. Ya hãyi yu' na taotao. Na'magof yan hu sãngan gi tinituhon na bumanidosu yu' nu este na rigãlu.*

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PH.D., CHAIR:** *Si Yu'os ma'ãse'* for that and you know through the written testimony and through what you just shared those things that are very extraordinary. I think those aspects of yourself. They're exactly the kind of qualities that we need as a member of the *Kosas Board of Advisors* that helps guide the Museum in its activities. Also, on how the materials are displayed. These are all you know, they may seem very straightforward, but they're all very particular types of Arts. Really, you know, the types of activities can make a large difference in the way a museum conducts its outreach and so forth. So, we do need people who are well versed for us to grow up. In as much as possible, the culture, the language, and the lifeways itself; or who have studied them as some of the Board members have done. They've made it their academic career.

Having this mixture on the Board is important. I think so. I just want to mention we maybe won't have time to go through much of the testimony, but I just want to summarize it, and we've heard from Simeon Palomo, whose father the Museum is named after. I didn't say that quite well, but you know, the Museum is named after his father, and this is because again, as with your family, his family is known. As a product of that family, he is known for studying the culture and being these safeguards, these Defenders of the culture. So that came through very loud and clear of being a Techa at the age of 14.

I have to think that's unusual. It speaks to your extraordinary character, and people recognize that. The fact that you learned it through the family. It helps us understand the type of atmosphere you grew up with and the learning you did all along the way. If I just summarize the testimony, it's about the strength of your character and the commitment you have to the culture, the language,

and commitment to it, but the true living of it. I've had to tell others before that I get very sad to talk about these things as I've gotten older. I think that those again are just so important. To study, it is one thing, but growing up in it is another important thing. But to have been known for all your adult life and for exuding it is another important quality.

I will move on to just a couple of quick questions. We just want to make sure that anybody who becomes a member of any Board, they understand the time commitment and dedicate themselves to it. We've had a problem over the years of people not being able to make the time and then not being able to make a quorum. Then the Board is not able to move forward. So, both the time commitment, if you're ready to dedicate yourself to that and understand it also if you see any conflict of interest. Something to do with family or something else that is considered a conflict of interest in any way if you will work towards recognizing that and been recusing yourself from those types of decisions. If you could just briefly speak to those Mr. Meno?

**JOSEPH R. MENO, JR., NOMINEE:** *Si Yu'os Ma'åse Senadora, hunggan, hu gos komprende i che'cho' ni' para ta na'hålom gi este kapasidåt, no? Ya hunggan hu gos komprende Senadora, ya hu prometi komo un manå'i yu' nu este na chånsa para bai hålom gi este kapasidåt, bai hu prometi hu, na bai hu dalalaki i pumalu na board members ya bai hu facho'chu'i. Bula na cho'cho' para ta cho'gue, no? Espesiåtmente para i Guam Museum. Ya hunggan hu komprende, ilek-mu na komo guaha disinteresao, as of right now, nothing impedes me to be involved with this Board. I understand the involvement with a lot of time and work that will be put into this Board. Given a chance by this legislature, I will commit myself to this to this Board.*

*Ilek-hu gi tinituhon, magof i korason-hu annai ma apunta yu', sa' para Guahu impottånte este na kausa, This is very important to me. I hold this close to my heart the preservation of our culture and our language. Guaha un taotao, there is someone that's very close to me, our newly elected Mayor of Inarajan, and there's a saying that he said to us is that he wants to "give back to his community." That really stuck with me.*

*Para Guahu lakkue', i malago'-hu, para bai hu nå'i tåtte para i kumunidåt, espesiåtmente I tano'-hu. Para i kottura, para i lengguåhi. Para i pumalu siha gi este I manggaige gi board, manggehilo' i faninadahen kosas Guåhan, pues tåya' mås malago'-hu ki bai hu facho'chu'i este na kapasidåt.*

**SENATOR KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PH.D., CHAIR:** *Si Yu'os ma'åse' for those reassurances and from everything that I've read in every encounter that we've had, that I've seen when you commit yourself to something, you carry it out to the fullest of your ability. People mentioned that over and over, that will be a great asset with all of your characteristics. The*

commitment as well will be a great asset to the *Kosas* Board. You do have my support. This is why even though our session ends tomorrow, and we vote on the 17<sup>th</sup>, we are going to do our best to get this Committee Report in so that we can hopefully confirm you on the 17th and you can shore up in the new year with this new commitment for the people of Guam. So with that, and those reassurances and testimony that will be attached to the Committee Report so that all Senators can read through it in and everybody in the general public can read through it and see those same assurances and support.

We've completed the discussions from the Committee and the panel. This concludes the confirmation hearing from Mr. Joseph R. Meno, Jr., to serve as a Member (Public) to the *Kosas* Board of Advisors, Guam Museum. The Committee will continue to receive written testimonies for the next few days. Please address your written testimony to the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs.

Written testimonies may be submitted by email to [office.senatorkely@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkely@guamlegislature.org) or physically at the Guam Congress Building. As I was reading through my Committee oversight just to make it clear how I've gotten to meet you in a variety of ways, but you do work for the *Hagåtña* Revitalization Authority, and that's some of how we've had our interactions. So, I just want to put that up there as well.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse'* for your attendance and participation in today's virtual confirmation public hearing. Today's virtual hearing is now adjourned. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* for your attendance and participation in today's virtual public hearing. The time is now 8:36 am. Have a good rest of your morning, and happy holidays to you, Mr. Meno, and everyone. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'!*

**The public hearing adjourned at 8:36 am.**

**III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs provides its **findings** on the confirmation of Joseph R. Meno, Jr. as a member of the *Kosas* Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.

- Mr. Joseph R. Meno, Jr. meets all legal requirements to serve on the *Kosas* Board of Advisors, Guam Museum.

- There were no oral or written testimonies submitted that opposed Mr. Joseph R. Meno, Jr.'s appointment during the virtual confirmation hearing.
- The Committee finds that Mr. Joseph R. Meno, Jr. is a local resident who has the strength, commitment to safeguarding and protecting the *CHamoru* culture and heritage.
- Mr. Joseph R. Meno, Jr. acknowledged the heavy responsibility and need to exercise integrity, transparency, review, and make balanced decisions as a member of the Kosas Board of Advisors.

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs hereby report on **Joseph R. Meno, Jr.**, to serve as a **Member (Public)** of the **Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum**, with the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM.**

# Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

Assistant Majority Leader

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*



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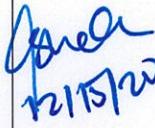
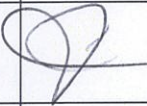
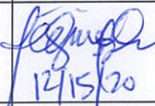
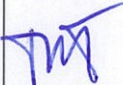
### Nomination of

**Joseph R. Meno, Jr.**

to serve as a Member (Public),

Kosas Board of Advisors, Guam Museum, for a term of four (4) years

From the Date of Confirmation plus Four (4) Years

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<b>Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje</b> Vice-Chairperson: Self-Determination		✓				
<b>Senator Clynton E. Ridgell</b> Vice-Chairperson: Regional Affairs						
<b>Senator Régine Biscoe Lee</b> Member (Public)	 12/15/20			✓		
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