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APPOINTMENTS

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35GL-19-1242	Nonito V. Blas	Member	Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency	11/19/19	Three (3) Years: November 29, 2019 to November 28, 2022 To fill the seat of Terrance M. Brooks, whose term has expired	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement	11/22/19	1/3/20 9:00 a.m.	1/15/20 12:36 p.m.		



OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ

Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

January 13, 2020

The Honorable Tina Muña Barnes

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

PBL

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

RE: Committee Report on the Executive Appointment of Mr. Nonito V. Blas to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

Håfa adai Speaker Muña Barnes,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the **Executive Appointment of Mr. Nonito V. Blas** to serve as a *Member of the Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency* and which was referred to the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement.

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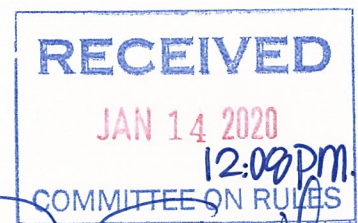
Committee votes are as follows:

- 2 TO DO CONFIRM
- ϕ TO NOT CONFIRM
- 2 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- ϕ TO ABSTAIN
- ϕ TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Sabina Flores Perez

Sabina Flores Perez



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Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN

35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

**Nomination of
Nonito V. Blas**

**To serve as a Member of the Board
of Directors Guam Environmental
Protection Agency**

**For a Term of Three (3) Years
November 29, 2019 to November
28, 2022; To fill the seat of
Terrance M. Brooks, whose term
has expired**



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Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

January 13, 2020

MEMORANDUM

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

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

Subject: **Committee Report on Appointment of Mr. Nonito V. Blas**

Håfa Adai,

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Mr. Nonito V. Blas** to serve as a *Member* of the *Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency*.

This report includes the following:

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

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

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee,
Chair

Senator Amanda L. Shelton,
Vice Chair

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,
Member

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson,
Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD,
Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez,
Member



COMMITTEE ON RULES
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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November 22, 2019

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell,
Member

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,
Member

Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje,
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,
Member

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

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chair, Committee on Rules

Re: Referral of Appointment

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

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

Appointee: Nonito V. Blas

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

Term Length: Three (3) Years; November 29, 2019 to November 28, 2022
To fill the seat of Terrance M. Brooks, whose term has expired

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


"35GL-19-1242 – Office of the Governor of Guam – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Nonito V. Blas, Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Board of Directors."

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

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

I Mina' Trengi Kadaro, Na Likelikean Gadhan
APPOINTMENTS

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
MAGA'HÅGA • GOVERNOR

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

November 19, 2019

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

356L-19-1242
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:	Nonito V. Blas
POSITION:	Member, Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency
TERM LENGTH:	Three (3) Years; November 29, 2019 to November 28, 2022 To fill the seat of Terrance M. Brooks, whose term has expired

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

Senseramente,

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LAHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

November 19, 2019

Nonito V. Blas

Dear Mr. Blas:

Pursuant to my authority under 10 GCA § 45103, I am appointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Term Length: Three (3) Years; November 29, 2019 to November 28, 2022
To fill the seat of Terrence Brooks, whose term has expired**

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

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

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

Senseramente,

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam
Chairman, EPA 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 BLAS	First Name NONITO	Middle Initial V
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit #
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Member, Board of Directors, Guam Environmental Protection Agency		
Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If no, are you authorized to work in the United States? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
High School FD Memorial High School, GUAM		High School Diploma	1981
College Grantham University		BS	2011
Graduate School Grantham University		MBA	2012
Other Degree Villanova University		Project Mgmt	2008

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & IMF Hawaii	Position Title Deputy Shipyard Commander
	Dates Held 2014 - 2018

Previous Employer and Mailing Address USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74)	Position Title Chief Engineer
	Dates Held 2011 - 2014

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Navy Personnel Command	Position Title Officer Personnel Distribution
	Dates Held 2008 - 2011

Previous Employer and Mailing Address USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)	Position Title Reactor Mechanical Assistant
	Dates Held 2005 - 2008

Previous Employer and Mailing Address USS Frank Cable (AS 40)	Position Title Production Management Assistant
	Dates Held 2002 - 2005

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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

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

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency or Department Name USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)		Position Title Chemistry/Radiological Controls Asst.
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held 1999 - 2002

Agency or Department Name Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility		Position Title Hull Division Officer
Address Pearl Harbor, HAWAII	Phone No.	Dates Held 1996 - 1999

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:

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:

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
US. NAVY	7/27/1981 - 9/1/19	Captain (O6)	Honorable

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:

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.

Nonito V. Blas



Print Name and Signature

4/13/19

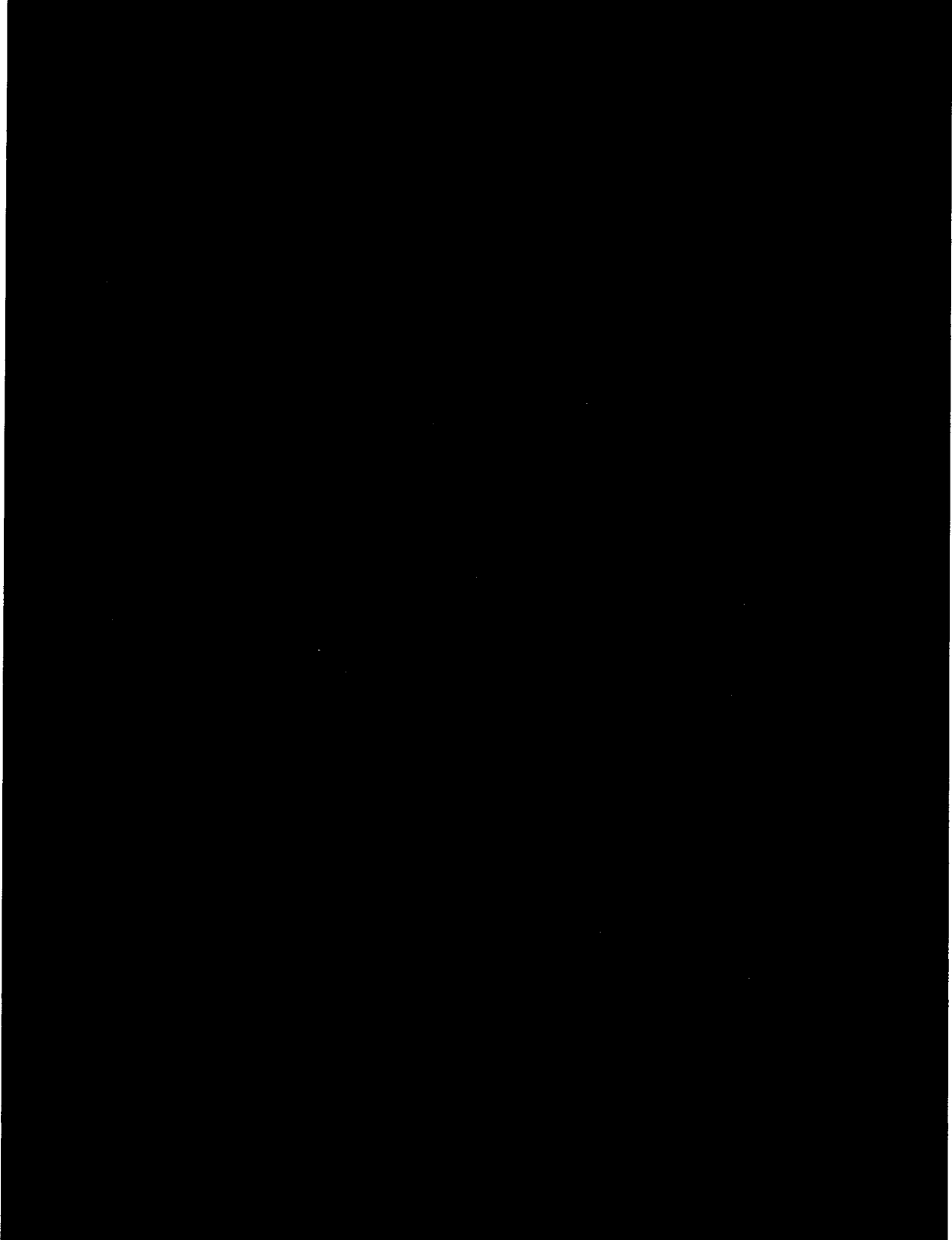
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DANIELLE T. ROSETE

Clerk of Court

Name: **NONITO VINCENT BLAS**

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: 11/07/2019

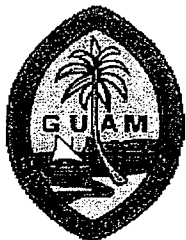
DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court

BY: **EVAN L. TOPASNA**
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **ET**



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



November 7, 2019

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Nonito Vincent BLAS		
DATE OF BIRTH:	██████████	FINGERPRINT#:	NONE
■	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: angela

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police**

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 04/26/2019

Nonito V. Blas

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Leader, Maintenance and Training Expert. Offering over 38 years of operating maintaining Navy warships, leading and training Navy Sailors. Career highlighted with multiple leadership awards and supported with a Masters of Business Administration and certification as Project Management Professional. Excels in:

- Leadership / Mentoring / Team Builder
- Training / Instructing / Inspiring
- Project Management / Community Outreach
- Strategic Planning / Oral and Written Communication
- Quality Control / Quality Assurance
- Microsoft PROJECTS, WORD, EXCEL, ACCESS

WORK EXPERIENCE and ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Deputy Shipyard Commander – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and IMF, 2014 – 2018

- Provided Leadership and Mentorship to over 5,000 highly skilled trades personnel, significantly improving the material condition of 19 home-ported submarines by completing over 20,000 man-days of production work. Led the completion of over 20 emergent repairs to remote ports in the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans.
- Hand-picked as Officer-In-Charge in support of training and evaluating of Joint Region Marianas, Guam, Submarine Squadron 15 and USS FRANK CABLE Emergency Planning Organization.

Chief Engineer – USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) 2011 – 2014

- Senator John C. Stennis “Straight Furrow” Senior **Leadership Award winner**
- 2012 Navy Marine Association **Leadership Award winner**
- Maintained the ship at its highest state of material condition readiness in support of combat flight operations in the Indian Ocean area of responsibility.

Officer Personnel Distribution – Navy Personnel Command 2008 – 2011

- Attracted the Navy’s TOP enlisted Sailor talent to naval officer careers.
- Extraordinary Officer Community/Human Resource Manager. Identified and implemented new opportunities to enhance and maintain officer career progression in a rapidly changing Navy.

Reactor Mechanical Assistant – USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) 2005 – 2008

- 2007 Navy Marine Association **Leadership Award winner**
- Inspired Sailors to overcome potential propulsion-limiting equipment casualties during combat flight operations. His poised, forceful demeanor and superior reactor and steam plant knowledge were instrumental in meeting all operational commitments.

Production Management Assistant – USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) 2002 - 2005

- Awarded the 2004 Naval Submarine League **Levering Smith Award** for outstanding leadership and submarine support.
- Led the completion of numerous emergent ship repairs in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant – USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) 1999 – 2002

- Inspirational and Decisive Leader during actual crises. Led flawless responses to several potentially debilitating propulsion plant equipment casualties while at sea conducting blue-water flight operations in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Hull Division Officer – Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Pearl Harbor 1996 – 1999

- Successfully managed over 25,000 man-hours of production work in completing over 2,300 jobs on board 18 submarines and 17 surface ships.
- Implemented the **Ship-fitter and Welder Battle Force Intermediate Maintenance job qualification requirements program**, significantly contributing to the technical development of military personnel.

Nuclear Repair Officer – USS HOLLAND (AS 32) 1993 – 1996

- Selected as Commander Submarine Force Pacific Fleet **Junior Officer of the Year**
- Superb analytical, managerial and technical skills, the driving force behind numerous process improvements.

Nuclear Training Officer – Naval Nuclear Prototype Training Unit, Idaho Falls, Id 1990 - 1993

- Demonstrating superior knowledge of integrated reactor plant operations and possessing the unique ability to quickly and effectively trained, he was singularly responsible for qualifying over 20 officer and civilian students as nuclear propulsion plant operators.

Education and Certifications

- Naval Electronics Technician (Nuclear Field) School, Jul 1982
- Navy Leadership and Management Education and Training (LMET), Nov 1987
- Navy Leader Development Program for Senior Personnel, Jun 1992
- Naval Nuclear Project Planners Course, Jun 1993
- Fundamentals of Total Quality Leadership, Jan 1994
- Radiological Controls Training for Senior Officers Course, Aug 1999
- Project Management, Villanova University, Jan 2008
- Masters of Business Administration, Grantham University, 2012
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Grantham University, 2011
- Certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Project Management Institute, 2019



1st Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 10:30 AM

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December 26, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, *Chairperson*

Subject: **1st Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement will be conducting a public hearing on **Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** This public hearing will take place in *Lihestraturan Guahan*, Public Hearing Room. The agenda is as follows:

9:00 a.m.

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Testimonies should be addressed to Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Chairperson, and will be accepted via hand delivery to our office, our mailbox at the Guam Congress Building at 163 *Chalan*

Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, via email to office@senatorperez.org, no later than 4pm, January 8, 2020. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring special accommodations or services should contact the Office of Senator Sabina Flores Perez at 989-2968.

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Office of Senator Sabina Flores Perez

Committee on the Environment, Revenue & Taxation, and Procurement

I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan

35th Guam Legislature

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Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement
I MINA TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

December 23, 2019

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

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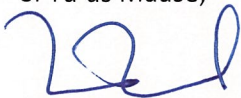
Nonetheless, the nominee, who among family is called Junior, has always been a role model of what it means to be an exemplary son of Guam. He left home young to enlist in the Navy and through perseverance, grit, and determination, rose through the ranks to eventually retire as a Commander at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in Hawaii.

Junior's educational background, professional certifications, and work experience as evidenced in his extensive resume speak for themselves with regard to his ability to get the job done. The clearest message I think his resume sends is that Junior is here to work, to lead, and to serve. He has been on the ground for less than a year, and already, has become an active member of a number of civic groups.

I believe on the Board of the Directors, he will view issues through the lens of a Veteran, someone with extensive experience dealing with the federal government, and most importantly, a son of Guam, putting the needs of our people at the forefront. I have reported to Boards of Directors for several years now, and it is always nice to have a board member you share common values with and the common goal for the good of Guam. I know and have worked with Administrator Leon Guerrero, and I believe that the two of them will work well together and be very productive.

Thank you for receiving my testimony. I encourage unanimous and expeditious confirmation for the Board of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

Si Yu'us Maase,



Melanie Mendiola

2 Jan 2020

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Senator,

Thank you Senator. Buenas yan Hafa Adai. Quahu si Nito Blas, Jr. I am from the beautiful village of Mangilao. Upon graduation from Father Duenas Memorial High School in 1981, I enlisted in the Navy. After completing 38 years of service, I retired this past September. My wife Denise and I have returned to the island we love and will remain here until we die.

In my retirement, I continue to enjoy my wife and adult children, I take care of my mom and learn how to be a farmer from my father. I recently was certified a farmer by the Department of Agriculture.

If confirmed, I will, for the people of Guam, work with the other board members in providing forceful back-up to Walter Leon Guerrero and ensure his agency continues to:

1. Ensure a high quality environment is maintained at all times to guarantee an enjoyable life for all people at present and in the future.
2. Not allow the quality of land, water and air be degraded by any pollutants, including all physical, chemical and biological agents.
3. Provide a unified, integrated and comprehensive territory-wide environmental protection program and to provide a framework to fulfill this task.

If confirmed, I will make it known the good job our EPA employees do for our island.

If confirmed, I will make the time to make every board meeting. I will make the time to fully understand the issues at hand to allow me to make informed decisions. I will encourage constructive debate. I will be open to all ideas. I will be transparent.

If needed, I will recuse myself to avoid a conflict of interest.

If confirmed, I will use my Veteran status to enhance our relationship with our military partners.

In closing, I'm honored to be nominated for this position. And I'm ready to serve our people, our island.

Very Respectfully,

Nonito Vincent Blas



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Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement
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35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement convened a public hearing on January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in *I Liheslaturan Guahan* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Mr. Nonito V. Blas to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency, whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero on November 19, 2019, to serve for three (3) years; November 29, 2019 to November 28, 2022; To fill the seat of Terrance M. Brooks, whose term has expired
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* on November 21, 2019
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on November 22, 2019

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via email to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on December 26, 2019 and again on December 31, 2019. Publication was conducted in the **Guam Daily Post**, a newspaper of general circulation, fulfilling the 5-Day Notice and 48 Hour Notice of the Open Government Law requirements respectively.

Senators Present

Senator Sabina Flores Perez
Senator Therese M. Terlaje
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell
Senator William M. Castro

Committee Chairperson
Committee Member
Legislative Member
Legislative Member

The confirmation hearing for **Mr. Nonito V. Blas** commenced at 9:00 a.m.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

Chairperson Perez called up the appointee.

Nonito Blas, Appointee: Good morning Senators. My name is Nonito V. Blas. I am from the beautiful village of Mangilao. Upon graduating from Father Duenas in 1981 I enlisted in the Navy. I've served 38 years and recently retired back in September. In my retirement, I continue to enjoy my wife and children. I take care of my mom, and I'm learning from my father how to be a farmer; and in fact, I was certified a farmer by the Department of Agriculture. If confirmed, along with my fellow board members, I will provide backup to Walter Leon Guerrero and the agency. I'll provide him back up in ensuring the agency does three things: first one is to maintain a high-quality environment at all times to guarantee enjoyment by all on the island now and in the future. Second

thing, I will ensure that the quality of our land, our water, our air is not degraded by any pollutants or any chemical, biological, or physical elements. And third I will ensure our agency provides a unified, integrated, comprehensive, territorial-wide environmental protection program and the framework to execute that plan. If confirmed, I will make time to make all board meetings. I will make time to understand all the issues at hand so I can make an informed decision. I will welcome all debate. I will be open to all ideas. I will be transparent, and if needed I'll recuse myself to avoid any conflicts of interest. If confirmed, I will also use my veteran status to enhance our relationships with our military partners. In closing, I'm honored to be here, to be nominated for this position, and I'm ready to serve.

Chairperson Perez: Thank you Mr. Blas. I noticed in your resume that you actually served as a reactor mechanical assistant.

Mr. Blas: Yes, uh, in the Navy I was a nuclear trained officer. As a nuclear trained officer, I supervised, I trained, I maintained, and I operated nuclear propulsion plants onboard nuclear-powered war vessels such as aircraft carriers and submarines. In that position, in addition to supervising, operating, and maintaining, I also ensured the general public was not exposed to any radiation or contamination associated with naval nuclear power programs. I'm well-versed that the Navy did a good job in training me how to be a nuclear plant operator. In fact, many of our Guam residents don't realize in our home port of Apra Harbor we have up to 8 nuclear reactors in the harbor. Fortunately for us, the Navy in the past 60 years have been successful in ensuring reactor safety. Nothing to... in my opinion... nothing to worry about the Navy. However, we've got to keep them honest so we just got to continue our monitoring so we can provide them some backup.

Chairperson Perez: That's important expertise. I think you bring important expertise to the board—that insight; and how nuclear waste is processed. I think that's important. In your review of the board—have you reviewed the board meetings—have you been to a board meeting?

Mr. Blas: I've only looked at the minutes online. That's what I've seen. And in those minutes, I've noticed we do a lot of—a bunch of—notice of violations. We rule on those and various other items. I noticed in January and February we didn't have enough to make a quorum so the risk there is that any notice of violations may be voided because we don't have enough board members. That's why I stated it's very important that I make all those board meetings.

Chairperson Perez: Yes, exactly, that's important. In regard to making decisions, how do you go about deciding on an issue—when it comes to like notice of violations or anything that comes to the board. How would you describe your decision-making process?

Mr. Blas: My decision-making process. First of all, I will try to understand all the issues at hand—keeping in mind the good of the island—the good of the people in determining how I will vote or make a decision. And then, again, I will welcome open debate. I'll listen to everybody's ideas. And then, again, keeping the good of the island in mind when I finally make that decision.

Chairperson Perez acknowledge the presence of her colleagues and called up those who signed up to testify.

Nick Rupley Lee, *Public Information Office, Guam Environmental Protection Agency*: *Håfa adai* and good morning Senators. Happy New Year. My name is Nick Rupley Lee, I'm the public information officer for the Guam Environmental Protection agency. We're here to support the nomination of retired US Navy Captain Blas. I'll keep this very brief. We're very proud of our board. We have a very robust makeup in terms of the disciplines that every individual on the board represents. We have members from the legal community, the business community, we have an educator, we've got someone who's an expert in solid waste management. We believe that Mr. Blas' leadership skills, his experience, and his education will compliment an already robust board and we look forward to his confirmation. Thank you.

Bob Peron, *Chairperson, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors*: Good morning, Senators. My name is Bob Peron, and I'm the Chairman of the board of directors of Guam EPA, and I'm here in support of the nomination of Mr. Blas. I've looked at his resume and seen all the accomplishments he's had during his life and all the experiences—and I really look forward to him joining our group on the board and you know his reputation precedes him. He has a very solid reputation and again I look forward to working with him should you confirm him, which I hope you will. As I said his resume is very strong and eager to work with him and let him apply his judgement to the areas of the environment for helping the people of Guam. Thank you.

Chairperson Perez opens the floor to her colleagues

Senator Ridgell: Thank you Madame Chair. Good morning. Congratulations first of all on your nomination. With that, I do have a few questions. The first is with regards to the past there have been I think notices of violation and other things issued to military contractors. I know for one there was a jet fuel pipeline that leaked and there were news reports about how the amount that the contractor was fined was less than what they could have been fined—significantly less. There were people in the community who were very upset about that. They felt it was more or less a slap on the wrist as opposed to an actual fine to hold them accountable for the environmental mess that they caused. So, with that my question is—what are your thoughts on those type of things with regard to military contractors? How tough are you going to be on people who violate environmental laws?

Mr. Blas: Again, for the good of our island, I'll be very tough on violators. From our experience in the military—the military, we hold our contractors to a higher standard than most. The military, again, from my experience, will make it clear what the requirements are and what the repercussions that they violate those requirements. I would see no reason why we wouldn't fine military contractors any less because they know the rules. So, again, I would be very tough.

Senator Ridgell: Thank you. Illegal dumping is a big issue on Guam, of course it's a big challenge. Do you have any ideas, or what do you think can be done to curb illegal dumping?

Mr. Blas: Well, you know my father was the Mayor of *Mangilao*. So, I learned from his time as the Mayor how bad—what I think, in all my duty stations in the mainland and even in Hawaii—they make it easy for the residents to dispose of their trash. One thing I did notice in Guam is aluminum cans. I collect aluminum cans—cause that's how I pay for my golf. The difference—I think here in Guam--again, I'll work with the board members and figure out why. In my opinion,

we don't give our villagers enough incentive to collect more aluminum cans because we don't pay them a lot, right, to recycle. So I—was it illegal dumping—I think we need to make it easier for our residents to be able to dump the trash, not cause them to make the decision—am I going to turn in my trash, or am I going to dump it in the jungle. We just have to make it easier for them.

Senator Ridgell: Thank you, I agree. And my final question is—is there anything you could say would be your main priority or objective should you be confirmed to sit on the board? What's important to you, I guess, what would be a main priority for you as a board member?

Mr. Blas: To be able to sustain our environment. We don't want to jeopardize an environment for the people today and then compromise my children's generation—grandchildren's generation—so, again, sustainable environment.

Senator Ridgell: Thank you so much. No further questions, Madame Chair. Thank you.

Senator Terlaje: Thank you, Madame Chair. Good morning, Mr. Blas. Thank you for agreeing to serve in this capacity and welcome to all your family who are here today. In regard to EPA I have no doubt that you're qualified to serve on this board, but I do want to ask you about a couple of things. Serving on these boards, I think, comes with a—political pressure—especially Guam EPA particularly because there's this—we have notice of violations for companies and we have a quite large recycling revolving fund that has been a political football over the years because everybody wants to use that for purposes they think are valid. But we've just recently ensured that the Guam EPA and the Board of Directors are going to be the ones to dictate or lead as to how those funds are going to be used and—they laid out a plan that we found very good step for—that it would be used for its original purposes that is, of course, reduce waste and ensure our landfill does not get filled with things that it doesn't need to be filled with and to institute a very good recycling program on Guam, and to get rid of debris that we are right now unable to get rid of. I think that's still a big challenge you're going to have on your hands. I guess I just wanted to ask you, for the record, if you feel like you'd be able to withstand this type of political pressure?

Mr. Blas: Well, you know, I'm not a politician. I've been in the service for the past 30 years so... I guess I got to learn the politics here. But politics shouldn't be a play in how we treat our island.

Senator Terlaje: Alright, the Director of Guam EPA, if I understand correctly, isn't one of those subject to legislative consent. It's subject to the Board. Guam EPA is the one who confirms the Director. They have done that for Walter for this new term—and I guess I just wanted to put that out there also. That's also another responsibility that not all boards have, but your board has. It's to oversee this Director because—we can call oversight, but that confirmation and consent process is yours.

Mr. Blas: Well, what I stated earlier that, as a board of director I will provide forceful backup to Walter.

Senator Terlaje: Well, you're also his boss, right? And so, it's that role that I'm pointing to. Recently, there have been investigations regarding this Agent Orange, and whether Agent Orange was used on Guam, and the Department of Defense had denied it. But the Guam EPA, together

with the USEPA, conducted tests. And one of the tests was in coordination with the Joint Region Marianas up at Andersen. But the other tests were done outside the base and in some of these tests, well, obviously we're not—I think, it's my understanding that Guam EPA and USEPA would like to conduct more tests on the bases they were denied access, at least in one occasion. I just want to know if you feel like you'd be able to back the Board up in their request for access for this type of testing.

Mr. Blas: Yes, I would back EPA on getting onboard. Again, in my experience with regard to nuclear power on bases, the Navy is very leery about providing people come on base to test for radiological conditions because, at times, they could misinterpret the data. However, the Navy is very—with regard to nuclear power—they're very good at keeping records, they're very good at monitoring, very good at knowing the status of the environment. I wouldn't understand why they wouldn't let anybody on the Naval bases. I would bring that up.

Senator Terlaje: Alright. I'm sure they're trying to work that out with them. But if...

Mr. Blas: Actually, I know Captain Grimes, I've worked with him before.

Senator Terlaje: This is contamination we're talking about. We've got split test results whether they're actually these contaminants exist or do not exist, and we've found them to exist outside the base in some tests and to exist on the base on at least one test and so we want to confirm this of course. And we're looking a lot at the fuel lines—all these fuel lines lead on to Andersen from down south. Anyways, other issues such as notice of violations, as my colleague has stated earlier, I think the Guam EPA has adopted a policy now that has made these notices of violations more transparent. I've seen in their minutes they're very actively discussing them with the boards. The board has a very active role in following up, so I want to thank the board for that. I think the public, if we could just continue to keep them informed, announce as much as possible. You are a regulatory agency, and part of announcing your successes is going to help to deter other types of activity that contribute to our contamination or pollution here on Guam. So, that's all. I just wanted to encourage that. It looks like they're very active. It's looking much more transparent. But still, I think if you could go out and announce it to the public, I would thank you for that. I know that we've had a roundtable here on illegal dumping and it was Guam EPA's staff that came up with excellent thought and I would like to see that implemented as much as possible. They've laid out what they feel would work.

Mr. Blas: I think taking money away from somebody is a good motivator for them to do it—to do the right thing.

Senator Terlaje: Hopefully. But I think they also said, taking it away from those who don't have it is not going to deter them. We need a combination. But thank you. Thank you, Madame Chair.

Senator Castro: Thank you, Madame Chair. First of all, I just want to make it noted for the record that this would be Nonito Blas Jr. Not that I would have exception to the nominee but I just think it's much better that we have the son of the former Mayor so he can put in more than four years. Welcome back Captain. I do want to highlight, for the record, Madame Chair, that the nominee has extensive education and experience both in the military and through formal ed. He has is MBA.

I can also appreciate, Senator Perez, that his knowledge and skillset and exposure in dealing with contaminants is definitely a plus. So, with that said, I also would be remiss if I didn't thank the Leon Guerrero administration for reaching out and giving you the opportunity to serve your community again. I would like to encourage you to, if it's something different from what's already been said, to think outside the box when working both with the administration and the EPA. I would like to encourage you to look toward your private sector partners and also the federal government. You mentioned the military, and I'm going to address that in a minute. One of my colleagues mentioned that illegal dumping is a challenge. We also know that recycling is also a challenge, and, in my opinion, with respect to illegal dumping, in my opinion it's going to require a multi-agency approach. I've had those conversations in my first term. I certainly hope you can pick that conversation up once you're confirmed.

In dealing with abandoned vehicles—and forgive me, my knowledge is neither wide, nor deep, on this issue—but, often times I've had conversations either with GEPA or with other agencies that have cited certain complications like—the availability of land is one, handling of certain contaminants is the other; and frankly just the whole investigative side of dealing with illegally dumped vehicles, or abandoned vehicles, or what have you. I want to encourage you in this stream of thinking out of the box that you look toward outsourcing that with your Board. Perhaps we can find a third-party provider, and I don't know any off the cuff. But I think it provides numerous benefit to the community if we just allow the government to do what it does best, and the private sector entities who have not only the capacity but the ability to absorb that liability outside of the government, whether it's now or whether they're bonded or whatever other types of assurances they can provide so that if the environment is contaminated as a result of dealing with those illegally abandoned vehicles and placed on other properties and the leakages they can mitigate that.

I appreciate your knowledge of nuclear reactors in Apra Harbor. I had no idea there were 8, or however many you mentioned. But my point would be along the lines of probably one of our more ardent environmental activists on the panel here—if I could just relate from, again another professional experience back in the time of the late Senator Angel Santos, when I worked for him. There was a notice, not sure if its USEPA, or EPA at the time, or GRM. Whoever it was—it was an authority in the community that released the results of the *gâdao*, grouper fish, being contaminated beyond a certain level of toxicity, and the Senator at his time, he took it upon himself and the entire team of volunteers and paid staff and went house to house, door to door warning people of this finding. Taking all that into mind and looking at you and your experience and going back to my encouragement to think outside the box. I want to encourage your team to utilize technology so that we can respond swiftly and accurately to any threats on the environment whether they might be imposed by the military or ourselves, the public—the general public. With that said, Madame Chair, that's all I have for the nominee. You have my utmost confidence, Captain Blas. Welcome back. You come from a very long line—or wide line—of public servants. My hats off to the former Mayor, your father and your mother. Nonito Blas is here and his beautiful wife. I know that your father's sister also served, former Mayor Margaret Blas, in the village of *Asan*. And I know your late Uncle Frank served for *Tamuning*, *Tumon*, and that general area—and *Harmon*—and I appreciate the public service your family has committed themselves to. Welcome home, and you have my unqualified support for confirmation of your nomination.

Mr. Blas: Thank you, Senator.

Chairperson Perez: So that concludes the confirmation of nomination for Nonito Blas. Thank you for accepting this nomination. So, *Si Yu'os Ma'åse*.

Chairperson Perez then adjourned the confirmation hearing for **Mr. Nonito V. Blas**.

Written Testimonies:

- Melanie Mendiola
- Nonito Vincent Blas, *Nominee*

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement hereby reports out the appointment of **Mr. Nonito V. Blas** to serve as a **Member** of the **Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency** with the recommendation to report out only.



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Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement

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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of

Nonito V. Blas

To serve as a Member of the Board of Directors Guam Environmental Protection Agency

For a term of Three (3) years; November 29, 2019 to November 28, 2022;

To fill the seat of Terrance M. Brooks, whose term has expired

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