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APPOINTMENTS

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SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice
I Mina' trentai Singko na Libeslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature

September 22, 2020

The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Speaker

I Mina' trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña Guam, 96910

VIA: **The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee**

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Sonia L. Siliang to serve as a Member, Board of Trustees to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

Håfa Adai Speaker Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the **Executive Appointment of Sonia L. Siliang** to serve as a *Member, Board of Trustees of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority*, and which was referred to the Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO CONFIRM
<u>0</u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u>0</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u>0</u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

**COMMITTEE ON RULES
RECEIVED:**

September 23, 2020
8:00A.M.

Sincerely,

Therese M. Terlaje

Revisions Rec'd:
October 3, 2020 @ 8:49 A.M.

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Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice
I Mina' trentai Singko na Libeslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Sonia L. Siliang

As a Member, Board of Trustees of
the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

To serve a term of Six (6) years;
April 15, 2020 to April 14, 2026

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35th Guam Legislature

September 21, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

From: **Senator Therese M. Terlaje** *Tmt*
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on the Appointment of Sonia L. Siliang**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Sonia L. Siliang** to serve as a *Member, Board of Trustees of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority*

This report includes the following:

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

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

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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Chair

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Vice Chair

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Member

Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson,
Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD,
Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez,
Member



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June 25, 2020

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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**

Bueñas yan Håfa Adai!

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

Appointee: Sonia L. Siliang

Position: Member, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees

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

"35GL-20-1913– Office of the Governor of Guam – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Sonia L. Siliang, Member, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees ."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the **Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land, and Justice** chaired by **Senator Therese M. Terlaje**.

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

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chair, Committee on Rules



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clerks@guamlegislature.org

From: Speaker's Office <speaker@guamlegislature.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Clerks Office
Cc: Rennae Meno
Subject: Messages and Communications
Attachments: Appointment and Supporting Documents for Sonia L. Siliang.pdf

06-24-20	2:00 PM	06-23-20	Appointment and Supporting Documents for Sonia L. Siliang, Member, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-1913
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Sinseru yan Minagâhet,

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Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources & the
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
MAGA'HÅGA • GOVERNOR

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

June 23, 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-20-1913
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

RE: Board Appointment

JUN 24 2020
Time 2:00 () AM (X) PM
Received By: Matt

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: Sonia L. Siliang
POSITION: Member, Board of Trustees
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
TERM LENGTH: Six (6) Years; April 15, 2020 to April 14, 2026

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 Guahan
Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
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June 23, 2020

Sonia L. Siliang

Dear Ms. Siliang:

Pursuant to my authority under 10 GCA § 80105, I am reappointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
Term Length: Six (6) Years; April 15, 2020 to April 14, 2026**

Your reappointment is a testimony to your commitment to service and the understanding of the great responsibility that this position requires and I know that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner for others to follow.

Once again, I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time on the Board will be effective and productive.

As you are aware, this appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Weakley of the Governor's Office at 475-9477.

Senseramente,

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

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam
Chairman, GMHA Board
Administrator, GMHA

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 SILIANG	First Name SONIA	Middle Initial L
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit # [REDACTED]
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Member, Board of Trustees, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority		
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 John F. Kennedy, Tumon, GUAM	1988 - 1992	High School Diploma	1992
College Northern Arizona University	1995 - 1999	BS	1999
Graduate School			
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Bureau of Statistics & Plans Government of Guam	Position Title Planner
	Dates Held 12/2015 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Humphreys Central Elementary School South Korea	Position Title Substitute Teacher
	Dates Held 9/2013 - 6/2015

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Installation Access Control Office Ansbach Military Police US Army Ansbach, Germany	Position Title Team Leader
	Dates Held 7/2009 - 8/2013

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Heartland Fire San Diego, CA	Position Title Dispatcher, 911 Fire/Medical
	Dates Held 11/2001 - 4/2009

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Yuma Police Yuma, AZ	Position Title Police Officer
	Dates Held 10/1995 - 12/2000

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		Position Title	
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

Agency or Department Name		Position Title	
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TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
Leadership Award, US Army Garrison-Ansbach German, 2012 Commendable Performance, Heartland Fire Dept., 2003 Lifesaving Medal, Yuma Police, 2000 Spotlight Award, Hostage Negotiation, Yuma Police, 1999 Superior Performance, Yuma Police, 1998 - 1999 ** SEE RESUME

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
Member, Board of Trustees, GMHA, 2015 - Present

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

<i>List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
Volunteer, American Red Cross Korea, 2012 - 2015 Mentor, Boys & Girls Club, 1998

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:

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

Yes No

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

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

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests


(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

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

FROM: SONIA L. SILIANG

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST
N/A	


Signature

June 22, 2020
Date

AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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

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

Sonia L. Siliang

Print Name and Signature



June 22, 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: SONIA LYNN SILIANG

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.

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

Dated: 06/04/2020

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court

BY: CHRISTIANE CACHERO-XIAO
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: CCX



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Government of Guam
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION

P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921



June 3, 2020

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Sonia Lynn SILIANG		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	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.

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 04/26/19

By Direction: JE

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police



Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

First Notice of Public Hearing- Friday, August 7, 2020 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

1 message

Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 31, 2020 at 12:05 PM

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July 31, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson
Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

Subject: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing - Friday, August 7, 2020 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

 Håfa Adai!

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Individuals wishing to participate in the Virtual Confirmation Hearings to provide testimonies may contact the Office of the Senator Therese M. Terlaje before COB on August 5, 2020, via email at senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com or 472-3586, for further guidance.

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We look forward to your participation! *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*.

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Office of Senator Therese M. Terlaje

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

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DOC officer on leave a month after testing positive for COVID-19

By Nick Delgado
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An officer at the Department of Corrections who tested positive for COVID-19 more than one month ago remains on sick leave.

DOC spokesperson Maj. Antone Aguon confirms the officer has not returned to work since contracting the virus.

There's been no word if the officer has been retested and cleared, or when the officer will return to work.

Five other corrections officers were tested after they reported being medium- or high-risk contacts to the infected officer. Their results came back negative.

On June 24, the officer, who was assigned to the Post 8-Women's Facility, did not report to duty after feeling ill prior to testing positive.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services conducted contact tracing investigations.

Aguon said no other staff or prisoners reported contracting the virus since then.

Federal drug convict faces more jail time

By Nick Delgado
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Rico Akin Charfauros

A man who was on supervised release for a 2014 drug conviction is back in federal custody after multiple violations to include a new criminal case in local court.

Defendant Rico Akin Charfauros appeared before District Court of Guam Magistrate Judge Michael Bordallo on Thursday for a revocation hearing.

The Adult Probation Office alleged that he failed to participate in a substance abuse program, reside at a home approved by probation, and report for drug testing in February. The violations also state he was arrested on local charges in March and failed to report his arrest to probation within 72 hours.

Defense attorney Cynthia Ecube asked the court for more time before Charfauros answers to the violations, as there hasn't been any movement on his case in the Superior Court of Guam since his arrest.

"I am informed there is a major backlog of criminal cases in the local court," said Ecube. "That stopgap is going to have an effect on how we can move forward on any criminal cases in

the federal court." He is scheduled back in court on Sept. 17.

Local case

On March 3, Guam police officers had to use physical force to subdue an individual they had approached, while investigating an assault complaint in Agat.

The victim alleged the Charfauros trespassed onto her property and began shouting at her before he picked up a piece of rebar and gestured like he was going to throw it at her, court documents state.

When officers located him, he alleged shouted, "Don't come near me!" and "F--- you!" while smoking from a glass pipe with a bulbous end, documents state.

Charfauros allegedly became combative and swung at the officers, prompting police to use physical force.

He was charged with assault, reckless conduct, criminal trespass, eluding a police officer, resisting arrest and possession of a Schedule II controlled substance.

Federal conviction

He was sentenced in December 2015 to nearly three and a half years in federal prison and three years of supervised release after he pleaded

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guilty to a charge of attempted possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Post files state that on March 7, 2014, a Guam customs K-9 dog alerted authorities to an express mail package at the Guam Main Facility in Barrigada.

Investigators obtained a search warrant and discovered 3 pounds and 15.8 ounces of methamphetamine with a purity level of 98% inside the package and replaced it with sham.

Charfauros picked up the package and told law enforcement officers he was asked by a certain person to pick it up and was promised by the same person that he would "take care of him."

Jury finishes listening to prior testimony in molestation case

By Nick Delgado
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A jury completed listening to the playback recording late Thursday in

the trial against Sohlansé Roponei Jr. in the Superior Court of Guam.

The trial had been paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The jury took about one day to listen

to the recordings of the prior witness testimony given earlier this year.

The prosecution rested its case after only two days of jury trial in mid-March.

Roponei faces charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct as a first-degree felony and three counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct as a first-degree felony, according to Post files.

The victim, now 15, testified at trial:

"I've been molested by Sohlansé. ... In elementary and little of my middle school years."

She alleged the sexual assaults occurred inside the living room and in her mother's room.

Trial is expected to continue on Tuesday before Judge Vernon Perez.



Sohlansé Roponei Jr.

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United to fly 37% of overall flight schedule

United Airlines plans to resume service on nearly 30 international routes in September, including flights to Asia, India, Australia, Israel and Latin America and to continue to add ways to visit popular vacation destinations in the Caribbean, Hawaii and Mexico, the airline announced Tuesday in a press release.

The airline intends to fly 37% of its overall schedule in September as compared to the same period last year. September's flights reflect a 4% increase in capacity compared to what is planned for August 2020.

United is also extending its waiver of change fees and award redeposit fees for reservations through Aug. 31, the airline stated in the press release.

"We continue to be realistic in our approach to building back our international and domestic schedules by closely monitoring customer demand and flying where people want to go," stated Patrick Quayle, United's vice president of International Network and Alliances. "In September, we're adding even more options for leisure travelers or those who want to visit friends and relatives, whether that's within the United States or around the world."

Domestically, United intends to fly



UNITED: Justin Marion, United Airlines general manager, describes how United has partnered with Clorox and the Cleveland Clinic to create the United Clean Plus Program to deliver industry service and cleaning standards throughout United operations. Marion spoke at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport on July 22 in a partnership with the government of Guam to signal efforts for safe travel amid COVID-19.

David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

40% of its schedule. The airline plans to add more than 40 daily flights on 48 routes to locations including Austin, Texas; Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Santa Barbara, California.

Additionally, United plans to resume service between the U.S. mainland and Hilo and Kauai and increase flying to Honolulu, Kona and

Maui in the Hawaiian Islands.

Internationally, United intends to fly 30% of its schedule, as compared to September 2019, which is a 5-point increase compared to August.

U.S. domestic travelers in search of vacation options that allow more social distancing, such as beach, mountain and national park destina-

tions, will continue to see opportunities for leisure travel including:

- Increasing opportunities to connect to more than 800 flights from United's mid-continental hubs in Chicago, Denver and Houston.
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Pacific

Across the Pacific in September, United plans to restart three-times-weekly service between Los Angeles and Sydney and passenger service between Chicago and Hong Kong, subject to government approval.

(Daily Post Staff)

Trump orders limits on US contractors' use of foreign workers

By Mario Parker
and Justin Sink
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump on Monday barred federal agencies from dismissing U.S. citizens or green card holders and replacing them with foreign workers, and blasted a major state enterprise for having done so.

The executive order Trump signed Monday increases scrutiny of federal

contractors' use of H-1B visas to bring in temporary foreign labor for high-skilled jobs rather than relying on American workers.

The action was prompted by the federally owned Tennessee Valley Authority's June announcement that it's laying off 62 information technology workers as the federal power agency outsources data and programming work, according to an administration official who spoke on the condi-

tion of anonymity.

The Trump administration is working on other changes to the H-1B visa program that may be announced in coming weeks, the official said.

The coronavirus-caused recession has thrown millions of Americans out of work, with uncertain prospects for a recovery amid continued surges in virus case counts in many states. With the president running behind presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden in polls, Trump's move would showcase actions to support jobs. The administration also remains in talks

with Democrats about extending extra jobless benefits.

Trump called TVA chief executive Jeff Lyash's outsourcing decision "disastrous and heartless." Trump said the board must remove Lyash, or he'll do it. He also said he'll remove some board members, including Chairman James Thompson.

After being handed a note during the White House event, Trump said that he got a call from Lyash and that the TVA chief had indicated a "willingness to reverse course" on the announced layoffs.



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DBA: Vanjour Pocha Restaurant

has applied for a Class: Four (4) General On-Sale Alcoholic Beverage License said premises being marked as Lot: 5162 3 R1, 5162 3 3 & 5162 3 R3 Unit 29 GKTC Harmon Indus. Park Rd. (TAKE-OVER) Tamuning/ Tumon/ Harmon.



SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and
Justice

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35th Guam Legislature

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Friday, August 7, 2020

Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

(Please log into hearing link by 12:45 p.m.)

- Sonia L. Siliang to serve as a Member, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees
- Edwin J.C. Reyes to serve as a Member (Planning Alternate Rep), Guam Historic Preservation Review Board
- Anita F. Orlino to serve as a Member, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission
- Maria G. Cruz, Member to serve as a Guam Ancestral Lands Commission
- Ronald F. Eclavea to serve as a Member, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

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I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan Office of Senator Therese M. Terlaje

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice

Date: Friday, August 07, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM

Appointment of Sonia L. Siliang to serve as a Member, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees
Term Length: Six (6) Years; April 15, 2020 to April 14, 2026

	NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT NO.	E-MAIL	Type of Testimony		Support	
					WRITTEN	ORAL	Yes	No
1	Sarah Thomas Nededog, GMHA BOT			████████@gmail.com	x	X	x	
2	Mallory Morgan, Bureau of Statistics and Plans		██████████	mallory_morgan@bsp.guam.gov	x		x	
3	Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee					X		
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August 5, 2020

The Honorable Therese Terlaje
Chair, Committee on Health, Tourism, Preservation, Land and Justice
35th Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Hagatna, Guam

Dear Chair Terlaje:

It is with great pleasure to support the re-appointment of **Ms. Sonia Siliang to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees.**

I have known Ms. Siliang for over a year as her colleague on the Board of Trustees. Ms. Siliang had served on the GMHA board prior to my joining in May 2019. Upon my arrival in this new position, Ms. Siliang was welcoming and accommodated my questions and concerns. She was knowledgeable about board responsibilities and the relationship with management and other key stakeholders. Ms. Siliang is a conscientious board member who attends all meetings, participates in subcommittees, and deliberates honestly and openly on issues facing the hospital within board purview. She exhibits high ethical conduct and encourages the optimum standards of service for our people in Guam's only public hospital.

It has been an honor to work alongside Ms. Siliang and I hope to continue this work in the years to come. I do not hesitate in supporting her reappointment and in encouraging your approval in the confirmation of her position to the GMHA Board for an additional term.

I am available to you anytime should you need additional information or clarification.

My sincere regards always,
/s/
Sarah M. Thomas-Nededog

August 4, 2020

To The Honorable Senator Terlaje,

I am writing to show my full support for Ms. Sonia Siliang to continue as a Board Trustee for the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. I have had the honor of working closely with Ms. Siliang in a professional capacity at the Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans for nearly three years. Ms. Siliang is honest, diligent, hard-working, and detail-oriented. Ms. Siliang recently exemplified her work ethic as she worked tirelessly through the Government of Guam shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Siliang successfully managed a \$2.9 million federal grant to procure personal protective equipment (PPE) for numerous government agencies. There is no doubt she is committed to the betterment of our island and goes above and beyond to fulfill that mission. Ms. Siliang is well-informed on many issues and she has a very impressive and diverse work history to reflect that. Ms. Siliang's compassion and dedication would be an asset to the GMH Board as you work through many challenges in the years to come.

I also know Ms. Siliang in a personal capacity and can speak with confidence to her integrity, empathy, and infectious positivity. Ms. Siliang is well-liked amongst our entire personal friend group, and she is very involved in numerous community groups. She is a single mother that works hard to set a good example to her boy, and regardless of how busy she is, she always makes time to support others. Ms. Siliang always shows up to volunteer and she would represent the Hospital in a very positive light throughout the community.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding Ms. Siliang's continuation with the Board, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Again, I fully support Ms. Siliang's role as a Board Trustee for the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

Sincerely,
Mallory Morgan

Sustainable Marine Tourism Coordinator
Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans

Mallory.morgan@bsp.guam.gov

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2013 NOTE: This section was originally entitled, "*Powers.*" Repealed and added as 10 GCA § 80109 by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80105. Board of Trustees.

(a) The governance and control of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority are vested in a Board of Trustees (Board). The Board *shall* be composed of ten (10) members: four (4) members representing the general public, who *shall* possess a background and experience in healthcare, management, finance or any other business-related field; one (1) member representing the Allied Health Professions; two (2) members representing the Guam Nursing Association; and two (2) members representing the Guam Medical Community, appointed by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* as provided herein, with the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. In addition, one (1) member who *shall* be the President, or designee, of the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, who *shall* be an ex-officio member with full participatory rights and privileges, but without the right of voting. The GMH Volunteers Association President or designee *shall* have been a member of the GMH Volunteers Association for a minimum of five (5) years prior to assuming a position on the Board.

(b) Each Trustee shall be entitled to receive the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for his/her attendance at any meeting of the Board, but such compensation shall not apply to more than four (4) meetings or exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) in any one (1) calendar month. No Trustee shall receive any other compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual travel, subsistence and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the discharge of his or her responsibilities, including authorized attendance at meetings held away from Guam.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 14-029:1(May 27, 1977) as GC § 49004. Subsection (a) amended by P.L. 15-041:1 (June 21, 1979). Subsection (b) amended by P.L. 15-055:6 (Aug. 10, 1979). Codified as 10 GCA § 80106. Subsection (d) amended by P.L. 19-004:16 (May 21, 1987). Subsection (f) added by P.L. 19-004:17 (May 21, 1987). Subsection (a) amended by P.L. 25-150:9 (July 7, 2000). Subsection (b) amended by P.L. 25-150:10 (July 7, 2000). Subsections (g) added by P.L. 25-150:11 (July 7, 2000). Subsection (h) added by P.L. 25-150:12 (July 7, 2000). Subsection (i) added by P.L. 28-068:II:III:35 (Sept. 30, 2005). Repealed and added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010). Subsection (a) amended by P.L. 32-154:2 (May 21, 2014).

2013 NOTE: This section was originally entitled, "*Hospital Rates.*" Added by P.L. 14-148:3 (Sept. 30, 1978). Repealed and added by P.L. 18-026:8 (Dec. 31, 1985) and P.L. 25-005:7 (May 10, 1999). Repealed by P.L. 30-190 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80105.1. Duties of the Board of Trustees.

(a) The Board shall be liable for the negligent act of any hospital employee or officer, if the Board knew or had notice that said employee or officer was inefficient and incompetent to perform the services for which he was hired, or said Board retained such inefficient or incompetent person after knowledge or notice of such inefficiency or incompetency.

(b) No Trustee shall be liable for any decision made in the good faith, non-malicious fulfillment of his duties.

(c) The Board shall be liable as fiduciaries in the execution of their duties.

(d) No Trustee shall be actively engaged in the selling of services or goods to the Hospital without the express approval of the Board of Trustees.

The form of approval shall be by the adoption of a Board Resolution confirming said approval. This restriction shall not apply to health care professionals who provide direct patient care services to the Hospital.

(e) No Trustee shall act when a conflict of interest occurs. The Trustee shall disclose the nature of the conflict of interest to the members present and abstain from any discussion or voting on the issue until it has been disposed of by action of the remaining members present. If a Trustee knowingly fails to disclose a conflict of interest in the manner listed herein and subsequently votes on an action to be taken by the Board, then the vote of the conflicted Trustee shall not be counted for purposes of constituting official Board action. Any Trustee who knowingly fails to disclose a conflict of interest in the manner listed herein shall be subject to removal from the Board, pursuant to § 80107 of this Chapter.

(f) [Repealed.]

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010). Subsection (f) repealed by P.L. 31-014:4 (Apr. 4, 2011).

2013 NOTE: This section, originally entitled "*Fees*," was apparently added as untitled and uncodified law by P.L. 19-005:55 (Aug. 21, 1987), and codified as § 80105.1 by the Compiler. Repealed and added by P.L. 23-22:2 (May 30, 1995), and repealed by P.L. 25-005:8 (May 10, 1999). The authority to set fees is found in § 80109 of this Chapter.

§ 80105.2. Meetings.

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Meetings of the Board shall be held at a regular time and place as determined by the Board. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by a majority of the members, as often as may be necessary. Meetings of the Board, regular or special, shall be subject to the Open Government Law of Guam. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and an affirmative vote of five (5) members is required for any action to be valid.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

2013 NOTE: This section was originally entitled, "*Health Care Professional Fees Schedule.*" Added by P.L. 24-032:3 (May 19, 1997). Repealed by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80105.3. Term of Office.

The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve staggered terms of six (6) years. On the expiration of the term of any member, or in the event of a vacancy on the Board due to resignation, death or any other cause, *I Maga'lahi* shall, in the manner provided herein and with the advice and consent of *I Liheslatura*, appoint another member for a full term in the first instance, or for the remainder of the unexpired term. When there is a change of administration of the government of Guam after a gubernatorial election, no courtesy resignation shall be requested by the new administration nor offered by any member of the Board.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80105.4. Qualifications of Members of the Board of Trustees.

The composition of the members of the Board shall be broadly based in terms of its members' personal expertise and shall strive for a balanced representation of the general population. Trustees, and Trustee candidates, must be United States citizens or permanent resident aliens domiciled in Guam for at least three (3) years prior to appointment to the Board. No person shall sit on the Board as a member who is an employee of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80105.5. Trustees Nominating Council; Establishment.

[Repealed.]

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010). Repealed by P.L. 31-014:2 (Apr. 4, 2011).

§ 80105.6. Tenure of Members Currently Serving as Trustees.

The current members of the Board shall continue to serve until the expiration of their term as set out in § 80105.3 of this Chapter and in the event of a vacancy, said vacancy shall be filled in accordance with this Chapter.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80106. Board Members Not Deemed Officers or Employees of the Government of Guam.

The members of the Board shall not, by reason of such membership, be deemed employees of the government of Guam.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

CROSS-REFERENCE: *See also* 17 GCA § 16105.

2013 NOTE: This section was originally entitled, "*Board of Trustees.*" Repealed and added as 10 GCA § 80105 by P.L. 30-190 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80107. Removal from Office.

[Repealed.]

SOURCE: Repealed by P.L. 31-014:3 (Apr. 4, 2011).

2013 NOTES: This section was originally entitled, "*Administrator.*" Subsection (b)(9) added by P.L. 15-112:3 (Mar. 14, 1980). Codified as 10 GCA § 80107. Repealed and added by P.L. 25-150:8 (July 7, 2000). Subsection (b) amended by P.L. 25-183:1 (July 8, 2001).

P.L. 28-068:42 (Sept. 30, 2005) transferred duties and responsibilities assigned to the Civil Service Commission to the Director of Administration, effective January 1, 2006 pursuant to P.L. 28-068:47 and 48.

§ 80108. Officers.

The Board shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer from among its membership every two (2) years.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 14-029:1 (May 27, 1977) as GC § 49006. Subsection (d) amended by P.L. 16-098:6 (July 2, 1982). Codified as 10 GCA § 80108. Repealed and added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80109. Powers.

The Hospital shall have and exercise each and all of the following powers:

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(a) Maintain and operate a facility providing acute, chronic and all other health care services, including those services specifically provided by contract for the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, for the people of Guam.

(b) (1) Establish a schedule of fees, in accordance with Title 10 GCA § 80105, to be charged for care and services at or by the Hospital. The schedule of fees shall be sufficient to recover the operating costs and fixed costs and to generate such revenue as is necessary to enable the Hospital to meet its financial obligations, operating expenses and capital improvement needs. The Guam Public Utilities Commission shall not have any purview over the Authority rates. The rates established per fee schedule may be increased by the Board of Trustees up to five percent (5%) per year; provided, that the total revenues from all increases per fee schedule shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total revenues adopted by the Board in the Authority's budget for that fiscal year, or decreased as necessary.

(2) Fees for new services, medications, or supplies, or rate increases of more than five percent (5%) annually shall be established by the Authority, approved and ratified by the Board of Trustees and forwarded to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for approval. Prior to the approval and ratification by the Board of Trustees, public hearings must be conducted by the Authority for any new fee or rate increase of more than five percent (5%).

(3) *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* shall have forty-five (45) days from the receipt of the proposed new fee or rate increase to conduct a public hearing and approve the increase or new fee. If *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does not disapprove or amend the proposed new fee or increase in rates within the forty-five (45) days, the new fee or rate increase will immediately become effective.

(c) The Authority may establish interim fees for new, untariffed services, medication and supplies, without prior legislative approval and without compliance with the Administrative Adjudication Law; provided, that:

(1) the interim fees are consistent with the Authority's Net Revenue Enhancement Engagement Pricing Model, as prepared by

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Deloitte & Touche, dated February 7, 1992, or such other protocol as may be approved by the Board of Trustees; and

(2) a petition for permanent approval of the interim fees is filed by the Authority with *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* within three (3) months of the Authority's establishment of the interim fee.

(d) Forward the billings for the cost of medical care and services rendered to any person under the Old Age Assistance for the Aged Program, Aid to the Blind Program, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled Program of the Social Security Act, as well as those persons considered medically indigent as the term is defined in Chapter 2 of this Title, of which shall be paid by the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

(e) Acquire, subject to the laws of Guam, by grant, purchase, gift, devise or lease, and hold and use any real property necessary or convenient or useful for the carrying on of any of its powers pursuant to the provisions of this Article; upon written certification of the Administrator, that specified and specialized medical equipment and related supplies are needed immediately for the health and welfare of the patients of the Hospital in particular, and the people of Guam in general, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority shall be exempt from the provisions of §§ 5210 and 5211 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, in the acquisition of the medical equipment and related supplies specified in such written certification of the Administrator; provided, that the Hospital shall use its best judgment and efforts to secure the best equipment and supplies at the lowest cost, utilizing businesses licensed to do business on Guam whenever possible.

(f) Establish its internal organization and management;

(g) Perform such acts as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it was formed;

(h) Adopt a seal;

(i) Sue or be sued in its own corporate name;

(j) Employ, retain or contract for the services of qualified managers, specialists or as individuals or as organizations;

(k) Adopt such rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Act as may be necessary for the exercise

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of the Hospital's powers, performance of its duties and administration of its operations;

- (l) Adopt and maintain a uniform system of accounting;
- (m) Adopt and maintain a travel authorization policy, notwithstanding any law to the contrary;
- (n) Adopt rules and regulations governing selection, compensation, promotion, performance evaluation, disciplinary action and other terms and conditions of employment affecting personnel, subject to the provisions of the Administrative Adjudication Law. Such rules and regulations *shall* provide for the employment and retention of persons on the basis of merit, and *shall* include an orderly and systematic method of recruitment and the establishment of a list of qualified applicants for employment purposes, *except* that compensation for non-medical personnel *shall* remain consistent with compensation plans and pay scales as determined by the Civil Service Commission or its successor. Non-medical personnel are defined as personnel employed by the Authority who are *not* physicians, nurses, medical technicians or technologists, licensed or certificated therapists of any sort, laboratory technicians, personnel certificated in any medical or nursing field, nurse practitioners, pharmacists or other medical personnel. It is further provided:

- (1) that the conduct of any GMHA Medical Peer Review proceeding *shall* be conducted in strict compliance with the Health Care Quality Improvement Act, as amended (HCQIA), of Title IV of Public Law 99-660 (42 U.S.C. 11101 et seq.) authorizing the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish a National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) to collect and release certain information relating to the professional competence and conduct of physicians, dentists and other health care practitioners; and §1921 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-2) (§1921) requiring each state to adopt a system of reporting to the Secretary of adverse licensure actions taken against health care practitioners and entities;

- (A) The Board *shall* provide for third-party peer review services for those peer review proceedings wherein the

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physician who is the subject of a peer review asserts that an impartial proceeding cannot otherwise be achieved.

(2) A medical peer review *shall not* be overturned by the Board, *except* as strictly prescribed by the National Practitioner Data Bank, as provided pursuant to Title 45 – Public Welfare, Part 60, Code of Federal Regulations, and as the regulations and authorizing statutes may be revised;

(3) No “Void” or Reversal of Professional Peer Review Action by Board Without Successful Appeal; Mandatory. No GMHA medical peer review action that adversely affects the clinical privileges of physicians, dentists and other health care practitioners shall be reversed by the Board, nor shall a “void” be sought with the National Practitioners Data Bank:

(A) without the appellant having successfully appealed the initial action before a subsequent GMHA peer review committee duly conducted by medical professionals authorized to conduct the appeal proceeding; or

(B) without the finding(s) of the GMHA medical peer action having been reversed by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, wherein the appellant successfully appealed the GMHA medical peer review action; or

(C) without the appellant having successfully appealed the GMHA medical peer review action before the Judiciary of Guam;

any one of which may be deemed satisfactory to reverse the initial GMHA medical peer review action and seek a “void” with the NPDB; *provided*, that the conduct of the appeal and action taken in granting the appeal is legally acceptable to the National Practitioner Data Bank pursuant to applicable federal law, rules and regulations.

(4) Personal Liability - No Waiver of Immunity. The members of the Board of Trustees, and the GMHA Legal Counsel, *shall not* be personally immune from legal and civil liability for a knowing violation of Items (1), (2) and (3) of this Subsection (n).

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(o) Do any and all other things necessary to the full and convenient exercise of the above powers;

(p) Contract with a corporation to exercise any or all the powers of the Administrator, and of those officers authorized by § 80108 of this Chapter, if the Board so chooses;

(q) Acquire in accordance with the Procurement Law (5 GCA Chapter 5) and hold and use any personal property or construct any projects necessary or convenient or useful for carrying on of any of its powers pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter;

(r) (1) With the concurrence of *I Maga 'lahen Guahan* [Governor], negotiate with appropriate federal official (Secretary of Defense, officials of Tripler Army Hospital, etc.) for the implementation of § 105(k) of the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 with the Freely Associated States of Micronesia.

(2) All terms of the agreement shall be negotiated by the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority in the best interests of the people of Guam. The agreement must be submitted to *I Maga 'lahi* for his review and approval.

(s) Arrange a line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan, the total cumulative amount not to exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000), with banks or other lending institutions licensed to do business on Guam. All terms of the line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan agreement shall be negotiated by the Authority and *I Maga 'lahen Guahan* [Governor] in the best interests of the people of Guam. The terms of the line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan shall include the following:

(1) the line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan shall be used by the Authority when a cash shortage threatens the operation of the Hospital, and provided that the loan shall not be used for the hiring of non-health care professionals not involved with providing direct patient care or patient care support;

(2) no charge shall be levied by a lender for making the loan;

(3) the interest rate shall be subjected to negotiation between the Authority or designee as authorized by the Board of

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Trustees, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* and the lender; such interest rate shall be computed on a monthly average and based on the actual amount extended to the Authority; and

(4) interest earned by the lender shall be exempt from taxation by the government of Guam.

(5) *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* is authorized to pledge funds which Guam shall receive from the State Attorneys General Tobacco Litigation, as provided by Public Law 24-174, or the General Fund, or both funds in any combination, as a security for repayment of the loan, in addition to any revenues which may be pledged by the Authority. *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* and the Authority are hereby authorized to execute the loan agreement, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan agreement and other necessary documentation.

(6) The line of credit authorized in this Act shall not be used in the calculation for rate relief in any rate methodology for any rate case before the Public Utilities Commission.

(7) The primary source of repayment for the line of credit, revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan shall be as authorized in Public Law 30-196, Chapter III, Part I, Section 6(b) (the FY 2011 Budget Act). If required, the Authority may pledge, in addition, only its revenues as a security for repayment as determined by the negotiated agreement.

(8) Any money borrowed shall be repaid in accordance with the terms established in the negotiated agreement, but not to exceed an amortization period of more than twenty-five (25) years. In no case shall any amount borrowed be refinanced permitting repayment more than twenty-five (25) years after the loan is made.

(9) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated, the government of Guam hereby waives immunity from any suit or action in contract upon the loan and guaranty but *does not* waive sovereign immunity as to the personal liability of elected or appointed officials and employees of the government Guam. For the purposes of this provision only, immunity is also waived as to the award of attorney fees and related costs of the lender in connection with any suit brought by

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the lender to enforce any right or obligation incurred under the loan authorized hereby or in connection with the enforcement of any agreement, note or pledge that arises directly from the indebtedness authorized hereby.

(10) This Guarantee is a general obligation of the government of Guam, subject to the full faith and credit of the government of Guam. The Guarantor consents to any and all extension of time and waiver or modification of obligations guaranteed hereunder.

(11) *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, the Governor of Guam, at his discretion and with his consent, may pledge Compact Impact Funds received from the Department of Interior as a source of funding to secure the balance of the Twenty-five Million Dollar line of credit, revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan authorized in this Act to be used for the reduction of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority's vendor payables.

(t) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, make, negotiate and enter into a commercial lease, or issue a permit or license for the use of its real property and other related facilities for a term not to exceed five (5) years.

(u) Retain or contract, in accordance with applicable procurement law, services relative to the providing of cafeteria and/or other food vendor services, in whole or in part as determined to be necessary and appropriate. This shall include, but not be limited to, the management and operation of services for cafeteria, snack bar, restaurant, and/or other food related services or activities as deemed appropriate for non-inpatient visitors, patrons and GMHA staff.

(1) The solicitation and contracting for food services may include, to the extent deemed practicable, appropriate and necessary, the use of assets, real property and/or facilities, and as further provided for in accordance with Subsection (t) of this § 80109.

(2) The authorization pursuant to this Subsection (u) to retain and contract services relative to the providing of cafeteria and/or other food services shall not apply or pertain to replacing, supplanting and/or eliminating GMHA's in-house Dietetic Services

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department currently providing nutritional food services for inpatients.

(v) Notwithstanding Subsection (s) of this Section, to arrange a line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan, the amount not to exceed Nine Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,200,000), to finance the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Labor and Delivery Ward renovation Phases One through Four, and to include the “Arts In Public Buildings and Facilities” fee as required by § 852 of Article 2 of Chapter 8, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, with banks or other lending institutions licensed to do business on Guam. All terms of the line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan agreement shall be negotiated by the Guam Economic Development Authority and *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* (the Governor) in the best interests of the people of Guam. The terms of the line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan shall include the following:

(1) (A) the line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan shall be used by the Authority for the renovation of the Guam Memorial Hospital Labor and Delivery Ward (GMHA Maternal and Child Healthcare (MCH) Renovation Project);

(B) such line of credit shall not be authorized, nor shall any borrowing be initiated that incurs interest expenses until the architectural and engineering specifications are completed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), and the Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid to commence renovation is pending funding;

(2) no charge shall be levied by a lender for making the loan;

(3) the interest rate shall be subject to negotiation between the Board of Directors of GEDA, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*, and the lender; and such interest rate shall be computed on a monthly average and based on the actual amount extended for the Authority; and

(4) interest earned by the lender shall be exempt from taxation by the government of Guam.

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(5) The line of credit, a revolving loan fund, municipal lease financing, and/or a direct loan may be secured by a pledge or other reservation of revenues collected by the government of Guam from the taxes collected under the “Business Privilege Tax Law” (namely, 11 GCA Chapter 25, excluding the alcoholic beverage taxes, liquid fuel taxes, automotive surcharges, tobacco taxes and real property taxes). The Business Privilege Tax pledged or reserved may only be pledged or reserved on a basis that is subordinate to the pledge of revenues from the Business Privilege Tax that secure the Government’s Business Privilege Tax Bonds (currently, the Business Privilege Tax Bonds, Series 2011A, 2012B-1, 2012B-2, 2013C and 2015D, as well as any future bonds (collectively, the “Business Privilege Tax Bonds”)) issued under the indenture relating to the Business Privilege Tax Bonds (the “Indenture”), as well as any parity obligations permitted to be issued under such Indenture, on a basis that is in accordance with and complies with such Indenture. The sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) will be continuously appropriated annually to pay for the principal, interest, and debt reserve for the line of credit, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan. *I Maga’lâhen Guåhan* and the Guam Economic Development Authority are hereby authorized to execute the loan agreement, a revolving loan fund, and/or a direct loan agreement and other necessary documentation.

(6) Any money borrowed shall be repaid in accordance with the terms established in the negotiated agreement, but not to exceed an amortization period of more than twenty-five (25) years.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated, the government of Guam hereby waives immunity from any suit or action in contract upon the loan and guaranty, but does not waive sovereign immunity as to the personal liability of elected or appointed officials and employees of the government of Guam. For the purpose of this provision only, immunity is also waived as to the award of attorney fees and related costs in connection with any suit brought to enforce any right or obligation incurred under the loan authorized hereby or in connection with the enforcement of any agreement, note or pledge that arises directly from the indebtedness authorized hereby.

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(8) This Guarantee is a general obligation of the government of Guam, subject to the full faith and credit of the government of Guam. The Guarantor consents to any and all extension of time and waiver or modification of obligations guaranteed hereunder.

(9) Alternative Financing. *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* and the Guam Economic Development Authority are authorized to utilize the following alternative financing if necessary:

(A) Federal Guaranteed Loan or Community Facilities Loan and Grants, instrumentalities of the United States Department of Agriculture, if such financing better serves the needs of the people of Guam; and/or

(B) Municipal Lease Financing. *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*, with the assistance of the Guam Economic Development Authority, is authorized to enter into a municipal lease financing as defined under Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Division 5, Chapters 58, 58A, 58B, 58D and 58E.

(C) *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* is authorized to identify a fund source, except for funding sources that are already identified and earmarked for the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, limited to the amounts in this Act, and utilize such source for the purposes of renovating the labor, delivery, recovery, postpartum ward where our babies are born. *I Maga'låhi* shall notify *I Liheslatura* (the Legislature) of the fund source(s) identified pursuant to this provision no later than ten (10) working days after identification of funds.

(10) The GMHA Board of Trustees shall cause an update of its facilities master plan that will guide the capital improvement of the Guam Memorial Hospital. The Trustees shall allocate sufficient funds from the amount obtained from the line of credit, revolving fund, and/or direct loan authorized by this Subsection for the purpose of completing a master plan update. Review and approval of the completed master plan update shall be in accordance with the AAL. Said master plan update shall be completed within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of enactment of this statute.

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(11) That, if the labor and delivery ward operations or facilities are privatized, to include any public-private partnership, then, as a condition of such privatization agreement, the party or parties which have assumed control or ownership of the operations or facilities shall assume any outstanding debt and provide compensation to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for any incurred expenses that were financed under this Subsection.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 14-029:1 (May 27, 1977) as GC § 49003. Subsection (b) amended by P.L. 14-091:2 (Dec. 27, 1977). Subsection (l) repealed and reenacted by P.L. 14-140:28 (Aug. 31, 1978), repealed by P.L. 16-098:1 (July 2, 1982). Subsection (o) added by P.L. 15-135:11 (Aug. 22, 1980). Subsection (e) amended P.L. 16-007:10 (Apr. 24, 1981), repealed and reenacted by P.L. 16-098:4 (July 2, 1982). Subsection (n) amended by P.L. 16-098:5 (July 2, 1982). Subsection (c) amended by P.L. 16-124:21 (Dec. 29, 1982). Subsection (p) added by P.L. 16-124:22 (Dec. 29, 1982). Subsection (a) amended by P.L. 17-021:1 (Aug. 18, 1983). Subsection (b) amended by P.L. 17-083:1 (Dec. 21, 1984). Codified as 10 GCA § 80104. Subsection (b) repealed and reenacted by P.L. 18-026:7 (Dec. 31, 1985). Subsections (o) (1, 5 & 6) amended by P.L. 18-026:10 (Dec. 31, 1985). Subsection (q) added by P.L. 18-026:13 (Dec. 31, 1985). Subsection (c) amended by, P.L. 20-228:1 (Jan. 30, 1991), P.L. 29-014:2 (Sept. 7, 2007). Subsection (s) added by P.L. 25-150:2 (July 7, 2000), amended by P.L. 30-200:2 (Dec. 9, 2010). Subsections (s)(10) and (11) added by P.L. 32-043:2 (July 2, 2013). Subsection (s)(9) amended by P.L. 32-105:1 (Jan. 14, 2014). Subsection (u) added by P.L. 31-002:2 (Mar. 8, 2011). Subsection (n) amended by P.L. 32-158:2 (May 21, 2014). Subsection (v) added by P.L. 32-204:1 (Oct. 13, 2014), and P.L. 33-151:1 (May 13, 2016).

2013 NOTE: This section was originally codified as GC § 49007, entitled "*Employment Practices.*" Repealed and added as 10 GCA § 80113 by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

Numbers and/or letters were added or altered to adhere to the Compiler's alphanumeric scheme in accordance to 1 GCA § 1606.

NOTE: P.L. 20-228:1 (Jan. 30, 1991) amended 10 GCA § 80103(c). This appeared to be a manifest error. The correct section is § 80104(e).

NOTE: The authority to establish fees was also found in § 80105.1 of this Chapter, which was apparently added as untitled and uncodified law by P.L. 19-005:55 (Aug. 21, 1987), repealed and added by P.L. 23-22:2 (May 30, 1995), and repealed by P.L. 25-005:8 (May 10, 1999).

§ 80110. Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

(a) The Board shall hire or contract an Administrator, who shall be its Chief Executive Officer. The Administrator's duties and compensation, salary and endowments, shall be determined by the Board. The Administrator shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

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(1) shall have graduated from a recognized college or university with a Master's Degree in hospital administration, health services management or a related field, plus six (6) years of experience in hospital administration or healthcare services management, of which three (3) years must have been experience as an administrator in a hospital setting; or

(2) shall have graduated from a recognized college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in hospital administration, health services management, or a related field, plus eight (8) years of experience in hospital administration or healthcare services management, of which five (5) years must have been experience as an administrator in a hospital setting;

(3) shall have experience in negotiating and directing activities related to obtaining reimbursement from government programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid or the Medically Indigent Program of the government of Guam; and

(4) shall have experience in negotiating contracts with external parties, including third party payers, vendors, insurance carriers and other contracting parties.

(b) The Board shall set the tenure of office for the Administrator of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. The Board may hire the Hospital Administrator by direct employment as an unclassified employee of the government of Guam, or by personal services contract, as the Board deems necessary to attract and retain a qualified Administrator. However, the term of employment for the position of Administrator shall not end six (6) months prior to nor six (6) months after an election for Senators, and Governor and Lt. Governor. The Board by an affirmative vote of at least five (5) members may renew the contract of the Administrator. Similarly, the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members may terminate the services of the Administrator for cause in the same manner and procedure as a Trustee may be removed pursuant to § 80107 of this Chapter. Upon a change of administration of the government of Guam after a gubernatorial election, no courtesy resignation shall be requested by the new administration nor offered by the Administrator of the Hospital.

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(c) The Administrator shall have full charge and control of the operations and maintenance of the Hospital. The powers of the Administrator shall include:

(1) to recommend rules and regulations for adoption by the Board of Trustees, and to see that all rules and regulations of the Hospital are enforced;

(2) to ensure compliance with all federal and local regulations;

(3) to act as liaison to the governing body for the medical, nursing, and other professional staff and all facility departments;

(4) to attend, unless excused by the Board, all meetings of the Board and to submit written reports on the affairs of the Hospital each month;

(5) to keep the Board advised on the needs of the Hospital and approve demands for payment of obligations within the purposes and amounts authorized by the Board;

(6) to prepare and cause to be prepared all plans and specifications for purchased services and the construction and repair of equipment and facilities operated by the Hospital and serve as the Hospital's Chief Procurement Officer;

(7) to devote that person's time to the business of the Hospital, to select and appoint the employees of the Hospital, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, and to plan, organize, coordinate and control the services of such employees in the exercise of the powers of the Hospital under the general direction of the Board;

(8) to prepare, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the end of each fiscal year, an annual report of the results of the operations for the preceding fiscal year and the financial status of the Hospital on the last day thereof;

(9) to perform and issue such other additional duties as the Board may require; and

(10) to arrange for the burial of any fetus not claimed by its mother or father within thirty (30) days.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 14-029:1 (May 27, 1977) as GC § 49005. Subsection (b)(9) added by P.L. 15-112:3 (Mar. 14, 1980). Codified as 10 GCA § 80107.

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Repealed and added by P.L. 25-150:8 (July 7, 2000). Repealed and added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

2013 NOTE: This section was originally codified as GC § 49008, entitled, "*Exemption from Taxation.*" Codified as 10 GCA § 80110. Repealed and reenacted as 10 GCA § 80115 by P.L. 30-190 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80111. Chief Financial Officer.

(a) The position of Chief Financial Officer is established within the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. The Chief Financial Officer shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

(1) possession of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certificate in the United States and a Bachelor's Degree in Health Services Management (HSM) or health related work experience, plus one (1) year supervisory experience; or

(2) graduation from a recognized college or university with a Master's Degree in accounting, finance, economics, business administration or a related field, plus four (4) years experience as an administrator for general accounting and fiscal services of which one (1) year must be management-level fiscal experience in a hospital or health care facility; or

(3) graduation from a recognized college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in accounting finance, economics, business administration or a related field, plus five (5) years as an administrator responsible for general accounting and fiscal services of which two (2) years must be management-level fiscal experience in a hospital or health care facility; and

(4) shall have experience in negotiating contracts with external parties, including third party payers, vendors, insurance carriers and other contracting parties.

(b) The Chief Financial Officer shall report directly to the Hospital Administrator. The Hospital Administrator shall hire the Chief Financial Officer by direct employment as an unclassified employee of the government of Guam, or by personal services contract, as is deemed necessary by the Hospital Administrator to attract and retain a qualified Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer's duties and compensation shall be determined by the Hospital Administrator, in consultation with the Board of Trustees.

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SOURCE: Added as uncodified law by P.L. 25-150:13 (July 7, 2000). Codified by Compiler as 10 GCA § 80107.1. Amended by 29-014:3 (Sept. 7, 2007). Repealed and added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

2013 NOTE: This section was originally codified from GC § 49009, entitled, “*Contracts and Purchases.*” Subsection (d) amended by P.L. 16-098:7 (July 2, 1982). Codified as 10 GCA § 80111. Repealed by P.L. 16-124:23 (Dec. 29, 1982).

NOTE: P.L. 28-068:42 (Sept. 30, 2005) transferred duties and responsibilities assigned to the Civil Service Commission to the Director of Administration, effective January 1, 2006 pursuant to P.L. 28-068:47 and 48.

§ 80112. Construction With Other Laws.

Insofar as the provisions of this Chapter are inconsistent with the provisions of any other law, the provisions of this Chapter shall be controlling; and in particular but not by way of limitation, except as may be provided in this Chapter, no provision of any law with respect to employment of personnel, shall be applicable to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority unless *LIHESLATURA* shall specifically so state; provided, however, that the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority may utilize in its operations the procedures and facilities provided by any such law or by the executive agencies of the government of Guam.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

2013 NOTE: This section was originally codified from GC § 49010, entitled, “*Fiscal Authority; Accounting and Expenditures.*” Codified as 10 GCA § 80112. Repealed and added as 10 GCA § 80115 by P.L. 30-190 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80113. Employment Practices.

(a) The Board shall establish and administer rules and regulations governing the compensation and classification of health professionals of the hospital.

(b) All employees of the hospital, *except* physicians and healthcare administrators, the Hospital Administrator, Associate Administrators for Clinical, Operations and Medical Services, and the Chief Financial Officer, *shall* be members of the classified service of the government of Guam.

(1) This Subsection *shall* include Allied Health providers, as defined pursuant to Chapter 12, Part 1 and Part 2, of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, practicing in their specialty and employed as Health Care Administrators (HCA) for their department who *shall* be members of the classified service of the government of Guam. These positions

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are herein referenced, but not limited to, as follows: Chief Respiratory Therapist (HCA), Chief Hospital Radiology Technologist (HCA), Chief Hospital Pharmacist (HCA), Administrator of Laboratory Services (HCA), Chief of Rehabilitative Services (HCA), and Administrator of Hospital Food Services (HCA).

(c) Each hospital employee shall be eligible to continue to be or to become a member of the government of Guam Retirement Fund pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated. The hospital shall pay for the employer's contribution to the Retirement Fund that is assessed by the Fund's Board of Trustees for the benefit of hospital employees who are members of the Fund.

(d) Each hospital employee shall be eligible to participate in any government of Guam health and life insurance plan or prepaid health plan.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 14-029:1 (May 27, 1977) as GC § 49007. Subsection (b) amended by P.L. 16-023:13 (Aug. 11, 1981), and P.L. 16-041:5 (Sept. 28, 1981) (amending P.L.16-023:13). Codified as 10 GCA § 80109. Repealed and added by by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010). Subsection (b) amended by P.L. 33-023:1 (May 7, 2015). Subsection (b)(1) added by P.L. 33-023:1 (May 7, 2015).

2015 NOTE: Pursuant to P.L. 33-023:2:

Section 2. Classification Without Loss or Reduction in Salary, Status or Benefits. As provided pursuant to Section 1 of this Act, and notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation, the personnel in the positions identified in Item (1) of § 80113(b) of Chapter 80 of Division 4, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, *shall* have their admission as members in the classified service of the government of Guam occur without a disruption in service, or loss or reduction in salary, status or benefits.

2013 NOTE: This section was originally codified from GC § 49010, entitled, "*Fiscal Authority; Accounting and Expenditures.*" Codified as 10 GCA § 80112. Repealed and added as 10 GCA § 80116 by P.L. 30-190:1 (Aug. 28, 2010).

§ 80114. Attorney.

(a) The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority may employ an attorney to assist and represent the Hospital and to advise the Board in all civil matters in which the Hospital is a party or in which the Hospital is legally interested; provided that the Attorney General shall represent the Hospital in litigation concerning the affairs of the Authority, unless he or she delegates this duty to the Attorney of the Hospital, with respect to any such litigation.



SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, TOURISM, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, LAND AND JUSTICE
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35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice convened a public hearing on Friday, August 7, 2020 beginning at 1:00 PM in *I Liheslatura's* Virtual Conference Platform. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Sonia L. Siliang to serve as a Member, Board of Trustees of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'Hågan Guåhan* on June 23, 2020 to serve Six (6) years; April 15, 2020 to April 14, 2026;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on June 24, 2020;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on June 25, 2020.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices for this Confirmation Hearing were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Monday, July 31, 2020 (5-day Notice) and again on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 (48-Hour Notice). The notice was also published in the Guam Daily Post on Monday, July 31, 2020 and Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

Senators Present

Senator Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson
Senator Sabina F. Perez, Co-Chairperson
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator James Camacho Moylan
Senator William M. Castro

Appearing Before the Committee

Sonia L. Siliang, Nominee
Sarah Thomas Nededog, Member, Board of Trustees,
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II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje presented the agenda items that would be heard during the hearing. The appointment of Sonia L. Siliang to serve as a Member, Board of Trustees, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority was the first item on the agenda. Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje acknowledged other senators present and announced the Guam Legislature's general rules of conduct for virtual hearings prior to proceeding with testimony.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: *Hafa adai!* So, we'll begin with the first item on our agenda which is the reappointment of Sonia L. Siliang to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees. She's been appointed to serve a term length of six (6) years beginning April 15, 2020 to April 14, 2026.

The GMH Board of Trustees, according to Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated, is liable for the negligent act of any hospital employee or officer if the board knew or had noticed that said employee or officer was inefficient and incompetent to perform the services for which he was hire or said board retained such inefficient or incompetent person after knowledge or notice of such inefficiency or incompetency. No trustee shall be liable for any decision made in good faith, non-malicious fulfillment of his duties. The board shall be liable as fiduciaries in the execution of their duties. No trustee shall be actively engaged in the selling of services or goods to the hospital without the express approval of the board. No trustee shall act when a conflict of interest occurs.

So now we will hear from those who signed up to testify on behalf of Ms. Siliang. We ask that testimony be kept in no more than five minutes to ensure the timely progression of this hearing. So, we will begin now with another Trustee and thank you for being here and thank you for your service. Ms. Sarah Thomas Nededog, you may begin.

Sarah Thomas Nededog: Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair Terlaje and Senators Moylan and Taitague and of course our nominee for the reappointment to the Guam

Memorial Hospital Board, Ms. Sonia Siliang. I believe everyone has received my written testimony. Do you have that, Senators?

Okay. So, I don't want to read from that. But I do just want to very briefly tell you about my experience with the person we're talking about today, Ms. Sonia Siliang. I met her first at the Guam Memorial Hospital Board where she and I serve on the Board of Trustees. She was already on the board, had already been serving on the board and she was very welcoming and was very open to giving me an orientation, her own perspective on how things were going at the hospital and how she saw the board. Since then, we both have been on the Subcommittee for Governance and Strategic Planning of which she's been very active and made many contributions to that.

You all must know that in the last year since we took our seats, or where the board was, I would say for a lack of better term, reorganized in the last year and a half, that the Board of Trustees has been very active and participatory in carrying out its fiduciary responsibilities. So, we went through the CMS visit. We also were in observance of the Army Corps of Engineers visit to Guam and we have met regularly. I don't know of a month that has gone by really without the board meeting.

And as you know as we have done in most meetings now, we have been meeting recently via Zoom. So, we've...Ms. Siliang has joined again. The governance of the Strategic Planning Committee has been very active on the board and carrying out its responsibilities. I'm just so pleased that we have someone with her background, with her insight making those contributions to the board. She has made suggestions and shared ideas that I think have been very appropriate and useful in our decision making. So, with that, I will just say that it's been a real pleasure serving alongside her. I did not know her prior to a year and a half ago, but it's been absolutely wonderful having her as a colleague on the Board of Trustees. I feel she's absolutely honest and sincere in her carrying out her role as a member of the Board of Trustees and very, very diligent in terms of making sure she reads the meeting minutes before and that she really knows as much as she can about the issues that come before us. So, she asked questions as I said and those are generally for me, they're really good tips for me when I'm trying to see who's really serious about this job.

So, thank you Sonia for being on the board with us. And I hope that the legislature confirms you. And if there's any questions that you might want to ask me, I'm available to you. Thank you.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you very much Sarah. Thank you for that testimony.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Sorry senator you were muted for just a second, so we didn't hear you after.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Oh okay. Thank you, Sarah, for the testimony and we will now hear from Mallory Morgan. Mallory you may proceed.

Mallory Morgan: *Hafa Adai.* Hello Senators. Thank you for your time and allowing me to come speak on behalf of Ms. Siliang's support for her reconfirmation. I just wanted to come today to speak to Ms. Siliang's character. I've worked with Ms. Siliang for two and a half years with the Government of Guam at the Bureau of Statistics and Plans. So, I know her very well in a professional capacity. And I did submit written testimony which I hope that you all have a copy of. But just wanted to really confirm and again just reiterate how hardworking and diligent and dedicated she is. She's very detail oriented and I also worked with her in a second job, the U.S. Census. Even in that job as well, she's very thorough in all of her tasks and she's the type of person that really makes sure that she understands fully a problem before she starts. She has a very diverse background as I mentioned. She works with the Bureau of Statistics and Plans and also with the census but has so much work experience in her past that I'm sure really culminates and makes her a very good fit for this board. So, I wanted to speak briefly and show my support and hope that if you have any other questions you will feel free to reach out to me. Thanks for your time.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you very much Ms. Morgan and we appreciate the insight from someone with experience with the nominee as you have. I want to note for the record that we've also received written testimony in support of this nomination from Whitney C. Hoot, Coral Reef Resilience Coordinator at the Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans. I think now we will proceed to the nominee herself, Sonia and thank you again for accepting this reappointment and you may proceed if you have testimony to provide.

If I could first recognize the attendance of my colleague, Senator Will Castro. Thank you, senator. Okay Sonia, the floor is yours now.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: *Hafa Adai* and good afternoon Honorable Chair Senator Therese Terlaje and Senators of the 35th Guam Legislature. My name is Sonia Siliang and I have been serving the people of Guam on the Board of Trustees since my appointment in March of 2018. Today I'm here to accept my nomination for reappointment and want to assert that I still have the drive and the passion to serve the people of Guam in this capacity.

As a board of trustee, it has always been my goal to make continuous strides to improve the quality of service at Guam's only public hospital. Although at times it can seem like an endless battle to keep afloat, my commitment to the hospital has never wavered. During my current term I have gained new knowledge and appreciation for the outstanding employees at the hospital. To those unsung heroes at GMH, I applaud your dedication, professionalism and hard work in providing great care to our

patients, most especially during the current pandemic. As trustees it is our fiduciary responsibility to make responsible decisions on behalf of the people and to be mindful of our financial well-being. It is vital that our public hospital succeed. The healthcare industry is continuously changing, and the board has to navigate, understand and ensure that our hospital is best using their resources. It is also critical and part of my mission to see to it that the people of Guam have access to quality health care.

Although the board oversees the financial health of the hospital, we are often at times left with making decisions to pay one bill over the other and we have a hospital that is in dire need of capital improvements with no dedicated funding to provide for these improvements.

As a planner for the Bureau Statistics and Plans, I know firsthand the importance of having a strategic plan and following through with timelines to meet the goals and objectives of any project. Some personal accomplishments during my two-year term on the board as co-chair of the governance by laws and strategic planning subcommittee are reviewing and updating the board of trustee bylaws to ensure that the GMHA board is relevant to current needs of the hospital. I also worked with the subcommittee to develop a five-year strategic plan. And now we are currently tasked with creating measures with targets so we can track and evaluate our progress towards our goals and develop an action plan to ensure that our strategic plans are measurable and feasible. The five-year strategic plan will include deliberate decisions to ensure the hospital's financial health while maximizing profit and identifying and diversifying sources of revenue, as well as, measures to pay down our debts and conduct more community outreach about the hospital and its current state.

I firmly believe transparency is key and I will exemplify that if reappointed as a trustee. The board currently has a group of very diverse trustees who are engaged and highly involved in moving and working towards positive changes. I have built successful working relationships with the other board members and we have set a very effective, dynamic relationship for producing results for the hospital.

In closing, it is of utmost importance that we set a stable, long-term direction for the hospital, and that as a trustee we are better prepared to understand the hospital services, needs and trends in the healthcare environment. I believe that a successful trustee will build positive relationships with other board members, the hospital's executive team, medical staff leaders and the organization's other key stakeholders. Trustees are the voice of the people and I would be so humbled to continue my service as that voice for the people of Guam.

Thank you, *sulang and dungkulu na si Yu'os ma'åse* for your consideration and trust.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you very much Ms. Siliang for your service and for your continued willingness to do so. I'm glad that the other member of the board, Ms. Nededog also pointed out the committee you're serving on, that's the facilities committee. Did I hear that correctly?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Governance, Bylaws and Strategic Planning.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Oh, Governance, Bylaws and Strategic Planning. Okay, great. Those were all cited in some of the CMS citations. So, I want to note that I think the governance has definitely seen improvement. So, I thank you for all the improvements in those areas. You've been a member since 2015?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: 2018.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: 2018. Okay, my apologies, this is wrong. Alright, yeah so, it's just been a couple of years now, and now this will be for a six (6) year term. What is the progress of the Five-Year Strategic Plan?

Sonia Siliang, Appointee: So right now, our subcommittee, actually we just met a few days ago. Our task now is to break out our objectives and give it out to our other subcommittees like, Capital Improvements Financial Committee, Human Resources Committee, and just break down the objectives piece by piece, put measurements that we can actually reach and timelines to keep our goals achievable.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Okay, when do you expect it to be completed or at least a draft?

Sonia Siliang, Appointee: The strategic plan is already completed.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Oh, it's been completed and not implemented?

Sonia Siliang, Appointee: Yes. So now it's a task of how we achieve our goals and now we're just breaking it down piece by piece and having timelines and metrics to measure if we reach those goals.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Okay great. My apologies. When was it last updated then?

Sonia Siliang, Appointee: It was just updated 2019.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Okay, alright thank you.

Sonia Siliang, Appointee: So, it's fairly new and current as can be.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Okay, great. Do you have any continuing business or potential interest that might affect your ability to perform your duties as a board member?

Sonia Siliang, Appointee: I have none.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: What about your current employment? Do you think that affects your ability to serve on this board? I know you currently work at the Bureau of Statistics and Plans.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: It hasn't in any way. And I feel that it actually strengthens my position at the board because I see overall government. You know we do a lot of planning and projects for the Bureau Statistics and Plans. And so just helping every agency reach their goals and finances, it's the same concept when I go into the board. It's just dedicated to the hospital though.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: I forgot to recognize the attendance of my other colleague Senator Sabina Perez. Thank you, Senator Perez, for joining me and again thank you to Senator Taitague, Senator Moylan and Senator Castro, and Senator Perez for being here today.

Okay. As a returning member to the board, you mentioned some of the critical capital improvement projects that are necessary and I want to thank you for giving us in the last fiscal year, a list of priorities. I think that very much helped us. I want to thank the Board also for making progress on some of those priorities even without the money from the excess revenue that was supposed to go to the hospital. So, you had found in your own budget enough money to take care of the elevators and to continue upgrading of the panel without changing it and some of the others like the EHR that you've all been able to accomplish. That was a huge, huge feat that we've been able to smoothly, or were working on smoothly changing over to the updated system.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Yes.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you for that. What is your analysis of the status of the HVAC system upgrade- the air conditioning?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Well the Capital Improvement Subcommittee, I know William Kando and Trustee Sharon Davis are working on that project. Our last board meeting was a few weeks ago and we did not get an update on the HVAC, but we're due for a board meeting in two weeks.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Alright. You know I have a long list of things that I want to ask you about the hospitals and the details, but maybe you could tell us what you think are the most important things that you've had to work on with the committees that you're working with and just on the board in general during this pandemic?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Well of course finance is always number one. Our second, well maybe equally priority one is the condition of our hospital. But of course, it takes money to make improvements. We are also working, as a board on our individual knowledge of the hospital, so we have taken on training. As a board, we've done self-evaluations. That's something new because to be a good board member, you have to participate, and you have to be knowledgeable about what goes on every day at the hospital. And we only meet like once a month. So, it's very hard. Sometimes we're meeting as a reactionary group. So, we find out things in the media, we find out things after it's already done and damaged. Then we're left to be blamed. "Oh, the board didn't care, the board didn't participate." We're only as good as the knowledge we have, right? Our intentions are there. You know we want to see our hospitals succeed. We have a really great staff, we really do. Sometimes they don't get the acknowledgement they deserve, you know. And I also think that, I know that the hospital has like every agency, every hospital, every business...there's good and bad times. Well we constantly hear only the negatives of the hospital. So sometimes as a board member, it's very discouraging because you know that when you go in there, you put your all in. The decisions we make are not easy.

It always comes down to finance. We want to do this, but we don't have money. We want to do this but we're behind in our bills. We want to give someone a raise, but we don't have medicine. It always comes down to finance. And I feel like sometimes we don't always get that 100 percent support. And people deserve a good hospital. They deserve good healthcare. We're doing things as a board collaboratively. Where we're getting knowledge for ourselves and then we're also having higher expectations of our executive administrative people. Like we are putting more tasks on them. We're expecting more information, more follow-ups, and more transparency. And I think that we're off to a really good start. It's a really great group and I would like to continue because we have so many plans. You just have to wait and see.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Well I'm glad to hear that the board is more active with the details, especially, the finances. I think that's a big change. Sometimes at hearings, I ask if the board was part of a decision and it's not always the case. Like you said, "sometimes after the fact".

So, I hope especially with the subcommittee that you are on, that you really make that the priority. Thank you for the accomplishments that you have made so far. I encourage you to push that even more. This is a Board of Trustee's fiduciary duty for the hospital. We want you to be responsible. You're right that you need information. I'm with you. I don't like to find out about it in the news and then have to try to answer for it. I think the public deserves to be brought along. Good or bad, we need to know. Thank you for that. I'm going to open it up to my colleagues now. Senator Taitague?

Senator T. Telo Taitague: *Si Yu'os ma'åse* to you Madame Chair for the opportunity. Thank you, first and foremost Sonia, for stepping up to the plate again and serving on this board- something that's very dear to my heart. As you know, I've introduced legislation that calls for a task force to be put together. And one of the individuals on the task force is the administrator or his or her designee. I was wondering if the board had the opportunity to review this legislation that was passed into law and if there's any talk amongst the board members if there should be somebody to represent? This is regarding building a new hospital. It's the "Our Hospital, Our Life" task force. Have you guys been talking about that at all?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Well I guess because of the pandemic, our focus now or recently is just our patients, our COVID patients and just preparing ourselves for possibly that second wave. We haven't specifically talked about a task force but I'm sure.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Yeah, it's actually a legislation that was passed, came into law and it's a task force. So, it's not to create one but to at least have someone representing from the hospital. It calls for the administrator of the hospital or his or her designee.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Yes, I'm not aware of who that designee would be? They haven't mentioned it at our meetings.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Well I appreciate it Sonia if you can bring it up in the meetings and maybe I can...

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: I sure would.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: ...actually, bring the law or send you a copy of the legislation that was passed into law. Since you mentioned COVID, there's about maybe \$11 million dollars that was given from the CARES ACT from the Governor's office to Guam Memorial Hospital- \$11.5 million dollars is that correct? That number sound familiar. In that funding that's given, does the board make recommendations as to how to use that funding or is it something that the administrator does and just shows the board and says this is what we're going to spend it on. Or does the board actually have the ability to talk about where that money should go?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: No, we did not discuss where the money would go but we were advised that we did receive that funds and it would be going to additional equipment, supplies and even payroll.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: And even payroll yeah for them. So I think it's about 11.9 million to be exact. Hey how are the elevators? Are the elevators up Sonia?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Yes, they're all running. All four.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Yay! Great! Bravo! Bravo! That's good news. Good news. You guys are a good board. I greatly appreciate that. Right on! There's...well first you were appointed in March of 2018. So that means you were appointed by Governor Calvo at the time. Correct?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Yes.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Okay, I greatly appreciate his appointing you to this board. It's obvious that you know your stuff. And I greatly appreciate the website that's put up on the board. And the transparency you mentioned earlier, well you know you're probably the first board member I know that's up to date on their website on the board minutes and the meetings. So, kudos to that and I hope you continue on. You have my support, total support Sonia. I believe that you're making great progress there. And I really ask that if you can continue to push for someone to represent this task force regarding building a new hospital. I know it's in a time of COVID, but we still need to prepare for the future. I know you have a little bit of time spent for that as well. So, my last question would be DOC and Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness. These two areas. Do you guys have an agreement with the three, with providing like assistance nursing at DOC or nursing at any kind of employees from Guam Memorial Hospital to these agencies?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Yes, we do. We do collaborate with them and we have nurses that are working there at the DOC.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: And the agreement, is this something that the board discussed? I've always wondered how those agreements are put into place for these other agencies like DOC and Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness. Is it a board function or is it an administrative function?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Well actually when I got in, in 2018, the agreement with DOC and GMH was already established. There was even a time and point where, and they still are not current in their paying for services that we give them, but as you know as a government agency and the only public hospital, we still service them even without the payment. So that again goes back to our financial struggles...is payment. We don't get the payment we rightfully should get for the services we give.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Right well, that's something that I've kept an eye on and understanding that Guam Memorial does not get paid on time or you know whether it's insurance or especially for another government agency not to pay its bills is something that really needs to be pushed and looked into. So again, thank you for those answers. And again, you have my support Sonia. Good luck to you and thank you for stepping up to the plate.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Thank you. And I agree you know we should help each other out but we, I understand that DOC has their struggles financially as well. But their struggles should not become our struggles or additional struggles for GMH. So, I just hope that they somehow find a budget to pay us for the services that were rendered so that we can meet our goals and take care of our hospital.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Right on. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you senator. Senator Moylan, you are recognized.

Senator James C. Moylan: Thank you Madam Chair. Thank you, Sonia, for accepting the nomination. Congratulations for really willing to continue on with your service. It does take a lot of your time. And you obviously sound really interested and also experienced. I think that's good that you decided to continue on with that experience. Your term is going to be longer than any of our senators here. At least because we're just a two-year term and you got six. So, I'm glad that you're going to continue that experience to help the hospital. I also am hoping that you would reach out to us and of course the next 36th Guam Legislature on whatever you feel the hospital needs and help direct if there's legislation that needs to be done. At least the 35th, I know we were focused on the hospital. That's a primary responsibility and a need for the community so we want to, even though the money is not there, we want to put whatever resources we can into the hospital. So, I'm glad you're continuing on and I wish you the best. So, thank you for your continued service. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you senator. Senator Castro, you are recognized. Can't hear you senator, please try again. I'm still not hearing you. I'm sorry. I'm going to move forward to Senator Perez and we'll try again. Okay Senator Perez you are recognized.

Senator Sabina F. Perez: Thank you Madam Chair. *Hafa Adai* Sonia. I'm just really assured by all the answers that you've given today and your testimony and that it shows your dedication. And not only that, but the heart to make the changes that are needed for the hospital. And we definitely need somebody like that on the board-somebody that really wants to do good by the community. I appreciate your accepting the nomination to be on the board. I'm just also curious in regard to this strategic plan that you've set forth. Has it changed much given the new circumstances with COVID? Do you see more of this collaboration happening amongst the different health facilities and how maybe we can capitalize upon that?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Okay so our strategic plan was vetted in 2019. However, we know that it's a work in progress you know. We're trying to, now that we've experienced the pandemic, which we never thought would happen. Moving forward we can adjust our action plans to cover a future pandemic or the lessons we're learning now, we can implement those in this, in the next updates of the strategic plans. And the measurements that we will take, we can learn from this pandemic. But I know right now we've divided all the objectives to the subcommittees, and we are going to be thinking and considering what to do and not to do. And I just know that this group of trustees will deliver something that will impress you all. And really for the first time bring the hospital to a level where the people can be assured that they will be taken care of.

Senator Sabina F. Perez: Yeah Thank you for that. I know these were very difficult times and you know it's great to have people like you to kind of help guide it through. Just another thing about the finances. So, as you said, you guys have a lot of dreams about improving the hospital to make it more accessible to our people. If you could just share some of those ideas as far as how we're going to diversify or maybe shore up the financial capacity of the hospital or some of the top three ideas that you guys might have.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: So not to say too much because I want that committee to be the one to divulge the information. But with Lillian and you know the new administration, they have been seeking grants. They've been pursuing monies owed and they've been paying taxes all down. I mean finance, our financial committee right now is chaired by someone in the finance sector and so he's really on top of how we should tackle such a large debt and how to bring it down. We'll probably never get it to zero, because of needs and population growth. But we're tackling it piece by piece

and not just giving in to the whole, "Okay we're doomed." If we have that kind of mentality then yes, we will be doomed. So, I know unless we win the lottery, we know that we're never going to get the full money that we want but we're going to try to minimize or seek free money. If there's such a thing.

Senator Sabina F. Perez: Thank you for those answers. I appreciate again your commitment to serving another term on the board. *Si Yu'os ma'ase* and thank you Madam Chair.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you, senator. We'll now recognize Senator Will Castro.

Senator William M. Castro: Let's give this another shot. Can you hear me? Does that work? Okay awesome. *Hafa Adai* Sonia. Thank you for accepting another appointment. I want to fully disclose Madam Chair that I actually hired Sonia when I was the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans. But by no means does that mean she's going to get off easy. As a matter of fact, it's to the people of Guam, to the Palauan community, so thank you. Now in your professional capacity Sonia, as a board member, I'm not going to give you a hard time on this. I do want to leave you with this being that my tenure as a senator in the 35th will be coming to an end in January when the 36th legislature sits.

Please keep in mind that the Hospital Management Advisory Team had published, and I think you were a big part of that, a consolidated report that included cost cutting, cost containment measures. It also included some revenue enhancement strategies. And the reason why I bring this up for the public record Sonia, as a board member is because as we go through the process of scrutinizing the budget during next week's session, there's going to be some important questions about revenue in terms of how the COVID situation has affected the hospital's ability to recover monies. Remember historically over a period of time, the \$30 million-dollar shortfall on average over the last ten (10) years has been created because of our client's inability to pay right?

They're either underinsured or not insured at all. And so, everybody who's been serving prior to COVID, specifically yourself, I think has a moral and professional obligation to be prepared to make your case to either cut costs or to put into motion those revenue enhancement strategies. I know I want to ask you at another time so that I don't put you on the spot, but I'd like to follow up with you on the status of the Z-wing and what is the hospital's plan to address some of those inadequate facilities to provide specialized services whether it's inpatient or outpatient care. I happen to have immersed myself in those conversations during the Calvo Administration and those questions have not gone away. And it's not a failure of Governor Calvo and it's certainly not a failure of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero either. This is a monumental

task that even our good Chairperson here, Senator Terlaje and my colleagues look at and think about regularly.

And so, I look forward to you thinking innovatively. It's going to get tough, more tough for the people of Guam in the months ahead. As the infusion of federal monies to alleviate the pressure of a collapsing economy around us fades away. And so please think about that- about how you're going to save the island and perhaps the region's only real first line of emergency defense, right? And saving lives. And so, thank you.

Madam Chair, I just wanted to encourage her and thank her for her service and encourage her to think about the hard questions that have been outlined in the HMAT, the Hospital Management Advisory Teams Consolidated Report. You have my support Sonia. Thank you and I'll send you the tough questions directly but thank you for continuing to serve.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Thank you.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you Senator. Sonia, I think that report was just maybe a year before your time or just a little bit before your time on that board. But yes, I think maybe you've discussed it at the board level, or you had to make yourself familiar with that in order to move forward. Related to that is the very specific to the operations and the costs and how to manage that.

You mentioned that the plan is going to help bring in revenue but as it is now, there was... we all went through it. Okay, we all had to live through this, the health emergency, the pressure on the hospital, the sudden changes in the hospital and of course there were complaints in the community about those changes. For example, the visiting policy, whether other employees in the hospital were being equally exposed or lesser exposed. Kind of that debate, right? To COVID when it became the COVID hospital and just those things. So, the hospital administration made all those decisions itself. I just want to know what part the board did play in that. Were they active or inactive after the fact? Or what would you say to the community about the board's role in the response to the pandemic and the changes that had to be made in hospital policy?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: I would say honestly more reactive. We don't make so many decisions. I mean I'll just speak for myself. I don't know if the other trustees got the information and I didn't, but I usually get information after it's happened or after a decision has been made. And then at our meeting they would recap everything that has been done. So, it's not that I'm making a decision, I'm just hearing the decision that was made. And then if we see that, "Well, why wasn't this done?" Then we can try to correct it or moving forward, let's not let that happen again, you know. But I feel that a lot of times it'll be reactive. Just like this incident with the security guard. I have not

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heard anything personally, directly from anyone regarding the issue. I'm just reading it in the newspaper the same way everyone else is getting their information. But I also know that I don't 100 percent... I would say the media sometimes, things are exaggerated or one-sided or two-sided maybe. But there's always a third story and so I try not to judge too much on what I read or hear until I hear directly from the staff at the hospital or from Lillian. But yes, most of the times it's a reaction.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: What is your understanding of CMS's request of our hospital? What is their standard? What are they expecting of the board? Is this consistent or inconsistent?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Well one of the things we were cited for was not having enough meetings and so one of the projects or tasks that we as a governance by-laws and strategic plan committee did, we updated the bylaws because we were also setting up ourselves for citations because our bylaws were outdated. So, it was saying that we should meet every month knowing sometimes we can't make quorum and so we don't meet every month. And so, then we're cited. So, we have to be smart. So now we say quarterly. This is not to say we're going to meet quarterly because we know so much can happen in three weeks, but at least if we don't meet monthly, we won't be cited for it. And if we have something special that comes up, we can have a special meeting. But those are just some of the things that we have made changes to and because we don't want to set ourselves up for failure.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: All right.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: You know time and time again nobody was addressing issues like that whether they seem smaller or not.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Okay. Did CMS ever cite the hospital's governance for not being part of decisions such as patient care decisions or billing decisions or is that not an issue?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: I have not seen any citations regarding the trustees not having that much say and what happens at the hospital. But we are an active body now. Sometimes you don't always hear that or see that because we're a surprise kind of group. We like to do things the hard way but behind the scenes and we want our work to show for itself.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Alright. Well I do know that you have been meeting regularly and that's because my staff attends and that you work on very many things. But there was even an allegation this morning on the radio that the hospital is not

prepared for a surge in COVID. And I am sorry that you are alone to answer this, but with all we've been through, what do you think as a board member? Are we prepared?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: I believe the hospital is prepared. We have a designated COVID Center. We have testing. We have equipment. We have PPEs. We have staff. And we want to keep our staff. I know sometimes the people condemn us for giving the nurses a raise. "Oh, you guys don't have the money and you give them a raise." But we want to keep staff. We want to keep qualified staff. Especially now during this pandemic, we need the nurses. We need the bodies or else we won't be able to help the people of Guam.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Alright, well I'm sorry again you're going to be the one to answer this. But this morning there was another allegation, that GMH is hiring employees- non-nursing employees and it's kind of just adding to its payroll in the middle of a pandemic. I messaged Lillian about it and so she gave me an idea of the number of employees. But from a broad perspective how do you feel about that allegation?

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: So, allegations, right? Sometimes there's truth to them, sometimes not. I have not heard that about the new hiring. I know in our last board meeting we did discuss getting the numbers of how many new hires we have. What are their positions? Are they necessary? So, we did ask that of the staff. But as far as hiring, the trustees do not get involved in hiring. The only people we hire are the doctors. It goes to the Human Resources Committee. That subcommittee vets the information and then it's brought up to the board at our meeting. And we review if the doctor has met all the qualifications, all the requirements and then we vote on it. But it goes to the subcommittee. As far as like what staff comes into the hospital, we have no participation in hiring at all.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Okay. But I hope that you can keep...Based on these allegations and in the past, these were the big allegations. And so, I would like the board to be savvy enough to keep a handle on the big picture. If we're having a hard time and if finance wise our hiring is under control. Like you said, are these critical positions or are they not? Especially knowing our circumstances today.

But otherwise I very much appreciate your answers today, your willingness to be forthright. I appreciate that and your service of course. I've seen these hospital meetings. They take hours. They're not quick meetings. And the work that the subcommittee's do is very detailed, and I very much appreciate that. I think the real meat of the board work is in those subcommittees. So, I thank you for all that work. I wish you the best in this service. If there's anything that we can help you with as senators or policy, you think needs to be changed please, I want you to let us know as soon as you can. We're here and we're willing to help you.

Otherwise, I'm going to thank you. Thanks again to Mallory for the testimony and the others who submitted written testimony. And thank you Sonia. And we're going to call this confirmation hearing duly heard. It's 1:59 p.m. Thank you very much.

Sonia L. Siliang, Appointee: Thank you.

The public hearing was adjourned at 1:59 PM.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Oral and written testimony in support of the appointment of Sonia L. Siliang was provided by Sarah Thomas Nededog, GMHA Board of Trustees member and Mallory Morgan, Sustainable Marine Tourism Coordinator, Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans
- Ms. Siliang testified on the record to be free of any business or other conflicts that may impede on her ability to perform her mandated duties as a trustee on the board of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA). Ms. Siliang testified to her belief in transparency as a key principle and stated that she would exemplify this principle if reappointed as a trustee.
- Ms. Siliang further testified on the record to the board's critical mission to understand, navigate and ensure that GMHA is using its resources in the best way possible and to ensure that the people of Guam have access to quality health care.
- At the request of the panel, Ms. Siliang shared some achievements during her two-year term on the board as the Co-chair of the Governance, Bylaws and Strategic Planning Subcommittee, as follows:
 - The review and update of the GMHA Board of Trustee Bylaws to ensure that the GMHA board is applicable to the current needs of the hospital.
 - Contributed to the development of a Five-Year Strategic Plan inclusive of deliberate decisions to ensure the hospital's financial health while maximizing profit and identifying and diversifying sources of revenue, and measures to pay down GMHA debts, conduct increased community outreach about the hospital and its current state.
 - Contributed to the creation of evaluation and tracking measures to analyze progress towards goals and develop an action plan to ensure that strategic plans are measurable and feasible.
- Based on oral and written testimony submitted in support of Ms. Sonia L. Siliang and her dialogue with the panel, the Committee finds that Sonia L. Siliang possess the necessary skills, knowledge and dedication that will contribute greatly to the mission and mandates of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, Board of Trustees and the people of Guam.

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice hereby reports on the appointment of Sonia L. Siliang to serve as a Member, Board of Trustees of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, with the recommendation To Do Confirm
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Re: Request for E-Vote- Appointment of Sonia L. Siliang to the GMHA Board of Trustees

1 message

Louise Muna <senatorlouise@gmail.com>
To: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 7:24 PM

Hafa Adai,

To Do Confirm.

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James Moylan <senatormoylan@guamlegislature.org>
To: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM

To do confirm.

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1 message

Office of Senator Shelton Guam Legislature <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org> Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 10:33 AM
 To: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>
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