

*I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**Resolutions Log Sheet**

| <b>Resolution No.</b> | <b>Sponsor</b>                                    | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Date Intro</b>     | <b>Date of Presentation</b> | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Committee / Ofc Referred</b> | <b>PUBLIC HEARING DATE</b> | <b>DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED</b> | <b>Date Adopted</b> |
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| <b>282-33 (COR)</b>   | N. B. Underwood, Ph.D.<br>Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D | Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Department of Education for its achievement in receiving the nation's first District-Level Accreditation awarded by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. | 02/09/16<br>2:37 a.m. | 02/18/16<br>1:00 p.m.       |                      |                                 |                            |                                    | <b>02/17/16</b>     |

***IMINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2016 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 282-33 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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**Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Department of Education for its achievement in receiving the nation's first District-Level Accreditation awarded by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2        ***MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***  
3        **WHEREAS,** the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of  
4        Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC), a world-renowned accrediting association and

1 one of the six (6) accrediting agencies in the United States, works closely with the  
2 Office of Overseas Schools under the U.S. Department of State; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the ACS WASC provides assistance to schools worldwide,  
4 primarily in California, Hawaii, Guam, Asia, the Pacific region, the Middle East,  
5 Africa and Europe; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the ACS WASC philosophy centers upon three (3) beliefs: (1) a  
7 school's goal is successful student learning; (2) each school has a clear purpose and  
8 school-wide student goals; and (3) a school engages in external and internal  
9 evaluations as part of continued school improvement to support student learning; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Guam Education Board approved the Guam  
11 Department of Education (GDOE) State Strategic Plan, which is required in order for  
12 GDOE to receive federal funding; and

13 **WHEREAS**, soon after the State Strategic Plan was approved, the GDOE  
14 began the process of piloting the district-level accreditation and became the first  
15 school district in the nation to go through the process; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the GDOE was visited by a team of committee members from the  
17 ACS WASC on November 15-18, 2015; and as a result, a self-study visiting  
18 committee report was issued; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2016, the ACS WASC issued a press release  
20 announcing the unanimous decision to award the GDOE a six (6)-year accreditation  
21 status, with a two (2)-day visit scheduled for 2019, along with the requirement to  
22 submit annual reports from 2016 to 2018; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the ASC WASC team, as a matter of consideration for the award  
24 of district-level accreditation to the GDOE, observed the leadership of the  
25 Superintendent, Deputy Superintendents, Division Heads and the employees of the  
26 Central Office as a whole in order to ensure that the entire school system is focused on

1 student success, and that all public schools are supported with the objectives of the  
2 State Strategic Plan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, twenty-five (25) of the forty-one (41) schools of the GDOE are  
4 currently WASC accredited, with the goal of having all forty-one (41) schools to be  
5 accredited by the year 2020; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Department of Education Superintendent, Mr. Jon  
7 Fernandez, led the team that was instrumental in the success of the accreditation  
8 process, which included, Ms. Erica Cruz, Deputy Superintendent for Educational  
9 Support and Community Learning; Mr. Dexter Fullo, Principal of Benavente Middle  
10 School; Ms. Rebecca Perez, Principal of Upi Elementary School; Ms. Freda Aarii,  
11 Assistant Principal of Tiyan High School; and Mr. Jim Reyes, Principal of Untalan  
12 Middle School; now therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*  
14 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the people of  
15 Guam, recognize and commend the Guam Department of Education for its  
16 achievement in receiving the nation's first District-Level Accreditation awarded by the  
17 Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and College;  
18 and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
20 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
21 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of the Guam  
22 Department of Education; to Ms. Erica Cruz, Deputy Superintendent for Educational  
23 Support and Community Learning; to Mr. Dexter Fullo, Principal of Benavente  
24 Middle School; to Dr. Rebecca Perez, Principal of Upi Elementary School; to Ms.  
25 Freda Aarii, Assistant Principal of Tiyan High School; to Mr. Jim Reyes, Principal of

- 1 Untalan Middle School; to the Guam Education Board; and to the Honorable Edward
- 2 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
*I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF FEBRUARY 2016.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**

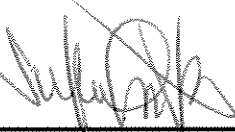
**Speaker**



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**RORY J. RESPICIO**

**Chairman, Committee on Rules**



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

**Legislative Secretary**



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**Resolution No. 282-33 (COR) N. B. Underwood, Ph.D., and Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. – “Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Department of Education for its achievement in receiving the nation’s first District-Level Accreditation awarded by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.”**

|  | SIGNATURE          | DATE                                     | TO ADOPT | TO NOT ADOPT | TO ABSTAIN |
|--|--------------------|--|----------|--------------|------------|
| Senator Rory J. Respicio<br>Chairperson                  | <i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | 2/16/16<br>1:36 pm<br><i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | ✓        |              |            |
| Senator Thomas C. Ada<br>Vice-Chairperson                |                    |  |          |              |            |
| Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.<br>Member               | <i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | 2/16/16<br>3:27 P.M.<br><i>VIA EMAIL</i> |          |              |            |
| Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz<br>Member                | <i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | 2/16/16<br>1:36<br><i>VIA EMAIL</i>      | ✓        |              |            |
| Legislative Secretary<br>Tina Rose Muña Barnes<br>Member | <i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | 2/16/16<br>3:22 p.m.<br><i>VIA EMAIL</i> | ✓        |              |            |
| Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.<br>Member                    |                    |  |          |              |            |
| Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.<br>Member               |                    |  |          |              |            |
| Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas<br>Member               |                    |  |          |              |            |
| Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D.<br>Member            | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2/16/16                                  | ✓        |              |            |
| Senator V. Anthony Ada<br>Minority Leader                | <i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | 2/16/16<br>1:36 pm<br><i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | ✓        |              |            |
| Senator Mary Camacho Torres<br>Minority Member           | <i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | 2/16/16<br>2:56 pm<br><i>VIA EMAIL</i>   | ✓        |              |            |

**For Sponsor's Office Use Only**

Sponsor Signature: *NB Underwood*

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7 Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Returned

Name: *JK*

Date: 2/17/16

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