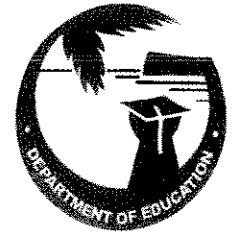




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**Dear Governor Calvo and Speaker Won Pat:**

**Håfa Adai!** Pursuant to Public Law 31-233, Section 38, *Reporting Requirements for Boards and Commissions*, attached are electronic copies of the Guam Education Board's meeting agenda, approved minutes and other documents as discussed at the May 26, 2015 regular monthly meeting. The meeting was held at John F. Kennedy High School, Library.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 300-1547.

*Senseramente,*

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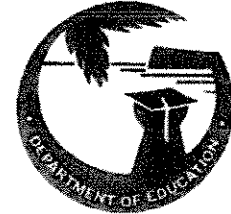
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### **Guam Education Board REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday, May 26, 2015  
6 PM

John F. Kennedy High School, Library

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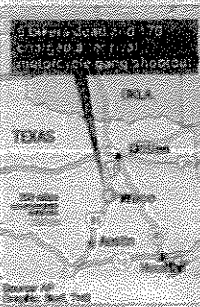
## Charges filed against 170 motorcycle gang members

WACO, Texas (AP) — About 170 members of rival motorcycle gangs were charged with engaging in organized crime Monday, a day after a shootout at a Texas restaurant that killed nine people and wounded 14.

The crowd of suspects was so large that authorities opened a convention center to hold them all before they were arrested, police said.

Sunday's notes at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco drew a broad police response that included placing officers atop buildings and highway overpasses to watch for other bikers heading to the scene to retaliate.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said that authorities had received threats from biker



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threat remained high on Monday.

McLennan County Justice of the Peace W.H. Peterson set bond at \$1 million for each suspect. He defended the high amount, citing the violence that quickly unfolded in a shopping market busy with a lunchtime crowd.

"We have nine people dead, because these people wanted to come down and what? Drink? Party?" Peterson said. "I thought it was appropriate."

Peterson also performed requests on the nine dead bikers but declined to identify them pending notification of family. Peterson says all nine were from Texas.

Police acknowledged firing on armed bikers, but it was unclear how many of the dead were shot by gang members and how many were shot by officers.

Swanton said the Waco Convention Center was used to hold the suspects temporarily as police rushed to secure many parts of the city amid reports of rival bikers going elsewhere to continue the fight. Those at the convention center were later taken to jail.

It's too early to determine how many motorcycle gang members will face murder charges, Swanton said.

"Violence in mind" Five gangs had gathered at the restaurant as part of a meeting to settle differences over turf and recruitment. Prior meetings had been held at the restaurant, and managers there had dismissed police concerns over the gatherings, he said.

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"They were out here to drink and eat barbecue," Swanton said. "They came here with violence in mind."

Twin Peaks — a national chain that features waitresses in revealing uniforms — on Monday revoked the franchise rights to the restaurant, which opened in August.

Company spokesman Rick Van Warner said in a statement that the management team chose to ignore warnings and advice from the company, and did not establish the "high security standards" that the company requires.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Monday issued a six-day suspension of the restaurant's liquor license, but owners had the option of reopening to serve meals.

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## Officials uncertain if train was hit before derailment

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Federal authorities said they are uncertain if anything struck the windshield of an Amtrak train before it derailed in Philadelphia last week, but they have not ruled out the possibility.

Investigators, however, said they are certain a gasolier did not strike the train before the May 12 derailment, which killed eight people and injured more than 200 others.

FBI agents performed forensic work on a gasolier-sized fracture on the left side of the Amtrak locomotive's windshield, and the National Transportation Safety Board said they found no evidence of any damage that could have been caused by a fireball.

The developments came

Monday as trains began running to New York again for the first time in nearly a week. They also raised new questions about the events leading up to the derailment, including a conversation an assistant conductor told investigators she heard between the Amtrak engineer and a regional rail train engineer minutes before the train sped up and went off the rails at a curve.

The assistant conductor said she heard the regional train engineer say he'd been "hit by a rock or shot at" and she thought she heard the Amtrak engineer say his train had also been struck.

The NTSB said the regional train engineer recalled no such conversation, and investigators listened to the dispatch tape and

heard no communications from the Amtrak engineer to the railroad's dispatch center to say that something had struck the train.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority said it doesn't know what caused the damage to its train that night.

Investigators have focused on the acceleration of the Amtrak train as it approached the curve, reaching 106 mph as it entered a 50 mph stretch and slowing down only slightly before the crash.

Amtrak engineer Brandon Bowles has said authorities he doesn't recall anything in the few minutes before the derailment. He was among those injured.

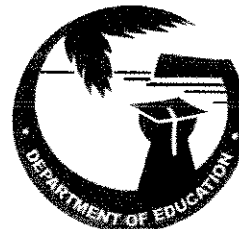
The NTSB said Monday it could be a year before it determines the probable cause of the derailment.



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## MINUTES

### I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Peter Alexis D. Ada, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

### II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

#### Voting Members:

Ada, Peter Alexis D.- Chair  
San Nicolas, Lourdes B. –Vice Chair (tele-conference/Gotomeeting)  
Benavente, Lourdes M. –(tele-conference/Gotomeeting)  
Chargualaf, Kenneth P.  
Concepcion, Charlene D.  
Gutierrez, Maria A.- (tele-conference/Go to meeting)  
Tainatongo, Rosie R.  
Torres, Ryan F.

#### Non-Voting Members:

Perez, Audrey (SSHS) – GFT Representative  
Zamora, Joshua (JFK) – IBOGS Representative

#### Absent:

Cruz, Dr. Jose Q. – Member  
Matanane, Rudy M. - Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison

The GDOE legal counsel, Mr. Jesse N. Nasis was present for the meeting.

The Superintendent announced that there is a quorum. (By law, five voting members constitute a quorum. Eight (8) voting members were present for this meeting.)

Mrs. Tainatongo requested to amend the agenda to include the following in new business: Make-up days for 2014-2015. No objections.

### III. Public Participation -

Mr. Kin Fernandez, Assistant Principal at Benavente Middle School, notified the GEB that he had sent a letter to the Superintendent raising concerns about the compensation for administrators stemming back to 2006 and again impacted by the Competitive Wage Act. The Superintendent agreed to have Human Resources review the letter and to work with Mr. Fernandez to understand this issue. If anything that the board needs to do, the board will be notified.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

#### 1) Minutes of April 21, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Chargualaf mentioned that on page 2, he had been requesting for the last 3 months to have a board work session either before or after to discuss the items on the Superintendent's Report and that is to include the implementation plan for the State Strategic Plan. The Superintendent responded that a work session will be held on all matters in regards to the Superintendent's Report based on the request of the board members and he asked that all questions and issues that wish to be address be sent to him by the end of this week so that we can use that as a guide for the work session that will be scheduled.

Mr. Chargualaf mentioned that on page 4, paragraph 6. Ms. San Nicolas requested for the board to be involved and participate in the district accreditation process. He doesn't recall being invited to several of the district accreditation meetings. The Superintendent responded that there's an outstanding calendar meeting being set up with Ms. San Nicolas to brief her.

Ms. San Nicolas suggested to the Superintendent for a list of the committees with a chair and possible meeting scheduled be provided to all board members and from there they can select which committee they would like to be involved in.

#### 2) Minutes of May 5, 2015 Special Meeting

Mrs. Tainatongo requested under new business, school calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. She would like to add "Guam" in front of "Department of Education" and on "Education" she would like to add "s" to "Education", also on the 5<sup>th</sup> line, add "Guam" in front of "Department of Education", on line 7 delete the word "they" to "the", and on line 8 delete "That way it" to "The Change."

Mrs. Tainatongo moved, seconded by Mrs. Concepcion, to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes of May 5, 2015 Special Meeting. The Board passed the motion to approve the minutes with a vote of 8 - 0.

The Chairman announced that one of our GDOE officials will be leaving the Department after twenty-two (22) years of Government Service. Mr. Robert

Malay will take on his new position as Superintendent for Unit 29 in Keene, New Hampshire on July 1, 2015.

Mr. Malay addressed the board, superintendent, deputies and colleagues, thanking them for their support during his tenure. The board members and superintendent thanked Mr. Malay and presented him with a resolution.

## V. Receipt of Communication and Reports

### 1) Superintendent's Report and Communication

In addition to his written report to the Board, the Superintendent provided the highlights of his report of May 2015.

- **2015 Guam Teacher of the Year** – Thanks to the Foundation for Public Education. There were 132 nominees, 54 applicants, 15 semi-finalists, 7 finalists. Charlene Gumataotao (ES), Patricia Anub (MS), Melanie Blas (HS). Overall winner was Ms. Melanie Blas who won a Year lease of a car from Cars Plus, insurance from Calvo's insurance, gas from IP&E, and United provided a round-trip ticket to the US. Her name will be submitted for the National Competition in October.
- **Typhoon Dolphin** – GDOE opened 8 total shelters during the storm, sheltering 1100 individuals. Administrators, staff, SAOs, and representatives from GPD, GFD, supported our efforts. GDOE consolidated into one shelter on May 16<sup>th</sup>, sheltering over 500 individuals. They were transported to Tamuning (220 individuals) and Agana Heights (70 individuals) gyms on the 17<sup>th</sup>. PFCOP conducted a census of school-aged children at both shelters and we worked with DPW to ensure busing when schools opened. Schools provided toiletries and clothing based on identified needs. Shelters are closed, but PFCOP will follow-up the children and families and will look to provide additional support if needed. Staff also participated in training this weekend with Save the Children, affiliate of Red Cross, to discuss emergency response and children's issues. Thank you to all GDOE employees who assisted as well as our partner agencies.
- **Bill 69-33**- The Board led testimony before Guam Legislature on Bill 69-33 legislation affecting make-up days. The Board testified in support of additional flexibility to ensure 180 instructional days are achieved. The Legislature is in session to address. Also, due to Typhoon Dolphin, the following make-up days were proposed – June 4 and June 5 (half-day), June 8 (AsTumbo ES/MS, OHS, BPC, PCL)
- **2014-2015 Accreditation** – Congratulations to Tiyan High School, Carbullido ES, Maria Ulloa ES, and Ordot Chalan Pago ES for receiving initial accreditation from WASC. Congratulations to Jose Rios MS and GWHS for reaffirmation through 2018, DL Perez ES received 6 years with 1 day visit. Okkodo HS was granted 3 additional years through Jun 2018.

- **Building B demolished.** GDOE is awaiting the construction phase for the department's new headquarters, which will allow for the consolidation of all central functions at Tiyan. In addition, there is a request to the Governor for a Tiyan HS track and field and modifications to the existing plan.
- **FY 2014 Audit** – The Guam Department of Education came through with a second consecutive clean audit for both financial statements and compliance. Only two findings were found in NAF and financial reconciliations. In both, the auditor found significant improvement; however, additional work is still needed. This represents a major accomplishment for the department. From unauditible to clean, from double-digit findings to two, from \$2 million in questioned costs to zero. We will be working with TPFA and USDOE to continue to address our high-risk areas.
- **Public Law 33-29** - provides \$983,000 to support pilot pre-kindergarten program in GDOE next school year. This will help us to make the necessary facility improvements and hire staff.
- **GEFF Solar** – preparing to sign and send to Governor. \$400,000 a year in estimated savings is expected.
- **CAPFA** – Met to discuss the issues surrounding IBC bankruptcy. IBC is a maintenance subcontractor. CAPFA has a plan for addressing and will work with court to ensure uninterrupted service to JFK. Also, have submitted a solar proposal to allow for savings on energy as well as the financing of track improvements.
- **Guam Regional Medical Center (GRMC) Adopt a School Partner** – Will partner with Okkodo HS, focus on service learning opportunities for students.

Questions and concerns raised by the Board members (Mrs. Tainatongo, Ms. San Nicolas, Mrs. Gutierrez and Mr. Chargualaf), with regard to the Superintendent's report, include but not limited to the following:

Mrs. Tainatongo expressed her concerns regarding 16 students that are below the 75 service learning hours. How are we going to help these students to graduate? The Superintendent responded that they've been monitoring on a weekly basis on a number of graduates. The Superintendent responded that he has met with the administrators to work with the students who have not achieved the necessary hours and had them reach out to their parents and on a one on one basis and to provide school-wide activities in every school to ensure they're given sufficient opportunities. The service learning requirement is in the law.

Ms. San Nicolas asked if that means that they may be some students that are barely close to meeting the 75 service learning hours and possibly received an

incomplete rather than an “F” rating and will be able to make that up during summer school? The Superintendent responded that there will be no grade associated with the service learning, it’ll be documented in terms of the hours that still need to be completed to meet the 75 service learning requirement.

Mrs. Gutierrez questioned the numbers over 20 with a number of students who have less than 75 service learning hours. The Superintendent responded that we are tracking the numbers and addressing them school by school.

Mr. Chargualaf asked if we have the data on those students who are lacking credits and who are at risk of not graduating aside from the service learning hours? The Superintendent responded that we do have that information and will provide that to the board.

**Mrs. Tainatongo moved and seconded by Mrs. Concepcion, to accept the Superintendent’s Report. No Objection. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8 – 0.**

2) Head Start Program Director’s Report

Mrs. Schroeder reported that due to Typhoon Dolphin, we had to cancel our “Parent Transition Conference” and it’s reschedule for Saturday, May 30, 2015, at Pacific Star Hotel.

Mrs. Schroeder mentioned they received information on their travel to Region IX.

Mrs. Schroeder requested a copy of the approved minutes for April 21, 2015 to submit the grant application.

Mrs. Tainatongo questioned the attendance as she noticed the high number of unexcused absence and asked what we are doing with the attendance? Mrs. Schroeder responded that if a child is absent for 2 days the staff would make a phone call, if their absent for 3 days they would do a home visit and could lead to bringing in our social services department. The issue is mostly with transportation.

**Mrs. Concepcion moved and seconded by Mr. Torres, to accept the Head Start’s Report. No Objection. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8 – 0.**

**VI. Unfinished Business**

1) SOP Renaming of the Schools

The Superintendent reported that he provided the SOP for the boards review before we commence any further. We will collect and review all the submitted recommendations that were received by the GEB to date.

**VII. New Business**



- 1) Resolution for 2015 Teacher of the Year – tabled until future meeting
- 2) Resolution for Robert H. Malay

**Moved to the top of the Agenda**

- 3) NASBE Approval of Travel

The Chairman reported that a phone call was made to confirm if Mrs. Gutierrez can replace Mr. Chargualaf who requested to withdraw his name.

**Mrs. Concepcion moved and seconded by Mr. Chargualaf, to approve Mrs. Maria Gutierrez to attend the NASBE Travel in May. No Objection. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8 – 0.**

- 4) GEB Response to EFSC Financial Status Designation, October –December 2014 and January – February 2015.

The Superintendent reported that we received both declarations on May 7, 2015, and explained the variances on both letters.

Mr. Chargualaf requested that a work session be held to discuss this further for clarification on Code C-Watch Corrective Financial Recovery Plan-111 Salaries.

Ms. San Nicolas questioned the significant increase on the 112 overtime, the decrease in personnel from the letter dated May 21, 2015. She requested for a work session as well to get more clarification. The Superintendent responded that a work session will be scheduled. He mentioned that there is a resolution before you for the board's consideration and the law requires that the Guam Education Board has a resolution to accept or not.

Mr. Torres reviewed the resolution requested by the chairman. He supports the resolution approving the corrective financial recovery plan in response to the Code C-Watch.

**Mr. Torres moved and seconded by Mrs. Concepcion, to approve the resolution. No Objection. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8 – 0.**

- 5) Committee Reports
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- 6) Make-up days for 2014-2015

Mrs. Tainatongo reported that the existing calendar is being amended to make-up the three (3) days for Typhoon Dolphin.  
June 3, 2015 – Full day for all schools

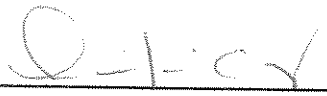
June 4, 2015- Make-up day for all schools  
June 5, 2015- Full day for the 5 schools that need to make-up (Half-day for 36 schools/ Half-day for teacher workday and last day)  
June 8, 2015- Make-up day for the 5 remaining schools will have half-day Okkodo High School, AsTumbo Elementary School, AsTumbo Middle School, Carbullido Elementary School, and P. C. Lujan Elementary School.

Mrs. Tainatongo moved and seconded by Mr. Chargualaf, to extend 2 additional days to make-up due to typhoon dolphin. No Objection. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8 – 0.

- VIII. Executive Session -None
- IX. Announcements and Adjournment- None

The Chairman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

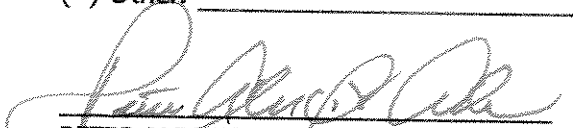
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