

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero Governor

Joshua F. Tenorio Lieutenant Governor Paula M. Blas

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 12:00 Noon Retirement Fund Conference Room

# **MINUTES**

#### DEFINED BENEFIT

## I. ATTENDANCE, QUORUM, AND CALL TO ORDER

After determining a quorum was present, the Retirement Fund Board of Trustees Regular Meeting for the Defined Benefit Plan was called to order at 12:58 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2019, in the Retirement Fund Conference Room. Chairman Joe T. San Agustin officiated.

#### **Board of Trustees Present:**

Joe T. San Agustin, Chairman Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Vice Chairman Antolina S. Leon Guerrero, Secretary Albert H. Santos, Trustee Katherine T.E. Taitano, Trustee

#### **Staff Present:**

Paula Blas, Director Jackie Blas, Recording Secretary

#### **Public Present:**

David O'Brien

Antolina S. Leon Guerrero Vice Chair

Trustees:

Chairman

Katherine T.E. Taitano Secretary Chair, Members and Benefits Committee

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Ed.D.

Gerard A. Cruz
Treasurer
Chair, Investment Committee

Artemio R.A. Hernandez

Thomas H. San Agustin Trustee

George A. Santos Trustee

**Board of Trustees Absent:** 

Gerard A. Cruz, Treasurer, (Excused)

## II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. May 31, 2019 Regular Meeting

Secretary Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee Katherine Taitano, moved to approve the Minutes of the May 31, 2019 Regular Meeting, subject to technical corrections. Without objection, the motion passed.

## III. CORRESPONDENCE

None

## IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1. Candelaria Rios, et al. vs. Joseph Ada, et al. (Special Proceeding Case No. SP206-93) The Retirement Fund maintains a list of deceased COLA Awardees who did not name a beneficiary, or whose beneficiary may be deceased. COLA award disbursements for these individuals will be made to their respective estates.
- 2. Bernstein Litowitz Berger and Grossmann (BLBG) BLBG's Litigation Status Report dated June 14, 2019 on the following lawsuits is provided for the Board's information. These cases are highly confidential and BLBG asked that the cases not be discussed in a public forum.
  - Apollo Education Group

Director Paula Blas stated that at the May 31, 2019 Board Meeting, Vice Chairman Wilfred Leon Guerrero had inquired about tracking of settlement payments. Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund does account for litigation proceeds separately and as the settlement monies come in, it gets posted and is actually reported under other income.

## Financial Report

- 1. Contributions Director Blas stated that as of June 18, 2019, all agencies are current with their Fiscal Year 2019 employee and employer contributions.
- 2. Financial Statements Director Blas stated that the books for the month ended May 31, 2019 are scheduled to close on June 27, 2019.
- 3. Fiscal Year 2019 Retirees' Supplemental Benefits Director Blas stated that supplemental benefits for retirees and survivors for the month of June 2019 will be paid by the end of the month.
- **4.** Fiscal Year 2019 Medicare Reimbursements Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund received the June 2019 allotment from the General Fund and reimbursements were processed accordingly.

## V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

No report was made at this time.

## VI. TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS

Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund is operating within its current drawdown authority of up to \$5.5 Million monthly which continues through September 2019.

#### VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Investment Committee

Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero reported that the Investment Committee Meeting was held on June 14, 2019. The Committee reviewed and approved the Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2019. Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero stated that as of June 10, 2019, the size of the Retirement Fund's portfolio is \$1,979,629,571.

Next Quarterly Performance Meeting – Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero informed the Board that the next Quarterly Performance Meeting is scheduled for August 28 and 29, 2019.

Chairman San Agustin stated that at the May 31, 2019 Board Meeting, he requested for an updated status report from Maggie Ralbovsky of Wilshire Associates. Chairman San Agustin stated that Ms. Ralbovsky provided the updated reports for the Board's information. Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero stated for the record that he will include the updated reports as part of the Investment Committee report.

## **B.** Members and Benefits Committee

Trustee Katherine Taitano presented the Committee's June 2019 report to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Katherine Taitano, seconded by Trustee Albert Santos, moved to approve the recommendation of the Members and Benefits Committee contained on Pages 4 through 19, based on the Committee's review and findings during their meeting of June 12, 2019. Without objection, the motion passed.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

## A. Presentation of Plaques

Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero stated that the Retirement Fund Board would like to recognize the outgoing Board members for their accomplishments and dedication as members of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees. Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero informed Chairman San Agustin that the Board is making him Chairman Emeritus in appreciation for his vision, leadership and inextinguishable commitment to the Government of Guam Retirement Fund and its members. Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero presented Board Chairman Joe T. San Agustin his plaque and thanked him for his services.

Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero also presented Trustees Albert Santos and David O'Brien their plaques in appreciation for their dedicated service to the Government Guam Retirement Fund and its members.

## X. OPEN DISCUSSION / GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board for the Defined Benefit Plan, Trustee Albert Santos moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. Motion passed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Minutes of June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting duly adopted and approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees on July 31, 2019.

ANTOLINA S. LEON GUERRERO, Board Secretary

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** 

Jackie Blas