

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
**RETIREMENT FUND**  
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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
*Governor*

**Joshua F. Tenorio**  
*Lieutenant Governor*

**Paula M. Blas**  
*Director*

*Trustees:*

**Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Ed.D.**  
*Chairman*

**Antolina S. Leon Guerrero**  
*Vice Chair*

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

**Gerard A. Cruz**  
*Treasurer*  
*Chair, Investment Committee*

**Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Ph.D.**  
*Trustee*

**Thomas H. San Agustin**  
*Trustee*

**George A. Santos**  
*Trustee*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Friday, September 27, 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 12:52 p.m. Friday, September 27, 2019, in the Retirement Fund Conference Room. Acting Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero officiated.

**Board of Trustees Present:**

Antolina S. Leon Guerrero, Acting Chair  
Katherine T.E. Taitano, Secretary  
Gerard A. Cruz, Treasurer  
Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Trustee  
Thomas H. San Agustin, Trustee  
George A. Santos, Trustee

**Board of Trustees Absent:**

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Chairman (*Excused*)

**Staff Present:**

Paula Blas, Director  
Jackie Blas, Recording Secretary

## II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

### A. August 29, 2019 Regular Meeting

Treasurer Gerard Cruz, seconded by Trustee Artemio Hernandez, moved to approve the Minutes of the August 29, 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 September 20, 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**
- **EQT Corporation**

Director Paula Blas stated that the Court issued an Order appointing the Retirement Fund and Northeast Carpenters as Co-Lead Plaintiffs in the action against EQT. Acting Chair Leon Guerrero inquired about the Retirement Fund's exposure. Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund's exposure is \$1.15 Million. Director Blas stated that she will follow-up with Robeco on which quarter EQT was sold and why it was sold.

### Financial Report

1. *Contributions* - Director Blas stated that as of September 24, 2019, all agencies are current with their Fiscal Year 2019 employee and employer contributions. Director Blas pointed out that Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) has been paying their contributions early.

2. *Financial Statements* - Director Blas stated that the books for the month ended August 31, 2019 are scheduled to close on September 30, 2019.

3. *Fiscal Year 2019 Retirees' Supplemental Benefits* - Director Blas stated that supplemental benefits for retirees and survivors will be paid by the end of the month.

4. *Fiscal Year 2019 Medicare Reimbursements* - Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund received the September 2019 allotment from the General Fund and reimbursements were processed accordingly.

## **V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Director Blas stated that she received a Notice of Appeal filed in the Supreme Court by Petitioner Fred M. Chargualaf.

## **VI. TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS**

Treasurer Gerard Cruz stated that the current drawdown authorization of up to \$5.5 Million expires this month and would like to recommend to extend the current drawdown authority through March 2020.

**Treasurer Gerard Cruz, seconded by Trustee George Santos, moved to approve the recommendation for a monthly drawdown authority of up to \$5.5 Million through March 2020. Without objection, the motion passed.**

## **VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Investment Committee**

Treasurer Cruz reported that the Investment Committee Meeting was held on September 19, 2019. The Committee reviewed and approved the Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2019, and the Minutes of the May 29 and 30, 2019, and August 27 and 28, 2019 Due Diligence Meetings. Treasurer Cruz stated that as of September 16, 2019, the size of the Retirement Fund's portfolio is \$1,987,410,127.

*Next Quarterly Performance Meeting* – Treasurer Cruz stated that the next Quarterly Performance Meeting is scheduled for November 13 and 14, 2019.

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

Secretary Katherine Taitano presented the Committee's September 2019 report to the Board of Trustees.

**Trustee George Santos, seconded by Treasurer Gerard Cruz, moved to approve the recommendation of the Members and Benefits Committee contained on Pages 4 through 16, based on the Committee's review and findings during their meeting of September 18, 2019. Without objection, the motion passed.**

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**X. OPEN DISCUSSION / GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT**

None

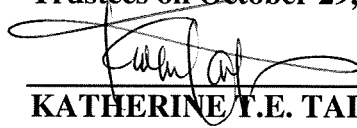
**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business before the Board for the Defined Benefit Plan, Trustee George Santos moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m. Motion passed.**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Minutes of September 27, 2019 Regular Meeting duly adopted and approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees on October 29, 2019.**



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**KATHERINE T.E. TAITANO, Board Secretary**

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**



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**Jackie Blas**