

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero Governor

Joshua F. Tenorio

Paula M. Blas Director

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting

Friday, December 20, 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 1:12 p.m. Friday, December 20, 2019, in the Retirement Fund Conference Room. Chairman Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero officiated.

Board of Trustees Present:

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Chairman Antolina S. Leon Guerrero, Vice Chair Katherine T.E. Taitano, Secretary Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Trustee Thomas H. San Agustin, Trustee George A. Santos, Trustee

Staff Present:

Paula Blas, Director Jackie Blas, Recording Secretary

Board of Trustees Absent:

Gerard A. Cruz, Treasurer (Excused)

Trustees:

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Ed.D.

Antolina S. Leon Guerrero

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

Gerard A. Cruz Treasurer Chair, Investment Committee

Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Ph.D.

Thomas H. San Agustin Trustee

George A. Santos

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. November 15, 2019 Regular Meeting

Trustee George Santos, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, moved to approve the Minutes of the November 15, 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 December 16, 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

Financial Report

- 1. Contributions Director Paula Blas stated that as of December 18, 2019, all agencies are current with their Fiscal Year 2020 employee and employer contributions.
- 2. Financial Statements Director Blas stated that the books for the month ended September 30, 2019 were closed on December 14, 2019. The books for the month ended October 31, 2019 are scheduled to close on December 27, 2019 and the books for the month ended November 30, 2019 are scheduled to close on January 17, 2020.
- 3. Fiscal Year 2020 Retirees' Supplemental Benefits Director Blas stated that supplemental benefits for retirees and survivors for the month of December 2019 will be paid by the end of the month.
- **4.** Fiscal Year 2020 Medicare Reimbursements Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund received the December 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 March 2020.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Investment Committee

Trustee Artemio Hernandez reported that the Investment Committee Meeting was held on December 19, 2019. The Committee reviewed and approved the Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2019 and the November 13 and 14, 2019 Due Diligence Meeting Minutes for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2019. Trustee Hernandez stated that as of December 9, 2019, the size of the Retirement Fund's portfolio is \$2,032,343,766.

Next Quarterly Performance Meeting – Trustee Hernandez stated that the next Quarterly Performance Meeting is scheduled for February 26 and 27, 2020.

B. Members and Benefits Committee

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

Secretary Katherine Taitano, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, moved to approve the recommendation of the Members and Benefits Committee contained on Pages 4 through 15, based on the Committee's review and findings during their meeting of December 11, 2019. Without objection, the motion passed.

VIII. TRAVEL REPORT

A. Chairman Wilfred Leon Guerrero, Trustees Artemio Hernandez and Thomas San Agustin: APAFS Conference - November 17-22, 2019, Manila, Philippines

Chairman Leon Guerrero stated that he along with Trustees Hernandez and San Agustin submitted their travel report, for the Board's information, on the conference they attended.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. OPEN DISCUSSION / GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

None

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XIII. 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 1:25 p.m. Motion passed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Minutes of December 20, 2019 Regular Meeting duly adopted and approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees on January 29, 2020.

KATHERINE T.E. TAITANO, Board Secretary

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Jackje/Blas