



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

Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Ph.D.
 Treasurer
 Chair, Investment Committee

Thomas H. San Agustin
 Trustee

David N. Sanford
 Trustee

George A. Santos
 Trustee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
 Friday, July 28, 2023, 12:30 P.M.
 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 12:50 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2023, 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
 Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Treasurer
 Thomas H. San Agustin, Trustee
 David N. Sanford, Trustee
 George A. Santos, Trustee

Board of Trustees Absent:
 Katherine T.E. Taitano, Secretary (*Excused*)

Staff Present:
 Paula Blas, Director
 Jackie Blas, Recording Secretary

Legal Counsel Present:
 Vincent Camacho, Camacho Calvo Law Group LLC

Public Present:
 George Castro, Certified Court Reporter

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. June 23, 2023 Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee Thomas San Agustin, moved to approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2023 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. The Retirement Fund will publish a list of deceased COLA Awardees with their COLA award balances every six months for one year beginning in January 2024.

2. *Bernstein Litowitz Berger and Grossmann (BLBG)* - BLBG's Litigation Status Report dated July 20, 2023 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 July 25, 2023, all agencies are current with their Fiscal Year 2023 employee and employer contributions.

2. *Financial Statements* - Director Blas stated that the books for the month ended June 30, 2023 are scheduled to close today.

3. *Fiscal Year 2023 Retirees' Supplemental Benefits* - Director Blas stated that supplemental benefits for retirees and survivors for the month of July 2023 were paid.

4. *Fiscal Year 2023 Medicare Reimbursements* - Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund received the July 2023 allotment from the General Fund and reimbursements were processed accordingly.

V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

None

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS

Treasurer Artemio Hernandez stated that the Retirement Fund is operating within its current drawdown authority of up to \$7 Million monthly which continues through September 2023. A copy of the Cash Flow Statement is provided for the Board's review. Treasurer Hernandez reported that the audit is near completion. Director Blas stated that the audit is under Quality Control Review by the Public Auditor.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Investment Committee

Treasurer Hernandez reported that there was no Investment Committee Meeting this month. Treasurer Hernandez stated that as of July 24, 2023, the size of the Retirement Fund's portfolio was \$1,978,005,619.

Informational Items

1. *Asset Allocation Summaries*

2. *Income summary*

3. *Securities Lending*

4. *5 Year Plan*

5. *Next Quarterly Performance Review* - Treasurer Hernandez stated that the next Quarterly Performance Review is scheduled for August 23 and 24, 2023. Annual reviews will be conducted for the following Equity Managers:

- Robeco (Boston Partners)
- Intech (Janus Henderson Investors)
- Dimensional Fund Advisors
- Acadian Asset Management
- Schroder Investment Management North America
- Wellington Management
- Lazard Asset Management

B. Members and Benefits Committee

Trustee George Santos presented the Committee's July 2023 report to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee George Santos, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, moved to approve the recommendation of the Members and Benefits Committee contained on Pages 1 through 13, based on the Committee's review and findings of the July 2023 report. Without objection, the motion passed.

APPLICATION FOR MINOR CHILD SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Director Blas stated that Kylee Therese Baza Quitugua is applying for minor child survivor benefits on her own behalf. Ms. Quitugua is 20 years of age and was a full time student at the University of Guam for the 2023 Spring Semester at the time of Antonio A. Quitugua's death. Ms. Quitugua is the biological daughter of deceased retiree Antonio A. Quitugua who passed away on April 14, 2023. Director Blas stated that all documents submitted are in order and she is recommending approval of the Application for Minor Child Survivor Benefits.

Trustee George Santos, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, moved to accept the recommendation of Director Paula Blas to approve the Application for Minor Child Survivor Benefits for Kylee Therese Baza Quitugua contained on Page 14, based on the Committee's review and findings of the July 2023 report. Without objection, the motion passed.

APPLICATION FOR DISABLED ADULT SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Director Blas stated that Marissa D. Chen is applying for disabled adult survivor benefits on her own behalf. Ms. Chen is the biological child of deceased retiree Mary G. Chen who passed away on April 14, 2023. Director Blas stated that all documents submitted are in order and she is recommending approval of the Application for Disabled Adult Survivor Benefits.

Trustee George Santos, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, moved to accept the recommendation of Director Paula Blas to approve the Application for Disabled Adult Survivor Benefits for Marissa D. Chen contained on Page 15, based on the Committee's review and findings of the July 2023 report. Without objection, the motion passed.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation Relating to Settlement Offer in Supreme Court Case No. CVA23-004

Legal Counsel Vincent Camacho stated that, pursuant to 5 G.C.A. §8111, as one of the attorneys of record for the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, he is recommending that the Board of Trustees conduct an Executive Session to discuss legal issues related to the Proposed Settlement Offer in the appeal entitled *In Re: Takako B. Guthrie and Joseph A. Guthrie, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, Appellee*, in Supreme Court Case No. CVA23-004 related to the case entitled *Takako B. Guthrie and Joseph A. Guthrie, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Board of Trustees of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, Superior Court of Guam Special Proceedings Case No. SP0094-20*.

Trustee George Santos, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, moved to accept the Retirement Fund's Legal Counsel's recommendation that the Board of Trustees move into Executive Session. Without objection, the motion passed.

Chairman Leon Guerrero stated that the Board will now convene in Executive Session.

George Castro, Certified Court Reporter, is present to take a verbatim transcription of the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:05 P.M.

RECONVENED: 1:30 P.M.

At this time Chairman Leon Guerrero announced that the Board of Trustees will now reconvene its regular meeting.

Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee David Sanford, moved to accept the Retirement Fund's Legal Counsel's recommendation to reject the Settlement Offer in Supreme Court Case No. CVA23-004, and to have the Retirement Fund's Legal Counsel respond accordingly. Without objection, the motion passed.

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, on motion of Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Treasurer Artemio Hernandez, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m. Motion passed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Minutes of July 28, 2023 Regular Meeting duly adopted and approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees on August 25, 2023.



KATHERINE T.E. TAITANO, Board Secretary

RECORDING SECRETARY:



Jackie Blas