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MARY A.Y. OKADA, Ed.D.
Vice Chair

GUAM EDUCATION BOARD EMERGENCY MEETING

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

5 pm

Gallery, GDOE Building B

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS

Angel R. Sablan, Chair
Mary A.Y. Okada, EdD, Vice-Chair
Peter Alecxis D. Ada
Felicitas B. Angel
Christine W. Baleto
Judith Guthertz, Dr. PA
Maria A. Gutierrez
Ron L. McNinch, PhD
Torres, Carl E. II

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Kohen Diego
IBOGS Representative

Timothy Fedenko
GFT Representative

Mayor Brian Jess Terlaje
MCOG Representative

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

K. Erik Swanson, Ph.D.
GDOE Superintendent

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sablan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Morgan Wade Paul, Acting Superintendent, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

Voting Members:

Sablan, Angel R. – Chair
Okada, Dr. Mary A.Y. – Vice-Chair (via Zoom)
Ada, Peter Alecxis D. (via Zoom)
Baleto, Christine W. (via Zoom)
Gutierrez, Maria A. (via Zoom)
McNinch, Dr. Ron L. (via Zoom)
Torres, Carl E. II (via Zoom)

Absent:

Angel, Felicitas B. (Excused)
Guthertz, Dr. Judith P.

Non-Voting Members:

Fedenko, Timothy – GFT Representative
Terlaje, Brian Jess – MCOG Representative
IBOGS Representative

Legal Counsel

The Superintendent announced that one (1) member of the Board was present in person, and six (6) present via Zoom, constituting a quorum. Mrs. Angel was excused.

Mr. Sablan read a memo citing Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated, Government Operation, Chapter 8: Open Government Law, which allows the Guam Education Board to call an emergency meeting to discuss the appointment of Acting Superintendent. The statement served as the necessary information needed to allow for a convening of the Guam Education Board to meet on December 30, 2025.

II. Appointment of Acting Superintendent

Mr. Ada motioned to extend the appointment of Acting Superintendent Morgan Wade Paul until the contract for the new superintendent is signed by both the Attorney General and the Governor's Office.

Mr. Sablan asked whether the Board members heard his motion. When there was no response and no second, he informed Mr. Ada that the motion does not move forward.

Mrs. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Baleto, to appoint incoming Superintendent Dr. Judith Won Pat as the Acting Superintendent until her contract is executed, effective December 31, 2025, at 5:01 pm. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Sablan voted yes.

Dr. Okada voted yes.

Mr. Ada voted yes.

Ms. Baleto voted yes.

Mrs. Gutierrez voted yes.

Dr. McNinch voted yes.

Mr. Torres voted yes.

Mr. Sablan said they will inform Dr. Won Pat of the appointment.

III. **Announcements & Adjournment** - Mr. Sablan thanked Mr. Morgan Wade Paul, Acting Superintendent and Deputy of Finance and Administrative Services, for stepping in as Acting Superintendent while Dr. Swanson was on leave. He acknowledged the weight of the role, expressed appreciation for Mr. Paul's leadership over the past few days, and wished him and his family a happy New Year.

Dr. Okada motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:


KATHLEEN LAMORENA
Administrative Officer

Date: January 16, 2026

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 30, 2025, EMERGENCY MEETING:

- ☒ Approved as submitted
☐ Approved subject to corrections
☐ Other:


ANGEL R. SABLAN

GEB Chair

Date: 1-27-26


~~K. ERIK SWANSON, Ph.D.~~

Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent

Date: 1-27-26