



GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
**RETIREMENT FUND**  
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Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Ed.D.  
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Antolina S. Leon Guerrero  
 Vice Chair

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, October 14, 2022, 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 12:58 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2022, 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 (*Via Zoom*)  
 Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Treasurer  
 Thomas H. San Agustin, Trustee (*Via Zoom*)  
 David N. Sanford, Trustee (*Via Zoom*)  
 George A. Santos, Trustee

**Board of Trustees Absent:**

Katherine T.E. Taitano, Secretary (*Excused*)

**Staff Present:**

Paula Blas, Director  
 Jackie Blas, Recording Secretary

## II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

### A. September 2, 2022 Regular Meeting

Trustee George Santos, seconded by Treasurer Artemio Hernandez, moved to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2022 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 October 7, 2022 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 October 11, 2022, 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 September 30, 2022 are scheduled to close on November 7, 2022.

3. *Fiscal Year 2023 Retirees' Supplemental Benefits* - Director Blas stated that supplemental benefits for retirees and survivors for the month of October 2022 will be paid by the end of the month.

4. *Fiscal Year 2023 Medicare Reimbursements* - Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund received the October 2022 allotment from the General Fund and reimbursements were processed accordingly.

5. *Fiscal Year 2023 Annual COLA* - Director Blas stated that COLA was released on October 13, 2022. The local banks should have seen it the same day and the off-island banks should see it today, October 14, 2022.

## 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 December 2022. A copy of the Cash Flow Statement is provided for the Board's review.

Treasurer Hernandez stated that the FY2022 closing should be at the end of October 2022.

## **VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Investment Committee**

Treasurer Hernandez reported that the Investment Committee Meeting was held on October 11, 2022. The Committee reviewed and approved the Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2022. Treasurer Hernandez stated that as of October 7, 2022, the size of the Retirement Fund's portfolio was \$1,788,185,640. Treasurer Hernandez stated that the Committee expressed some concerns as it relates to the market value of the portfolio which, as of October 12, 2022, is at \$1,756,602,363. The Committee requested for some additional information from Maggie Ralbovsky of Wilshire of what has occurred since last month.

*Next Quarterly Performance Meeting* – Treasurer Hernandez informed the Board that the next Quarterly Performance Meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Treasurer Hernandez stated that Ms. Ralbovsky will be attending virtually. Annual reviews will be conducted for the following Risk Parity and Global REITs managers:

- Dimensional Fund Advisors
- PanAgora Asset Management
- Invesco Advisors

Director Blas mentioned that Ms. Ralbovsky will be attending the Board Meeting on Thursday, November 10th.

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

Trustee George Santos presented the Committee's October 2022 report to the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Leon Guerrero inquired about Page 19 of the report. Director Blas stated that it's a Minor Child Stipend. Trustee Santos stated that the Child Stipend is \$240.00 monthly. Director Blas stated that the guardian is the natural mother of the minor child, but she was not marriage to the biological father of the child.

**Trustee George Santos, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, 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 October 7, 2022. Without objection, the motion passed.**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Retiree Advocate Report – Fiscal Year 2023 Health Insurance Negotiations**

Director Blas stated that the Retiree Advocate’s report for Fiscal Year 2023 Health Insurance Negotiations is provided for the Board's review. Chairman Leon Guerrero stated that he received a letter from the Department of Administration (DOA) requesting for a retiree representation for the Fiscal Year 2024 Group Health Insurance Negotiating Team. Director Blas stated that the Board has the option to maintain the current retiree representative. Director Blas stated that Michael Carlson is willing to continue his role as retiree representative. Chairman Leon Guerrero stated that if there's no objection from the Board, Mr. Michael Carlson will be asked to continue his role as retiree representative. The Board indicated that they have no objection to retaining Mr. Carlson.

**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, on motion of Trustee George Santos, seconded by Treasurer Artemio Hernandez, and 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 October 14, 2022 Regular Meeting duly adopted and approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees on November 10, 2022.**



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

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**



**Jackie Blas**