

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	DATE REFERRED	COMMITTEE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	SESSION DATE	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
38GL-25-1369	Evangeline M. Cepeda	Member (General Public - Representative)	Guam Academy Charter Schools Council	10/15/25	Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation	10/24/25	Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting.	12/9/25	12/31/25			



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December 31, 2025

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.

Speaker, *I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guahan*
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Via: Honorable Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Chairman, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Evangeline M. Cepeda

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Evangeline M. Cepeda to serve as a Member, (General Public - Representative), Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, for a term of Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation, and which was referred to the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting

Committee votes are as follows:

- 6 TO DO CONFIRM
- _____ TO NOT CONFIRM
- 1 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- _____ TO ABSTAIN
- _____ TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Marie Crisostomo

Best Regards,

Senator Vincent A.V. Borja

Chairman, Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of

Evangeline M. Cepeda

As a

**Member, (General Public – Representative),
Guam Academy Charter Schools Council,
for a term of Three (3) Years; From Date of
Confirmation**

By: Senator Vincent A.V. Borja



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting

From: Senator Vincent A.V. Borja
Chairperson, Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Evangeline M. Cepeda

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Senator Vincent A.V. Borja

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting




COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature

October 24, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Appointment**

Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §9.01, Rule IX of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: **Evangeline M. Cepeda**

Position: **Member (General Public - Representative)**

Term Length: **Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation**

Please refer the following document:

“**Doc. No. 38GL-25-1369** – Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Evangeline M. Cepeda, Member (General Public - Representative), Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.”

Ensure the appointment is referred to the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting chaired by Senator Vincent A.V. Borja. I also request that the same be copied to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

October 15, 2025

HONORABLE FRANK BLAS JR., *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

38GL-25-1369
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

OCT 20 2025

Time: 3:14pm
Received: abab

RE: Board Reappointment

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam, 17 GCA § 12111 and all other applicable local laws, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Evangeline M. Cepeda
POSITION: Member, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council
General Public - Representative

TERM LENGTH: Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

The appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam



38GL-25-1369
Messages and Communications

RECEIVED
COMMITTEE ON RULES
October 20, 2025

4:20 p.m.
Marie Crisostomo

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

October 15, 2025

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA

Håfa Adai Ms. Cepeda:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 17 GCA § 12111, and all other applicable laws, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

MEMBER, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL
General Public - Representative
Term Length: Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

Your reappointment is a testament to your commitment to public service and your faithful execution of the great responsibilities that this position requires. I am confident that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend my gratitude for your continued service in this important role.

This reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

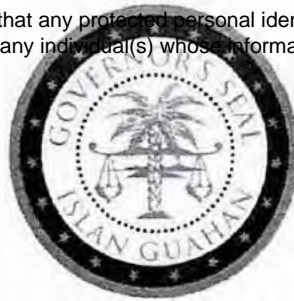
Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jean Taitano at (671) 473-1121.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

The following information is required for submission to the
Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

<i>Last Name</i> CEPEDA	<i>First Name</i> EVANGELINE	<i>Middle Initial</i> MARIE
<i>Mailing Address</i> [REDACTED]		<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>
<i>City</i> [REDACTED]	<i>State</i> [REDACTED]	<i>Zip Code</i> [REDACTED]
<i>Phone</i> [REDACTED]	<i>E-mail Address</i> [REDACTED]	
<i>Position to which Appointment is Made</i> Member, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council		
<i>Are you a citizen of the United States?</i> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

EDUCATION

<i>SCHOOL (Name, City and State)</i>	<i>DATES OF ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>TYPE OF DEGREE</i>	<i>YEAR EARNED</i>
<i>High School</i> Notre Dame High School, Talofofo, Guam		High School Diploma	1984
<i>College</i>			
<i>Graduate School</i>			
<i>Other Degree</i>			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Century 21 Realty Management Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Executive Property Manager
	Dates Held 5/2011 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Century 21 Realty Management Pacific Group Development (PGD) I & II Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Resident Manager
	Dates Held 4/2011 - 2014

Previous Employer and Mailing Address GHURA Government of Guam	Position Title Program Coordinator (I1,2&3)
	Dates Held 9/1997 - 2/2010

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Guam Legislature Office of the Speaker Government of Guam	Position Title Legislative Assistant & Research
	Dates Held 8/1988 -9/1997

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name		Position Title	
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

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Address	Phone No.	Dates Held	

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>	

TRAINING

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>

AWARDS

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
<p>Elected Member (Lagu District), Guam Educationl Board, 2006 - 2010 Member, Workforce Investment Board, 2/1998 - 12/2008 Elected Member, Young Leaders of Guam, Bureau of Women's Affairs, 10/1995 - 11/1996 Board Member, Central Executive Committee, Dededo District, DPOG, 1/1991 - 10/2001</p>

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Vice-President, Pastoral Council of Santa Barbara Catholic Church, 2016 - Present
Member, Guam Lions Club (Ayudia Charter), 6/2014 - Present
Regent President/Charter Member, Catholic Daughters of the America, 5/2008 - Present
Member, Alumni Board, Norte Dame High School (Elected), 2004 - 2012
Chair, All Liturgical Members, Santa Barbara Catholic Church
Board Member, Advocacy for Sexual Assault & Rape Victims on Guam

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

<i>BRANCH</i>	<i>DATES OF SERVICE</i>	<i>RANK AT DISCHARGE</i>	<i>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</i>

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes No If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes No If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

Yes No


(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

Yes No If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.


EANGELINE N. CORDERA

Print Name and Signature

10/16/2005

Date

Note that the Legislature has taken steps to ensure that any protected personal identifying information has been redacted or excluded in whole or in part in order to protect the privacy of any individual(s) whose information has been included as part of this transmittal.



Government of Guam
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION

P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921

October 16, 2025

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Evangeline Marie CEPEDA		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT #:	[REDACTED]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

*****NOTHING FOLLOWS*****

THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

By Direction: *andrea*

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police

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PRESIDING JUDGE

JANICE M. CAMACHO-PEREZ, ESQ.
CLERK OF COURT

VALERIE D. TENORIO
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Name: **EVANGELINE M CEPEDA**

Driver's License ID #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

Criminal Cases:
No Cases Found

Civil Cases:

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and local/federal holidays. **Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.**

Dated: 10/20/2025

Janice M. Camacho-Perez
Clerk of Court

By: Ventura Salenga Jr.
Deputy Clerk I

Prepared by: Ventura Salenga Jr



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FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – DECEMBER 9, 2025

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Office of Senator Borja <contact@senatorvinceborja.com>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Mon, Dec 1, 2025 at 8:00 AM

December 1, 2025

MEMORANDUM**TO: ALL SENATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, MEDIA****FROM: SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA,**
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING**RE: FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – DECEMBER 9, 2025**

Håfa Adai! The Committee on Education, Libraries & Public Broadcasting will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, beginning at 9:00 A.M in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

The Committee will hear and accept testimony on the following:

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How to Participate: Written testimony may be delivered to the Office of Senator Vincent A. V. Borja, DNA Building, Suite 502, 238 Archbishop Flores Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, or via email to contact@senatorvinceborja.com. The Committee requests that testimonies be submitted at least forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled hearing.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting the office of Senator Vincent A. V. Borja via email at contact@senatorvinceborja.com or by voice call at (671) 969-8423

Special Accommodations: All government activities, programs, and services are accessible for people with disabilities in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For assistance

or special accommodations to fully participate in this public hearing, please contact the office of Senator Vincent A.V. Borja at (671) 969-8423 or via email at contact@senatorvinceborja.com

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Respectfully,



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PUBLIC HEARING

Posted on: 12/01/2025 07:30 AM

Posted by: Caden Poblete, Intern

Public Hearing Date: 12/09/2025 09:00 AM

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Hearing on Camacho, Cepeda Appointments, Veterans Benefits Legislation



Five Business Days from Now

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Thu, Dec 4, 2025 at 8:00 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

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Mon, Dec 1, 2025 at 10:45 AM

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NAME:	AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION	POSITION	TESTIMONY	CONTACT INFORMATION
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2. <i>Maria Dunn</i>	<i>LAES</i>	SUPPORT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITTEN <input type="checkbox"/> ORAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Honorable Chairman Vince Borja

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December 1, 2025

Re: Testimony on Doc. No. 38 GL-25-1369 appointment of Evangeline Cepeda

Hafa Adai Honorable Chairman Vincent Borja and Honorable Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the Guam Academy Charter School Council's Chairperson, Evangeline M. Cepeda. Her dedication to Guam's youth is well known, but in recent years she has gone far beyond fulfilling her duties. She has invested extraordinary time, care, and resolve into not only supporting our charter schools but helping them grow with purpose and integrity.

Chairperson Cepeda leads with a firm, steady hand and a clear commitment to the long-term success of the charter system. She upholds high standards while recognizing that each school has its own mission, challenges, and identity. By listening to the individual needs of every school, she has fostered an environment where collaboration is encouraged and thoughtful problem-solving is the norm. Even when disagreements arise – as they naturally do – she ensures the council remains a place where honest dialogue is welcomed and respected.

As Guam's charter school system continues to expand, the need for continuity, sound leadership, and institutional stability has never been more important. Chairperson Cepeda's reappointment would provide precisely that steady foundation at a time when new schools are emerging and existing schools, like iLearn Academy Charter School, are preparing for significant growth. iLearn is at a pivotal moment as we expand into a middle school program. The work ahead is ambitious and will elevate educational opportunities in ways our island has not yet experienced. We would not be where we are today without Chairperson Cepeda's guidance, encouragement, and unwavering belief in what our charter schools can accomplish for Guam's children.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for your time and for your thoughtful consideration of her appointment.


Helen Nishihira
Chief Operations Officer



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Request to E-Vote: Evangeline M. Cepeda

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Mon, Dec 29, 2025 at 12:34 PM

To: "Frank Blas Jr." <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>, "Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada" <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov>, Senator Tina Muna Barnes <senator.munabarnes@guamlegislature.gov>, Office of Senator Shelly Calvo <officeofsenatorshellycalvo@guamlegislature.gov>, Chris Duenas <senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov>, Senator Shawn Gumataotao <office.senatorshawn@guamlegislature.gov>, "Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>, Office Senator Bri <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

Buenas yan Háfa Adai, Honorable Committee Members,

Please see attached committee report for the appointment of Evangeline M. Cepeda to serve as a Member, (General Public - Representative), Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, for a term of Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation.

Please indicate your preferred action, based on the following options:

- TO DO CONFIRM
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Please submit your response **ASAP**. Your responses will be logged into the vote sheet, which will be submitted as part of the final Committee Report to the Committee on Rules.

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Mon, Dec 29, 2025 at 1:12 PM

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TO DO CONFIRM

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting
Senator Vincent Anthony V. Borja, Chairman

I. OVERVIEW:

The **Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting** convened a Public Hearing on the appointment of **Evangeline M. Cepeda** on Tuesday **December 9, 2025** at **9:00AM** in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

Public Hearing Notices were posted to the Government Public Notices Portal and disseminated via electronic mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **December 1, 2025** (5-Day Notice), and again on **December 4, 2025** (48-Hour Notice).

SENATORS PRESENT:

Vincent A.V. Borja, Chairman
Telo T. Taitague, Member

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Evangeline M. Cepeda, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, Chair
Maria Dunn, I Learn Academy Charter School
Ann Marie Arceo, Magalahen Hurao Charter School
David J.N. Camacho, Appointee as Retired Teacher – Representative Guam Academy Charter School

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Helen Nishihara, Chief Operations Officer, I Learn Academy Charter School

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION:

The public hearing for the appointment of **Evangeline M. Cepeda** began at **9:01AM**

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Hafa Adai and Good Morning. Thank you everyone for being here with us today. Today's date is **December 9, 2025**. This morning's public hearing held by the Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting is called to order. The time is now **9:01AM**.

Before we begin there are some housekeeping matters that I will briefly discuss so we can get right to work. The first Notice of this public hearing was disseminated to all senators and media outlets on **December 1st, 2025** with its second notice disseminated on **December 4th, 2025**.

Notices of this hearing were also made available on Kandit News Group, the Guam Legislature's Website, our Legislative Calendar, and the Government of Guam's Public Notice Portal.

Today's public hearing is being broadcast live on the Guam Legislature YouTube Channel, and the transcript will be filed with the Committee on Rules and be made available on the Guam Legislature website.

Today, we will hear testimony on:

Doc. No. 38GL-25-1364 – The Appointment of David J.N. Camacho served as a member, for the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, as a Retired Teacher – Representative, for a term of Three (3) Years; From the Date of Confirmation.

[Doc. No. 38GL-25-1369 – The Appointment of Evangeline M. Cepeda to serve as a Member, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, General Public – Representative, Three \(3\) Years; From Date of Confirmation](#)

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Bill No. 202-38 (COR) – AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 56 TO DIVISION 5 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE “GUAM VETERANS HIGHER EDUCATION BENEFITS ACT.”

And in that order.

At this time I now... I have no colleagues. I was going to welcome my colleagues. But before we begin, we'll remind everyone in attendance of I Liheslaturan Guahan's general rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the Chairperson before speaking and shall state their full name for the record. Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of today's agenda. Personal inferences to the character or motive of any senator or individual testifying are not permitted.

Pursuant to Section 11.07 of the 38th Guam Legislature's Standing Rules. A Chairperson may order the removal from a hearing of a Committee or a Subcommittee of any person who is not a Member of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and who fails to observe proper decorum. Any violation to this general rule of conduct will result in immediate removal from this public hearing room.

With that said, we will now proceed to hear testimony on the first item of the agenda which will be: The appointment of Mr. Camacho.

[START OF DAVID CAMACHO APPOINTMENT HEARING] [6:08]

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you. Thank you Mr. Camacho. Um so with anybody else here I don't. I don't see anybody else signed up to provide testimony. If we want uh we like if we want we'll proceed to now yours. Um Ms. Cepeda, if you have something you have something written. Yes I Okay, got it. Thank you. Thank you. You can proceed.

[STOPPAGE OF DAVID CAMACHO APPOINTMENT HEARING] [10:19]

[START OF EVANGELINE CEPEDA APPOINTMENT HEARING] [10:20]

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Okay. Buenas Buenas yan Håfa adai, Honorable Chairman Vincent A.V Borja and the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting. Thank you, Senator Telo Taitague for being present. I appreciate this. My name is Evangeline M. Cepeda Si Yu'os Ma'åase for the opportunity to submit my written testimony in support of my reappointment by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio to the Guam Charter School Council.

It has been an honor to serve the council and to contribute to the continued strengthening of Guam's Charter School. Throughout my service, I have remained committed to ensuring that all charter schools operate with transparency, accountability, and a steadfast focus on student success. The work of the council is both challenging and deeply meaningful. I have approached each responsibility with due diligence, fairness, and respect for the process that safeguards the integrity of our charter schools and their educational institutions and mission of each charter school.

During my service, I have worked collaboratively with fellow council members, charter school leaders, educators, the chair on education, and the community stakeholders to support the following: strong governance and compliance as part of the council. Ensuring that all seven charter schools meet statutory and regulatory requirements.

Responsible oversight. Balancing school autonomy for each charter with the need for accountability and fiscal stewardship. Student centered decisionmaking. Prioritizing safety, supportive and effective learning environments that caters to each charter school based on each of their specific missions. transparent communication which is fostering, trusting and clarifying among families, schools and government partners such as DOA, the department of

administration, BBMR, DOE, the mayor's councils, the mayor's office, the people's house, the Guam legislature, the governor's office, along with the public auditor to name a few.

I remain committed to upholding these principles and to continuing the work of the growing demand for more charter schools and strengthening the existing seven charter schools in Guam. If confirmed, I will carry forward the same level of professionalism, integrity, and dedication that I have demonstrated throughout my service on the council. I am grateful to the governor and the lieutenant governor for their confidence in my ability to continue serving in this capacity.

I respectfully and humbly ask for the Legislature's support of my reappointment so that I may continue the work at the level of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council. I say let my actions speak for itself. With that, I'd like to thank you for your time, your consideration, and your continued commitment to Guam's children and families, and those who choose to attend the charter schools of their choice. Thank you. Respectfully submitted, Evangeline M. Cepeda, and I do have copies, Senator. Thank you.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Miss Cepeda. And I know we're going a little backwards here because of the late sign. So we could have um Huraon and um if you guys are here to provide oral testimony or you yeah if you would like to come up to the um you can go ahead and begin.

MARIA DUNN, PRINCIPLE, I LEARN ACADEMY:

Buenas yan hafa adai Honorable Chairman Vincent Borja Honorable Senator Telo Taitague and the Honorable Senators of the 38th Guam legislature. My name is Miss Maria Dunn. I am one of two principals at I Learn Academy Charter School and I will be sharing testimony on behalf of Mrs. Helen Nishihira, our chief operations officer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and strong support of the Guam Academy Charter School Council's Chairperson, Evangeline M. Cepeda. Her dedication to Guam's youth is well known, but in recent years, she has gone far beyond fulfilling her duties. She has invested extraordinary time, care, and resolve into not only supporting our charter schools, but helping them grow with purpose and integrity.

Chairperson Cepeda leads with a firm, steady hand and a clear commitment to the long-term successes of the charter school system. She upholds high standards while recognizing that each school has its own mission and challenges to identify as well as an identity.

By listening to the individual needs of every school, she has fostered an environment where collaboration is encouraged and thoughtful problem solving is the norm. Even when disagreements arise, as they naturally do, she ensures the council remains a place where honest

dialogue is welcomed and respected. As Guam's charter school system continues to expand, the need for continuity, sound leadership, and institutional stability has never been more important.

Chairperson Cepeda's reappointment would provide precisely that steady foundation at a time when new schools are emerging and existing schools like I Learn Academy Charter School are preparing for significant growth.

I Learn is at a pivotal moment as we expand into a middle school program. The work ahead is ambitious and will elevate educational opportunities in ways our island has not yet experienced. We would not have been where we are today without chairperson Cepeda's guidance, encouragement, and unwavering belief in what our charter schools can accomplish for Guam's children.

Si Yu'os Må'ase for your time and for your thoughtful consideration of her appointment. Mrs. Helen Nishihara, chief operations officer.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Mrs. Dunn. Ms. Arceo, you can go ahead and proceed.

ANN MARIE ARCEO, PRINCIPLE, MAGALAHEN HURAO ACADEMY:

Buenas Manana Si Yos Senador borja yan Senadora Si yu'os ma'ase na guaha tiempo miyu nai yu tiempo pago gi eggan chadek yu matto pago para bai fan akudi sa' ani pago hu tutungo na pago gi eggan para um magote este nai inekkongok publiku ye impotanti para hami me kuentos put I Magalahren Hurao na bai suppoti I para ma kontinua este si Vangie yan si Mr. Camacho na para ufanganao sa' manmanhongge nu hami makat ma sodda enao. I manmanhongge nu hami. Mangaige siha kada hafa un guaha para hami yan aksion. Guaha aksion taya ti meggai kuentos kuentos ha mangaigi para hami kada hafa nissisita.

Yan tumotoge si Vangie para hami ti maatnao ti po fangagao dispensasion amano na ti propio todú i tiempo tumotohge para hami ya para Magalahren hurao ni kulan ootro ha i mision mami makat ma sodda eyi i ti pot fanuentos ha yan ti pot fanohge para hami. Debidi u man aaya i aksion yan i kuentos sa' hassan hassan na para o guaha tohge para ha para i dinanche para i prubeto yan guiya lokkue gi gi ne hilot na ha hacha todú i I charter eskeulan charter giya guahan.

Yan ano na guaha i na dilanto gi idukasion giya guahan intre i charter gof annok i kualidot ni gaigne yan este na mision como man na guaha salape para este na mision i linala kottura yan i lenguahen chamoru gof takfina, takhilo pago na ora sa anggen tatohgui pago yan taya aksion matai ha siempre lenguahi put anu sigi ha ta alu o ta sapote ta nalala nu nesisario aksion. Si Vangie aksion na malalagu komogui ya palaoan chamoru ni gi malulu i este ya ti maatnao po sangen ni hafa magahet ti meggai na taotao para u choggue ennao.

Pues Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Vang ni you know... todu i sinempotemu lumuto mas na manhongge hao. manhongge hao nu hami sa hami ni todu i charter sa parehu, hu lekkue na parehu todu sinentinehi po malan eskuelan charter na komotumohgue si Vangie taya na popotlo ham papa. Taya na po sanggen baba put hami etukat malala eya guanom bai pot mamopodong ham ma fanui ham ya hakudi ham. Ya fanui ham taimanu para ben na denanchi.

Sa manhongge manhongge palaoan nu hami sa eyi gui ta nissisita guihi i hayi para hu na'i ham aksion eyi gui mas impotante ti megegai mas sa todu esta sanggen si Mrs. Dunn. Yan magahet na sine un li'i ginen i checho' na todu i na dilantu. Taya ti sina ma ekket ennao . Achukat papet para hafa na dukamento I aksion na sina ta li'e tofu i che'cho na si Vangie. Pues Si Yu'os Ma'ase senidot ni este na oportunidadot. Ma meria si.

Ha meria si Si Vangie para u kontinua i che'cho na guini. U gagagao I sinempoten ni I Liheslaturan na po ma konfitma. Ya u mas guaha dilantu puet para hami ni Magalahen Hurao ni i mision mami ni gof uniku na mision yan esta atrasasao i tiempo yan i ora ni para ta sutba hafa ya guaha meggai ni na inadilantu dos sientto kana dos sientto na famaguon giya hurao ni man fifino Chamoru esta diestiki tres anos hulu para onci anos.

Decembre pago sa esta man fifinu i famaguon. Man fifinu Chamoru man mumumu gi finu Chamoru. Ya hu tongo na ha gof supoti si Vangie yan si Mr. Camacho este i para ta nalala. Pues ebidensia na i sinempoten niha siempre un nina lala finu yan kotturan Chamoru. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

[QUESTIONS & ANSWER BEGINS] [21:45]

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHARPERSON:

Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your testimony. Please remain seated while we open the floor for questions from my colleague. Senator Taitague.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Mr. Chair and good morning to you and especially good morning to those who are here testifying. You know, welcome to the people's house, your house. And uh first and foremost, uh thank you. I hope you've got permission from your better halves or your family to sit on a board. Mr. Camacho, did you get the okay? Did you get the okay from the other half?

DAVID J.N CAMACHO, APPOINTEE

It's kind of vibrating. I can't hear.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

I know. I have the same problem, you know. So, I'll try and speak.

DAVID J.N CAMACHO, APPOINTEE

It's like a reverb.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

It's an echo. Yeah, it's an echo. And you know, people who are hard of hearing like myself, you know, it just echoes that way. But did you get permission from the other half to be able to sit on this board and work?

DAVID J.N CAMACHO, APPOINTEE

Oh, did I get my permission? Yes. Uh the reason she didn't show up was because she asked me what uh what was she supposed to do? I said just stand behind me, supposed to go. She didn't want to look good.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Mr. Camacho, I don't know a whole lot about you. And I usually try to do my homework and people know that I'm the one of the biggest advocates for charter schools. Um and being that so I also keep a strong eye out to make sure that there are no, you know, hiccups or shenanigans going on.

And Vangie knows that um and tried to, you know, be very fair with the charter schools. In your testimony, you just said it speaks, it speaks for itself, right? Yes.

But Mr. Camacho, there are people watching. Okay. And they're relying on us as senators to ask, you know, tough questions and not just sit here to thank you, you know, and do this, but, you know, they want to hold you accountable because

So, can you just tell me why you want to serve on this charter school? And what vision do you have for the Charter schools coming up?

DAVID J.N CAMACHO, APPOINTEE

To me, the charter school is a part of the answer to DOE's problem. I'm a DOE teacher, a retired teacher. And one of the problems with DOE is that it's the biggest department on the island. And they have to handle all the kids from special ed all the way to the all the extreme where charter school gives the parents and the students an option other than DOE.

So by taking some of the population of I'm sorry my voice is running out, but by taking some of the population out of DOE's uh purview and putting them in charter school it makes the community of Guam have a more educated community because now the people of Guam have

more choice. Okay. I do uh believe that uh after sitting for three years, I saw all the different chart seven different charter schools uh in their individual um uh goals.

Uh they all their interest is in the community of kids that they serve. And to me, a better classroom is a smaller class size. I, as a school teacher, as a retired school teacher, the smaller the class size, the more educated the students are.

So, charter school provides that in general for the island of Guam. So, as a charter school uh board member, uh that's what I look for. I make sure that the people in the system of charter schools are addressing the issues of the kids that are in their uh in their school.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

She just had a drink please. Thank you. So, you know, as a teacher, one of the things about charter schools that make it a little bit unique to me when it comes to teachers is that the teachers that are teaching there, excuse me, even myself, I need water. The teachers are there because they really want to teach. They are not in any union, you know.

They're not governed by the civil service commission to tell them what they cannot do or that they're not, you know, they actually want to help monitor the kids in the hallway or they go out to the parking lot and help as you know, children are picked up by their families. They're teachers who really want to be there. I mean, they don't get paid like the DOE gets paid, the teachers. And it's unfortunate. I wish they could. And hopefully someday we're going to get to that point, you know, that we can actually give them what they justly deserve.

DAVID J.N CAMACHO, APPOINTEE

You guys hold back. Just increase the budget.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Well, I've been trying every year. Ask Vanie. every budget. I've been trying, but it takes eight of us and then if the governor vetoes, it takes 10 of us to make that happen. So, you need to advocate not just for me or Mr. Borja, but uh Senator Borja, but you need at least six more.

DAVID CAMACHO, NOMINEE

Okay. As a school teacher, I know the uh DOE or school teachers are the most educated group of workers in the entire government of Guam and including the charter school, but they're the lowest paid. They're practically minimum wage because when you take away the things that they provide for the kids that are too poor to uh to uh pay for the bus, I can't believe that DOE students pay for bus transportation for field trip, you know, things like that really pisses me off when I see that in the newspaper.

Uh so you know okay the one that not the one that makes that up is the poor school teacher that provides for the kid that cannot afford.

So the kid that comes without a paper and pencil teacher provides that. So as a as a school teacher, I did that myself and you know I I can feel for those guys and then I hate to say this because there's some principles next to me but usually the principal they they they want to maximize because they they they want the teacher to provide for everybody without messing with the budget they're they're more concerned with the budget. As a school teacher, we're concerned about the kid, the student.

Uh so for me, uh as an individ as a retired school teacher, both in public as a double dipper and a regular school teacher, and now I'm a charter school member. That's what I watch out for. So as uh you know you guys can look at everybody's budget look at this poor school teacher they spend the same amount of education time in in the universities but yet when it comes to salary they don't get that much.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

So well thank you uh Mr. Camacho for that. I'm sure that the teachers who are listening are saying, "Yeah, right on. That's right." You know, and but we are doing our best to provide um you know, a pay that's justly so that they deserve. And you know, and those teachers who do pull out of their own pocket, well, I tell you, I'm my hats off to them.

But, you know, when they get students who run up to them 10 years from now saying, "Oh my god, you were my teacher. You really helped us out." You know, I mean, that's the part of being a teacher, that um sacrifice that you made upon yourself to ensure that a child not only gets an education, but feels loved and needed. And sometimes, you know, in a classroom, it's not just the education that you provide them.

It's the compassion and the time you spent with an individual student to get them motivated to want to learn. And I really greatly appreciate that. So sitting on the board um as a teacher I can see now that there is somebody there advocating for the teacher Vangie and that's really important you know to have that. So thank you Mr. Camacho for that. And uh I looked at your record, it seems clean.

So, but I'll be I. I will offer my office to you. Um if you ever have any concerns and you know the way you were passionate in talking about that, maybe we can come up with something. I know that the principles have to juggle more than you know the students. They have to juggle so much more and um they rely on teachers to do the job that sometimes they have to step away from and and work on other things.

So I appreciate that and my door is open if you'd like to knock on it anytime. If there's anything that you want to tell it to, you know, you know who to tell it to. Okay. So thank you. Please, I offer you my door. Okay.

DAVID J.N CAMACHO, APPOINTEE

One last thing, my philosophy in education is KISS, keep it short and simple. And that's also I I know we I think part of the overall I I'm looking out as our community also the homelessness is because a lot of our kids were not well educated.

These homeless people that are walking around, they belong to the special ed group, some of them, and some of them are just kids that were not well educated enough to say no to drugs and whatever.

So, uh, to me as a school teacher, we need to correct them while they're in the classroom because a lot of times the parents do not do that. I feel I hate to say it, but it's very sad to see that.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Yeah. Well, if anybody has any questions who's watching this public hearing right now, you see someone who's an advocate and very passionate about his position on the charter school board and you bring a lot of good things to light. So, thank you so much.

Now, Vangie, yes, I've been watching you for years, you know, and seeing what amazing stuff that you've been doing. Um and having Ann Marie, you know, here giving her her blessing, you know, and uh it says a lot, you know, as well as you two as well coming here and testifying.

But um you know, there are still a lot of things to do at the charter schools, quite a bit. uh we look at schools who want more of an autonomy you know uh and I don't see the board going in a direction that would give them that authority so that they don't have to jump hurdles see that's the one thing different too about the charter schools you know compared to DOE you know the hurdles that you take now accountability is important but van so Vangie my question would be how are you going to you know um foresee the vision of allowing these schools to give them that more freedom but with accountability to ensure that they're spending the funding right procurement and by the way I'd like to ask Ann marie as yourself you got people taking the procurement classes

MARIA DUNN, I LEARN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

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SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Can you put it for the record, yeah yes we do okay because I'm actually taking the courses myself just so I understand it more, you know. I mean, I sit here creating laws, I better understand what procurement is. So, I'm on module three already and working toward that. And I see some people coming in there, but I haven't seen anybody from the charter schools yet uh attending class.

MARIA DUNN, I LEARN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

So, we're heading to module two now.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

We've done module one. Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Yeah. Bucky. Uh Brennan is a good uh instructor. Module two. He does module two. So, that's important. the procurement because we're going to see something here in the next week or so about a huge huge even illegal somebody's going to get indicted soon on something that happened at DOE and I would hate to see the charter schools be in that predicament. So again, Vangie, sorry to elaborate on I just want to make sure everyone's taking procurement classes and make sure your schools are all taking those procurement classes.

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Senator, can I add to what you stated to clarify. First of all, every charter school, all seven of them have full autonomy. I've never as a chairperson gone in there and told them the dos and don'ts. I leave that all to the leadership of each charter. I do site visits. That's healthy to see ensure that the facility is on top of things, the students are happy. Hearing straight from the students is the best thing to ask.

Um, so they have full autonomy. Now within the law, the council, one way to monitor accountability is through the annual fiscal report at the end of the month. They will provide that to the council.

The council then rep reports that to the governor and to the speaker of the Guam legislature. We provide those annual reports. It's a very detailed annual report of all seven charter schools, what they've done throughout the year, their spending, their cost, everything. And in that it also requires under the law regulatory public auditors audit findings.

So the charter schools know that if they have an audit finding I as the chair is very big on that. I base a lot of my accountability based on that. So if I have a school that the public auditor says okay they're two years clean they have zero. That makes the council very very happy. What about the website? Yes.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

What about your website? If you're being the website's every all that is updated.

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL, CHAIR:

So what I do is I ask them every other week and they can attest to this because they get calls that we ensure that their websites are updated for the general public to provide. So there is uh accountability and transparency and so all their websites must be updated.

And so the charter school is going to attest that we give them a deadline and then FY will go in there and you know dots our 'I's, cross our 'T's to ensure that we follow the guidelines and that everything that is posted within the website is current and accurate.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Is that including the financials as well as the expenditures as well as the employment?

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL, CHAIR:

The website you know what I senator I can get back to you on that. Not sure, but everything on the website is for transparency and visibility for the public to review or view.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Well, one thing I know for sure is that um it's not required by law. They won't put it on the website even though they should, you know, because this is public money that they're utilizing and every dime you get, a penny you get should be transparent, right? Uh not just accountable, but being transparent how we're spending it.

So Vangie, I'm asking you and I've asked you on several other times uh certain things if you can do note it. All those reports that you were talking about that's given to the governor that's given to the legislature put it on their website. Okay?

You know make sure that all this is on your website so the people of Guam can see where their money is being spent. Okay? Now, some of them in the past, you know, a couple of decades ago or so, one particular charter school got in a lot of trouble and there was no accountability. There was nothing on the website. We don't want to go back to that. You've done great strides to clean up the bad cloud that was hovering over charter schools because of that one particular school. So, now that you know you've cleaned the house, let's maintain it.

Yes. Um, don't lose sight of maintaining something. You know, people tend to say one thing, oh, I'm going to do this, and they never come back. And follow up. Follow up is very, you know, me,

I'm a stickler on followup. Follow up until you get so tired of me that you're like, oh god, get her get her the answer so she'll stop calling. You know, that's me. And I know that's you, too.

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL, CHAIR:

I like that. I like that. Okay. Sometimes I'm annoying, senator, because that is me. I am a big follow through and you know and and unfortunately I had to write up some charter schools for them not responding on time. So I've had to pull out the whip unfortunately. Um and it works. So everybody, you know, when I say Felly, there's this deadline.

The deadline is Monday, March 15th, uh before 12:00 noon. I'll call FY at 12:01 and I say, "Felly, who what charter school did not turn it in?" Okay. Oh, Miss Vangie, all of them have turned it in. Okay, that's great. And so, I do follow up. I'm a big stickler of that as well because I kind of write everything down and I put a deadline on all of it and once it's completed, I kind of highlight it so I know what to follow through with. I do remind all the charter schools time and time again, Senator uh Taitague, that the money is from the people and we need to be very critical on how we use it, how we spend it, and we need there's nothing for us to hide.

The council is not going to hide or sweep anything under the rug. We face it head on. We resolve it because I'm not about meeting five times and nothing is resolved. I'm about okay, we meet and if it's not, if it's not a positive meeting, we're going to move for the vote and you know um take action on it and resolve to find a resolution for the problem.

So the seven charter schools I will say as of today Senator Taitague they have complied with providing the council with documentation as required and I will have noted that we will have them put this on the website. Um, I'll give them a timeline and put all of their annual report and I'll have Felly do that and ensure that all of it is effective at the end of the month in December when that's turned in.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Yeah. And if we have to do it by legislation, then we'll do it by legislation. No, you don't have to, Senator. Good. That's we're workable.

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL, CHAIR:

We're workable.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

I appreciate that cuz you know I'll be happy to do that and make sure it's done legally. It's done. So the last two questions I have are twofold. One, we gave you some money uh for your

administrative side, not for the schools, but for your administrative side. Um and tell me how far your longing has gone with that one. And secondly, uh last one is are there any new uh potential charter schools coming up and what can we do in the law that would allow more charter schools? because I know that there's a law that governs who can be a charter school and what type of uh um education, you know, and meeting that and and should we have more charter schools? And that will be my last question, Mr. Chair.

**EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL,
CHAIR:**

Thank you, Senator. Those are all great questions, right up my alley. Okay, with that said, let's go with the first one. Thank you, Senator Taitague. The first one is with the charter schools. Okay. So, do we need more charter schools? Absolutely. I'm all about growing. I'm all about choices. I think parents love it when their child loves to go to school. That's already without a report card telling you something.

You're in an A. You're getting an A. Okay? Because part of it, you know, people forget educators, you know, I have sisters in the school system that work there. I'm going to say that it requires more than getting an A+ in your report card. If you come in with a very positive attitude, you love what you're doing. Just like your job, you're going to give it your all and more. Okay? Just like a student, the first thing is they're present. But when they go to an environment that is positive, it brings out their best, their best of themselves. So when they come to the classroom, they're already in a very positive attitude. And I'm going to say this very strongly and with total truth. All seven charter schools, students love to go to their schools and they're happy.

And it's when I have a parent call me and say, "Miss Aida, can you please check into this blah blah blah?" I checked it out. I responded back and they said, "My son wants to stay there. He loves going to Mount Carmel." I'm giving an example. Um, and we're willing to drive. I'm willing to get up at 5 in the morning because this past weekend, for example, Mont Carmel had their karate uh um activity or exhibition.

And a parent called me and said, "My son never thought about it, but it brought more confidence than learning. It brought him confidence. It gave him a boost. Things that money can't buy or education can't teach. It's being done in the charter school. So something is working. That's the first thing. There is indeed a definite growth that is needed. I already have two different non-profit organizations that have requested from me and have met with me that they need to open their charter and they're ready. I told them this is what you need. These are the steps and requirements needed.

But here's the bad news. We don't have any availability under the law because we have seven. So to answer your question, yes, absolutely. Introduce the bill. I brought this to Senator Vince Borja's attention. Um cuz I am a nag and I know I say this to Senator Borja. I know I'm a pain in the butt sometimes, but you know what? Unapologetic. I'm going to do it. Um, we need more charter schools. A reasonable number, I'm going to say five. Why five? I'm not saying we're going to open a charter school, five charter schools in one year.

That's nonsense. The law requires a timeline. We can't do it as a council member. But if you do five, it prepares you for those that want to open a charter or want to become a charter in the next three to five years. Again, let's be proactive and not reactive. for them to come to you next year on election year and say we want to open a charter school then you're going to have to react to it. I'm saying take a proactive approach. Go that route.

The council and I'm going to say this cannot open three or five charter schools in one year. The law won't prohibit it because we have a timeline to meet. We have to go through a public hearing. We have this process to go to 60 days requirement. All these requirements will not happen but it will be in place. So there's room to grow with school choice and a charter.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

The other question, the money that we gave you. Yes. The money that we gave you.

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL, CHAIR:

I'm going to tell you, thank you for that. Um, we have not spent all of it because I've been very particular in how we spend it. We've already bought office supply. We have not had office supply. Never. We've kind of like, okay, hair fell, here's a notebook that I bought at national. We have office supplies that are going to last us for next year.

We purchased a vehicle below \$25,000. Okay. New vehicles and we are responsible. It is uh cleaned. We take it to wherever activities we need to do a site visit to the charters. We utilize the vehicle when any of the council members may need it to go for an activity. Let's just say um down to um career tech for an activity on a Saturday.

We take the official and then we park the official back. Mileage is taken. So I'm very very big about that. The car is new. It took us a whole year from procurement. That was crazy, but we finally got it. I thank DOA for that. Um so we got the vehicle. We've also got a new laptop. So when we go and get our council meetings at the different charters before we used to impose on the charter schools to provide us their equipment um and if there's a learning if there's a class we inconvenience them. So we've already purchased a laptop.

We purchased all the technology to put it in visibility. Um and we also put aside for training for each of the charter schools like we are preparing right now sometime in February, March. I've informed the charter schools that we're going to have a full days training on procurement, suicide, um you know, stuff like that. I've put it together.

We're finalizing it by January. We're looking for a venue where all the charter schools can attend and that they bring 10 of their people or their staff to attend for the training. And it's one or two days of training. We're finalizing this, but that's where we're applying it to. Instead of me traveling, for example, and spending \$8,000 on the travel, uh, we're working this out where we can utilize that for everyone's benefit of all seven charter schools to attend at a hotel.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE

Okay. Well, thank you so much for that. And, um, uh, of course, you know, it took us a while to try and get that money to you, so I appreciate it. Um when we get a chance, we'll talk about busing because that's a big problem uh with charter schools as well, but that'll be on a later date because that will probably take you another hour to explain.

Yes. So other than that, uh appreciate the opportunity to ask questions. And again, Vangie, my door, gosh, you have all my phone numbers, so you call me whenever you need anything and stuff like that.

EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA, GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL, CHAIR:

And thank you, Senator, for all your support with the charter. have always been very proactive with the charter and we really do appreciate you.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE:

Well, I appreciate you guys. I really do. Merry Christmas to you and your families too as well. Thank you.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Si Yu'os Ma'ase. Thank you, Senator Taitague. If there are no further testimony questions for the panel, we'll go ahead and conclude the appointment of Mr. Camacho, Miss Cepeda . Um again, thank you to the panel for those who have come to testify and and thank you for your attendance for those who have come to support the confirmation. We'll now take a short recess, a quick second just to prepare for the next um item on the agenda which is Bill 202. Thank you. We're in recess real quick.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Education, Public Libraries, and Public Broadcasting therefore reports the confirmation hearing of **Evangeline M. Cepeda** as heard with the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM.**