

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
APPOINTMENTS

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38GL-26-2807	Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles	Member	Board of Directors Port Authority of Guam	8/24/26	Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation	8/28/26	Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs.	9/18/26	9/22/26			



September 21, 2026

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker, *I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
Hågatña, Guam 96910

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

RE: Committee Report on the Nomination of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the Nomination of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors for Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation.

Committee votes are as follows:

7 TO DO CONFIRM
 TO NOT CONFIRM
 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
 TO ABSTAIN
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Sensereamente,

Senator Jesse A. Lujan

Chairperson, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs



COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles

**To serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam
Board of Directors for Three (3) Years; From Date of
Confirmation.**

**Authored by:
The Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan**



September 21, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

From: **Senator Jesse A. Lujan**
Chairperson, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

Subject: **Committee Report on the Nomination of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles.**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the Nomination of **Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles** to serve as a **member** of the **Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors** for Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation.

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 the Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimony and 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 Jesse A. Lujan

Chairperson, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

August 28, 2026

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

Attorney Darleen E.H. Phillips
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:	Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles
Position:	Member
Term Length:	Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

Please refer the following document:

“**Doc. No. 38GL-26-2807** – Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, Member, Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors.”

Ensure the appointment is referred to the Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs chaired by Senator Jesse A. Lujan. 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'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

38GL-26-2807
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

August 24, 2026

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

AUG 27 2026
Time: 3:29 pm
Received: MLG

RE: Board Reappointment

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam, 12 GCA § 10103, and all other applicable local laws, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles

POSITION: Member, Board of Directors
Port Authority of Guam

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



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Messages and Communications

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COMMITTEE ON RULES
August 27, 2026

3:59 p.m.
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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'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

August 24, 2026

FE R. VALENCIA-OVALLES

Håfa Adai Ms. Valencia-Ovalles:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 12 GCA § 10103, and all other applicable laws, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

**MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM**
Term Length: Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

I appreciate your willingness to continue to serve in this position. The reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (671) 473-1121.

Senseramente,

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

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

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM
Nomination and Appointment Information Form

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

Last Name Valencia-Ovalles	First Name Fe	Middle Initial R.
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit #
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone (671) 475-4682	E-mail Address gmmsinc@guam.net	
Position to which Appointment is Made Member, Board of Directors, Port Authority of Guam		
Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes ☒ No ☐		
If no, are you authorized to work in the United States? Yes ☐ No ☐		

EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
High School Colegio del Buen Consejo			
College University of Santo Tomas & Lyceum of the Philippines		BS Foreign Service BS Nursing (Undergraduate)	1970
Graduate School			
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Guam Marianas Management Services, Inc dba: Guam Marianas Collection Agency Guam Marianas Training Center Global Manpower Services	Position Title President/CEO
	Dates Held 1995 - Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Office of the Lt. Governor Government of Guam	Position Title Special Assistant
	Dates Held 2006 - 2007

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Office of the Lt. Governor Government of Guam	Position Title Special Assistant to the Lt. Governor
	Dates Held 1990 - 1994

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Passport Office Government of Guam	Position Title Chief Passport Officer
	Dates Held 1989 - 1990

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Department of Labor Government of Guam	Position Title Deputy Director
	Dates Held 1984 - 1989

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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

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

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

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

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

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Please refer to Resume.	

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
American Collectors Assn/International Collectors Association (ACA/ICA), Member (1995-Present) Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Educational Institution Membership (2004-Present) Guahan Academy of Charter School, Chairwoman, Board of Trustees (2015-Present)

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Guamera Lions Club, Vice Charter President
Guam Sunshine Lions Club, Charter President
Rotary Club of Northern Guam, Member (since 2010)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

n/a

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
n/a			

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:

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests

(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

TO: The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles

☐ I have no financial interest in any business

☒ I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST
Guam Marianas Management Services, Inc.	Training Services, Collection, etc. 100%
dba: Guam Marianas Training Center	
dba: Guam Marianas Collection Agency	
dba: Global Manpower Services	
228 Archbishop Flores Street	
Hagatna, Guam 96910	
157 Duendas Street, Mongmong, Guam 96910	Rental 100%

Signature

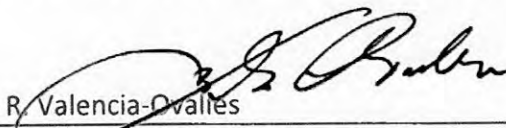
August 21, 2026

Date

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.


Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles

Print Name and Signature

August 21, 2026

Date

Fe R. Valencia Ovalles, PHIC

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (Graduate 1970)

Bachelor of Nursing (Undergraduate)

Associates Degree in Public Administration (Lyceum of the Philippines-Intramuros, Manila Philippines)

WORK EXPERIENCES

President/CEO

(1995-Present)

d.b.a: Guam Marianas Collection Agency (Medical Billing and Coding, Collections/Third Party Debt Collector)

d.b.a.: Guam Marianas Training Center (School of Business, Technology and Allied Health)

d.b.a.: Global Manpower Services

OFFICE LOCATIONS

Guam: 228 Archbishop Flores St. Hagatna 96910

Saipan: Unit 105 Pangelinan Building, Middle Road, Chalan Laulau. MP Saipan 96950

Special Assistant

(2006-2007)

Community Affairs/Medical Referral

Office of the Governor-Honorable Joseph F. Ada

Special Assistant to the Governor

(1990-1994)

Labor, Protocol & Ethnic Affairs

Office of the Governor-Honorable Joseph F. Ada

Chief Passport Officer

(1989-1990)

U.S. Passport- Government of Guam

Deputy Director

(1984-1989)

Department of Labor-Government of Guam

Assistant Branch Manager/VP Operations

(1982-1984)

California Overseas Bank

Operations Manager International Officer-Designation

(1975-1982)

Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation

Senior Underwriter (Casualty/Title)

(1973-1975)

National Underwriter Insurance Co.

Liason Officer-Various Embassies/Government Agencies

(1967-1972)

Office of the President of the Philippines

National Intelligence Coordination Agency (NICA)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

American Institute of Banking:

- Principles of Bank Operations
- Installment Credit
- International Banking
- Macro Economics
- Consumer Leading Seminar
- Collection Seminar
- Negotiable Instrument and Payment Mechanics
- Money and Banking
- Supervision and Management Course
- Effective Writing
- Accounting

COLLECTION BUSINESS ACADEMY (American Collectors Association)

- Fair Debt Practice Collection Seminar
- Bankruptcy and Collections
- Skip Tracing for Results
- Top Managers Forum
- Marketing for Profit
- Supervisory Practice
- State Collection Laws
- Techniques for Effective Collecting
- Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)
- Medical Billing and Coding Specialist

Government of Guam:

- Executive Management Seminar

Off-island Training:

- Supervisory Management
Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hong Kong)

On-The-Job-Training:

- Records Management Courses
- Documents Security
- General Intelligence Course
- Casualty Insurance Seminar

Dale Carnegie Course:

- Advance Secretarial Seminar

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Honorary Member: House of Representatives
State of Tennessee (Lifetime)
- State Member: U.S. Congressional Advisory Council (1985-1990)
- Member: National Association For Education of Youth, Children (NAEYC) (1985-1990)
- Member/Instructor: American Institute of Banking (AIB-GUAM CHAPTER)
- Member: Guam Bankers Association (1975-1986)
- Member: Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)
Educational Institution Membership (2004-present)
- Member: Medical Billers Association of America (2009-2017)
- Associate Member: American Collectors Assn/International Collectors Association
(ACA/ICA) (1995-present)

ENTREPRENEURIAL ENDEAVORS

- President: Career Development Specialist Inc. (CDSI) (1994-1999)
- Director/Owner: Rainbow Child Care Center (1985-1994)
- Proprietor: SGA Janitorial Services (1985-1994)
- Consultant: Manpower Services (Immigration/Labor) (1985-1996)
- Proprietor: Fe's Catering (1992-1998)
- Proprietor: Ovalles/SGA Apartment Rentals (1985- present)
- Proprietor: Veggilicious Restaurant (2005-2006)

COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Charter President: Guam Sunshine Lions Club (Lifetime)
- Charter Vice President: Guamerica Lion's Club
- Cursillos in Christianity (Lifetime)
- Komitea Para I-Manauleg Guam
- Talk Show Host: Usapang Pinoy - KUAM (2005-2006)
- Rotary Club of Northern Guam (2010-present)

BOARD AND COMMISSION SERVED

- Member (Board of Directors): Guam Mass Transit Authority (1989-1994)
- Member (Board of Directors): Guam Airport Authority (2006-2010)
- Member (Advisory Council): Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) (2013-2014)
- Secretary (Board of Directors): Guam Housing Corporation (2014-2016)
- Chairwoman (Board of Trustees): Guahan Academy Charter School (GACS) (2016-present)
- Member (Board of Directors): Guam Economic Development Authority (2019-2021)

REFERENCES

- Governor Joseph F. Ada (Former Governor, Guam, USA)
- Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez (Former Governor, Guam, USA)
- Adjutant General Michael Cruz (Former Lt. Governor, Guam, USA)
- Governor Ralph DLG Torres (Former Governor, CNMI)



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Government of Guam

**GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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



August 25, 2026

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Fe V. OVALLES		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	NONE
■	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

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

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HON. ALBERTO C. LAMORENA, III
PRESIDING JUDGE

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

VALERIE D. TENORIO
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Name: Fe V. Ovalles

Drivers License Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [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 Record 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: August 27, 2026

Janice M. Camacho-Perez
Clerk of Court

By: 

Deputy Clerk I

Prepared by: Jeremiah Taitingfong



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Senator Jesse Lujan <senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov>

FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on September 18, 2026 @ 3:00 PM

Senator Jesse Lujan <senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov>

Fri, Sep 11, 2026 at 9:42 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Cc: Rory Respicio <rjrespicio@portofguam.com>, Margret Duenas <mduenas@portofguam.com>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 11, 2026

MEMORANDUM**To:** All Senators, Stakeholders, Media**From:** Senator Jesse A. Lujan
Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities,
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3:00 P.M.

- **Doc. No. 38GL-26-2807** – *Appointment for Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, Member, Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors.*

If you would like to participate in any of the Public Hearings listed above or submit written testimony, please contact the Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan for further assistance via email at senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov or by phone at (671) 969-6525.

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Office of Majority Leader Jesse A. Lujan

Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

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senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov

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PUBLIC HEARING

 **Posted on:** 09/11/2026 09:44 AM

 **Posted by:** Cecile Suda

 **Public Hearing Date:** 09/18/2026 03:00 PM

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 **Division(s):**
OFFICE OF SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN (/notices?division_id=270)

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Wed, Sep 16, 2026 at 9:00 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Cc: Rory Respicio <rjrespicio@portofguam.com>, Margret Duenas <mduenas@portofguam.com>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 16, 2026

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TESTIMONY OF FRANK P. ARRIOLA
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S NOMINATION OF
FE R. VALENCIA-OVALLES
FOR RECONFIRMATION TO THE
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Buenas yan Håfa Adai, Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Chairperson of the Committee, and members of the Committee.

My name is Frank P. Arriola, Chairperson of the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors. I appear today in support of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's nomination of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, whom we know as Director Fe, for reconfirmation to the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors.

I have had the opportunity to serve alongside Director Fe and observe how she approaches the responsibilities entrusted to us. She brings extensive management and public service experience to the Board, but her value is not limited to what appears on her résumé. It is reflected in how she prepares, considers the matters before us, and exercises her judgment.

Director Fe does not approach Board decisions casually. She reviews the information presented, asks relevant questions, and considers the long-term consequences for the Port and the people of Guam. She understands that our role is to establish policy, exercise oversight, and hold management accountable without interfering in the Port's daily operations.

As Chairperson, I rely on every director to prepare independently, speak candidly during deliberations, and support the lawful decisions of the Board once those decisions are made. Director Fe does each of these things. She is not hesitant to ask questions or request clarification, but she also understands that effective governance requires the Board to act collectively.

Director Fe's service as Board Secretary also reflects her respect for process, accurate records, and proper follow through. These responsibilities may not always be visible outside the Boardroom, but they are essential to transparent and accountable governance.

An effective Board must provide direction and oversight while allowing management to carry out its assigned responsibilities. Director Fe respects that balance. She expects management to present sound recommendations, disclose material risks, and remain accountable for implementation. Once the Board has acted, she expects its decisions to be carried through.

Director Fe has helped guide the Port through a period of financial stability and significant modernization. During her service, the Port has maintained clean financial audits, preserved its investment grade credit rating, strengthened its debt position, and continued responsible financial planning.

She also supported the restoration of full insurance coverage after the Port identified inadequate coverage that predated the current management team. From my professional experience in insurance and risk management, I understand the importance of that correction. Full and appropriate coverage protects the Port's employees, facilities, equipment, operations, and financial position. Supporting that action reflected Director Fe's understanding of the Board's responsibility to identify risk and protect the public assets entrusted to the Port.

Director Fe has also helped advance the replacement of the Port's three ship to shore gantry cranes, the rehabilitation of critical fuel infrastructure, improvements to wharves and Port facilities, federal grant initiatives, and responsible tariff and financial planning.

These efforts are connected. Modernization is not simply the purchase of new equipment or the construction of new facilities. It also requires sound financial controls, effective policies, responsible oversight, and a Board willing to make decisions whose consequences extend beyond a single term.

Director Fe recognizes that the strength of the Port rests with its employees. They keep cargo moving, maintain aging equipment, secure our facilities, manage public resources, and sustain operations during emergencies. She understands that our responsibility as directors includes supporting the people, training, equipment, and systems necessary for them to perform their work safely and effectively.

The Port is preparing for increased cargo activity, continued military construction, and greater regional responsibilities. The decisions before the Board will affect Guam's supply chain, energy security, disaster response capability, and economic future. Experience and continuity on the Board will be important as these initiatives move from planning to execution.

Director Fe provides that continuity. She understands the work already completed, the commitments that have been made, and the responsibilities that remain. She makes decisions based on the facts, respects the collective decision-making process, and remains accountable for the authority entrusted to her.

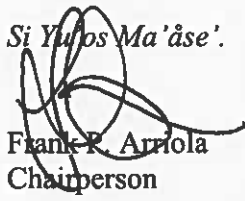
I know that I can rely on Director Fe to study the matters before us, express her views honestly, and keep the Board focused on its responsibilities. That reliability strengthens the entire Board.

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Director Fe has demonstrated the experience, judgment, and commitment necessary to continue serving the Port Authority of Guam and the people of Guam. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero has nominated a capable and experienced director who understands the responsibilities entrusted to the Board.

I respectfully ask the Committee and the Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature to give favorable consideration to the Governor's nomination and reconfirm Director Fe to another term.

Si Yulps Ma'åse'.



Frank R. Arriola
Chairperson

Buenas yan Håfa Adai,

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you as you consider my reconfirmation to the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam.

I am grateful for the confidence placed in me to serve on the Board, and I do not take that responsibility lightly.

I have spent many years in public service, private business, education, and community service. I have also had the opportunity to serve on several government boards. Those experiences have taught me the importance of asking questions, listening, exercising independent judgment, and always remembering that we are there to serve the public.

That is the approach I have brought to the Port Authority of Guam.

I am seeking another term because I believe there is more work to be done, and I would like the opportunity to continue contributing to that work.

One area that became particularly important to me was the Port's insurance coverage.

During my service on the Board, it came to my attention that the Port had gone many years without a professional appraisal of its property for insurance purposes. This was a longstanding practice that predated the current General Manager and the present administration.

That concerned me.

For Fiscal Year 2024, the Port had been using a property valuation of approximately \$278 million for insurance purposes. When a professional appraisal was completed, the value was determined to be approximately \$436 million, a difference of nearly \$158 million.

That was significant.

Guam understands what typhoons can do. The Port has hundreds of millions of dollars in public property and infrastructure, and our entire island depends upon this facility. I believed we needed to make sure those assets were properly valued and properly protected.

Drawing upon my experience in the insurance industry, I worked with my fellow Board members, the General Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, and the team at the Port to address the issue.

We had different coverage options available to us. I supported full replacement value because I believed that was the responsible level of protection for the Port and the people of Guam.

The Port ultimately secured full replacement value coverage based upon the professional appraisal.

But I also believed we should make sure the Port never went that long again without knowing the current value of its property.

Through Board Resolution No. 2024 09, the Board established a requirement for property valuations every three years.

I am proud of that accomplishment. We found something that needed attention, we addressed it, and we put a process in place so that future Boards and future Port leadership will have current information when making insurance decisions.

I have also paid close attention to the financial condition of the Port.

During my tenure, the Port has continued to receive clean independent financial audits and maintained its designation as a Low-Risk Auditee. Moody's recently reaffirmed the Port's Baa2 investment grade credit rating with a Stable Outlook for the sixth consecutive year.

The Port has maintained strong debt service coverage and has also been able to reduce portions of its long-term bond obligations while continuing to invest in its operations and future.

As a Board member, those things are important to me. We must know that the Port is financially sound and that the decisions we approve are responsible.

A strong financial position also gives the Port more flexibility to deal with emergencies, pursue federal funding, invest in equipment and infrastructure, and prepare for the future.

I also want to say something about the employees of the Port.

During my time on the Board, I have gotten to know many of our employees and have seen the work they do. They work long hours, they work through difficult conditions, and when Guam needs the Port, they are there.

When a typhoon passes and Guam begins recovering, our employees understand that getting the Port moving again means helping the entire island move again.

I was especially pleased that during my time on the Board, we were finally able to resolve a longstanding matter affecting current and former Port employees that had remained unresolved for many years.

Some of those employees had been waiting a very long time. For me, it was important that we finally brought that matter to a fair resolution and allowed everyone involved to move forward.

I was proud to be part of a Board that supported that effort, and I appreciate the work of the General Manager and the Port team in bringing it to completion.

Our employees are the people who keep the Port running. They deserve to know that their Board sees the work they do, appreciates it, and will continue to support decisions that are fair to them and responsible for the Port.

The Port is also entering an important period of modernization. We are working toward new ship to shore cranes, replacement cargo handling equipment, and other improvements that will strengthen the Port for the future.

As a Board member, my responsibility is to ask the right questions, make sure these investments are financially responsible, and make decisions that will strengthen the Port's ability to serve our island and our region.

I have enjoyed serving with my fellow Board members and working with the General Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, the management team, and the employees of the Port.

We may not always agree on every issue, and I do not believe a good Board should. Our responsibility is to ask questions, discuss the issues openly, and ultimately make decisions that we believe are best for the Port.

If reconfirmed, that is what I will continue to do.

I will continue to ask questions. I will continue to pay attention to the Port's finances and the protection of its assets. I will continue to support our employees. And I will continue working with my fellow Board members and the Port team to address the challenges and opportunities ahead.

I believe the Port is in a stronger position today, and I am proud to have played a part in that progress.

There is still more work to do, and I would be honored to continue that service.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of my reconfirmation.





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TESTIMONY OF RORY J. RESPICIO

GENERAL MANAGER

PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

REGARDING THE RECONFIRMATION OF

FE R. VALENCIA-OVALLES

TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Buenas yan Håfa Adai, Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Chairperson of the Committee, and members of the Committee.

My name is Rory J. Respicio, General Manager of the Port Authority of Guam. I appreciate the opportunity to share my experience working with Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, whom we know at the Port as Director Fe, and to provide the Committee with firsthand observations regarding her service as a member of the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors.

I can speak directly to how Director Fe approaches issues, the attention she gives to Port matters throughout the month and not only during Board meetings, and the difficult and relevant questions she asks management regarding matters presented for Board consideration.

Director Fe's involvement does not begin when a meeting is called or end when the meeting is adjourned. She follows the issues before the Port, reviews the information provided to her, asks for clarification, and continues to follow matters after the Board has acted. She seeks to understand whether a decision is being implemented, whether circumstances have changed, and whether additional Board action may be required.

Director Fe does not accept a management recommendation without examining it. She asks why an action is necessary, what alternatives were considered, how much it will cost, what risks remain, and who will be responsible for carrying it through.

Those questions require management to examine our assumptions, support our recommendations with facts, and think beyond the immediate decision. They also help ensure that when we ask the Board to act, we are prepared to execute what we are recommending.

During Director Fe's tenure, the Board has provided management with several concrete policy tools and authorizations. The Board approved the temporary staffing services initiative, giving management flexibility to meet immediate workforce needs and projected cargo growth without automatically creating permanent positions. It authorized a comprehensive container tariff review and related Public Utilities Commission actions, providing a lawful process to address outdated rates and strengthen the Port's financial foundation.

The Board also approved the defeasance of 2018 revenue bond debt, strengthening the Port's debt position and preserving its capacity for future modernization. It provided required spending approvals for critical equipment repairs and supported the advancement of major capital priorities,

including three new ship to shore gantry cranes, the restoration of F1 Pier, fuel connectivity improvements, and the modernization of cargo handling equipment.

These actions did not place the Board in charge of daily operations. They gave management the staffing flexibility, financial capacity, regulatory authority, and capital support needed to operate the Port and respond to changing conditions. Management remains responsible for using those tools properly, carrying out the work, and reporting the results to the Board.

Some management tools arise from existing law or the Port's tariff rather than from a separate Board action. Customer relief is one example. The tariff gives the General Manager authority to provide appropriate relief under qualifying circumstances. That authority does not depend on prior Board approval. However, when the Board understands and supports the responsible exercise of that authority, it amplifies the Port's response, reinforces transparency, and gives Port users and the public greater confidence that management is acting consistently with the Port's broader responsibilities.

One example of Director Fe's involvement stands out to me. The Port faced the possibility of losing insurance coverage because its properties had been significantly undervalued. No comprehensive appraisal of Port property had been completed for approximately 16 years before I became General Manager.

Management was responsible for obtaining the appraisal, correcting the valuations, and addressing the coverage problem. Director Fe was present when we met with the Port's underwriters. Her presence demonstrated that the effort to correct this longstanding exposure had the attention of both management and the Board.

She understood what was at stake. This was not simply an insurance matter. It involved the protection of public property, Port operations, our employees, and the financial position of the agency. Her presence helped convey that the Port was addressing the problem seriously and collectively. That work ultimately resulted in the restoration of full insurance coverage based on current property values.

I have also observed how Director Fe approaches immediate operational challenges. She seeks to understand what happened, what management is doing about it, how employees and Port users are being affected, and what support or authority may be required from the Board. She recognizes the need to stabilize operations while expecting management to establish the facts, identify the cause, and explain how the Port will reduce the risk of recurrence.

Director Fe consistently asks how matters presented to the Board will affect Port employees. Those employees operate our equipment, maintain our facilities, secure the waterfront, manage public resources, and keep cargo moving. She also considers whether they have the training, tools, staffing, and support required to carry out the decisions made by the Board.

Her questions also extend beyond the Port. She recognizes that the Port's performance affects families waiting for goods, businesses managing their inventories, carriers serving Guam, the government's disaster response capability, and the military mission throughout the region.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, and members of the Legislature, I respectfully ask that you consider Director Fe as a nominee seeking reconfirmation to a position she currently holds and evaluate her based on the record she has established in that position. She has demonstrated sustained commitment, consistent follow through, and the ability to remain focused on the Port's mission.

Director Fe has also demonstrated a clear understanding of the respective responsibilities and authorities assigned to the Board and the General Manager. The Board establishes policy, exercises oversight, and acts on matters requiring its approval. As General Manager, I support the policies adopted by the Board, and I am responsible for carrying them out through the Port's operations.

The distinction between these roles should not be interpreted as a difference in purpose or direction. The Board and management have worked together toward the same objectives. Our respective responsibilities reflect how the Port assigns authority and accountability.

As this hearing proceeds, I respectfully ask the Committee to distinguish between Board policy and management's execution of that policy. I am prepared to answer questions concerning management's recommendations, operational decisions, and implementation, including the actions we have taken to correct longstanding problems.

This does not limit the Legislature's inquiry or separate Director Fe from the work accomplished during her service. It ensures that each question is answered by the person with direct responsibility and the information necessary to provide the Committee with a complete and accurate response.

These principles matter most when difficult issues arise, including when anonymous allegations are made without supporting evidence. Such allegations should be reviewed responsibly, but they should not be treated as established facts. Our actions must be guided by evidence, the record, and a fair understanding of who held the authority and responsibility for the decision being examined.

I respectfully submit these firsthand observations as the Committee considers Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's nomination of Director Fe for reconfirmation.

Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'.


Rory J. Respicio
General Manager



COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors for Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation.

Committee Members	Signature	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
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Senator Christopher M. Dueñas <i>1st Vice Chairperson</i>	EVOTE 9/21/26	×				
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Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 9/21/26	×				
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Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 9/21/26	×				
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URGENT REQUEST FOR E-VOTE: Appointment - Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles

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Mon, Sep 21, 2026 at 9:49 AM

To: jalcommittee@guamlegislature.gov

Please see the attached committee report for the appointment of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors for Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation.

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

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7091K**Senator Jesse Lujan** <senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov>

Mon, Sep 21, 2026 at 10:03 AM

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Thank you,

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On Mon, Sep 21, 2026 at 9:50 AM FP1 Mariñas <fp1marianas@gmail.com> wrote:

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Chairman

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs convened a Public Hearing for the appointment of Ms. Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors on September 18, 2026 at 3:00PM 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 September 11, 2026 (5-Day Notice), and again on September 16, 2026 (48-Hour Notice).

SENATORS PRESENT

Christopher M. Duenas, Vice Chairman

Telo T. Taitague

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Ms. Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, Appointee

Mr. Rory J. Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam (PAG)

Frank P. Arriola, Chairman, PAG Board of Directors

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Ms. Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, Appointee

Mr. Rory J. Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam (PAG)

Frank P. Arriola, Chairman, PAG Board of Directors

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing for the appointment of Ms. Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles was called to order at **3:01PM**.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: *Buenas tades and Hafa Adai.* Welcome to the 38th Guam Legislature, the Guam Congress Building, the People's House. Today's agenda for 3:00 p.m. is Document No. 38GL-26-2807,

appointment for Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, Member of the Port Authority of Guam's Board of Directors. This afternoon's public hearing is conducted by the Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs, and is called to order now at 3:01p.m. on this Friday, September 18, 2026. First notice of this public hearing was disseminated to all senators and media outlets on September 11, 2026, with its second notice disseminated on September 16, 2026. These hearing notices were also made available on the Guam Legislature's website, our legislative calendar, and the Government of Guam's public notice portal. This afternoon, we will hear testimony on the appointment of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam's Board of Directors. Before I proceed, I want to mention, of course, this is the Committee chaired by Senator Jesse Lujan. I am the Vice Chair of the committee, Senator Dueñas – and I will be conducting this hearing. This is a statement from the Senator: Before we proceed, I want to mention for the record that Chairman Lujan could not be here today because he is attending a signing ceremony with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for Automated System for Customs Data, better known as ASYCUDA. Chairman Lujan, along with myself, sponsored Bill No. 234-38, and was enacted into Public Law 38-109, designates ASYCUDA as the official customs management system for the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency while authorizing these agreements with un-UNCTAD necessary to implement and maintain the system. This law represents an important modernization of Guam's customs infrastructure, moving the island away from a fragmented, largely manual process toward an integrated electronic system designed to improve cargo processing, revenue collection, border security, and movement of legitimate trade through Guam's ports of entry. ASYCUDA is used by more than 200 customs administrations worldwide, including small island development states in the Pacific, making his attendance at this signing a significant milestone, bringing Guam's customs operations in line with modern international standards. For Guam and our people, it is a tangible step toward a more efficient and secure system for managing goods and commerce that enter our island. Also, quite appropriate that we're discussing the Port because they will be a prime beneficiary of this system.

At this time, I would now like to welcome my colleagues who are joining me, and today it's just myself at this time. Before we begin, I'd like to remind everyone in attendance of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* general rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the chairperson before speaking and shall state their full name for recordkeeping purposes. Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance and the nature today of this nominee who is being heard, and that is what is on the agenda. Personal inferences to the character or motive of any senator or individual testifying is not permitted. The chairperson of the committee may order the removal from this hearing of any member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* or the public audience who fails to observe proper decorum pursuant to the 38th Guam Legislature Standing Rules. Any violation of this general rule of conduct will result in immediate removal from the public hearing room. With that, we will now proceed to hear testimony on the appointment for Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles. And signed up, of course, I have the nominee, as well as Frank Arriola, I—and also Senator Rory Respicio, the General Manager for the Port Authority of Guam. So, can I have you all come up—come forward? If there's anyone else, you can come forward. Welcome. And now that you're comfortable, I will proceed first with the general manager, Senator Respicio. Welcome once again back to your house to make an opening statement and whatever he wants to say about the nominee. So, I—the floor is yours, Senator.

RORY J. RESPICIO, GM, PAG: Yeah, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. And we certainly understand that the Chair is at a very important signing for the ASYCUDA project. The Port had some significant involvement when we were developing our master plan, and it's an idea also that was very supported by the Port industry—to digitize everything and create a Port community portal. So we're seeing the fruits of that. But today – and also here with our chairman, our newly minted Chairman of the Port Board, Frank Arriola. And today we're here to just say—I know this is government—but thank you, Jesus, for someone like Fe Ovalles who is wanting to continue to serve on the Port Board. I say this only because it's so hard to find individuals who want to either step up or continue in

this kind of capacity. I have written testimony, but I just want to summarize it for the record.

[Mr. Respicio reads into the record his submitted written testimony for Ms. Valencia-Ovalles which has been appended to this Committee Report.]

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: Thank you, General Manager and Senator Respicio. At this time, I'll recognize Frank Arriola. Sir.

FRANK P. ARRIOLA, CHAIRMAN, PAG, BOD: *Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'. Buenas yan Hafa Adai* Senator Chris Dueñas, Vice Chair of our Committee.

[Mr. Arriola reads into the record his submitted written testimony for Ms. Valencia-Ovalles which has been appended to this Committee Report.]

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: *Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'*, Mr. Frank Arriola. And now for the nominee, Ms. Fe Ovalles, would you like to make an opening statement to the committee?

FE VALENCIA-OVALLES, APPOINTEE: Sorry about that. Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair, members of the Committee.

[Ms. Valencia-Ovalles reads into the record her submitted written testimony which has been appended to this Committee Report.]

Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: *Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'*, Ms. Fe Ovalles, and thank you for accepting the Governor's re-nomination. At this

time, I'd like to recognize my colleague, Senator Telo Taitague, who is here, and have her now begin any comments or questions she may have for the nominee.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I know I'm just going to try and make this very short because we're going to try and get your – this whole committee report through so that we can put you on the agenda coming up in a couple weeks. So um – First, I want to thank you so much for wanting to continue to support on this board. You've already given so much to the community of Guam with the business that you have right now, generating public health assistance – you know – in areas that – you know – we really have a difficult time filling, and you're there getting that next generation of reason to be part and take part in the community, especially in healthcare. So first, I want to thank you, okay? I know you have a busy schedule, but you've always seemed to weed out time for the community to give back, and this job definitely is doing that. It's a big task. The Port, it's huge, you know, and it's our lifeline to this island. So I thank you, Fe. You know, I voted in favor of your last nomination because I know you're not afraid to ask the hard questions, and you're like me—you know, just ask it. But what's really important, I think most of all, is that you make decisions based on research and data. And that's first and foremost with me. Not because it's popular or somebody else next to you bends your ear and says, "*Oh, just support this.*" You do your research. You look at the data and the statistics. Now, I had the opportunity to talk with Fe actually earlier last week, as I knew she was coming up for confirmation, and we had a discussion about other ways to move the Port forward and generating revenue. And Director, I hope you do take that into consideration, her idea of renting out spaces. There's a lot of property at the Port Authority of Guam. (crosstalk) A lot of property, and that can be utilized to generate revenue. So that's one area I think that you need to look into to help you out, to help get some top loaders going. And I don't even want to talk about the top loaders. I think we had that conversation. Thank you, Director, for actually taking my call and talking about the top loaders and seeing that it is moving forward. But can you tell me it is moving forward? At least that?

RORY J. RESPICIO, GM, PAG: Yes. For the record, yes.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Okay, great. So there they are. Thank you so much for staying on top of that. Hence, top loaders—on top. Okay, never mind. Other than that, again, thank you so much, everyone, for being here to testify on someone who probably doesn't even need your testimony. She speaks for herself. This girl can make it happen – you know – and she has for many years. And I'm looking forward to you having a lot more years to go, Fe, so don't think about retiring anytime soon. So, thank you, Mr. Chair, for the opportunity. And, you know, Fe, it's not always all the time that I already tell somebody they have my support, and you definitely have mine. (crosstalk) So thank you.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Senator Taitague. Once again, I wanted to say thank you for accepting the Governor's nomination. Just a couple of questions. You elaborated on your endeavor to ensure that the Port corrected course, really, when it came to making sure that you were fully insured, and that is really a very responsible and a very great undertaking in terms of ensuring, going forward, that replacement costs and the like would be covered at value. Is this—what you're sitting on now, and you're also the secretary—is this a subcommittee within the Port Board, or is it just a general duty or something you took on as an initiative when you took a look at the situation at the Port?

FE VALENCIA-OVALLES, APPOINTEE: Yeah, this is more general, I think. I truly believe that we have to protect our lifeline, which is really the Port Authority of Guam. So the coverage and the risk that our Port is faced with, internal and external, Senator, is just what we're trying to do—that we fully protect all of the Port operations. And that's basically what I'm hoping the rest of the board members—and they have been very cooperative, the general manager and all of the management of the Port Authority—to support that. Because, as – as the GM said,

for many years our Port has been exposed to a lot of risk. And thank God, you know, and now with all these climate changes that's happening, we don't know anymore what next to expect. The more protected we are in our Port operations, which are the true lifeline of our island, I think we'll be okay, Senator, and the Port Authority is prepared for that. With your assistance and with your help and all of your support for the Port Authority operation, I think we'll be in good hands, Senator.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: So it was just a general initiative—that you saw there was an area that was lacking and took the initiative to correct that issue.

FE VALENCIA-OVALLES, APPOINTEE: Yes. Yes, indeed. Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: Great. Just a couple more questions. On the – and I'm glad, Senator, that you're continuing to review the tariff increases. And so, in the general finance – financial health of the Port, can you just give a brief statement in terms of how you see things and how you see things going forward in terms of the financial stability? (crosstalk)

RORY J. RESPICIO, GM, PAG: So, as the director said, every month we present to the board our status – financial status, and Jojo is here, the CFO. So we moved from the enterprise – JD Edwards EnterpriseOne. That was like a 20-year journey. And because we have the financial management system, everything is on the cloud, so it's protected from all these cybersecurity threats, and we were able to access more real-time data. So when we present to the board under the general manager's report, we're able to tell you year-to-date collections, projections over actual receipts. So, as of July, for example, July 30, we collected \$2.66 million above the projections year-to-date. That's for July numbers. And so what the board's able to see—we also track our debt-service projections. And there was one, last in FY25, we were looking that we weren't even going to be able to realize our

minimum 1.25% requirement for a debt-service ratio because, when they floated the 2018 revenue bond, they didn't include the financial – uh the, Facilities Maintenance Fund and the crane surcharge as part of the revenue to do the debt-service ratio calculation. In working with GEDA, they provided the financial-advisor assistance. The board authorized us to do a \$3 million cash defeasance to pay down the bond payment, so we were able to meet our debt-service ratio coverage that year. And so there's a standard reporting. We report on the good, the bad, and the ugly. I'm grateful that the board allows me, through my general manager's report that spans all 19 divisions of the Port—sometimes I take 40 minutes to an hour—just being very, very detailed. And so when we present the options—for example, you asked about the underinsurance, right, the coverage—we presented the options: Do we scale up 20%, 30%, 40%? Director Fe was so quick to say, "*Don't take the risk. Let's go 100%.*" And so we went back and we found the funds. And so that's where we're at. So our collections are about 13% above projections. So we never factored in this tariff correction that's before the PUC as part of our revenue estimate because that would be the most irresponsible thing to do. This tariff correction that's before the PUC, it's not so much a revenue enhancement. It's a correction to how the tariff is structured. We don't – we don't get to do an automatic escalation clause. So even the industry understands. I told them their counterparts throughout the nation get to negotiate a five-year labor contract, and in a five-year labor contract they have annual escalation clauses for labor. The last time the Port received a general tariff increase was in 2020, and that was 1%. So, if you recall, I think in 2017 they had 7.5%, 7.5%, then 1%, 1%. Fiscal year 2020 was the last 1% overall general tariff increase that the Port received. So fiscal year '21, no tariff increase. Fiscal year '22, same. '23. But but – after COVID, fiscal year '20 – the Governor gave the Port \$15 million from the American Rescue Plan money, and she said, "I'll present this \$15 million to the Port with the understanding that you're not even going to discuss anything tariff-related for two fiscal years." So we took that matter to the board, and the board passed a resolution affirming the Governor's offer. She gave the airport the same amount. She gave GPA, GWA—but in our case, the board said, okay, we

won't touch the tariff for those two fiscal years. But our labor charge-out rate has not been updated since fiscal year 2020, and that's a concern. And so that's what that tariff correction is, and that's why we've been before the PUC with our petition. All of the work, Mr. Chairman and Senator Taitague, has been done in-house by the finance committee to prepare the petition for the PUC. And the PUC's consultant, in its own findings, affirmed 100% of all the calculations that say this will translate to one-tenth of a penny for every canned good, or about \$60 per container. That was what the impact was going to be. The PUC consultant came back and said—because the board said in our petition, every three years adjust the labor charge-out rate tied to the CIP— or the CPI, the Consumer Price Index. So the PUC's consultant, in its own findings, came back and said, *"What a great idea. Do 3.5% or the CPI, whichever is higher."* That's what the PUC's consultant recommended. So we went back to the board, and after talking to the industry—these are the carriers, right, the Port Users Group—they said, *"Would you consider 3.5% or the CPI, whichever is lower?"* So we looked at the historical CPI. You know it's fundable. Okay, let's ask if the board would agree. So we asked the board by resolution: Would you agree to 3.5% or the CPI, whichever is lower, as the escalation clause every three years? And so the board passed the resolution, thanking the PUC consultant for their report, putting it before the PUC for their ALJ to finish their report. And so this way, if there's never any overall tariff increase at all, what you're going to see is every three years there's going to be that escalation clause on those positions that are charged against vessel operations. And so when CFO Jojo and I interview with Moody's, Standard & Poor's—every year we go through this analysis, right?—and Director Fe talked about our bond rating. Moody's asked us, *"What is the status of our PUC petition?"* So we said that it's still before the PUC. So in their findings, they actually recognized those kinds of pressures, and they basically said, *"Look, Port, we're going to affirm your rating status quo, and we're going to wait to see the disposition of the PUC's decision on your petition."* And Moody's even knows that we're amenable, the board's amenable, to even having a January 2027 implementation. And that's what we offered several months ago. But it's up for the PUC to decide. So, again, on our

website you see all the board resolutions. I guess in my time in the Legislature, we like resolutions, right, where you memorialize the narrative and then the Whereas clause gives you the authority. I never want to do anything without the board authority. And we have a board that, like the director said, you know, I always say we're not perfect. If even I make mistakes, if we misstep, come back to the board, say: *This is what happened. This is the solution. This is the way forward.* And so we document it, we communicate it, and we present those mitigations going forward. And this is why it's so critical to have a board that's going to be tough on us, but also understand that management needs the tools to be able to operate in this kind of tough environment.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: Yeah. So that's all I really wanted to elicit that because, for me, operationally, you have your day-to-day operations. That's – I'm sure you review all of that, and I've seen your online presentations and you do that in a social media format, which is really, really smart. (crosstalk)

RORY J. RESPICIO, GM, PAG: Can I also add that, because if you look at when the Port floated the 2018 revenue bond, the agreement through the trustee is every month the allotment is going to be \$4.8 million every month. Eight years later, our monthly allotment is still \$4.8 million. So when I gave a speech to the Chamber of Commerce, I said, *"What better way—you guys are finance people—what better way to show fiscal prudence and stewardship?"* If your allowance from Mom and Dad for eight years is the same \$4.8 million monthly allowance, it's the same, but yet you look at the Port overall, we're able to thrive despite the ups and downs from time to time. But we're able to thrive because throughout that same period the Port received, as Director Fe pointed out, upwards of \$160 million in grants. And for the record, we're not using federal grants to fund our operations. We're not. These are federal grants to fund CIP projects. We're very aggressive with the Governor and the Department of War. We've quantified through our own data points, and the analytics show that if one crane goes down,

it's going to set the whole military-readiness program back by about four years. Everybody knows that, in the geopolitical scheme of things, Guam is where they have to harden the Port. And the Department of War, through MARAD—all of those federal partners have stepped up, and we're starting to see the support. We got \$6 million for Fuel Pier 1. Last night I was before the PUC having to explain how we're trying to do a fuel-connectivity line to connect two fuel piers, and one fuel pier is 100% inoperable. But yet the PUC approved it unanimously because, at the same time, we got a MARAD grant for \$12 million to fund a fuel-connectivity line that connects two fuel piers, where one is 100% inoperable. So that's the kind of confidence and credibility and public trust—to say we just can't wait until we have an ideal situation before we move on these things. You've got to do the planning. So luck is when preparation meets opportunity, right? So we've been very lucky. We have a very strong board. Very strong board. And we just also cannot go – ever again go without having a quorum to be able to get us to pass these policies that we need to operate.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: Completely agree, and that's what I was trying to elicit. So all I wanted to do is get Frank and also the nominee, Ms. Ovalles, just to share that the fiscal strength of the Port and your constant monitoring—that is intact. I just wanted you to attest to that. So we're good on that level. Okay, well, thank you. And I join my colleague, really, Fe, in knowing you for many, many years and the tenacity that you bring when you make sure that things are done right. And I know it's absolutely true: You're not a yes person. So that's why I wanted to basically just put on the record that, for me, I always look at the fiscal health of an operation. If the fiscal health is intact, operationally things can be corrected easily. But when the fiscal health is suffering—and, as you noticed also, one of the biggest things that could have hindered the fiscal health is some sort of disaster wherein you couldn't recover because you were underinsured. So, for that, I thank you for that work, and I look forward to the work you're going to continue doing going forward. You have my support as well. So, congratulations. As there was no objection yesterday in the

Rules meeting to you being placed immediately upon the completion of your committee report.

FE VALENCIA-OVALLES, APPOINTEE: Wow. That's unprecedented. Thank you. Thank you. I truly, truly appreciate it. *Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Mr. Vice Chair and Senator Taitague. I—I—I Really, there's a lot of work at the Port Authority. They're very busy right now, and I know the GM is over the top in all of these things. But the working together is very important for me, to hear all sides of the story all the time. It's just, for me, it's very satisfying to go back home and see how thriving our Port is. I mean, there's not – there's more to come. That I know.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, VICE CHAIR: Well, thank you very much. And so, with that, folks, this will conclude today's public hearing. The Committee will continue to accept written testimony on the appointment of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles within five (5) calendar days from today, which may be addressed to Senator Jesse Lujan as Chairman of the Committee and mailed to 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña, Guam 96910. You may also email any testimonies to senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov. With that, this public hearing is now adjourned, and the time is 3:42. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'*. We are adjourned.

[Committee adjourned.]

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee *finds* that the Port Authority of Guam serves as a critical lifeline for the island and that effective governance of the Port requires board members who exercise independent judgment, maintain appropriate oversight of management, and safeguard the Port's financial and physical assets. During the public hearing on the nomination of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, testimony reflected her experience in public service, private business, education, community service, insurance, and finance, as well as her continued service as Secretary of the Port

Authority of Guam Board of Directors. Accordingly, The Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs hereby reports the Appointment of Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, Member, Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors with the recommendation TO DO CONFIRM.