

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
APPOINTMENTS

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38GL-26-2071	James Robert Kelley	Member	Board of Regents University of Guam	3/16/26	Six (6) Years; From Date of Confirmation	3/19/26	Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting.	4/23/26	5/5/26			



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Vincent A.V. Borja

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May 1, 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 Appointment of James Robert Kelley

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on **James Robert Kelley** to serve as a **Member, Board of Regents, University of Guam – Six (6) Years; From Date of Confirmation** and which was referred to the **Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting.**

Committee votes are as follows:

- 7 TO DO CONFIRM
- TO NOT CONFIRM
- TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- TO ABSTAIN
- TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

May 1, 2026 4:36 p.m.

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 James Robert Kelley

As a

**Member, Board of Regents,
University of Guam – Six (6)
Years; From Date of
Confirmation**

By Senator Vincent A.V Borja



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April 30, 2026

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 James Robert Kelley

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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
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimony & Other Correspondence
- 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

March 19, 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: **James Robert Kelley**
Position: **Member**
Term Length: **Six (6) Years; From Date of Confirmation**

Please refer the following document:

“**Doc. No. 38GL-26-2071** – Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for James Robert Kelley, Member, University of Guam Board of Regents.”

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'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

38GL-26-2071
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

March 16, 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

MAR 18 2026
Time: 2:35 pm
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Appointment

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam, 17 GCA § 16104, and all other applicable local laws, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: James Robert Kelley
POSITION: Member, Board of Regents
University of Guam
TERM LENGTH: Six (6) 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,

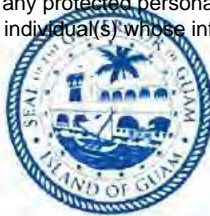
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Governor of Guam



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Messages and Communications
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COMMITTEE ON RULES
March 18, 2026
3:39 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

March 16, 2026

JAMES ROBERT KELLEY



Håfa Adai Mr. Kelley:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 17 GCA § 16104, and all other applicable laws, I am appointing you to serve as a:

**MEMBER, BOARD OF REGENTS
UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
Term Length: Six (6) Years; From Date of Confirmation**

This position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform placing many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities shall be significant and consequential.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

The appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jean Taitano of my office 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
Agapito "Pete" A. Diaz, Chairperson, Board of Regents, University of Guam

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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

<i>Last Name</i> Kelley	<i>First Name</i> James	<i>Middle Initial</i> R
<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> bkelley@stjohnsguam.com	
<i>Position to which Appointment is Made</i> Univeristy of Guam Baord of Regents		
<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> Montgomery Blair Silver Spring, MD	8/78-5/81	High School	1981
<i>College</i> U of Pennsylvania	9/82-5/85	BA	1985
<i>Graduate School</i> U of Pennsylvania (GSE)	5/85-5/86	MS	1986
<i>Other Degree</i>			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address St. John's School 911 N. Marine Corps Dr. Tumon, GU 96913	Position Title Asst. Head of School
	Dates Held 7/2016-Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address St. John's School 911 N. Marine Corps Dr. Tumon, GU 96913	Position Title Director of College Guidance/History and Economic Teacher
	Dates Held 8/1991-6/2016

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Notre Dame High School 480 San Miguel St. 4A Talofof, GU 96915	Position Title History and Government Teacher
	Dates Held 8/1990-5/1991

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Hillsboro Deering Middle School 530 Hillsboro Center Rd. Hillsboro, NH 03246	Position Title 7th grade Teacher
	Dates Held 8/87-6/90

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	

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

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

<i>Agency or Department Name</i>		<i>Position Title</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>	

<i>Agency or Department Name</i>		<i>Position Title</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>	

TRAINING

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Natl Association of College Admissions Counselors National Conference	Multiple Dates, including 2 presentations.
Intl Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Conference, San Antonio, TX	July 2025
IB Global Conference, Deagu, South Korea	March 2023

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>
NACAC Conference, Presentation on Recruiting in the Pacific NACAC Conference, Presentation on US Territories as part of College Recruitment

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Rotary Club of Guam (President 2020-21)

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:

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: James R Kelley

- 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
I own stock in a number of businesses (not on Gua	Individual Ivestor Approximate



Signature

12/5/25
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.



Print Name and Signature

12/5/25

Date

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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: **JAMES R KELLY**

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: 12/18/2025

Janice M. Camacho-Perez
Clerk of Court

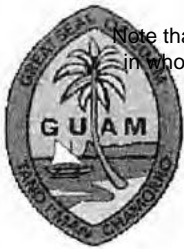
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Deputy Clerk I



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Government of Guam

**GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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



January 13, 2026

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	James Robert KELLEY		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	NONE
<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: priscilla

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police**

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 04/26/19



Office of Senator Borja <contact@senatorvinceborja.com>

FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 23, 2026

2 messages

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

Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 8:00 AM

April 15, 2026

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 – APRIL 23, 2026**

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Respectfully,



Office of Senator Vincent A.V. Borja

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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>
To: Office of Senator Borja <contact@senatorvinceborja.com>

Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 5:09 PM

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Edward S. Pocaigue, Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms

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 **Posted by:** Caden Poblete

 **Public Hearing Date:** 04/23/2026 02:00 PM

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April 15, 2026

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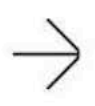
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




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Thank you very much for this invitation. UOG will be represented at the upcoming hearing for Regent nominee/appointee James Robert Kelley.

I hope you and your family, as well as those within your team, fared well during and after this recent severe typhoon.

Mås rikuetdo (With respect),

Anita Borja Enriquez, D.B.A.
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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
Thursday, April 23, 2026
Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room

AGENDA FOR 2:00 P.M.

- I. [Doc. No. 38GL-26-1848](#) - The Appointment of Clifton Samuel Thomas Nededog to serve as Member, Board of Trustees, Guam Education Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF/PBS) - Four (4) Years; From Date of Confirmation.
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Submission of Written Testimony--Re: Rescheduling of Public Hearing on April 24, 2026, to April 23, 2026, 2:00 P.M--Appointment of James Robert Kelley, Member, Board of Regents, University of Guam

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Håfa Adai Office of Senator Borja,

Please find the attached written testimony from Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, on behalf of the University of Guam, in support of the appointment of James Robert "Bob" Kelley as Member of the University of Guam Board of Regents.

If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you.

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Si Yu'os ma'åse',



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Due to Island Leadership Day commencing on April 24, 2026, at the Guam Legislature, the public hearing for the following items scheduled for April 24, 2026, at 2:00 P.M will be rescheduled to **April 23, 2026, at 2:00 P.M.**

Our office will send official invitations to your agency on **April 15, 2026.**

Please see the agenda below for the 2:00 P.M public hearing.

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April 23, 2026

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Subject: Written Testimony in Support of the Appointment of James Robert "Bob" Kelley as Member of the University of Guam Board of Regents

Dear Honorable Committee Chair Borja, Vice Chair Muña Barnes and Members of the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting:

On behalf of the University of Guam, *Si Yu'os Maase* for giving us an opportunity to testify in support of the appointment of Mr. James Robert "Bob" Kelley to serve as a member of the University of Guam Board of Regents.

Mr. Kelley brings valuable experience in education and student development through his service as Assistant Head of School at St. John's School on Guam. His background offers a meaningful perspective that will strengthen the Board's work and further support the University's mission.

As the University of Guam continues its efforts to grow enrollment, strengthen student success, and serve as a regional institution of higher education, Mr. Kelley's experience working closely with high school students and families will be especially valuable. His insight can help advance student recruitment efforts, including strengthening pathways for students from St. John's School, other private schools, and the broader college-bound community to see UOG as a strong and compelling choice for their higher education journey.

His appointment would also support the University's continued efforts to diversify its student population and build capacity to better serve Guam and the region. A Board of Regents that includes voices with direct experience in secondary education helps position UOG to respond more effectively to the evolving needs of students and families.

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Overall, Mr. Kelley's educational leadership in the K-12 system, community perspective, and commitment to quality education would make him a valuable addition to the Board. I support his appointment and ask for your favorable consideration.

Si Yu'os ma'ase' yan Kon respetu,



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Nomination of James Robert Kelley to serve as a Member, Board of Regents, University of Guam – Six (6) Years; From Date of Confirmation

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Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <i>Member</i>	E-Vote 05/01/2026	✓				
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane <i>Member</i>	E-Vote 05/01/2026	✓				
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Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao <i>Member</i>	E-Vote 05/01/2026	✓				
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Buenas yan Håfa Adai, Honorable Committee Members

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Respectfully,

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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 **James Robert Kelley** on Tuesday **April 23, 2026** at **2:00 PM** in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

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SENATORS PRESENT:

Vincent A.V. Borja, Chairperson
Telo T. Taitague, Member
Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Member

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Mr. Mark B.C. Mendiola, Director, Residence Halls, University of Guam
Mr. James Robert Kelley, Nominee, Board of Regents Member, University of Guam

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, President, University of Guam

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION:

The public hearing for the appointment of **James Robert Kelley** began at **2:00 PM**.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Håfa Adai and Good Afternoon. Thank you everyone for being here with us today. Today's date is **April 23, 2026**. This afternoon's public hearing held by the Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting is called to order. The time is now **2:00 PM**.

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 **April 15, 2026** with its second notice disseminated on **April 20, 2026**.

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 be hearing testimony on:

Doc. No. 38GL-26-1848 - The Appointment of Clifton Samuel Thomas Nededog to serve as Member, Board of Trustees, Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF/PBS) - Four (4) Years; From Date of Confirmation.

Doc. No. 38GL-26-1923- The Appointment of Domingo L. Ocampo, Member, Guam Commission for Educator Certification, Public Classroom Teacher – Representative – Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation.

Doc. No. 38GL-26-2093 – The Appointment of Ronnie R. Guerrero, Member, Guam Commission for Educator Certification Representative with a Terminal Degree in Education – Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation.

[Doc. No. 38GL-26-2071– The Appointment of James Robert Kelley, Member, Board of Regents, University of Guam – Six \(6\) Years; From Date of Confirmation.](#)

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[Bill No. 285-38 \(COR\) – AN ACT TO AMEND §3122. OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTOR.](#)

And in that order.

At this time I would like to welcome my colleagues who are joining me this afternoon, Senator Telo Taitague and Senator Shawn Gumataotao. Thanks for being here, colleagues.

But 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 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 Guåhan* 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.

We'll move into the appointment of Mr. James Robert Kelley, member of Board of Regents, University of Guam, 6 years from date of confirmation. If those that are here to testify, could you please come up to the table. We'll go ahead and start with you, Mr. Mendiola. I'm assuming you're going to read the president's testimony. You can proceed when you're ready.

[START OF TESTIMONIES FOR APPOINTMENT OF JAMES KELLEY] [1:07:57]

MR. MARK B.C. MENDIOLA, DIRECTOR, RESIDENCE HALLS, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Yes. Buenas and Håfa Adai, honorable senators, Committee Chair Senator Borja, Senator Gumataotao, Senator Taitague. Buenas yan Håfa Adai, I'm here to render written testimony, read it into the record for President Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez.

“Dear Honorable Committee Chair Borja and committee members of the Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting, on behalf of the University of Guam Si Yu'os Ma'åse for giving us the opportunity to testify in support of the appointment of Mr. James Robert Bob Kelley to serve as a member of the University Guam Board of Regents.

Mr. Kelley brings valuable experience in education and student development through his service as the assistant head of school at St. John's School on Guam. His background offers a meaningful perspective that will strengthen the board's work and further support of the university's mission. As the university continues its efforts to grow enrollment, strengthen student success, and serve as a regional institution of higher education, Mr. Kelley's experience working closely with high school students and families will be especially valuable. His insight can help advance student recruitment efforts, including strengthening pathways for students from St. John's school, other private schools, and the broader collegebound community to see UOG as a strong and compelling choice for their higher education journey.

His appointment would also support the university's continued effort to diversify its student population and build capacity to better serve Guam and the region. A board of regents that includes voices with direct experience in secondary education helps position UOG to respond more effectively to the evolving needs of students and families.

Overall, Mr. Kelley's educational leadership in the K-12 system, the community perspective, and commitment to quality education will make him a valuable addition to the board. I support his

appointment and ask for your favorable consideration. Si Yu'os Ma'åse, Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, University of Guam President” Si Yu'os Ma'åse.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Mendiola. Mr. Kelley, you can go ahead.

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Good afternoon, Chairman, senators. Thank you very much. And I'd also like to thank Governor Leon Guerrero for the appointment. I did not bring any prepared statements, which is kind of nice because the prior three appointments were really very much within the ballpark of things that I would say as well.

I am a person who is interested in higher education. A person who's interested in making all students of Guam, giving them all the opportunities that they could possibly have, and trying to increase the role of the university. For the past 30 years, I've been involved in university admissions directly. I was one of the ones who created the Guam College Fair, where every September we have approximately 20 universities come to visit to give students information. One of the universities that's been at every one of those college fairs has been the University of Guam. Last September we had it at the mall, made it even more accessible to everybody. And so I believe that one of the things that I could help with is getting, as the letter from President Enriquez indicated, that I've been involved in secondary education. I've been involved in advising students on their options and their opportunities. Thank you.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Kelley. I don't have any questions. And you know, like everybody else before you, thank you. I mean, the boards, like I think my colleague Senator Taitague said earlier, it's a lot of work. The University of Guam especially, the educational hub, has a lot of good things going on. I know the conference is still going on right down in Tuman, on top of the 20 other things going on at the university getting ready for graduation. So, it's a tough job, but you know, not just with those things, but funding is another thing. I know we're getting ready to get into that. So, what are your thoughts on just some of the things going on? What perspective or value or what are some things that you look forward to bringing to the board of regents should you get appointed?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

As I'm sure you're aware, the university just recently re-upped their vision statement from 2025 to 2030, and they have the 4 pillars that they're looking at, and among those pillars would be number one is the student enrollment and retention. This is a problem nationwide among

universities. There are a variety of different options that people are having and, as come up in previous testimonies today, the growth of the internet and the role of the internet and what people's choices are has been evolving as well.

Trying to figure out ways that we can capture students on Guam regionally and from the United States. You know that the university participates in a variety of programs, WOOI as well as the national student exchange program where I think we probably send more students out to them than we receive back from them. And so those are some initiatives that are already in place that we could try to strengthen.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you. I have no further questions. Again, thank you for accepting the call to serve and we look forward to your confirmation in the upcoming session. Senator Taitague

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Yes, I have read the board minutes for the last three.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Only one? You read the last three?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Yes.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Great. So, you know what you get yourself into then?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Okay. And you are currently over at St. John's right now. Currently still doing that?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Yes.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Okay, that's good. Well, can you kind of tell us what the board of regents does? This is your first time serving on the board, right?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

That's correct.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Okay. So, what exactly is your responsibility as a board member on the board of regents?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

So the board of regents, much like our own board of trustees at St. John's, works to set policy. So they examine policy, they talk about working with the president and the administration of the university. They would be sitting down and trying to figure out, "Okay what are some policies that need to be put in place to try to help the university to achieve its goals, specifically the goals outlined in the new plan.?" And so that would be the largest role as an advisory capacity and coming up with fresh ideas that might help in achieving all of those goals. But it's primarily a policy setting body.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

And can you tell us the other small stuff too that the board of regions does besides policy?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Well, as with everything as we've mentioned before, they also try to come up with ideas for raising funds to make the university more stable. Currently the UOG endowment program led by Miss Perez has been... I think it's a \$30 million endowment. And so they've had some pretty interesting ideas that I stole one at St. John's, too. But they've got some pretty fun ideas about trying to raise money and trying to keep that flow coming in.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

You said \$30 million right now is in the bank for the endowment for UOG?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

I think it's a \$30 million endowment. I'm not an expert on their endowment, where it is and how it's at the moment, but if you give me a year or even a couple of months, I'll give you more information on it.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Okay. Well, with regards to policy versus... for instance, if there's a situation at the University of Guam. You know, I actually sent a letter to Dr. Enriquez, with all the gas issues that's been going on, the cost going up, this is very hard for our students to go to class. Many of them work. So, they drive from work, they drive to school, then they have to drive back to work sometimes or sometimes their classes are spread out in different timelines, and it makes it very difficult. In fact, there was a number that they came up with that they did. I believe it was \$75 a week is what a student has to pay in gas if they were living down south, you know. And that's just one way coming from, can you imagine going to work too adding on to work. So the recommendation, like some jurisdictions are doing, is allowing people to go on Zoom now like we did during COVID, you know, to try and save some money for these kids as the prices go up.

Now, is this something that the board of regents can actually step in and ask the president and those serving if they can go into that type of teaching scenario?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

My understanding, and I could be wrong, but my understanding would be that as a policy board, we could ask the president to consider such a strategy, but I'm not sure that we could actually require that.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Oh, that's a good answer because you don't require them to do it. You're only there on... what is it? Not just policy but... recommendation then. So you don't make resolutions or you don't put anything into play that requires the management to do anything, right?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Set the policy and then rely...

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

And then it's up to them whether they accept it or not?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Well, the recommendation, it would be up to them and then ultimately the ultimate oversight would be the evaluation of the president on an annual basis to say "Okay, well, we don't think that you did these things well" and so that would be where that ultimate resolution would come.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Okay. So you're only recommending, giving recommendations, that's it, you know, you don't...

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

For daily operations, yes, only recommendations.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Oh okay. Okay. And then of course, in exchange, like you said, the yearly evaluation of the president whether they're implementing the stuff that the board puts into or requests to put into play. It's a good explanation, especially for those who are listening. They always wonder what a board does, you know, and this position actually is a very prestigious position. There's a lot of people who would love to sit on this board you know. So why do you think you were chosen?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

I've been involved in secondary education for as long as I have been and so I think that the board is trying to create as diverse a group of expertise as they can get. I think that they did not have somebody who had been involved in secondary education. So they were looking for somebody with that voice to mention that.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Okay sounds good. Mr. Kelley, thank you so much for wanting to serve on this board. It is very taxing. I think it's a what? A four year or a six year?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

It's a six-year term.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Six years. Okay. Yeah. That means how many times you guys meet? Meet quarterly? You meet quarterly. Okay. That's not too bad for six years. That's a lot of time. Okay. Appreciate that my door is always open as well. Any shenanigans going on, you know, and as well, I'll come visit you if I see something at the University of Guam that I feel that, you know, I need more questions to be answered because if you're in the heart of it, you know.

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Everybody's got to be a partnership, right? Everybody plays a role and the more information, the more conversations we have, the more transparency, the better off everybody is.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Oh, that's best answer I've heard all day. Thank you so much. I truly believe in that. I wish you the very best and my door again is always open to you if I can be of any assistance to you.

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

And thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Senator Taitague. Senator Gumataotao.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO:

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Bob, for stepping up and serving. You know, I just wanted to ask you because your nomination here is part of a pretty big process. And there's a reason why the Governor of Guam selected you to serve today. Can you share with the committee what was the biggest skill set that you have and why they are bringing you to the board of regents today?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

My understanding is that it is my knowledge of the college admissions process, my knowledge of college operations in general, and my knowledge of secondary school transferring into universities. Those are the things that I have that I think that they felt were lacking on the board.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO:

And because I know that. Why I say that because they spent a lot of time building. So now it's time to put people into those classrooms. They just kicked off a bunch of really important buildings, the school of engineering and the like. And so I just wanted to ask that, if that's what your conversations were with her.

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

There's some a lot of exciting moments up there, you know, and so when I visit universities in the US, in the United States, and I just visited a few universities in South Korea as well, if they're not building, I kind of wonder why not, you know? Because the universities, if there's anybody who should be hoping for the future, it is a university. And so that is the next challenge. They've built the buildings. We've created the programs. Now we got to get students in the seats.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO:

As you were talking to Senator Taitague about looking at the board minutes, is there something in the last three meetings that jumped out at you that was like “this is interesting and I'd like to try to hear more about it if I'm confirmed by the Guam legislature.”

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Mostly the similarity between the board meeting at St. John's. I joke that when people ask me what I do, I joke that “I sit in my office, I write reports and worry about air conditioning.” And if you look at the last few board minutes, there's a lot of those things as well. You know, worrying about the air conditioning, worrying about the physical plant. As always, the financial stability, and that is not specific to the University of Guam. Virtually every public and many private universities are facing all of those challenges right now across the nation. In fact, I just learned that Hampshire College will now be closing its doors next December. So it's a challenge around the world.

The other demographic issue in the United States is that the population of college age is falling as they've been experiencing in Japan for the last few years. And so trying to find ways to mitigate that impact on the university is always a challenge, you know.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO:

And you mentioned Korea. I know that because I've been an adjunct at the University of Guam now for 14 years. I'm still on the adjunct roster. They haven't kicked me off yet. And I hope they don't anytime soon. And I've seen a lot of international students who come to the University of Guam. Can you see more and more Korean, perhaps Japanese, students choose the University of Guam as a place to learn more, it could be engineering, marine biology or other things?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

I certainly hope that that's the case. There are some issues. University education in Korea and Japan is less expensive than US universities, but on the national scale, our University of Guam's tuition is not dramatically different. And so that United States diploma, University of Guam's United States diploma is an attractive element. And so we are doing fairly well tourism-wise. And I think that if we... well I mean we had been prior to the last few natural disasters that if we can try to capitalize on that. We do have a name in those countries. It's not like we have to go and say “Guam, where's that?” When in my meetings that I had last week, everybody knew where I was from and what I was dealing with at that time. So I can see that as a potential market. We already have, the University of Guam already has a language program where we get visitors for two weeks. I think it's a 2 week two language program. I go walking about 4 times a week down

in Tuman and occasionally run into those students, and I try to quiz them and find out where they're going and what's...

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO:

I mean I say that because as a communications adjunct and teaching, you know, fundamentals of communication, while it might be a struggle for them, I know that the 2 years... we're not getting those students. We're getting those who have already been beyond that 2 years, and by the way they're not too bad, by the way, and they do pretty well especially when they're learning from some great adjuncts at the University of Guam.

You know, Mr. Chair, I just want to say that I've known Bob for 3 decades and I'm very excited about his want to serve. It's funny that it took 30 years for people to say "Let's have Bob come and serve the government of Guam board or commission." But I'm really excited and Bob, yes, I am voting for your nomination, and I appreciate your continued support and your friendship, and again congratulations on being appointed to the UOG Board of Regents, and I think it'll be in the May session. So we're excited.

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

Thank you very much.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Senator Gumataotao. I just got to ask because, you know, I think a lot of the students from St. John's go off to universities, you know, state side. Do you see yourself being a champion to advocate for the University of Guam to encourage, you know, a lot of St. John students to go to picking UOG as their first choice?

MR. JAMES ROBERT KELLEY, NOMINEE, BOARD OF REGENTS MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM:

So I'll tell you that I have always been an advocate of that, and one of the best things that we can offer is, first of all the location, and we also do send about 1 or 2 a year, largely using the scholarship program, which, again, money talks right? But, yes, I've always been an advocate. In fact, and if you look at our faculty, quite a few of our faculty are University of Guam graduates, and of those many of them are St. John's and then University of Guam graduates as well. So that's certainly what I would like to do.

[\[END OF TESTIMONIES FOR APPOINTMENT OF JAMES KELLEY\] \[1:26:55\]](#)

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Appreciate that. Thank you. Again, thank you for your willingness to serve and accepting the appointment, you know, or the governor's nomination, and we look forward to, you know, putting this on the May Agenda and I'm sure we'll, you know, we'll get you confirmed. So, thank you again and thank you Mark for coming down here. With that, this will conclude our portion of the confirmation hearings for Mr. Kelley.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting therefore reports the confirmation hearing of **James Robert Kelley, Member, University of Guam Board of Regents** as heard with the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM.**