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*Office of the Governor of Guam*

Commission on Decolonization  
Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2015

Meeting was called to order by the Executive Director at 3:45 p.m. Roll call determined a quorum. Present were Speaker Judy WonPat, Senator Tony Ada, Youth Congress Speaker Leonardo Orsini, Taskforce Chairman on Free Association, Jose Garrido, Chairman for Statehood Fmr. Senator Eddie Duenas, representing the Independence taskforce was Trini Torres. At large member Lisa Baza was also present.

The Commission elected Speaker WonPat to chair the meeting as Vice Chairman Rory Respicio was still off-island. The minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting were approved subject to correction. Motion made by Jose Garrido and seconded by Senator Ada.


With regard to position papers, it was noted that Fmr. Senator Ben Pangelinan's website had all three papers on it and a suggestion was made by Speaker WonPat that they be will soon be included in the Commission's website which should be launched soon. She will also find out if the website is still active. If it is, then the Commission should gain control and administer it under the Commission. Senator Ada made a motion to develop a Commission website and begin populating it with educational materials to include flyers, brochures, studies, and UN material. Motion was seconded by Youth Speaker Orsini. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Jose Garrido then presented some educational material and made a motion that all United Nations educational material be passed out to the Legislature and Administration. Sen. Ada seconded the motion and the Executive Director will contact the Decolonization Unit at the UN and inquire about the material. The Executive Director asked member Jose Garrido if the flyer he brought spelled out the decolonization process. Garrido stated it sort of does. Trini Torres suggested that the flyer be updated. The Executive Director was assigned to contact the Decolonization unit and inquire if that particular flyer (brochure) has been updated and to get copies if it has. Another item member Garrido brought was an economic study done in June of 2000 by economist Joe Bradley and stated it had all the pros and cons contained within it. Also included in Garrido's items were the taskforce's position paper which he gave to the Executive Director for Xeroxing. The economic study will also be Xeroxed. Trini Torres stated she will bring her material to the next Commission meeting. Speaker WonPat then requested Eddie Duenas to follow suit.

Jose Garrido relayed that the Commission should have a copy of the UN Charter and all the members who signed off on it and further stated that leaders of Guam sometimes say things they shouldn't. Speaker WonPat added that there are proper forums such as schools where leaders can express themselves more freely, but agrees that there are venues where statements made about Decolonization need to be such that it doesn't influence anyone.

On another note, the Speaker suggested the Commission review the FY budgets before they are submitted to the Legislature. The Executive Director stated along these lines that the education program money for FY2015 has not been encumbered, thus Trini Torres made a motion that thirty thousand dollars be given to each taskforce to be used to produce educational material for their status option and that the budget for this money be presented at the next Commission meeting. Motion was seconded by Lisa Baza and passed unanimously.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm

  
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