

Minutes for the second meeting of the Commission on Decolonization  
November 17, 2011 @ Adelup, Governor's conference room

Governor convened the meeting and held roll call at 11am. Also in attendance were Sen.. Frank Blas, Eddie Duenas, Andrew Orsini, Joe Garrido, Trini Torres, Dr. Lisa Natividad, and myself.

Gov. gave the floor to Trini Torres who announced that Dr. Michael L. Bevaqua will now head the Taskforce on Independence. Mrs. Torres stated that it was time to pass the torch to a younger colleague as she has been chairperson for a long time.

Floor was given to Dr. Mike Bevacqua who declined a statement.

The next agenda item was about P.L. 31-92 section 6, which mandated the Chairman of the Commission to submit a preliminary report to the Legislature on the education program for the upcoming plebiscite for the people of Guam.

The commission then went into a working session to discuss what ideas it had. Executive Director open the floor for discussion and Dr. Michael Bevaqua suggested that a survey be done soon to determine what needs to made clear, what are the fears, and what are the gaps in knowledge from the public. UOG was mentioned as a possible source to conduct this survey. Dr. Natividad relayed that the commission should follow protocol and send a letter to UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood requesting for the survey.

Executive director made three suggestions for the education plan:

1. Recommends the commission review all three task forces educational presentation for the purpose of edification, clarity, and refinement.
2. That legal opinions be in place for all potential contentions in the public law, UN charter, UN resolutions, etc.
3. That quarterly and mid term reviews be made to ensure that the education program is effective and increasing the knowledge base.

Dr. Natividad spoke about forming a sub-committee to develop and submit the preliminary report. A motion was made by Dr. Natividad and seconded by Dr. Bevaqua. Sub-committee members are Dr. Natividad and Bevaqua, Joe Garrido, Eddie Duenas, and Marilyn Manibusan.

The report is due November 30, 2011 and the first meeting is on November 28, 2011.

Dr. Natividad also felt the commission should have the following committees:

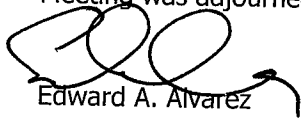
1. Research
2. Education plan
3. Plebiscite

#### 4. Budgetary

Dr. Natividad also spoke about the Decolonization registry specifically whether 2014 was a realistic date to populate it. Sen Ben Pangelinan interjected and stated that setting a date was premature. he felt the commission needs to determine the knowledge base first, then work towards raising it. He feels that decolonization registration leads to discussions about self-determination.

Gov. stated that people need to get motivated which will lead to people getting registered.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.



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