



COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION
Commission Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2018

Meeting called to order at 3:08 p.m.

I. Roll Call

- a. Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje, Vice Chair
- b. Dr. Lisa Baza, Member-at-Large
- c. Eddie Duenas, Statehood Task Force
- d. Adrian Cruz, Free Association Task Force
- e. Victoria Leon Guerrero – Independence Task Force
- f. Tristan Quintanilla, Youth Congress
- g. Also Present:
 - i. Eloy Hara, Statehood Task Force

II. Approval of Minutes: August 7, 2018

- a. **Motion to Approve – Victoria Leon Guerrero. Seconded by Tristan Quintanilla.**

III. Continuing Business

- a. Self-Determination Study
 - i. Followed up with AG's Office. It is still being reviewed by the attorney assigned.
- b. Financial Report
 - i. Financial report is attached.
 - ii. Dr. Baza – If by September 20, if 50% is not committed, can it be transferred between task forces? Does law allow?
 - iii. Mariana Pangelinan – I'm not sure since the law specifies the amount to be given for each task force.
- c. United Nations Fourth Committee



- ii. Victoria-Lola – we are supposed to be involved in who is hired and how much they are compensated. So we'd like to do that. Task forces could also check for grants and obtain ways to supplement moneys.

V. Next Meeting: October 2, 2018

VI. Open Discussion

- a. Adrian Cruz - Secretary of Interior is on island. Maybe we could try to meet with him to relay information and/or get information from him.
- b. Vice Chairwoman – We could request informally through the governor's office to see if they are willing to meet with the Commission.
- c. **Motion: To have a special meeting regarding the UN Fourth Committee – Victoria Leon Guerrero, Seconded by Adrian Cruz.**

Independence Task force will forward compilation of testimonies to prepare for the meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – Adrian Cruz, seconded by Victoria Leon Guerrero. No objections.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.