

**Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
at the GHRA office

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

BOARD TITLE	BOARD MEMBER	ATTENDANCE	YTD ABSENCES*
Chairman	Jeffrey Schweizer	Present	0 / 1
First Vice Chair	Bart Jackson	Present	0 / 1
Treasurer/Secretary	Sophia Chu Wigsten	Present	0 / 1
Hotelier Vice Chairman	Steve Solberg	Present	0 / 1
Restaurateur Vice Chairman	Darren Talai	Present	0 / 1
Allied Vice Chairman	Jay Shedd	Absent	1 / 1
Director	Toshi Doi	Present	0 / 1
Director	Frank Kenney	Present	0 / 1
Director	Edson Lai	Present	0 / 1
10th Board Member	Tae Oh	Present	0 / 1

*A Board Member may not miss more than five board meetings in a year.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 12, 2018 Board Meeting

Chairman Blas asked the board to review the minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting. Treasurer / Secretary Chu Wigsten made a motion seconded by Director Doi to approve the minutes for December 12, 2018, subject to typographical errors and corrections.

Without objection, the board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of December 12, 2018.

III. REPORTS/ COMMUNICATIONS

- **Treasurer's Report**

President Rhodes reported that Deloitte & Touche LLP is currently closing the books for 2018, therefore the Treasurer's Report is not available at this time.

- **President's Report**

President Rhodes provided the President's report in the board packet.

- **Guam Visitors Bureau**

First Vice Chairman Jackson provided an update on GVB regarding charter flights through Golden Week and an increase in Japan arrivals; although Korea is starting to level off, there are additional flights planned via Japan routes from Korea. There are still concerns regarding Russian asylum seekers and the short term vacation rentals.

GVB's vetting process for the President/CEO position has been a long and arduous process. The new administration has yet to select a person, but the GVB board has to have a quorum in order to vote the person in as per the bylaws. The elected members have been voted in at the general membership meeting. The newly elected members will be responsible for voting the new President/CEO along with the political appointees.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- **New Membership**

Chairman Schweizer asked the board to review the applications for HSE Pacific - Allied, which President Rhodes shared that this is the company that she and her husband formalized as a new LLC focusing on Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental. President Rhodes made mention to the 2018 change to the contract to reference consulting services with GHRA. Treasurer / Secretary Chu Wigsten made a motion seconded by Director Doi to approve the membership of HSE Pacific, LLC - Allied

Without objection, the board unanimously approved the membership of HSE Pacific, LLC - Allied.

- **Events & Programs**

President Rhodes announced the upcoming Annual Planning Workshop and invited all of the board members to attend from 3:30 p.m. to 6 pm on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at the Fiesta Resort Guam. Director Kenney suggested that more discussion take place on the projects for 2019 rather than presentation. Treasurer / Secretary seconded the idea. After a brief discussion, it was decided to remove the Year in Review and allow for more time for committee reports and project discussions.

President Rhodes provided a copy of the agenda for the Annual Planning Workshop. President Rhodes also provided copies of the sales kits and registration forms for the events for 2019. All board members are expected to participate and support the events.

- **Board Elections**

President Rhodes provided a copy of the press release for the election of officers.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Kenney inquired about welcome letters to restaurateurs for the association. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that GHRA should send a welcome letter to new restaurateurs and provide a summary of the organization's programs as a way of recruiting new members and being of service.

Director Kenney also inquired about congratulatory and supporting letters to individuals who are up for awards (e.g. Executive of the Year). After a brief discussion, it was agreed that GHRA does not support individuals in political and non-political affiliations or events. The mission is to support the industry and advocate issues, not people.

GHRA Board of Directors Actions

m/s/c Without objection, the board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of December 12, 2018.

m/s/c Without objection, the board unanimously approved the membership of HSE Pacific, LLC - Allied.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by First Vice Chairman Solberg and seconded by Restaurateur Vice Chairman Talai to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and will continue February 21, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at GHRA. Respectfully submitted by Mary Rhodes on behalf of the Secretary

Approved: Secretary to the Board

Date