

**Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
 Wednesday, September 19, 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	<b>Present</b>	0 / 8
First Vice Chair	Bart Jackson	<b>Present</b>	1 / 8
Treasurer/Secretary	Sophia Chu Wigsten	<b>Present</b>	1 / 8
Hotelier Vice Chairman	Steve Solberg	<b>Absent</b>	2 / 8
Restaurateur Vice Chairman	Darren Talai	<b>Present</b>	0 / 8
Allied Vice Chairman	Jay Shedd	<b>Present</b>	1 / 8
Director	Toshi Doi	<b>Present</b>	0 / 8
Director	Frank Kenney	<b>Present</b>	1 / 8
Director	Edson Lai	<b>Absent</b>	2 / 8
10th Board Member	Tae Oh	<b>Absent</b>	2 / 8

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 21, 2019 Board Meeting**

Chairman Blas asked the board to review the minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting. Director Shedd made a motion seconded by Director Doi to approve the minutes for July 17, 2019, subject to typographical errors and corrections.

***Without objection, the board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of July 17, 2019.***

**III. REPORTS/ COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Treasurer's Report**

President Rhodes provided copies of the Treasurer's Report.

- **President's Report**

- President Rhodes provided the President's report. President Rhodes provided an update regarding the Pre-Apprenticeship program, which is funded with \$1.7 million by US DOL and GHRA is one of the main organizations authorized to access the funds. President Rhodes provided copies of the 18 cohorts with 7 trades focusing on the American Hotel Lodging Association Educational Institute's START program for workforce development. GHRA has 283 Pre-Apprentices enrolled.

- **Guam Visitors Bureau**

No GVB report. First Vice Chairman Jackson was not present.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- **New Membership**

Chairman Schweizer asked the board to review the application for T-Factory - Allied. Treasurer / Secretary Chu Wigsten made a motion seconded by Director Shedd to approve the membership of T-Factory - Allied.

***Without objection, the board unanimously approved the membership of T-Factory-Allied.***

- **Request for Proposal**

President Rhodes provided a comparison of Dusit Thani Guam and Hyatt Regency Guam based on the RFP responses received by GHRA. After a brief discussion, Director Kenney made a motion seconded by Director Lai to approve the Hyatt Regency Guam as the venue for Gala 2020.

***Without objection, the board unanimously approved the Hyatt Regency Guam as the venue for Gala 2020.***

- **Events & Programs**

President Rhodes provided copies of the Tourism Cup sales kit and registration form. President Rhodes reported that TOC players are confirmed from Saipan and Rota. Celebrating 28 years, President Rhodes asked the board members for their support.

- **General Managers Meeting**

President Rhodes updated the board regarding issues with getting the luncheon planned at the Outrigger. Another date will be considered for the annual General Managers Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Events & Programs**

President Rhodes thanked the board members for their support during the GHRA Social on August 27 at LeoPalace Hotel and the Housekeeping Gala on September 8 at Dusit Thani Guam. Both events were extremely successful and well organized. GHRA had a lot of volunteers to help with greeting guests, seating and raffle. Comments were provided by the board members regarding the beautiful set up and wonderful food and beverage display by LeoPalace. Chairman Schweizer, Director Doi and Director Oh also commented on a great Housekeeping gala.

- **Legislative Watch & Regulatory Agencies**

President Rhodes provided an update on Bill 136-35 on the Minimum Wage. No further hearings have taken place at the legislature.

**GHRA Board of Directors Actions**

*m/s/c Without objection, the board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of July 17, 2019.*

*m/s/c Without objection, the board unanimously approved the membership of T-Factory-Allied.*

*m/s/c Without objection, the board unanimously approved the Hyatt Regency Guam as the venue for Gala 2020.*

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Director Doi and seconded by Director Shedd to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m. and will October 17, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at GHRA. Respectfully submitted by Mary Rhodes on behalf of the Secretary

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Approved: Secretary to the Board

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Date