



Chamorro Land Trust Commission

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Commissioner

Joseph M. Borja
Administrative Director

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Legislature's Public Hearing Room, Hagatna, Guam
December 4, 2008; 10:03am – 12:52pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Chairman Oscar Calvo.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call conducted by Administrative Director Joseph Borja. Present were Chairman Oscar Calvo, Commissioner David Matanane, Commissioner Carmen Tajalle, Legal Counsel Rebecca Santo Tomas. Not present was Commissioner Pauline Gumataotao.

Administrative Director commented Mr. Chairman there are three members of the Commission confirmed and appointed. The Commission has a quorum to conduct business. Before we start on it I want to make a comment on the roll call. There had been some talk recently within the Legislature concerning attendance of Commissioners at the meeting and I want to state for the record of the sitting members that the total meetings in 2005 is 13 meetings. David Matanane attended all 13 meetings in 2005; Oscar Calvo appointed February 2005, of 12 meetings, 11 attended, 1 excused absence due to illness. In 2006, 12 meetings total; David Matanane attended 11 meetings excused off-island for 1 meeting; Oscar Calvo attended 12 meetings. In 2007 a total of 6 meetings; David Matanane attended 6 meetings perfect attendance; Oscar Calvo attended 6 meetings perfect attendance; Pauline Gumataotao appointed in August 2007, total of 3 meetings, 3 meetings attended perfect attendance. In 2008 so far we've had 3 meetings. David Matanane 3 meetings attended perfect attendance; Oscar Calvo 3 meetings attended perfect attendance; Pauline Gumataotao 2 attended, 1 excused absence due to work commitments; and Carmen Tajalle appointed in June, 2 meetings, 2 meetings attended perfect attendance. In addition legal counsel prior to March 2006 was the Attorney General's Office. Beginning in September 2006, the legal counsel was Lujan, Aguigui and Perez. The change was made because at that time under Attorney General Doug Moylan and the late Charles Troutman an opinion was issued by the Attorney General's office that the Chamorro Land Trust was unconstitutional. The Commission was uncomfortable being represented by the AG's office who opined that they were unconstitutional and I think that is understandable. The issue was brought up by the Nasion Chamoru at that time and this information will be transmitted to the legislature and the oversight committee concerning the attendance of the Chamorro Land Trust Commissioners. Again, Commissioners there is a quorum in attendance and the meeting can proceed.