

*I Mina Trental Kaitro Na Lihelaturan Guåhan*  
**APPOINTMENTS**

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	CMTE REFERRED	DATE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	CMTE REPORT FILED	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
35GL-19-1233	Pelagio S. Sardoma	Member	Guam Board of Equalization	11/18/19	Four (4) Years; August 29, 2019 to August 28, 2023	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement	11/21/19	1/3/20 9:00 a.m.	1/15/20 12:36 p.m.		



**OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ**

Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement  
*I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

January 13, 2020

**The Honorable Tina Muña Barnes**

Speaker

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**VIA: The Honorable Regine Biscoe Lee**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RB.L.

**RE: Committee Report on the Executive Appointment of Mr. Pelagio S. Sardoma to serve as a Member of the Guam Board of Equalization.**

*Håfa adai* Speaker Muña Barnes,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the **Executive Appointment of Mr. Pelagio S. Sardoma** to serve as *Member* of the *Guam Board of Equalization* and which was referred to the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 3 TO DO CONFIRM
- ϕ TO NOT CONFIRM
- 1 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- ϕ TO ABSTAIN
- ϕ TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

*Si Yu'os ma'åse',*

*Sabina Flores Perez*

Sabina Flores Perez

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*I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*

35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Nomination of  
Pelagio S. Sardoma**

**To serve as a Member of the Guam Board  
of Equalization**

**For a Term of Four (4) Years  
August 29, 2019 to August 28, 2023**



**OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ**

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35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

January 13, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**  
Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement

From: **Senator Sabina Flores Perez** *SFP*  
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on Appointment of Mr. Pelagio S. Sardoma**

*Håfa Adai,*

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Mr. Pelagio S. Sardoma** to serve as a *Member* of the *Guam Board of Equalization*.

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet and Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee  
Chair

Senator Amanda L. Shelton,  
Vice Chair

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,  
Member

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson,  
Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD,  
Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez  
Member



**COMMITTEE ON RULES**  
*I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
**35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE**

November 21, 2019

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell,  
Member

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,  
Member

Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje,  
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,  
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,  
Member

Senator Mary Camacho Torres,  
Member and Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

## MEMO

**To:** Rennae Meno  
Clerk of the Legislature

**Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** Senator Régine Biscoe Lee  
Chair, Committee on Rules

**Re:** Referral of Appointment

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*Buenas yan Håfa adai.*

As Chair of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

**Appointee:** Pelagio S. Sardoma  
**Position:** Member, Guam Board of Equalization  
**Term Length:** Four (4) Years; August 29, 2019 to August 28, 2023

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at <http://guamlegislature.com/index/messages-and-communications/>. Please refer to the follow document:

**"35GL-19-1233 – Office of the Governor of Guam – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Pelagio S. Sardoma, Member, Guam Board of Equalization."**

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the **Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement chaired by Senator Sabina Flores Perez.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

  
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee  
Chair, Committee on Rules

*J. Misa Trenni Kahiro Na I. Benetarian Gadhon*  
**APPOINTMENTS**

Case No.	Name	Position	Board/Committee	Start Date	End Date	Committee/Board	Start Date				
35GI-19-1235	Pelagio S. Sardona	Member	Guam Board of Equalization	11/18/19	Four (4) Years; August 29, 2019 to August 28, 2023	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement	11/21/19				

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HAGA - GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SIGUNDO MAGA'LAHI - LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

NOV 18 2019

Honorable Tina Muna Barnes  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan*  
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163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagatna, Guam 96932

356-19-1233  
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

NOV 19 2019  
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**RE: Board Appointment**

Dear Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE: Pelagio S. Sardoma  
POSITION: Member, Guam Board of Equalization  
TERM LENGTH: **Four (4) Years; August 29, 2019 to August 28, 2023**

The appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

*Senseramente,*

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
*I Maga'hagan Guahan*  
Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



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NOV 18 2019

Pelagio S. Sardoma

Dear Mr. Sardoma:

Pursuant to my authority under 11 GCA § 24501, I am reappointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, GUAM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**Term Length: Four (4) Years; August 29, 2019 to August 28, 2023**

Your reappointment is a testimony to your commitment to service and the understanding of the great responsibility that this position requires and I know that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner for others to follow.

Once again, I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time on the Board will be effective and productive.

As you are aware, this appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Weakley of the Governor's Office at 472-8931.

*Senseramente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*I Maga'hagan Guahan*  
Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam  
Director, Dept. of Revenue & Taxation  
Chairperson, Guam Board of Equalization



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
Governor



**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
Lieutenant Governor

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM**  
**Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet**

The following information is required for submission to the  
Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

<b>Last Name</b> SARDOMA	<b>First Name</b> PELAGIO	<b>Middle Initial</b> S
<b>Mailing Address</b> [REDACTED]		<b>Apartment/Unit #</b>
<b>City</b> [REDACTED]	<b>State</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Zip Code</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Phone</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-mail Address</b> [REDACTED]	
<b>Position to which Appointment is Made</b> Member, Guam Board of Equalization		
<b>Are you a citizen of the United States?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

**EDUCATION**

<b>SCHOOL (Name, City and State)</b>	<b>DATES OF ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>TYPE OF DEGREE</b>	<b>YEAR EARNED</b>
<b>High School</b> San Joaquin High School, Philippines		High School Diploma	1960
<b>College</b> University of the East, Manila Philippines		BBA	1969
<b>Graduate School</b>			
<b>Other Degree</b>			

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> Sardoma & Associates Tamuning, Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Owner
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1990 - Present

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> MEGA Realty Tamuning, Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Broker/Owner
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1998 - Present

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
	<b>Dates Held</b>

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
	<b>Dates Held</b>

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
	<b>Dates Held</b>

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE**

<b>Agency or Department Name</b>		<b>Position Title</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>

<b>Agency or Department Name</b>		<b>Position Title</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)**

<i>Agency or Department Name</i>		<i>Position Title</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>	

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<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>	

**TRAINING**

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>

**AWARDS**

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>

**COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

*List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:*

Member, Guam Board of Equalization

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:*

**MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)**

<b>BRANCH</b>	<b>DATES OF SERVICE</b>	<b>RANK AT DISCHARGE</b>	<b>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</b>

**OTHER INFORMATION**

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes  No  If so, please specify in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Infraction Committed: \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?**

Yes  No  If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

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**(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?**

Yes  No

**(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?**

Yes  No  If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

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**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
Governor

**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
Lieutenant Governor



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM**

**Statement of Financial Interests**


(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

TO: The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
Governor of Guam  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex  
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Pelagio S. Sardoma

- I have no financial interest in any business
- I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST


  
Signature

11/8/19  
Date

**AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
**Pelagio S. Sardoma**

Print Name and Signature

11/8/19  
Date



# SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Drive • Hagatña, Guam 96910

Telephone (671) 475-3370/475-3449

Fax (671) 472-2856

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

Name: **PELAGIO S SARDOMA**

SS#:

ID# **GU DL#** [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

## CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

### Criminal Cases:

- A.  No Case Found
- B. 1. Criminal Case No.
- 2. Criminal Case No.
- 3. Criminal Case No.
- 4. Criminal Case No.
- 5. Criminal Case No.

Criminal Record: Page 1 of 1

### Civil Cases:

- A.  No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.
- 2. Civil Case No.
- 3. Civil Case No.
- 4. Civil Case No.
- 5. Civil Case No.

Civil Record: Page 1 of 1

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: 11/08/2019

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

BY: **EVAN L. TOPASNA**  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **ET**



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Government of Guam  
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
P.O. Box 23909  
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921



November 8, 2019

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Pelagio S. SARDOMA		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	██████████	<b>FINGERPRINT#:</b>	██████████
■	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\*

*THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.*

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By Direction: katm

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO**  
Chief of Police

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.  
REVISED 04/26/19



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## 1st Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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Office of Senator Sabina Perez <office@senatorperez.org>

Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 10:30 AM

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December 26, 2019

### MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, *Chairperson*

Subject: **1<sup>st</sup> Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

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#### 9:00 a.m.

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## **Office of Senator Sabina Flores Perez**

Committee on the Environment, Revenue & Taxation, and Procurement

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35th Guam Legislature

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Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement  
*I MINA TRENDAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*  
35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

December 23, 2019

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## 2nd Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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Office of Senator Sabina Perez <office@senatorperez.org>

Tue, Dec 31, 2019 at 8:00 AM

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December 31, 2019

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, *Chairperson*

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**Office of Senator Sabina Flores Perez**

Committee on the Environment, Revenue & Taxation, and Procurement

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December 30, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, *Chairperson* SFP

Subject: **2<sup>nd</sup> Notice of Public Hearing: Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement will be conducting a public hearing on **Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** This public hearing will take place in *I Liheslaturan Guahan*, Public Hearing Room. The agenda is as follows:

**9:00 a.m.**

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### COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

#### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement convened a public hearing on January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in *I Liheslaturan Guahan* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Mr. Pelagio S. Sardoma to serve as Member of the Guam Board of Equalization, whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero on November 18, 2019, to serve for four (4) years; August 29, 2019 to August 28, 2023
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* on November 19, 2019
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on November 21, 2019

#### Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via email to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on December 26, 2019 and again on December 31, 2019. Publication was conducted in the **Guam Daily Post**, a newspaper of general circulation, fulfilling the 5-Day Notice and 48 Hour Notice of the Open Government Law requirements respectively.

#### Senators Present

Senator Sabina Flores Perez  
Senator Therese M. Terlaje  
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell

*Committee Chairperson*  
*Committee Member*  
Legislative Member

The confirmation hearing for **Mr. Pelagio S. Sardoma** commenced at 9:00 a.m.

#### II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

**Chairperson Perez:** As in the previous testimony, we heard this role is so critical. I know Mr. Sardoma has served on this board for many years. We do appreciate that you're accepting this nomination again at this time to serve a critical role.

Chairperson Perez called up the appointee and those who signed up to testify.

**Art Ilagan:** Thank you, again Senators my name is Art Ilagan. I am here in support of Mr. Pelagio Sardoma. As a member of the Real Estate Board I've known Mr. Pel, since we were young. His son and my son we're classmates in St. Anthony. I got to know him personally but most importantly I know his background was in, he was a CPA. He's a tax preparer, he's also a realtor. Through his experience I asked him to help us with the real estate board and he accepted. He's been in since I believe 2004, same time as Cynthia. He's been there ever since. He has been through

a lot. He has his own private practice and in the early part of his appointment there was a lot of issues that he and the board had to address and which they did successfully. Mr. Pel was very instrumental. He's always in the meetings whenever there's a meeting set up, he's always there early and ready to serve. I am in support of Mr. Pel's nomination to continue. This is his third Governor he will also be serving. He is very dedicated to his work, the board. I would be remiss if he wasn't reappointed. Thank you.

**Pelagio Sardoma, *Appointee*:** Good morning Senators. My name is Pelagio Sardoma. I have been a member of the board for about 14 years now. I am glad the Governor has nominated me and if confirmed I will do the best I can, just like what I've been doing in the past.

**Chairperson Perez:** As you can see, you know this board is so critical but it's a very, it seems somewhat obscure into the public's eye. Just a couple of things, some regards to your background or you have, you're a broker for a real estate and just a question about any conflicts of interests. Are you able to identify when those conflicts of interest occur? Maybe start off with that question, do you have any conflict of interest and how do you identify that?

**Mr. Sardoma:** Then I did not get well the question Senator?

**Chairperson Perez:** Are there any conflicts of interest? Do you have any conflict of interest?

**Mr. Sardoma:** No, there's no conflicts of interest but right now we have a mission. She mentioned that there are quite a few appeals remaining and, on the list, I have one. The client that I prepared their books. I also prepared their income tax return so probably when it comes to the table to vote on then probably, I will just excuse myself.

**Chairperson Perez:** Thank you and so like Attorney Ecube, what are some of the priorities that you see as a board member in the experiences that you've had. What do you see as one of the priorities?

**Mr. Sardoma:** I guess most of the issues has been already discussed by Ms. Cynthia and as a member whatever is supposed to be tabled in front of us then we can act upon.

**Chairperson Perez:** I'm sorry can you restate that... Can you restate what you said? Do you mind restating what you said, or do you mind repeating what you said? What are the priorities you see in your experiences, some of the challenges? What are some of the things that you feel is a priority for the board?

**Mr. Sardoma:** The way I look at it is that as the last appraisal was about four years ago and base in the new law there will be another scheduled appraisal very soon. Then I guess the same as and the latest appraisal we foresee several appeals again.

**Chairperson Perez:** Thank you for answering the questions. I do appreciate that you accepted the nomination to serve as a board member. Thank you.

Chairperson Perez open the floor to her colleagues



**Senator Terlaje:** Mr. Sardoma, thank you again for being willing to continue your service on this board. I was looking through an old confirmation packet of yours from 2017 and at that time you had testified that your attendance at the board meetings has been 100 percent. Is it still that? Is it still like that?

**Mr. Sardoma:** Oh yes.

**Senator Terlaje:** I want to thank you especially for that. That is very important, and you set an excellent example for the rest of board members. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'*. The last time the reappraisal was done, there was a huge increase in the taxes. When you said, I think you had 800 appeals from that, but you were able to clear all of those I see, at the time. Now we have 100 pending perhaps...

**Mr. Sardoma:** Less than 50 remaining.

**Senator Terlaje:** Less than 50.

**Mr. Sardoma:** I think it's less than 50 out of the 800 appeals, I think about less than 50 which about to...

**Senator Terlaje:** Great. Did you notice any trends in those appeals, such as is there something that we could do better, I guess on the government side? Was there any trend in those appeals that perhaps the government could use as a lesson and do better in our actions going forward or was it just particular cases?

**Mr. Sardoma:** I think as far as the government is concerned there's usually no problem. The problem is that as you know this is a mass appraisal and chances are that you know even a professional pressure like that could make one or two mistakes. That's where the appeals arise from.

**Senator Terlaje:** I forgot to ask the Chairperson when she was here but if I could ask you if you don't mind. My understanding was that at that time of that appraisal the government had contracted for a firm to do mapping. We were able, at least me as a public person, I was able to access maps of land or government. Access through a website land numbers, I mean land lot numbers. I think even at least a map and then that lot number. For example, if I wanted to know who, what was a lot number of this place, I could look at map, see the beach and locate where that is and then find a lot number. Then I could go and make inquiry as to that lot number but now that is not available anymore. The explanation I was given is that it belongs to the contractor and not the government of Guam. Are you familiar with that at all? Was that procured through your board at all?

**Mr. Sardoma:** I believe that was not presented to the board, that problem, the mapping problem.

**Senator Terlaje:** Are you familiar with that Mr. Ilagan? It that might have been when you were the Director.

**Mr. Ilagan:** It started when I was Director, but it moved into John Camacho's administration. It started with my administration. It was our, I guess looking through technology. We even went through off island. We saw how they did their assessments. What we did was we looked at ours and how we could improve it and even make future assessments easier based on what was already recorded. Like you said you can go in there and see the problem. With overview it only looks down at the building, doesn't show how many stories are out there, so somebody needs to go out there to see what it really looks like. That contract was done between the Calvo administration and which was John's. I believe what Cynthia was saying, the board should get involved because they are the ones that are hearing the appeals, on how the assessments were made. I think they should have a great input into what should they require of the contract so that they're done properly. I think Cynthia and Pel have acquired vast experience in the last 14 years on how they should get this thing done so that they can perfect system so that when you do a continual five-year assessment it's... They're ready, you can just do another picture and then say hey you got an extra building here you got to pay for that. It becomes easier.

**Senator Terlaje:** Yes, I would hope so. That's why it was very confusing to me why that is not available to the government anymore.

**Mr. Ilagan:** I think what the problem is the way they do the budget. If you look at the budget of GovGuam it seems, and it was like that when I was Director. What they do is they come up with the revenues for the whole government and they say okay this is for Rev and Tax; this is for DOE. They don't ask each department what they really need. When I was Director I didn't agree with the budget. If you look at the hearings, I don't know why they didn't fire me back then. I would say that if you want your department especially Rev and Tax, it's a revenue generating department, you got to improve it to make sure that all income that's out there, that's due the government should be recorded and we should go after them. When your records are not that good, and you go after people who already pay taxes then you have issues with GovGuam really. Senator Lou, she's a banker when you make a deposit today even like two hours later it's going to show up your in your account as a credit, why can't the government do that? When you make a payment at Treasurer of Guam, the computers are there to key it in. It goes into the general ledger so that you know what the amounts are for GovGuam. Then it would go into the taxpayers account and it's right there, it's recorded. I think there's issues there that we try to address. We did the POS system and it costs the government five or six million dollars, but it took care of bounced checks. We didn't have that much bounced checks. Now we have a humongous bounced checks. \$20 who's going to go after a \$20 check. It's very difficult when it costs more to go after \$20 check. When you allow somebody to use their credit cards and not charge them that's the cost of the government. Now we have checks humongous checks that at Rev and Tax. When I was there, they gave it back to motor vehicle, they gave it back to a real estate, they give it back to business license, go collect those things. Who's a collector, they're not, they're gonna sit on that. They don't even have enough staff to work their office so they can service the people. If we just upfront get a system that would allow crediting and allowing revenues that are coming in report, record it right there and credit the taxpayers right there. It's just the system, we have the computer, we need the programmers to get that done and we're good to go.

**Senator Terlaje:** Thank you, Mr. Ilagan. Thank you, Mr. Sardoma again for your service and please let us know if you find as over the years of, from your years of experience what, how the

government can improve. For example, you're getting your information from the Department of Revenue and Taxation and if you feel there's improvement that they are, that you have suggested and they are being slow to implement please bring it up with especially the Chairperson who is here today. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* Mr. Sardoma.

**Chairperson Perez:** Thank you, again Mr. Sardoma and we appreciate your testimony and your accepting the nomination. You have my support thank you.

Chairperson Perez then adjourned the confirmation hearing for **Mr. Pelagio S. Sardoma**.

**Written Testimonies:**

NONE

**III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement hereby reports out the appointment of **Mr. Pelagio S. Sardoma** to serve as a **Member** of the **Guam Board of Equalization** with the recommendation TO REPORT OUT ONLY.



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**COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET**

**Nomination of**

**Pelagio S. Sardoma**

**To serve as a Member, the Guam Board of Equalization**

**For a term of Four (4) years; August 29, 2019 to August 28, 2023**

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