

# REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

GVB Conference Room and Teleconference - GoToMeeting

https://www.gotomeet.me/GUAMVISITORSBUREAU/gvb-board-meeting

# I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL

A quorum being present, Chairman Morinaga called the Board's regular meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

#### III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

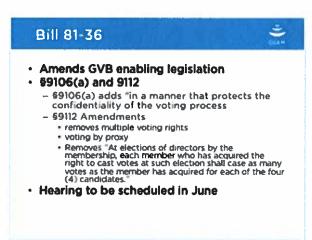
Director Ada made a motion, seconded by Director Ho, to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting dated May 13/14, 2021, subject to minor corrections. Motion approved.

# IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

## V. MANAGEMENT'S REPORT









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# **Operation Liberate Guam**



- GVB previously tasked by Gov. LG to encourage vaccinations
- Role expanding to develop incentive program
- Funding to be provided by Governor's office

# **EDF Update**



#### Electronic Declaration Form (EDF)

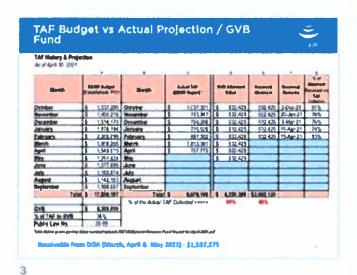
- Mobile Link system updates have been completed
- At the request of CQA, the following schedule has been proposed:
  - Week of June 1: CQA officer training.
  - Week of June 7: CQA officer training
    - Meeting/walk through with airlines on the EDF process.
  - June 14. Installation of EDF signage
  - June 15. Official launch of EDF mobile link

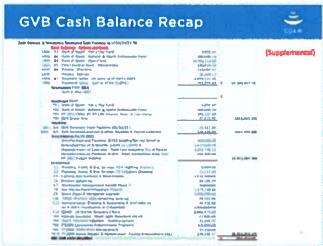
# VI. TREASURER'S REPORT





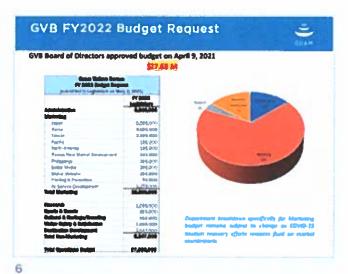
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# VII. REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES

# A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

#### **B. ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE**

Nothing to report.

#### C. REOPENING TASK FORCE

Nothing to report.

#### D. AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

o Chairman Morinaga reported on the following:

# Japan

United Airlines: UA196/UA197 continues to operate daily

All other flights now suspended until July 31 Other flight suspensions remain the same:

Japan Airlines: JL941/942 suspended until September 30

Tway: TW311/312 suspended until June 30 Jeju Air: 7C3174/3173 suspended until June 30

Tour package cancellation is as previously reported; most canceled until June 30, with Jalpak canceled until September 30

## South Korea

No change; all flights from Korea to Guam suspended except for Jin Air Weekly flight continues for May (scheduled May 4, 11, 18, 25) Korean Air - KE113 scheduled to resume daily flight from September 1st

# E. DESTINATION MANAGEMENT/VISITOR & SAFETY SATISFACTION

- Vice-Chairman Paco reported that a wall had been located for a mural near the former Bank of Guam.
- o Will meet with the artist next week to go over the logistics.

# F. CULTURAL HERITAGE, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & BRANDING

Nothing to report.

# G. RESEARCH / MEMBERSHIP

- Director Jones reported on Bill 81-36 introduced by Senators Taitague, Brown and Ada, which amends GVB enabling legislation:
  - \$9106(a) adds "in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the voting process
  - §9112 Amendments
    - removes multiple voting rights
    - voting by proxy
    - Removes "At elections of directors by the membership, each member who has acquired the right to cast votes at such election shall case as many votes as the member has acquired for each of the four (4) candidates."
  - o Hearing to be scheduled in June
- o The legislation intends to eliminate roadblocks within small businesses to contribute their ideas at the highest levels of GVB's decision making process.
- o Small businesses are represented in the board, for example, Director Gatewood.
- Membership funds are a great resource for the bureau. Many education seminars are directly from membership funds.
- The objectives are to support the tourism industry as a whole and not a particular segment of the industry based on the size of the business.
- The Directors will submit a testimony opposing the bill and its intent. It will be delivered by a member
  of the board.

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Motion made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Ada, not to support Bill 81-36 and its intent and for management to draft a written testimony for Chairman's signature stating so. Motion approved.

#### H. SPORTS & EVENTS

 Director Gatewood reported that the Guam Cycling Federation requested an endorsement letter for the potential biking event scheduled for December.

#### I. JAPAN

Chairman Bell reported on the following:

## **Japan Market Updates**

- The Japanese Government extended the current COVID Pandemic state of emergency to Okinawa. So today, the nine prefectures of Hokkaido, Tokyo, Aichi, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Okayama, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, and Okinawa are under the state of emergency.
- Pre-emergency declaration remains in place to Chiba, Saitama, Kanagawa, Ehime, Gifu, Mie, Ishikawa, Gunma, and Kumamoto.
- From May to June, 100 million doses of the Pfizer vaccination will be issued in Japan.
- Vaccination for the general public is scheduled to start in August.
- The Government has confirmed 160 Indian variant cases at the airport quarantine from March 28 to May 7.
- The US remains at MOFA's Level 3 travel for entry into Japan.
- o The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 4 Travel Health Notice for Japan due to COVID-19, indicating a very high level of COVID-19 in the country.

# Meeting with the Japan Consul General

- o Tuesday, May 18, at 11:00 am
  - President CEO, Vice President, DOGM, and Japan Marketing Team attended the meeting
  - Requested the support
    - The Air V&V program: Continue to communicate closely with GVB
    - Exclude Guam from the US on the Travel advisory listing
    - It is not the right timing to discuss lifting the entry restriction in Japan due to the Olympic
       2021 and State of Emergency to 9 prefectures.

# J. KOREA

- o Director Eun reported that the majority of Koreans would receive AstraZeneca, so it is a priority that GovGuam considers AstraZeneca as a recognized vaccine to be exempted from quarantine.
- o Travel agents are starting to sell packages in time for Lunar New Year.

# K. TAIWAN

- o Chairman Morinaga updated the board on the current COVID-19 situation:
  - Taiwan currently has 6,091 confirmed cases
  - 302 new confirmed cases on May 26.
  - 46 deceased
  - Extension of national Level 3 to June 14
- Taipei bans all on-site dining & drinking
  - Taipei City government on Sunday announced a ban on all on-site dining and drinking in the city starting Monday in response to the continued increase in domestically transmitted coronavirus cases in the capital city.
  - These outlets will only be allowed to serve takeout food or make deliveries starting next week.
- o Taiwan thanks U.S. for sharing vaccines
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) thanked a bipartisan group of lawmakers in the United States Congress for urging Washington to share the country's surplus of COVID-19 vaccines with Taiwan.
- A letter signed by more than 60 Democrats and Republicans to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, which urges the U.S. government to help Taiwan with vaccine supply as it sees an uptick in COVID-19 cases, demonstrates the strong friendship between the U.S. Congress and Taiwan.

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# L. NEW MARKETS

Nothing to report.

# M. NORTH AMERICA, PACIFIC & PHILIPPINES

Nothing to report.

# VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Air V&V
  - Board gave authority for management to market to U.S. expats.
  - The recommendation was made to be in concert with a private clinic to at least partner or purchase 50,000 vaccines to market to non-U.S. citizens.
  - Concern is GVB is not in the pharmaceutical business.
  - Before any decision could be made, Chairman Morinaga requested more details on the private clinic so the board could be more comfortable with what is being entertained.

Chairman Morinaga recessed the regular board meeting at 3:45 p.m. to be reconvened Thursday, June 3rd at 1:30 p.m.

# REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (RECONVENE) Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- o Chairman Morinaga called the meeting back to order at 1:30 p.m.
- With no quorum present, Chairman Morinaga adjourned the meeting until the next regular board meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Stephen Gatewood, Secretary of the Board of Directors

Board Minutes respectively submitted by Valerie Sablan, Executive Secretary