

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.
GVB Conference Room and Teleconference - GoToMeeting
https://www.gotomeet.me/GUAMVISITORSBUREAU/gvb-board-meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

 Chairman Morinaga called the Board's regular meeting to order at 1:42 pm with a quorum being present

II. ROLL CALL

In-Person: Milton Morinaga, Ben Ferguson, Akihiro Tani, Sam Shinohara

Online: Paul Shimizu, Sonny Ada, Laura Cepeda, Ho Eun, Derrick Quinata, Jeff Jones

Absent: Rudy Paco, Flori-Ann Dela Cruz

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

EXHIBIT A

Director Shinohara made a motion, seconded by Director Tani, to approve the previous Board of Directors meeting minutes dated February 10, 2022, subject to minor corrections. Motion Approved.

Director Tani made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Morinaga, to approve the previous Special Board of Directors meeting minutes dated February 18, 2022, subject to minor corrections. Motion Approved.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

<u>Taiwan</u>

According to the Taiwan Herald, Taiwan is slowly easing up on its quarantine policy and will
create a travel bubble for business.

<u>Korea</u>

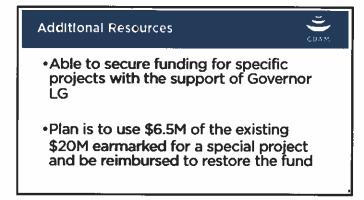
- Business quarantine in Korea has eased up
- · One day quarantine with prepared paperwork and PCR test before arrival in Korea
- 180K Omicron infections reported as of February 23rd

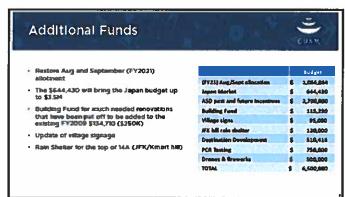


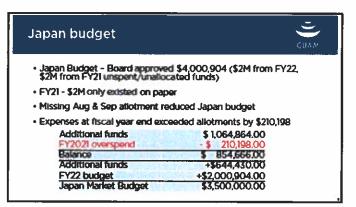
V. MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

Global Marketing Director Nadine Leon Guerrero reported the following on behalf of Management:









Questions & Discussion:

Additional Funds

Director Shinohara inquired about the source of \$6.5M

Governor LG is working on the source

Japan Budget

Director Shinohara inquired about the \$210K Payables; why is it deducted?

- Allotments were received except for August and September
- The cash forecast at the time the budget was approved was overstated by \$210K

Director Ferguson requested clarification on the additional \$1M funds

- Questioned whether the August and September allocations were pulled from the \$6.5M in additional funding
- August and September allotments have not been paid out but are being drawn from another source of funding
- Partially the reason why they are giving us that much is to cover the \$1,064.864.00
- It will not be collected as an allotment; it was already paid for

Airline incentive



- To restart routes, increase frequency, show Guam's dedication to our airline partners, and increase regional connectivity
- Incentives for capacity paired with marketing dollars targeted with travel agents to rebuild Guam's arrivals
- Added bonus of encouraging import of goods to increase stability of the flights and goods on island
- Incentive would be offered for one month to jump start service while we rebuild demand

PCR Testing



- \$750K plus balance of \$584K = \$1.3M for PCR testing
- Clinics on board to restart program
- Purchase orders being cut
- Date: Feb 28 March 31, 2022
- Will monitor balance for possible extension

Questions & Discussion:

Airline Incentive

Director Ferguson inquired whether the airlines' plan will be discussed in the Air Service Committee and will they make recommendations

- The plan will be discussed in the committee
- · Chairman Morinaga requires incentive details before making any recommendations

President Gutierrez spoke with Governor LG about giving GVB more funds to be competitive as far as airline incentives are concerned; the request is being considered.

PCR Testing

Chairman Morinaga inquired about the cost bases for PCR testing

- An RFI was conducted at the beginning of the program, and a general price agreement was made with all clinics
- Testing is for visitors, and clinics must show proof that the test was administered to incoming visitors
- Required copies of traveler's passport and flight information used as documentation for an audit trail
- The testing fee is \$175
- GVB can afford less than 7500 tests with the remaining budget
 - Unable to extend for a whole month
 - Board needs to decide where funding will come from if we announce that the program will last until the end of April

Director Ferguson inquired about the testing requirements for our source markets.

- Japan made changes by adding to their list clia or eclia as acceptable antigen tests
- Clinics provided the same price point of \$175 inclusive of all required paperwork

Chairman Morinaga is concerned that countries receiving returning residents will require testing before arrival

An easy, effective, and beneficial method in testing returning visitors must be created

Director Shinohara is interested in figuring out a different range of testing and a mechanism to extend the program's life through the summer months to ensure substantial visitor numbers through the summer.

• Japan and Korea Committees have communicated this program's difference in their sales proposal.

Director Tani believes that timing is essential from a marketing standpoint

- Residents returning to their country of origin face high travel costs, including testing.
- Offering complimentary testing or discounted testing fees to tourists will boost the reopening of Guam tourism.
- Due to the Omicron surge, it appears it may take a few months before Japanese and Korean tourists will visit Guam.
- Considering the limited budget for PCR testing, it may be a good idea to start the program by targeting the reopening of tourism.
 - To prolong the program, another idea is to provide an ideal discount of about 50% instead of complementary testing.
- Upon reopening international tourism from eastern Asian counties, such as Japan and Korea, Guam
 has a great advantage to be selected as a first destination to restart international travel for its short
 distance and sound infrastructure compared to south Asian resort destinations.

Chairman Morinaga asked if we could openly negotiate pricing with clinics

 If the time comes that we are not able to subsidize 100% of the cost, possibly offering a certain discounted percentage to save travelers money would be beneficial, mainly due to the high price of traveling with family

Director Ferguson suggested discussing this with the Reopening Task Force

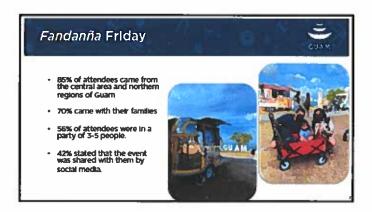
- Discuss all variables covering all conversation
- Formulate best possible plan after discussion
- Attempt to forecast the numbers for Fall

Director Shinohara reiterated the goals regarding PCR testing

- Get the program started
- The marketing team believes the program makes a difference
- Extend the life of the program as long as possible

With two testing options offered by clinics to visitors, Chairman Morinaga inquired whether the 24-hour option is higher in cost

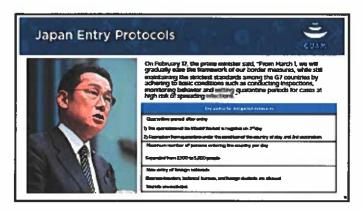
- Eligibility requirements for the program
 - Must receive test results in 48 hours
 - Test result option is 48 hours or less
 - 2nd round testing an individual only allowed to test once per week





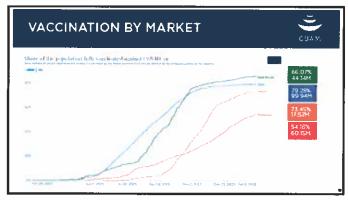


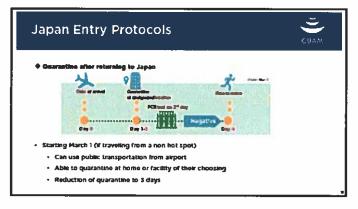


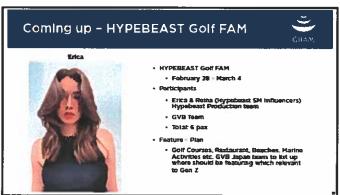




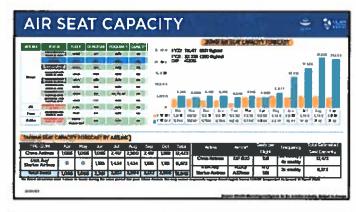


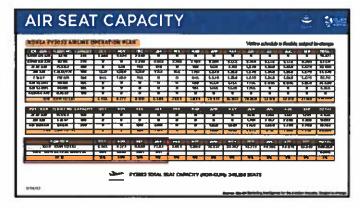




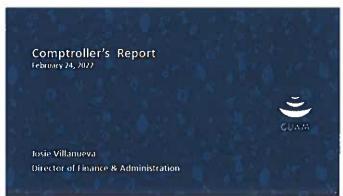






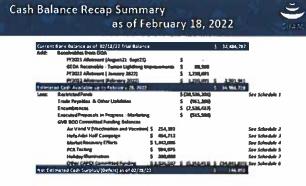












Questions & Discussion:

Marketing Department Budget for 1st Quarter Recap

Director Ferguson had the following inquiries:

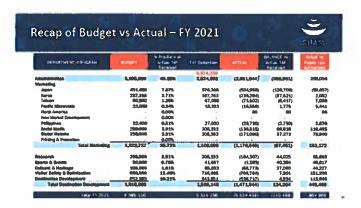
- Are the columns under spent and committed projects Board approved Q1 & Q2; yes
- Timing difference is what has been delaying projects

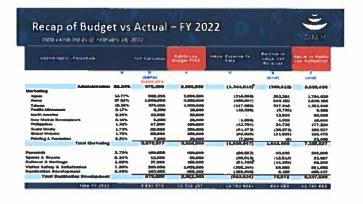
- Korea projects were in motion when Korea changed their arrivals protocol
- Asked if it was safe to say that the unspent funds for Q1 & Q2 be will be available for reallocation purposes
 - Director of Global Marketing Leon Guerrero mentioned that while projects were delayed due to arrival protocols, meetings were held to discuss the projects.

Vice President Perez mentioned that waiting for the PCR testing amount was because the Board approved funds can be a source if we need to shift some funds instead of using them for PCR testing.

Director Shinohara shared open ideas in mind

- Most of our spending has been delayed due to much shifting and plans keep changing
- All budget allocations were at the beginning of the year based on forecasts
- Suggested giving the different countries all the fixed cost funds they need to run their country
 - Draw all resources into one holding place
 - o Whatever country is likely to bounce back first should have the ability to pull from that source
 - Discussion for alternative solutions
 - o If we can do something big, i.e. PCR testing, FAM Tour, etc. funds can be pulled from this pot
 - Whatever market needs to get going must get the right level of support
- Director of Global Marketing Leon Guerrero shared the following issues about the one-pot suggestion:
 - Ongoing negotiations with travel agents and other in-country travel trade partners
 - Assuming funds are on the way to assist them
 - Even if funds have not been committed, conversations have begun
- Director Ferguson stated that we have the 3rd and 4th quarters to make necessary adjustments if needed
 - Inquired about the timing of Q3 approval; delayed until March 10th
 - According to Leon Guerrero, all Q3 proposals and plans were presented to the different committees





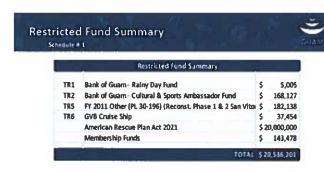
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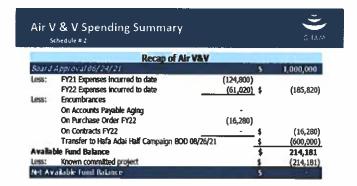
Recap of Budget vs. Actual - FY 2022

Director Shinohara inquired whether today's actual expenses were paid out in cash or included accruals for expenses in the same period.

- According to Director of Finance Villanueva, the actual shown on the report includes actual invoice
 posting and accruals. However, there may be expenses respective departments have yet to receive.
- January has not been closed yet
 - A portion is still accruing because we are still receiving several invoices related to January

- Presentation of the Recap of Budget vs. Actual FY 2022 is the best running total of actual expenditures on our record
- Director Shinohara asked how long it took to close the books.
 - The deadline to receive expenses is the 20th of the following month
 - Vendors under contract must submit invoices by the 15th for review and processing payments.
 Closing deadline is on the 20th and is posted by accounting.



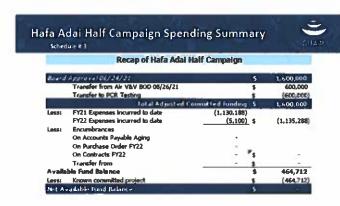


Questions & Discussion:

Air V&V Spending Summary

Director Shinohara asked what the balance was committed to

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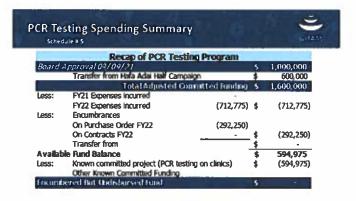


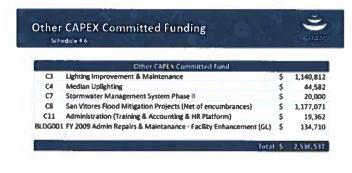
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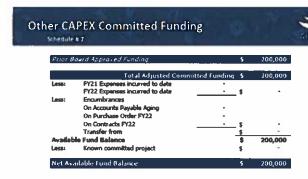
Market Recovery Spending Summary

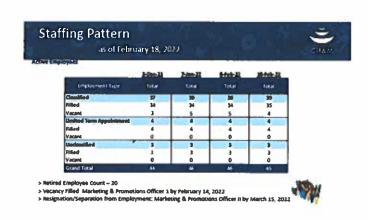
Director Shinohara asked if we have a plan for the unspent \$1.3M in Market Recovery

- According to Leon Guerrero, the majority of those funds are for Destination
 - VSOs; special circumstances
 - Subsector support campaigns
 - In-country research









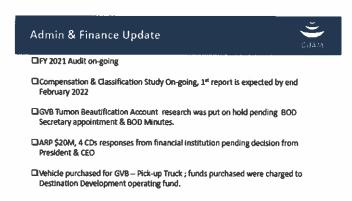
Questions & Discussion:

Other CAPEX Committed Funding (Schedule #7)

Director Shinohara asked to clarify whether the \$200K committed funding for the Holiday Illumination as Director of Finance Villanueva mentioned is for the past Christmas or this Christmas

- Christmas this year
- Management requested the Board to roll the funding over to the next New Year and Liberation because we did not receive any solicitations, and there was no response because of the time frame.
- President Gutierrez mentioned that the \$200K was being saved for July; \$500K was received and in holding





Motion to spend \$6.5M additional funding

Motion to approve the breakdown of expenditures for the \$6.5M additional funding that will be received by GVB and for the President and Chief Executive Officer as Chief Procurement Officer to solicit as applicable through IFB/RFP for various projects per breakdown of expense:

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Funding Source/Account: Anticipated Additional Allotment to GV



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Director Shinohara made a motion, seconded by Director Tani, to approve all of the projects listed below except for the Building Fund project and to authorize the President and CEO as Chie Procurement Officer to solicit as applicable through IFB/RFP for projects listed below. Motion approved.

Background:

PARTICULARS	BUDGET	BALANCE
Additional Allotment		\$6,500,000.00
(FY21) Aug/Sept	\$1,064,864.00	\$5,435,136.00
Allocation		
ASD Past Incentives	\$1,700,000.00	\$3,735,136.00
Japan Market	\$644,430.00	\$3,090,706.00
Building Fund	\$115,290.00	\$2,975,416.00
Inarajan	\$95,000.00	\$2,880,416.00
JFK Hill Rain Shelter	\$120,000.00	\$2,760,416.00
Destination	\$510,416.00	\$2,250,000.00
PCR Testing	\$750,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
ASD Incentive (P)	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00
Drones/Fireworks	\$500,000.00	

Cost Estimate: \$6,500,000.00

Funding Source/Account: Anticipated Additional Allotment to GVB

Action Required: Board Approval Required

Questions & Discussion:

- President Gutierrez shared a description for each item listed under the particulars
- Vice President Perez mentioned that we have a lot of destination development initiatives that were not passed in Bill 200. Therefore, this is an attempt to cover some of these initiatives.
 - EIC received; one of the sources of funding that the Ways & Means Committee was contemplating concerning Bill 200.
 - According to Director Shinohara, there are restrictions, and it is being reserved for next year's EITC
 - As per President Gutierrez, because Bill 200 did not pass, we are trying to figure out how to fund some upcoming ideas we have for Destination and to promote activity in Tumon as well as upkeep the area
- Director Shinohara asked how was the August/September Allocation deductive of the \$6.5M
 - It brings us current

- According to President Gutierrez, GVB counted on the \$1.64M committed to us by Governor LG that we never received. Governor LG came up with the \$6.5 to make good on their commitment to release the August & September allotments. In this case, it was how we justified the funds needed.
- The impact without the \$1.64M reduces Japan's budget to \$2M
- Chairman Morinaga inquired about the trivision signage for the Inarajan project.
 - Sign owned by the Inaraian Mayor
 - Power cost, maintenance, etc. is in the Mayor's budget
 - Mayors provided the figure
 - Requested the signage, and they have everything else covered
- President Gutierrez mentioned that some of our plans to move our destination into a cultural aspect
 of tourism require the mayors' participation.
 - GVB has been meeting with the mayors regularly
- Will aggressively seek proposals for the drones and fireworks
 - Anticipating drone shows once a month at Tumon Bay
- \$200K is still available for New Year
- Director Shinohara would like to find a way to prioritize the spending
- Director Tani inquired if we have a budget to boost our marketing efforts; the conversation is ongoing
- \$500K was explicitly provided for the drone and fireworks show
- Chairman Morinaga asked if there is a budget set aside for security cameras in Tumon
 - A legislative budget of \$200K was available for security cameras; GPD said they used the funds, and we are looking into it
 - Looking to Senator Shelton to introduce a bill to give us something more for security
- Critical line items as mentioned by Director Shinohara are:
 - \$1,064,864.00 source for Japan Market
 - Airline incentives to get the markets started
 - Balance for the Japan Market funds
 - PCR testing
 - \$500K specific request from Adelup
 - Suggested other items can be tabled for future conversation as we reconcile some of what is outstanding; pull the funds together, and figure out how to best allocate those funds
- President Gutierrez stated that the \$95K for Inarajan could cement our relationship with the Mayors Council and the push to move forward with cultural tourism and mentioned that tourists and residents alike would benefit from the bus shelter
- Director Shinohara believes that getting people into our island is an immediate need
 - Would like to push the critical items for us and continue the discussion on the less critical items
- President Gutierrez spoke about tourism working for our people and their ability to see it; if it works, we must put our money into it.
 - We ask for something concerning tourism (cleaning bathrooms, etc.) and should be able to give back to the community as well
 - Most of the funds have gone to marketing for the source markets
 - Vice President Perez mentioned that one of Inarajan mayor's key objectives to place on the electronic sign is all the features of the Inarajan people and the cultural experiences that the different villages can offer; a way to provide our visitors with added value
- Vice Chairman Shimizu applauded President Gutierrez's efforts
 - Facilities need to be upgraded, which mayors cannot do alone
 - Rain shelter is just as crucial as putting funds into the Inarajan project
 - Upgrades are in place of the preparation and return of our visitors
 - Suggested that while the funds are available, we should use them correctly
- Part of President Gutierrez's pitch in requesting funds we received was mentioning several of the listed projects

- Vice Chairman Shimizu recalled the bus tour in 2021 when GVB directors went around the island to observe some of Guam's tourist spots
 - Directors discussed bathroom cleanliness and maintenance
 - Inarajan, Ipan, and Talafofo Bay bathrooms are Parks & Recs; they do not tap into GVB's budget but take from the TAF allocated by the legislature
 - Bathrooms need to be managed 24hours; they've done it this way in the past with security, cutting costs on maintenance, according to President Gutierrez
 - o Parks & Rec must go through GSA receive clearance from the AG after the bid
 - Ypao bathrooms have been held up for almost a year and have not gone through the AG;
 currently locked and inoperable.
 - We have our procurement and legal counsel, a designated staff of the AG. We can get things done quicker and easier than it being held up for a year
 - DPR is reconsidering and asked us to hold off on the MOA because GSA came out with a winning bid that has been sitting at the AGs office
- \$120K budget for the JFK rain shelter is the cost to build; in communication with GPD regarding the building behind it without a roof. GPD is open to giving it to GVB to fix it up later.
- Per President Gutierrez, we can temporarily do without the building fund, and it can be pushed aside for now; would like the Board to approve everything listed except the building fund
- Reconcile on the Q3 & Q4 requests and figure out how to adjust in support of any of the targeted initiatives

VI. REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No issues

B. ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

Nothing to report

C. REOPENING TASK FORCE

- Director Shinohara provided an update of the Task Force meeting on February 17th.
- President Gutierrez announced that GVB received \$6.5M
- Management proposed a spending plan, shared in the Management's report
- Board to officially approve a spending plan

D. AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

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EXHIBIT B

E. TAIWAN

Covered in Management's report

F. DESTINATION MANAGEMENT/VISITOR & SAFETY SATISFACTION

- Management covered most of the updates in their report
- Investing significantly in the destination, as seen in the project list

G. RESEARCH / MEMBERSHIP

Nothing to report

H. SPORTS & EVENTS

Nothing to report

I. JAPAN

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EXHIBIT C

Majority of the report was covered in Management's report

Japan Market Updates

- 80,364 cases have been reported nationwide as of February 23rd
- Vaccination rate: 79.1% nationwide
- MOFA Travel advisory to the US remains Level 3 (Avoid all travel), including Guam
- Japan entry restriction: 3 days quarantine at Government Facility (paid by Japan government) and home quarantine for the remaining dates (4days).

Monthly JMC Meeting

February JMC Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 2021, at 2:00 PM

J. KOREA

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EXHIBIT D

- Management covered most of the report
- Waiting to see the outcome of the March 9th election and announcements after it
- High infection & vaccination rates

K. NEW MARKETS

Nothing to report

L. NORTH AMERICA, PACIFIC & PHILIPPINES

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EXHIBIT E

Nothing to report

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Morinaga received a resignation letter on January 10th from Director Stephen Gatewood

Chairman Morinaga read an excerpt on filling the vacant position as an elected director.

Enabling Act 12GCA CH9 §9106 (G)

"A vacancy on the Board (whether created by resignation or removal) of an elected member shall be filled by selection by at least two of the remaining elected directors. An elected director filling a vacancy shall serve only until the end of the term of the director whom he replaced."

Three remaining elected directors, Director Ferguson, Jones, and Tani, made their selection to

- Director Ferguson nominated George Chiu to replace Director Gatewood
- Director Tani supports the nomination of George Chiu to fill the vacant position
- Director Jones concurred with the nomination

On behalf of the elected directors, Director Ferguson announced that George Chiu has been selected pursuant to 12GCA CH9 §9106 (G) to replace Director Stephen Gatewood. Director Gatewood's replacement shall be George Chiu, who shall serve until the end of Director Gatewood's current term.

 Mr. Chiu looked forward to working with all the members of the Board of the Guam Visitors Bureau

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- March 10, 2022
- March 24, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Shimizu made a motion, seconded by Director Ferguson, to adjourn the Board of Directors regular board meeting at 3:29 pm. Motion Approved.

Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Secretary of the Board of Directors

Board Minutes respectively submitted by Valerie Sablan, Executive Secretary