

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 1:30PM

GVB Conference Room and Teleconference - Zoom

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- I. CALL TO ORDER 1:34PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - In Person: George Chiu, Joaquin Cook, Jeff Jones, Nate Denight, Ho Eun, Mayor Robert Hoffman, Michelle Merfalen, Mike Sgro, Ken Yanagisawa, Joanne Brown, Brian Artero
 - Online: None
 - Absent: Milton Morinaga
- III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
 - Motion to approve minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting minutes dated September 25, 2025. First motion made by Director Sgro and seconded by Director Cook. Motion approved.
- IV. ACTION BY THE BOARD
- V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
 - Chairman opted to go straight into management report in the interest of time.
- VI. MANAGEMENT REPORT



August 2025

August 1-31,	ugust 1-31, 2025 Total: 79,918 (+17.					
% Market Mix	Origin	2019	2024	2025	% vs LY	
48.8%	Korea	65,333	28,731	38,476	33.9%	
37.0%	Japan	75,630	26,156	29,168	11.5%	
7.0%	US/Hawaii	7,095	6,255	5,526	-11.7%	
1.5%	Philippines	408	1,148	1,170	1.9%	
1.1%	Taiwan	2,730	178	866	386.5%	
0.6%	China	976	514	501	-2.5%	
0.1%	Hong Kong	191	79	62	-21.5%	



September 1-15, 2025 Total: 29,938 (+					
% Market Mix	Origin	2019	2024	2025	% vs LY
47.2%	Korea	30,508	12,245	14,133	15.4%
35.7%	Japan	32,709	8,039	10,676	32.8%
9.6%	US/Hawaii	2,769	2,780	2,872	3.3%
1.6%	Philippines	581	400	488	22.0%
0.8%	Talwan	1,134	82	241	193.9%
0.4%	China	299	99	111	12.1%
0.1%	Hong Kong	186	24	26	8.3%







Calendar Year to Date 2025



January – September 15, 2025				Total: 525,595 (-2.2%)			
% Market Mix Origin		2019	2024	2025	% vs LY		
46.8%	Korea	521,368	275,645	246,153	-10.7%		
33.1%	Japan	476,952	145,814	173,900	19.3%		
11.2%	US/Hawaii	68,180	63,888	58,673	-8.2%		
1.9%	Philippines	13,614	9,134	10,051	10.0%		
1.2%	Taiwan	21,047	2,271	6,229	174.3%		
0.6%	China	8,718	3,628	3,399	-6.3%		
0.1%	Hong Kong	4,208	515	529	2.7%		

Fiscal Year to Date 2025



October 202	24 - Septem	Total: 700,851 (-3.5%)			
% Market Mix	Origin	2019	2024	2025	% vs LY
47.2%	Korea	703,435	378,765	330,952	-12.6%
32.8%	Japan	637,735	196,387	229,746	17.0%
11.0%	US/Hawaii	90,778	83,910	77,060	-8.2%
2.0%	Philippines	20,017	12,782	14,008	9.6%
1.1%	Taiwan	27,335	2,792	7,433	166.2%
0.6%	China	12,060	4,556	4,381	-3.8%
0.1%	Hong Kong	6,236	754	693	-8.1%



Market Intel - Japan



- Okinawa is trying out multilingual (20 languages) Al Concierge service at tourism information centers
- Full scale implementation under consideration to enhance destination experience
- Real time Q&A for FAQs, where can I buy... go for. eat, etc.
- Use *speech recognition* and *translation* technology to improve visitor convenience, satisfaction
- passenger loads impacted by schedule change from late afternoon to late-night departures
- Ibaraki airport is starting *new service to Seoul* in November

Market Intel - Korea



- KTO signed business agreement w/PayPal enhancing J's convenience, partnership focus on joint marketing & promotion to facilitate "seamless" travel, 2 million attractions, shops, cafes, etc. locations using Alipay+ & ZeroPay for cashless transactions
- 95% of Korean population took at least one trip last year,
- Top destinations for Koreans still Japan, Vietnam, and China
- Consumers have embraced "short, high-frequency" weekenders with emotional and wellness-driven experiences, i.e. east coast beach resorts
- Domestic digital DNA tech ecosystem provides more agility edge (vs Google, etc) competitive advantage for quick product rollouts, hyperlinks, and more responsiveness to nuanced customer needs

Market Intel - Korea (cont'd)



- Social commerce and live content increasing in Korean travel industry
- Instagram (not TikTok) dominant travel inspired and planning engine for 75% Korean consumers versus 45% global average
- · Many startups emerging in Al-powered trip planning and influencer marketing science, further consolidating or fusing Korea's $technology,\ commerce,\ {\it and}\ culture$
- AI not immediate threat to OTAs, managing the "pipelines" or supply chain still crucial in generating demand



KOREA

2025 COMPLETED PROJECT: WHITE OPEN SEOUL OFFLINE EVENT











October 18 (11:00 – 17:00) – October 19, 2025 (11:00 – 16:30) COEX The Platz (2F), Seoul, Korea Parents & Students interested in studying abroad, Educators & edu Total of 5,000pax

- To establish Guam as a leading educational tourism destination in Korea by emphasizing its unique academic programs, and affor abability and affortability a



JAPAN Public Days: CHamoru dance performances Island food tastings (Food Truck) Giveaways and promotions Attracted 12,000+ booth visitors

Tourism Expo Japan 2025 in Nagoya Date: September 25-28, 2025

Trade Days:

11 Guam companies participated

Over 120 key Japanese buyers and media met with Guam representatives







JAPAN

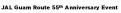


JAL Guam Route 55th Anniversary Event

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JAPAN

Future Plans:

• Promote sister-city exchanges

• Support the resumption of international exchange programs

• Encourage more travelers to visit Guam



Guam English Class in Kashiwa City





2025 Taipei International Travel Fair (ITF)

- Date: November 7-10, 2025

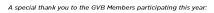
TAIWAN

- Organized by the Taiwan Visitors Association, Taipei's annual travel fair is one of the largest in the city, attracting over 364,000 attendees in 2024.
- This premier travel event provides Guam with a valuable platform to showcase its unique attraction to Taiwanese travelers, boost media exposure and on-site visibility, and help strengthen Guam's presence in the Taiwan market to expond partnerships within the travel industry.
- Participating GVB members will have the option to participate at the Guam booth which will include a promotional tabletop and stage time or have their promotional items distributed to consumers during the 4-day expo.
- The registration deadline has ended as of Friday, October 10, 2025.





TAIWAN



Package A: Booth Space









Package B: Materials Only

















PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE AIRLINES LAUNCHES FIRST-EVER CEBU-GUAM DIRECT FLIGHT

- Philippine Airlines, together with Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio, Sen. Jesse Lujan, GVB, GilAA, and Mactan-Cebu Airport, announced on Oct 7 in Cebu the launch of the CEB-GUM flight, set to begin on Dec 16, 2025
 Thrice-weekly service (opperating Tues, Thurs, and Sat)

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- Flights operated using Airbus A321ceo or A321neo aircraft
- Departure from Cebu at 9:40 PM, arriving in Guam at 3:25 AM
 Return flight departs Guam at 5:15 AM, arriving in Cebu at 6:50 AM



NORTH AMERICA

PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION (PIFA) FAIR 2025 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2025







- ted in the 31⁵⊺ PIFA Fair in San Diego, CA to promote travel to Guam among the VFR market noted the United Airlines' discount for the Guam International Dance Festival and Guam
- GVB also promoted the United Arimine University of the GVB booth to generate more interest in travel to claim and to obtain consumer feedback.

NORTH AMERICA

PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION (PIFA) FAIR 2025 CONSUMER SURVEY RESULTS













- IMEX America 2025 was the largest ever held with record attendance

- reflecting a strong global business events sector.

 The more than 17,000 participants is a record-breaking achievement and more than 6,000 buyers from 74 countries were in attendance.

 GVB was joined by Dusk Than 10,000 Resort and Leo Palace Resort Guam to promote our sland's unique MICE offerings.





ITB Asia & MICE Show Asia October 15-17, 2025 Singapore

- ITB Asia is one of the largest, if not the largest, B2B Travel
- Trade Show in Asia.

 ITB Asia co-located with MICE Show Asia to cover all major sectors of the travel industry (leisure, FIT, MICE, etc.).
- etc.). GVB secured over 80 appointments and walk-ins from travel trade agents (decision makers) from both current
- travel trade agents (decision makers) from both current and new markets. Lots of interest for Guan and for new travel products from markets such as Europe, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, India, China and more. Follow ups are ongoing to ensure agents receive the information and industry contacts needed to create new travel packages.



PATA Micronesia Chapter 2nd Tri-Annual Meeting October 19-21, 2025 Yap, FSM

- The 2nd Tri-Annual PATA Micronesia Chapter Meeting was held in Yap, FSM from October 19-21,
- 2025.
 National and State Tourism Organizations and tourism stakeholders from across Micronesia convened to discuss challenges and opportunities facing the region.
 GVB Vice President, Dr. Gerry Perez, presented on the initiatives and status of the regional cruise
- industry.

 Guam (GVB) will be hosting the 3rd Tri-Annual PATA Micronesia Chapter Meeting in December 8-10, 2025, and is promoting the Guam International Dance Festival (Dec. 5-7) as a preliminary event leading up to the meetings.









DESTINATION MAINTENANCE







Tree Trimming & Debris Removal

Repainting of Fire Hydrants & Bollards

Chairman Chiu questioned whether it is better to outsource maintenance workers to keep
maintenance workers as internal staff, to which Director of Destination Development Dee
Hernandez replied the latter. Ms. Hernandez stated that with maintenance staff being
internal, GVB is able to respond to complaints more quickly as well as have a large scope
of work.



• Director Brown questioned whether Visitor Safety Officers are stationed at the Plaza de Espana on the weekends, which Ms. Hernandez confirmed.







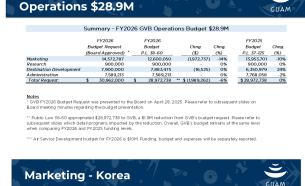
• Director Denight asked if the vendors for the Tumon Night Market rotate, which GVB President and CEO Regine Biscoe Lee confirmed.

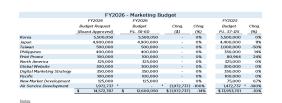




FY2026 Budget Summary - GVB







Marketing - Summary

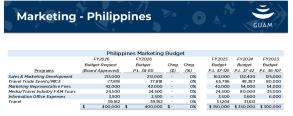




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Taiwan Marketing Budget										
	FY2026		FY2026			FY2025	FY2024	FY2023		
	Budget Request		Budget	Chng.	Chng.	Budget	Budget	Budget		
Programs	(Board Approved)		P.L. 38-60	(\$)	(%)	P.L. 37-125	P.L. 37-42	P.L. 36-107		
Travel Trade Co-Ops & MICE	66,133		66,133		0%	322,732	97,127	193,160		
Travel Fairs	63,600)	63,600		0%	190,000	18,600	38,840		
Marketing Representative Fees	156,000)	156,000		0%	144,000	156,000	288,000		
Media/Travel Industry FAM Tours	58.000)	58,000		0%	110,000	68,000	22,000		
Sales Market Development	50,000)	50,000		0%	103,000	60,000	62,000		
Social Media & Digital Media Buys	24,000)	24,000	-	0%	36,000	24,000	22,000		
Sales Calls	12,000)	12,000	-	0%	24,000	12,000	12,000		
Travel	70,26		70,267	-	0%	70,268	64,273	62,000		
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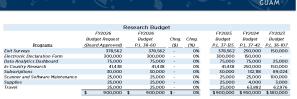


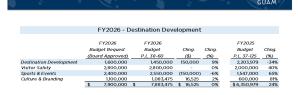


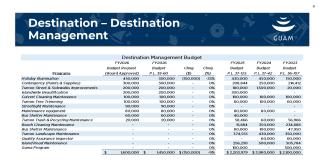




Destination - Summary







• Chairman Chiu asked Director Yanagisawa his thoughts on the Japan marketing budget, to which Director Yanagisawa said it is a necessary amount. Chairman Chiu also asked Director Yanagisawa if he was involved with the budget decision, which he confirmed. Director Eun also confirmed that he was aware of the Korea marketing budget. Director of Global Marketing Nadine Leon Guerrero also confirmed that Taiwan Marketing Chair Director Morinaga was aware of the Taiwan marketing budget, and was concerned with the cut in the budget. Mayor Hoffman also confirmed that he was aware of the budget in his capacity as the Philippine marketing committee chair. He also noted the excitement of





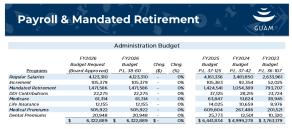
local Cebuano people surrounding the new Guam to Cebu roundtrip flight. Mayor Hoffman also expressed his desire for more of a budget for the new markets as there is growing interest from those markets, specifically Malaysia and Brunei.

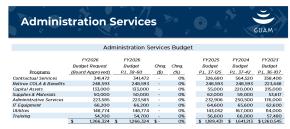




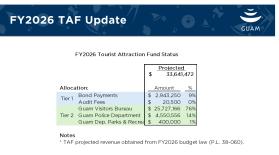


- Chairman Chiu noted a 40% increase in GVB's visitor safety budget.
- Director Brown questioned if GVB paid for the islands I LOVE GUAM signs, which Ms. Hernandez confirmed. Director Brown also asked what is being done to maintain the signs, which Mayor Hoffman said is now done by the mayors. Director Brown further noted the need to follow up on maintenance on these signs as they are popular tourist spots.















- The Chairman noted concerns with the increase in salary numbers since 2023. He noted
 that this could be partly because of the recent Government of Guam 22% salary increase.
 Mayor Hoffman also noted that there are new positions that did not priorly exist that help
 to fulfill GVB mandates.
- Director Brown requested a summary of administrative costs for the board's knowledge as well as for public inquiries.
- VII. REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES
 - A. Executive Committee





- B. Administration & Government
 - Approval of FY2026 GVB Operational Budget
 - First motion made by Director Hoffman to approve the FY2026 GVB
 Operational Budget and seconded by Director Eun. Motion approved.
 - Approval of FY2026 Purchase Orders, Contracts, IFBs and RFPs
 - o RFPs:

GVB RFP 2026-012 TOURISM DESTINATION CRM, CMS & WEBSITE SERVICES

Motion

Motion to authorize the GVB President and CEO to enter into a contract with Simpleview, a Granicus Company, who was the highest rated offeror in response to the Tourism Destination CRM, CMS & Website Services procurement.

Background

The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) has five (5) global consumer websites: VISITGUAM.COM, VISITGUAM.JP, WELCOMETOGUAM.CO.KR, VISITGUAM.ORG.TW, VISITGUAM.PH.

Each is specifically targeted to appeal to the travel industry and consumers in those markets. GVB's global websites are positioned to have an expansive and dynamic digital presence that effectively promotes and positions GUAM as a safe and clean family-friendly destination. GVB issued this procurement to secure website redesign and hosting, support and maintenance services for its multilingual destination marketing websites and integrated CMS, CRM and Extranet solutions, enhanced by other state-of-the-art digital tools and platforms.

After successful negotiations, the Bureau intends to contract with Simpleview, a Granicus Company, for the re-design, hosting and support of the five (5) global websites in the amount of \$328,498 annually, beginning in FY26 through FY30, subject to the availability of funds each fiscal year.

FY2026 Fee: \$328,498.00

Issue

Board approval required. First motion made by Director Hoffman and seconded by Director Denight. Motion approved.

- C. Destination Management/Visitor Safety and Satisfaction
- D. Cultural Heritage & Community Outreach
- E. Research
- F. Sports & Events
- G. Japan
 - Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2025
- H. Korea
 - Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 23, 2025
- I. Taiwan





- Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 2, 2025
- J. North America, Pacific, Philippines & New Markets
- K. Membership
- L. Recovery Committee
- VIII. OLD CORPORATION BUSINESS
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - First motion to enter executive session was made by Director Jones and seconded by Director Yanagisawa. Motion approved.
 - First motion was made by Director Hoffman to end executive session made by Director Hoffman and seconded by Director Eun. Motion approved.
- X. OTHER BUSINESS
- XI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - Upcoming Board Meetings: 11/13/2025, 12/11/2025
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT
 - First motion to adjourn was made by Director Hoffman and seconded by Director Artero. Meeting adjourned at 3:38PM.

