

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Resolution No. 2025-43****RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM IN HOSTING THE 112th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC PORTS, GUAM, AUGUST 2026.****BE IT RESOLVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO COMMERCIAL PORT:**

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Ports (APP) is a long-standing regional organization established to foster cooperation and collaboration among ports throughout the Pacific region by strengthening relationships, promoting effective port governance, advancing operational efficiency, and encouraging the exchange of best practices among port authorities and maritime stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, APP serves as a professional forum for port leaders, commissioners, executives, and industry partners to share knowledge, address common challenges, and discuss emerging issues affecting ports, maritime commerce, supply chain resilience, safety, security, and sustainability across the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, APP convenes an Annual Conference each August, which is the Association's primary platform for professional development, peer engagement, and strategic dialogue, bringing together representatives from member ports, associate members, and reciprocal organizations to advance shared regional objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Guam is an active Port Member of the Association of Pacific Ports and has consistently supported APP's mission through participation, leadership, and regional engagement; and

WHEREAS, Vice Chair Conchita Taitano, a member of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam, currently serves as President of the Association of Pacific Ports, reflecting Guam's leadership role within the Pacific port community and its commitment to regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Ports is currently comprised of 34 Port Members, 37 Associate Members, and 6 Reciprocal Members, representing a diverse network of public port authorities, industry partners, and allied maritime organizations across the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Guam has been selected to host the 112th Annual Conference of the Association of Pacific Ports in Guam in August 2026, providing an opportunity to convene Pacific port leadership in Guam and to highlight the island's strategic role in maritime trade, logistics, regional connectivity, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the 112th Annual Conference of the Association of Pacific Ports is intended to provide a substantive professional forum for discussion of matters of shared importance to Pacific ports, which may include, but are not limited to, supply chain resilience, port readiness and emergency response, national security considerations, Clean Ports initiatives, climate adaptation, and infrastructure resilience; and

WHEREAS, additional conference topics may include port governance and financial discipline, workforce development and leadership continuity, public and private sector coordination, port technology and modernization, and regional cooperation among Pacific ports and maritime stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Terminal Operators, Stevedoring and Shipping Companies of Micronesia (ATOSSCOM) represents terminal operators, stevedores, shipping companies, and maritime service providers, and its participation in the APP Annual Conference will strengthen public-private coordination, improve dialogue on operational challenges, and support more integrated solutions that enhance port efficiency and regional supply chain reliability; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Guam Management Association represents management-level professionals within the Port Authority of Guam and has an established record of engagement with public and private sector partners; and encouraging its assistance in outreach and solicitation efforts will support broader participation and sponsorship for the APP Annual Conference from local, regional, and national corporate citizens; and



WHEREAS, hosting the 112th Annual Conference will strengthen professional relationships, expand regional cooperation, and reinforce Guam's position as a key gateway and convening point for Pacific maritime and port leadership;

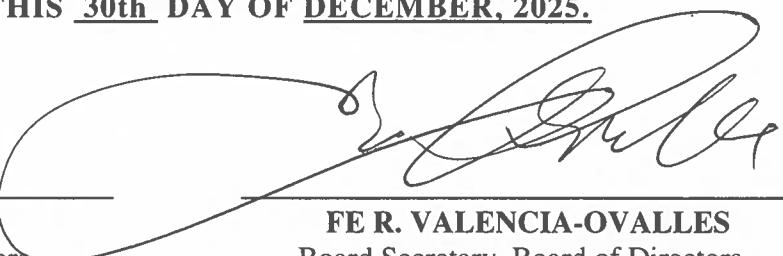
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam:

1. Supports and endorses the Port Authority of Guam's hosting of the 112th Annual Conference of the Association of Pacific Ports in Guam in August 2026.
2. Recognizes the value of the APP Annual Conference in advancing collaboration, professional exchange, and shared problem-solving among Pacific ports.
3. Acknowledges the leadership of Vice Chair Conchita Taitano in her role as President of the Association of Pacific Ports.
4. Encourages participation by members of ATOSSCOM, recognizing the benefit of engaging terminal operators, stevedores, and shipping companies alongside port authorities to strengthen public-private coordination and operational outcomes.
5. Directs that the General Manager shall present to the Board of Directors any proposed sponsorships or financial contributions from the Port Authority of Guam related to the hosting of the 112th Annual Conference for Board review and approval prior to commitment of Port resources.
6. Encourages the Port Authority of Guam Management Association to assist, as appropriate, in outreach and solicitation efforts to local, regional, and national corporate citizens in support of the 112th Annual Conference of the Association of Pacific Ports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairperson certify to, and the Secretary attest to, the adoption of this Resolution, and that copies thereof be transmitted to the Association of Pacific Ports, ATOSSCOM leadership, and the Port Authority of Guam Management Association, and entered into the official records of the Port Authority of Guam.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS THIS 30th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.**


DOROTHY P. HARRIS
Chairperson, Board of Directors
Port Authority of Guam


FE R. VALENCIA-OVALLES
Board Secretary, Board of Directors
Port Authority of Guam

