



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM  
UNIBETSEDÅT GUÅHAN  
Board of Regents**

**Resolution No. 23-25**

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MARIA BERNADETTE N. VALENCIA FOR  
HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

**WHEREAS**, upon the resignation of Maria Bernadette N. Valencia (Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia) as a member of the Board of Regents (BOR), the University of Guam (UOG) community wishes to express its sincere gratitude for her dedication and service;

**WHEREAS**, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Maintenance and FAA Airframe & Powerplant Mechanics Certification from San Jose University, California in 1993;

**WHEREAS**, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia is currently the Vice President, Sales for Matson Navigation in Hawaii; and prior to moving to Hawaii, she was the Vice President & General Manager for Guam and Micronesia responsible for overseeing the operations and sales activity of Matson’s Western Pacific and Micronesia regions, which included Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Okinawa, Japan;

**WHEREAS**, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia served the Guam community through her involvement as an active member with the Guam Contractor’s Association and Trades Academy Council Board; the Employers Council’s Board; Andersen Civilian Advisory Council; USO Advisory Council; Guam Women’s Chamber of Commerce Board; Guam Chamber of Commerce Board; UOG School of Business and Public Administration Advisory Board; Guam Business Partners in Recycling Incorporated (iRecycle) Board; and was a co-founder and board member of iCAN Resources, a Guam nonprofit organization that employs and provides life skills to the disabled community;

**WHEREAS**, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia was recognized in September 2020 as an inaugural award winner of the *Supply & Demand Chain Executive Magazine’s* Women in Supply Chain Award, which recognizes top female professionals in the shipping and supply chain industries worldwide; and was also Guam Business Magazine’s 2018 Executive of the Year;

**WHEREAS**, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia was confirmed as a member of the BOR on February 18, 2022 to serve a full six-year term, and served until her resignation effective end of day, August 1, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the BOR, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia served on the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee from March 2022 to August 2023; the Academic, Personnel, and Tenure Committee from March 2022 to August 2022; the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee from August 2022 to August 2023; and as the BOR Representative to the Research Corporation to the UOG Board from February 2022 to August 2023;

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the BOR, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia also served as a member of a committee to investigate a Step 2 Grievance leading to a decision approved by the BOR;

**WHEREAS**, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia brought experience and knowledge as a successful professional and a responsible leader to the BOR, and provided valuable influence in working with both the community and the Administration in addressing issues impacting UOG;

**WHEREAS**, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia’s commitment and leadership in support of UOG and higher education as a BOR member is recognized, commended and greatly appreciated;


**WHEREAS**, Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia is highly regarded for her candor, sound judgement, conscientiousness, thoroughness, and holistic consideration in decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic, Personnel, and Tenure Committee has reviewed the recommendation and recommends approval of this resolution expressing appreciation to Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia to the BOR.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BOR of UOG, the administration, faculty, staff and students, convey to Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia their sincerest gratitude for her dedication to UOG and the people of Guam, for her service as a member of the BOR, and for her devotion to the growth and prosperity of our island and region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution will be sent to Bernadette “Bernie” Valencia, to the Governor of Guam, and to the Speaker and members of the thirty-seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislature.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

  
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Sandra H. McKeever, Chairperson

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Anja Borja Enriquez, D.B.A., Executive Secretary