

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-02

RE: C.R. NO. 21-18/EDUCATION

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MRS. SUZANNE LOWE  
GALLEN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
REGENTS FOR THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM,  
REPRESENTING POHNPEI STATE.

JULY 22, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred C.R. No.  
21-18, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MRS. SUZANNE  
LOWE GALLEN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF  
THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM, REPRESENTING THE STATE OF  
POHNPEI.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent a purpose of this resolution are expressed in its  
title.

On July 18, 2019, your Committee held a public hearing regarding  
the nomination for the Board of Regents for the College of  
Micronesia-FSM, representing Pohnpei State that has been  
transmitted to Congress for action, and is now introduced before  
Congress as C.R. No. 21-18. Present at the hearing was the  
Acting President of the College of Micronesia-FSM and his key  
staff, and the nominee.

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Your Committee heard from the nominee separately regarding her nomination on July 18, 2019, at noon. The nominee stated that she had originally been approached by the previous President of the Federated States of Micronesia's Chief of Staff as to whether she would be interested in serving as a member of the COM-FSM Board of Regents. The nominee stated that she was interested in serving and sent her resume to the President's office. She also was approached by the Lt. Governor of Pohnpei State as to her possible nomination. The nominee had positive verbal communication with the state of Pohnpei as to her representing that state on the Board. There is a written recommendation from the Governor of Pohnpei State attached for reference.

The administration of COM-FSM, headed by its Acting President, were in attendance at a hearing regarding this nomination at 1:00 p.m. on July 18, 2019. The College had only positive things to say about this nominee's very strong credentials and professional reputation. Further, your Committee was informed that this nominee was important for the purposes of accreditation as diversity was emphasized for the Board of Regents, including representation of the over fifty percent of the student body that is female. The nominee is very strong in the areas of development, finance, government administration and foreign affairs. She will be an important compliment to the other members of the Board. The nominee stated that she has kept up on issues regarding the College since time working for the FSM Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Development, Overseas Development & Compact Management. The nominee stated that she was able to serve and devote sufficient time to her current employment with the United Nations Development Program. Further, the nominee stated she had received her employer's consent to serve on the Board, and had of course, agreed to recuse herself if there was an appearance of conflict of interest on a specific issue.

This nominee is well known to your Committee for her highly competent government service over many years. No negative

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comments were received from any of the witnesses or from any other source regarding this nomination. Therefore, your Committee defers to the State and National leadership and the College of Micronesia-FSM as to the decision to put forth this nominee. The Committee strongly recommends that Mrs. Suzanne Lowe Gallen be confirmed as the Pohnpei State representative on the College of Micronesia-FSM Board of Regents.

Your Committee would like to offer the following minor amendment to the resolution as follows:

Page 1, line 11, delete "First" and insert "Second", in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-18, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No.21-18, C.D. 1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Aren Palik  
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Wesley W. Simina, member

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