

**TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS**  
**DIVISION 3: THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT (SAIPAN, ETC.)**

**§ 3922. Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Board: Establishment.**

(a) There is hereby established, within the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, a Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Board, to be composed of five members who shall serve for a term of two years.

(b) A member must be eligible to vote in the CNMI, be at least 21 years of age, and be a resident of Saipan for at least three years immediately prior to appointment.

(c) The Mayor of Saipan shall appoint members of the board subject to confirmation by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. The

Delegation shall have 30 days to act on an appointment from the date of receiving all the following from the mayor:

- (1) notice of an appointment;
- (2) an original copy of nominee's police clearance;
- (3) nominee's personal financial statement; and
- (4) receipt or other proof that nominee has been tested for controlled substances.

If the Delegation takes no action to either reject or confirm the appointment, the appointment is deemed approved.

(d) The board shall choose a chairperson among its members to preside over board meetings. It also may establish committees necessary for the conduct of its business and prescribe by regulation procedures to govern meetings.

(e) The terms of the initial members shall be staggered when the board is first established. Three members terms shall expire in two years, the other two shall expire in three years, except that in the case of a prior vacancy, an appointment shall be only for the length of the unexpired term. The members shall draw lots to determine which term the members shall serve.

**Source:** Saipan LL13-21, § 3, modified; second paragraph added by Saipan LL 14-13, § 2(a); second paragraph amended by Saipan LL 16-8, § 4; amended by SLL 16-12, modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission changed nominees to its singular form in subsection (c)(4) to correct a manifest error pursuant to 1 CMC 3806(g).

SLL 14-13 took effect on October 29, 2004, and contained the following purpose, in addition to an amendment to 10 CMC § 3925(b) and severability and savings clauses:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide for staggered terms of the members of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Board and to limit the use of continuing appropriation to direct financial aid to students.

Saipan Local 16-12 was enacted on February 12, 2010 to expedite the process for filling vacant positions on the board. *See* SLL 16-12 § 1. The Commission codified SLL 16-12 in 2012 after the publication of the Commonwealth Code (2010) because of a transmission error.