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Respicio Confirms PAG has Final Say in Port Operations

(Hagåtña, Guam) Under questioning by committee member and Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio, Port Authority of Guam (PAG) board members Dan Tydingco and Mike Benito assured a Legislative panel today that the PAG board and management will have the final say in the operations of Guam's only commercial seaport. The discussion took place during this morning's informational briefing held by Transportation Committee Chairperson Senator Tom Ada.

Senator Respicio pointed out that the Federal Maritime Administration (MARAD) had been speaking and acting as if they were overseeing and directing the actions of the PAG. "Their role should be as a partner in the development and expansion of the PAG's operations," Senator Respicio said, "but they were acting as if they were a Federal receiver."

Senator Respicio went on to say: "It's true that MARAD has been assisting PAG with its development and needs, and they certainly know where additional federal assistance can be found. But PAG employees and local businesses were expressing concerns over MARAD's unilateral actions. I'm glad that Mike and Dan, (along with Board Member Jovyna Lujan and General Manager Pete Leon Guerrero) set the record straight."

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