

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

(ADMIN/BY REQ)

**S.R. NO. 39-18
IN THE SENATE**

05 FEBRUARY 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Tualo Manaia Fruean, D-6

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:


SUBJECT:

CONFIRMATION—DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR THE
DISABLED

SUMMARY:

This resolution confirms the Governor’s appointment of Ms. Dora J. Ah Sue as Director
of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for the Disabled.

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
YES	NO		YES	NO	DATE
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1 S.R. NO. 39-18
2 INTRODUCED BY: 

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4 "A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S
5 NOMINATION OF MS. DORA J. AH SUE AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE
6 OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR THE DISABLED."

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8 WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2025, to the Honorable Tualo Manaia
9 Fruean, President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula,
10 submitted the name of Ms. Dora J. Ah Sue to the Legislature,
11 pursuant to A.S.C.A. 4.0111 (b) & 4.0112 (a) (f), for confirmation as
12 Director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for the Disabled;
13 and

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15 WHEREAS, in his letter the Governor stated in part:

16 "...I hereby submit my appointment of Ms. Dora J. Ah Sue as
17 Director of Office of Protection and Advocacy for the Disabled.

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19 I respectfully request that you and your colleagues review her
20 nomination and confirm her as Director of the Office of Protection
21 and Advocacy for the Disabled."
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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

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26 THAT, the nomination of Ms. Dora J. Ah Sue as Director of the Office of
27 Protection and Advocacy for the Disabled is hereby confirmed; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
30 transmit this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Governor of
31 American Samoa; and a copy to Ms. Dora J. Ah Sue.

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FONO TELE MUAMUA

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

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I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA

05 FEPUARI 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Senatoa Tuaolo M. Fruean, Itumalo - 6

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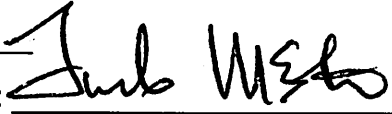
MATA'UPU:

FAAMAONIGA—FAATONUSILI—OFISA O LE PUIPUIGA MA FAUTUAGA MO
TAGATA LE ATOATOA LE MALOSI (OPAD)

'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei lugafono e faamaonia ai le tofia e le Afioga i le Kovana o Dora J. Ah Sue e avea
ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa e Puipuia ma Fautua mo i latou e le atoatoa le malosi.

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1 I.M.M. NU. 39-18
2 FAAULUFALEINA E: 

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4 O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FAAMAONIA AI LE
5 TOFIGA A LE KOVANA O DORA AHSUE E AVEA MA FAATONUSILI O
6 LE OFISA E PUIPUIA MA FAUTUA MO I LATOU E LE ATOATOA LE
7 MALOSI (OPAD).”

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9 TALUAI, i lana tusi ia Ianuari 28, 2025, i le Afioga ia Tualo Manaia Fruean,
10 Peresetene o le Maota Maualuga, na faaoo atu ai e le Afioga i le
11 Kovana Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, le suafa o Dora J. Ah Sue e
12 faamaonia e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa e Puipuia ma Fautua Mo
13 i Latou e le atoatoa le malosi (OPAD) e tusa ai ma maga 4.0111(e)
14 ma 4.0112 (a)(f), T.T.A.S; ma

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16 TALUAI, i se vaega o lana tusi na faapea ai le Afioga i le Kovana:
17 “...ua ou faaoo atu la’u tofiga o Dora J. Ah Sue e avea ma
18 Faatonusili o le OPAD.
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20 Ou te talosagaina ai lau Afioga ma le Maota mo sa outou iloiloga ma
21 le faamaoniaina o ia e avea ma Faatonusili o le OPAD.”

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23 O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAIUGAFONOINA AI E LE MAOTA
24 MAUALUGA O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA

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26 E FAAPEA, ua faamaonia nei le tofiga o Dora J. Ah Sue e avea ma Faatonusili o
27 le Ofisa o le Puipuia ma Fautua mo e le atoatoa le malosi; ma

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29 IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA FOI, e faapea e talosaga le Failautusi o le Maota
30 Maualuga e faaoo atu lenei Iugafono i le Afioga ia Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Kovana
31 o Amerika Samoa; ma se kopi ia Dora J. Ah Sue.

DORA J. AHSUE

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Education

M.Ed in Curriculum Studies
*University Of Hawaii At Manoa, Oahu,
Hawaii*

**Bachelor of Arts in Political
Science**
University Of Hawaii At Hilo, Hilo, Hawaii

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts
*American Samoa Community College,
Pago Pago, Am. Samoa*

Passionate and dedicated Disability Rights Advocate with a vast experience in advocating for the rights and empowerment of individuals with disabilities. Strong commitment to promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and equality in all aspects of society. Skilled in developing and implementing advocacy campaigns, influencing policy changes, and providing support to individuals facing discrimination or barriers. Experienced in working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community groups. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with a deep understanding of the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Committed to driving positive change and creating a more inclusive and equitable society for all.

Work History

Program Director

Office Of Protection And Advocacy For The Disabled, PAGO PAGO | January 2012 - January 2024

- Program Director for five of OPAD's nine federally funded programs - Protection and Advocacy for individuals with Developmental Disability (PADD), Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS), Client Assistance Program (CAP), Protection and Advocacy for Voters' Accessibility (PAVA), and Representative for Payees of Social Security (RPSS)
- Plan the delivery of the programs and its activities in accordance with the mission and the goals of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for the Disabled in Tutuila and Manu'a
- Develop an annual budget and operating plan to support the programs
- Oversee the collection and maintenance of each program's client records for statistical purposes according to the confidentiality/privacy policy of the organization and program
- Prepare and submit each program's Annual Progress Performance Report in a timely manner
- Communicate with clients and service providers to gain community support for the programs and to solicit input to improve the program
- Communicate with grantors as outlined in funding agreements
- Ensure that the program operate within the approved budget

Teaching Assistant

University Of Hawaii At Manoa, Pago Pago | September 2020 - December 2022

- Assisted lead professor with grading assignments, maintaining records and preparing for class sessions
- Supported candidates' academic progress by providing one-on-one attention to help guide learning and comprehension
- Led small groups in planned activities, projects, and reading lessons
- Helped graduate candidates master equipment or materials assigned by classroom teachers
- Assisted professor with maintaining inventory, organizing educational materials and preparing instructional documents
- Edited and provided feedback on candidates' Precis and presentation

Research Analyst

American Samoa Legislature, PAGO PAGO | March 2008 - January 2012

- Assist the Legislative Counsels in researching and drafting Bills and Resolutions for both the Senate and House of Representative
- Provide the legislative counsels with daily reports on the activities and the status of proposed law bills within the Senate sessions and hearings

Staff Assistant

US Senate - Office Of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Washington, DC | January 2007 - March 2008

- Served as the American Samoa Conduit at the Office of Senator Daniel K Inouye in addressing matters directly and indirectly affecting American Samoa
- Assisted Legislative Assistants in research for the state of Hawaii's federally funded programs and projects
- Addressed constituent correspondences and inquiries
- Attend meetings and briefings on issue that would benefit or affect Hawaii or American Samoa
- Other duties as assigned by the Senator or Chief of Staff

Legislative Reference Bureau Intern

American Samoa Legislature, PAGO PAGO | July 2006 - December 2006

- Assisted the Legislative Bureau staff with updating statuses of bills in committees, enrollments, and digital updating of the American Samoa Code Annotated (ASCA)

High School History Teacher

American Samoa Department Of Education, PAGO PAGO | August 2002 - June 2006

- Prepare and teach lesson plans according to Standards and Benchmarks for World and US History
- Coordinator of School History Day at Samoana High School. Provided guidance on research materials for students' projects.
- Head Advisor of School Close-Up Program. Planned fundraisers to assist students with program costs. Prepared lessons on US Government and updated students on current issues to prepare them for Close Up Seminars.
- Advisor of Student Body Government. Assisted students in planning and executing activities that would boost school morale amongst students and teachers.
- Advisor for the school's Junior Statesmen of America. Provided guidance for prospective candidates on the application process.
- Established and maintained professional relationships with students, staff, parents and community members.

Community Service

- Amaua CCCAS Church Choir, Secretary and Treasurer

- Amaua CCCAS Sunday School, Secretary and Treasurer
- Amaua CCCAS Mafutaga Tina, Treasurer
- Amaua CCCAS Mafutaga Tina, Member
- Parents of Children with Special Needs Network, Member
- American Samoa's Special Education Task Force, Member
- Volunteer for Project Saolotoga Wheelchair Distribution
- United States Commission on Civil Rights Advisory Committee, Member
- Campaign Spending Commission, Member
- Volunteer US History Teacher at South Pacific Academy (2021)
- Speech Fest Coach for Fagaitua High School
- Secretary of the Republican Party of American Samoa
- President of Teine ole Aga Cricket Team (2023)

Accomplishments

- Selected by the National Disabilities Rights Network (NDRN) to be a presenter at their Annual Conference.
- 2022 ASG Employee of the Year Award Recipient
- Selected as a member of the first American Samoa Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

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