

**39TH LEGISLATURE  
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

**(ADMIN/BY REQ)**

**S.R. NO. 39-31  
IN THE SENATE**

18 MARCH 2025

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

**SUBJECT:**

CONFIRMATION—COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

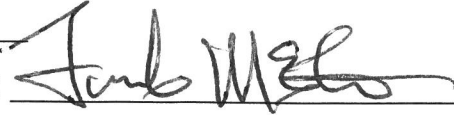
**SUMMARY:**

This resolution confirms the Governor’s appointment of Tuasivi John R. Marsh as the Commissioner of the Office of Financial Institutions (OFI).

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
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4 “A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S  
5 APPOINTMENT OF TUASIVI JOHN R. MARSH AS THE COMMISSIONER  
6 OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (OFI).”  
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8 WHEREAS, by a letter dated March 17, 2025, to the Honorable Tualo Manaia  
9 Fruean, President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula  
10 submitted the name of Tuasivi John R. Marsh to the Legislature,  
11 pursuant to Chapter 12 in Title 28 A.S.C.A., for confirmation as the  
12 Commissioner of the Office of Financial Institutions; and  
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14 WHEREAS, in his letter, the Governor stated in part:

15 “...I hereby submit my appointment of Tuasivi John R. Marsh as  
16 Commissioner of the Office of Financial Institutions.  
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18 I respectfully request that you and your colleagues review his  
19 nomination and confirm him as the Commissioner of the Office of  
20 Financial Institutions.”  
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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
23 TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:  
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25 THAT, the appointment of Tuasivi John R. Marsh as the Commissioner of the  
26 Office of Financial Institutions is confirmed; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to  
29 transmit this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Governor of  
30 American Samoa; and a copy to Tuasivi John R. Marsh.  
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NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA  
FONO TELE MUAMUA

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

**IMM NU. 39-31**  
**I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA**

18 MATI 2025

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

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

**MATA'UPU:**

FAAMAONIGA—KOMESINA O LE OFISA O MEA TAU FALETUPE

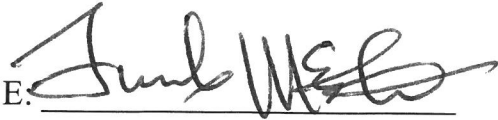
**'OTO'OTOGA:**

O lenei iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le afiga i le Kovana o Tuasivi John R. Marsh e avea ma Komesina o le Ofisa o Mea Tau Faletupe.

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2 FAAULUFALEINA E.



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4 “O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FAAMAONIA AI LE TOFIGA A  
5 LE KOVANA O TUASIVI JOHN R. MARSH E FAI MA KOMESINA O MEA TAU  
6 FALETUPE (OFI).”

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8 TALUAI, i lana tusi ia Mati 18, 2025, i le afioga ia Tuaolo Manaia Fruean, Peresetene  
9 o le Maota Maualuga, na faaoo atu ai e le afioga i le Kovana Pulaali'i  
10 Nikolao Pula le suafa o Tuasivi John R. Marsh i le Fonofaitulafono e  
11 faamaonia e avea ma Komesina o le Ofisa o mea Tau Faletupe (OFI) e tusa  
12 ai ma le Mataupu 12 i le Ulutala 28 TTAS; ma

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14 TALUAI, i se vaega o lana tusi, na faapea ai le afioga i le Kovana:

15 “...ua ou faaoo atu nei la'u tofiga o Tuasivi John R. Marsh e fai ma  
16 Komesina o le Ofisa o Mea Tau Faletupe (OFI).  
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19 Ou te talosagaina ai lau afioga ma le Maota mo sa outou iloiloga ma le  
20 faamaoniaina o ia e avea ma Komesina o le ofisa o Mea tau Faletupe.”  
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22 O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAIUGAFONOINA AI E LE MAOTA MAUALUGA  
23 O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA:

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25 E FAAPEA, ua faamaonia nei le tofiga Tuasivi John R. Marsh e avea ma Komesina o le  
26 Ofisa o Mea Tau Faletupe; ma

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28 IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA FOI, e faapea e talosaga le Failautusi o le Maota  
29 Maualuga e faaoo atu lenei iugafono i le Afioaga ia Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Kovana o  
30 Amerika Samoa; ma se kopi ia Tuasivi John R. Marsh.

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## **JOHN R. MARSH**

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### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

- Financial Management & Lending
  - Budgeting & Cost Controls
  - Strategic Planning & Execution
  - Trend Analysis & Forecasting
  - Credit Analysis & Training
  - Regulatory Compliance
  - Relationship & Account Management
  - System Integration & Planning
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### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Commissioner Office of Financial Institutions:**  
Effective oversight of financial institutions and Money transfer businesses
  - **Assistant to the Treasurer on Special Projects**  
Tax Exemption Commissioner and advisor on tax policy
  - **American Samoa Power Authority:** Transformed American Samoa's utility company into a financially accountable entity with improved audits and streamlined operations.
  - **Key Bank of Oregon:** Achieved 20%-30% profit growth, reduced overhead by 15%, and increased deposits by 10%-15%.
  - **Bank of Hawaii:** Overhauled underperforming branches, increasing profitability by 30% and deposit growth by 15%.
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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Commissioner Office of Financial Institutions**

American Samoa Government | 2021 – Present

- Oversee all regulatory compliance requirements for financial institutions.
- Advise Governor and Treasurer for regulatory compliance requirements.
- Conduct financial health and safety tests and reporting.
- Liaison with Federal Reserve.

#### **Assistant to the Treasurer on Special Projects**

American Samoa Government | 2013 – 2020

- Managed Tax-Exempt Board meetings and provided financial analyses.

- Assisted the Economic Development Authority Board (ASEDA) with fiscal strategies.
- Conducted vulnerability assessments on revenue collection processes.

**Acting Chief Executive Officer & Chief Financial Officer**

American Samoa Power Authority | 2004 – 2007

- Secured funding to implement large-scale projects and improved operational efficiencies.
- Overhauled accounting processes, achieving unqualified audit opinions.
- Strengthened human capital and streamlined inventory management.

**Vice President & Branch Manager**

Key Bank of Oregon | 1993 – 2003

- Spearheaded commercial lending initiatives, increasing market share.
- Designed marketing plans for 10 branches, leading to sustained growth.
- Exceeded corporate goals, earning multiple quarterly incentive awards.

**Vice President, Money Center**

Bank of Hawaii | 1974 – 1993

- Directed operations for branches across Hawaii and the South Pacific, achieving consistent profit growth.
- Led branch revitalizations, improving loan quality and deposit retention.

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Rotary Club (American Samoa & Hilo)
- Lions Club
- Boys & Girls Club of Hilo
- Red Cross

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**EDUCATION**

- **Master's Certificate in Theology** | World Bible School (2012)
- **Financial Management Diploma** | Pacific Coast Banking School, University of Washington (1987)
- **BBA In Finance** | Pace University, White Plains, NY (1973)

# Pace College

To all persons be it known that

**John Roland Marsh**

having completed the prescribed studies and satisfied the requirements for the degree

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has accordingly been admitted to that degree with all the rights, privileges and immunities thereunto appertaining.

*In witness whereof*, the Trustees of Pace College have caused this diploma to be signed by the duly authorized officers of the College and sealed with its corporate seal at New York, New York, this sixteenth day of February, 1973.



*Charles F. Mum*  
SECRETARY

*Edward J. Mottola*  
PRESIDENT



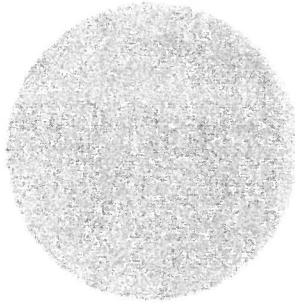
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have issued this certificate of graduation to

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For having satisfactorily fulfilled the curriculum requirements  
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and completion of the prescribed extension work.

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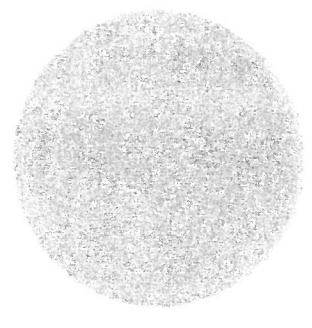
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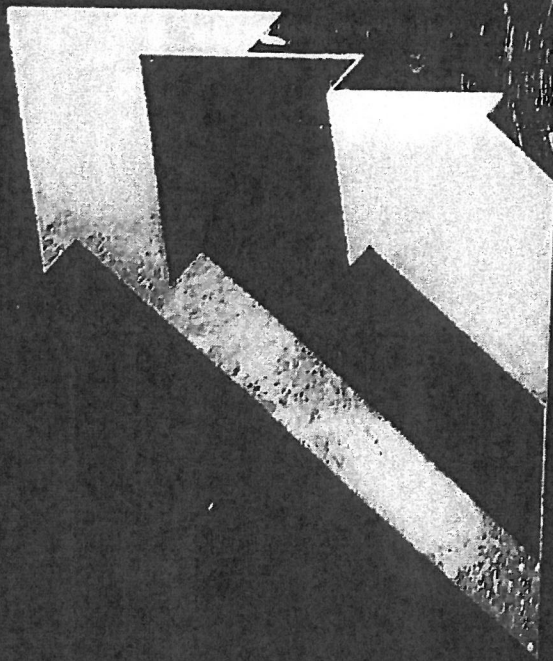
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## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCCEES

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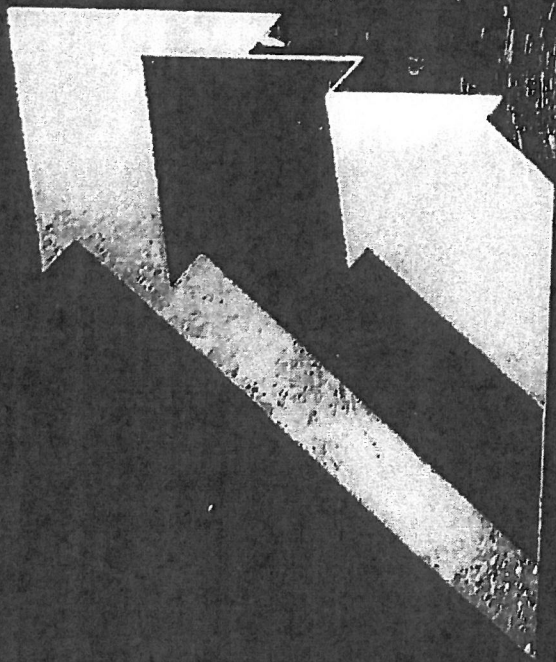
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