

**39TH LEGISLATURE  
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

**(ADMIN/BY REQ)**

**S.R. NO. 39-30  
IN THE SENATE**

18 MARCH 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Senator Tuaolo M Fruean, D-9

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

**SUBJECT:**

CONFIRMATION—AMERICAN SAMOA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

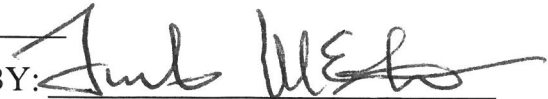
**SUMMARY:**

This resolution confirms the Governor’s nomination of Mr. Brett B. Butler to the American Samoa Economic Development Authority Board of Directors.

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
YES	NO		YES	NO	DATE
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4 “A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S  
5 NOMINATION OF MR. BRETT B. BUTLER MEMBERSHIP TO THE  
6 AMERICAN SAMOA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD  
7 OF DIRECTORS.”

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9 WHEREAS, by letter dated March 17, 2025, to the Honorable Tualo Manaia  
10 Fruean, President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula  
11 submitted the name of Mr. Brett B. Butler to the Legislature,  
12 pursuant to A.S.C.A. 11.1903 for confirmation as a member of the  
13 American Samoa Economic Development Authority Board of  
14 Directors. His term will expire two years from confirmation; and

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16 WHEREAS, in his letter, the Governor stated:

17 “Mr. Butler is appointed in his capacity as the Executive Advisor on  
18 Finance and Financial Officer for the office of the Governor. Should  
19 he leave both positions, he will be expected to resign from the  
20 ASEDA Board. Otherwise, his term will expire two years from the  
21 date of the confirmation.

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23 Respectfully, I urge you and your colleagues to review and confirm  
24 the nomination of Mr. Brett B. Butler to the American Samoa  
25 Economic Development Authority (ASEDA) Board.”

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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE  
28 LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

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30 THAT, the appointment of Mr. Brett B. Butler Freeman as a member of the Board  
31 of Directors, American Samoa Economic Development Authority is confirmed;  
32 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to  
2 transmit this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Governor of  
3 American Samoa; and a copy to Mr. Brett B. Butler.

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NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA  
FONO TELE MUAMUA

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

**IMM NU. 39-30**  
**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—KOMITI FAAFOE PULEGA ATINAE O LE TAMAOAIGGA O AMERIKA SAMOA

**'OTO'OTOGA:**

O lenei iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le Kovana o Brett B. Butler e fai ma totino o le Komiti Faafoe o le Pulega o le Atinae o le Tamaoaiga a Amerika Samoa.

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# BRETT B. BUTLER

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*I am looking forward to being part of a good change in the American Samoa Government that will be significant to the advancement of the livelihood for the people and families of this great Territory.*

*Ou te tulimatai atu i le avea a'u ma se vaega o se suiga lelei i le Malo o Amerika Samoa lea o le a taua tele i le faalateleina o le ola mo tagata ma aiga o lenei Teritori tele.*

## EXPERIENCE

2025 – CURRENT

### EXECUTIVE ADVISOR FOR FINANCE AND FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT

As Executive Advisor, this role entails providing the Governor strategic advice and support on financial policy areas and mainly pertaining the eco-systems of departments involving Treasury, Budget, Procurement, ASED, ARPA, Territorial Audit, Property Management and OFI. Focusing on collaboration, strategy and creating metrics to manage progress and improvement with our Department Directors and Leaders. As Financial Officer, am responsible with working with the Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief of Staff and various Line Agency Leaders under the Governor's Office regarding Department budgets and spend. Position also oversees CIP and Specials Programs financial operations and responsible for processing payment originating from the Governor's Office.

2023 – 2024

### VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE OPERATIONS, BUMBLE BEE FOODS

Supporting 3 manufacturing locations, for tuna, clams and sardine production for Bumble "owned" locations across the US and Canada. Responsible for plant's monthly financial closings for review with Executive Management. Reports to the Vice President of Manufacturing Operations.

2018 – 2023

### VICE PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, BUMBLE BEE FOODS

Responsible for all activities at the Bumble Bee tuna canning facility located in Santa Fe Springs. Directs and coordinates operations of departments concerned with inventory, production, packaging, and shipping as well as human resources, quality assurance, safety, IT, finance and

purchasing. Directly responsible for 8 department managers, a facility of 330 hourly employees and operating conversion costs. Reported to CEO/Vice President of Manufacturing Operations.

**2014 – 2018**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF LOINING OPERATIONS, BUMBLE BEE FOODS**

Responsible for Bumble Bee's local relationships and operations of its contracted albacore loining facilities located in Fiji, Mauritius and China. Focused with these individual facilities on reducing cost of operations and increasing fish yield through standardization of best practices between plants. Managed a team of 5 contracted workers to support activities at these remote sites. Became responsible for managing the purchasing of albacore for the loining sites and setting price with suppliers. Reported to Chief Operating Officer.

**2005 – 2014**

**GENERAL MANAGER OF STARKIST SAMOA CO., STARKIST CO.**

First local GM for this facility. Managed a team of 10 managers and a plant force of over 2800 hourly team members. Managed plant conversion costs and capital investment into the facility. Led launch of pouch operations into the facility. Role entailed being the local government spokesperson for StarKist headquarters. Led the conversion for the plant from previous owner Del Monte to current owner Dongwon and during this transition cut out \$6M in costs in 2012. Reported to the Vice President of Operations.

**2002 – 2005**

**SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER OF STARKIST SAMOA INC., STARKIST INC.**

Responsible for fish supply, and all other supply of raw materials including cans & ends, vessel unloading, vessel relationships, fish sizing, production planning, label & tray and shipping operations. Led 2 managers and a workforce of 240 hourly team members in the supply chain group. Focused on reducing inventory working capital, optimizing yield, line efficiencies and reducing waste in the supply chain. Reported to the General Manager.

**2000 – 2002**

**FISH COORDINATION MANAGER OF STARKIST SAMOA INC., STARKIST INC,**

Responsible for vessel unloading schedules, vessel relations, unloading operations, fish inventory, fish sizing and support of the production fish requirements basis the production plan, and fish inventory. Led 3 supervisors and a workforce of 40 hourly team members in the department. Led the sizing optimization project that helped increase fish yield through production. Reported to the General Manager.

**1998 – 2000**

**FISH COORDINATION SUPERVISOR OF STARKIST SAMOA INC., STARKIST INC.**

Led a shift of 17 hourly team members with focus on unloading, sizing, storage and fish to production operations for 120K metric tons per year with focus on vessel relations, operational efficiencies and waste reduction. Reported to the Fish Coordination Manager

**1995 – 1998**

**PAYROLL SUPERVISOR OF STARKIST SAMOA INC., STARKIST INC.**

Worked in the Finance operation with full responsibility of the hourly labor costs (\$30M) for StarKist Samoa. Led the team to standardize hourly pay rates with relation to job responsibility and title. Part of the team that also created a customized attendance tracking system that supported corrective measures for behavior change that proved very successful. Reported to the Treasurer of StarKist Samoa.

**1994 – 1995**

**SALES ANALYST, DISPENSER JUICE INC.**

First job out of college in South San Francisco, CA. Worked for a small distributor of high end coffee, juices and frozen fruit drinks. Sold 'RedHawk' coffees, 'Vitality' juices and 'Island Oasis' frozen fruit drink brands. Worked with sales team to create promotional drives with the brands for the Western Region of the US including Hawaii. Also participated in daily drives to customer locations to support product promotion.

## **EDUCATION**

**DECEMBER 1993**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS, POMONA COLLEGE**

Concentration in Mathematics.

**MAY 1989**

**VALEDICTORIAN, SAMOANA HIGH SCHOOL**

**MAY 1985**

**VALEDICTORIAN, PAGO PAGO ELEMENTARY**

## **FAMILY (IMMEDIATE)**

**SHERRY SHALHOUT BUTLER**

**WIFE, MARRIED IN 1996**

**KOROSETA B. BUTLER GALEAI**

**DAUGHTER, BACHELORS ACCOUNTING DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**

**KARLY M. BUTLER**

**DAUGHTER, MASTERS HUMAN RESOURCES DEGREE FROM PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**CAMERON T. BUTLER**

**DAUGHTER, ATTENDING JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY MASTERS IN NURSING**

BRETT J. BUTLER  
SON, ATTENDING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT SAN MARCOS

BRIAN B. BUTLER  
SON, ATTENDING GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY IN VIRGINIA

JAMES B. BUTLER  
FATHER, DECEASED AND WORKED FOR AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT AT  
CUSTOMS AND SERVED AS CHIEF

ALEFA AUMAU TUILETUFUGA BUTLER  
MOTHER, SERVED AS GRANTS MANAGER FOR TREASURY

## **SKILLS/HOBBIES**

- Process Driven- manage by numbers approach
- Team Builder
- Excellent Communicator
- BASIC & PASCAL Program experience
- Six Sigma Green Belt
- Microsoft Office – experience
- SAP-experience
- Enjoy golf, fantasy football & traveling