

**39TH LEGISLATURE  
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

**(ADMIN/BY REQ)**

**S.R. NO. 39-27  
IN THE SENATE**

04 MARCH 2025

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

**SUBJECT:**

CONFIRMATION—DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROGRAM PLANNING AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

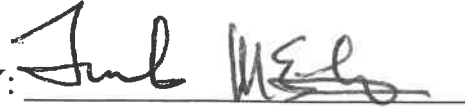
**SUMMARY:**

This resolution confirms the Governor’s appointment of Mrs. Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore –Tufele as Director of the Office of Program Planning and Budget Development (Budget Office).

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1 S.R. NO. 39-27

2 INTRODUCED BY:



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4 “A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S NOMINATION OF  
5 MRS. SESULA FEPULEA’I MCMOORE –TUFELE AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE  
6 OF PROGRAM PLANNING AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT (BUDGET OFFICE).”  
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8 WHEREAS, by letter dated February 27, 2025, to the Honorable Tualo Manaia Fruean,  
9 President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula submitted the  
10 name of Mrs. Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore –Tufele to the Legislature,  
11 pursuant to A.S.C.A. 4.0111(b) and 4.0112(a)(f), for confirmation as  
12 Director of the Office of Program Planning and Budget Development; and  
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14 WHEREAS, in his letter the Governor stated in part:

15 “...I hereby submit my appointment of Mrs. Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore –  
16 Tufele as Director of the Department of Planning & Budget.  
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19 I respectfully request that your colleagues review her nomination and  
20 confirm her as Director of the Department of Planning & Budget.”  
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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE TERRITORY  
23 OF AMERICAN SAMOA:  
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25 THAT, the nomination of Mrs. Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore –Tufele as Director of the  
26 Office of Program Planning and Budget Development is hereby confirmed; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit  
29 this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Governor of American Samoa;  
30 and a copy to Mrs. Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore –Tufele.  
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NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA  
FONO TELE MUAMUA

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

**IMM NU. 39-27**  
**I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA**

04 MARCH 2025

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

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

**MATA'UPU:**

FAAMAONIGA—FAATONUSILI, OFISA O LE ATINA'E O POROKALAMA MA LE  
PAKETI (OFISA O LE PAKETI)

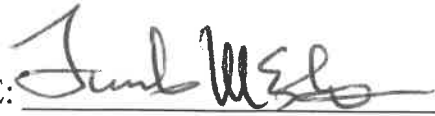
**'OTO'OTOGA:**

O lenei iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le afioga i le Kovana o Sesula Fepulea'i  
McMoore e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o le Paketi.

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1 I.M.M. NU. 39-27

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 SESULA FEPULEA’I MCMOORE –TUFEELE E  
6 FAI MA FAATONUSILI O LE OFISA O FUAFUAGA O POROKALAMA MA  
7 LE PAKETI.”

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9 TALUAI, i lana tusi ia Fepuari 27, 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 Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore  
12 –Tufele e faamaonia e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o le Paketi a le  
13 Malo, ina ia tusa ai ma 4.0111(e) ma 4.0112(a)(f) TTAS; ma

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

16 “...ua ou faaoo atu la’u tofiga o Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore –Tufele  
17 e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o le Paketi.

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19 Ou te talosagaina ai lau afioga ma le Maota mo sa outou iloiloga ma  
20 le faamaoniaina o ia e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o le Paketi.”

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

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25 E FAAPEA, ua faamaonia nei le tofiga o Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore –Tufele e  
26 avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o Fuafuaga o Porokalama ma le Paketi; 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 Afioga ia Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Kovana  
30 o Amerika Samoa; ma se kopi ia Sesula Fepulea’i McMoore –Tufele.

31 ----- IUGA -----



**SESULA FEPULEA'I MCMOORE-TUFELE**  
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December 9, 2024

Honorable Governor Elect Pula T.I. Nikolao Pula  
American Samoa Government  
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

Dear Honorable Pula:

I am eager to join the American Samoa Planning & Budget Office as the Director. My background in management and financial oversight, along with my entrepreneurial experience, positions me well to contribute to your team. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Arts in Management, specializing in Organizational Financial Management.

During my tenure in the private sector, I worked extensively with the American Samoa Government. I am familiar with governmental financial processes and systems. This experience has equipped me to navigate the complexities of managing and collaborating with various governmental and external stakeholders. I manage significant financial responsibilities with integrity and trust within my community, church, business, and family.

I am committed to transparent financial stewardship and look forward to enhancing fiscal management and community impact within your team.

Thank you for considering my application. I am available at your earliest convenience to discuss my qualifications further.

Fa'afetai Tele,

Sesula Fepulea'i McMoore-Tufele

# SESULA FEPULEA'I MCMOORE-TUFELE

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## CONTACT

Utulei, American Samoa 96799

**Mobile:** (684) 731-4050

utsharks72@gmail.com

## EDUCATION

Master of Arts: Organization Finance  
Management

**Wayland Baptist University,**  
Tucson, Arizona

Bachelor of Arts: Marketing  
Management/Accounting

**Milton University,**

Janesville, Wisconsin

• Magna Cum Laude

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished financial manager with a proven track record at the American Samoa Government, enhancing operational effectiveness and financial accuracy. Possessing deep expertise in strategic planning, financial management, and leadership, I excel in building client relationships and negotiating for increased fiscal responsibility. Skilled in regulatory compliance and budget development, my leadership has significantly improved decision-making capabilities.

## SKILLS

- Financial management
- Strategic planning
- Operations management
- Negotiation/Marketing
- Regulatory compliance
- Budget development

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

November 2015 - Current

**Owner/Manager, At *YOUR Service Plus*,** Utulei, American Samoa

- Managed day-to-day business operations.
- Developed and maintained strong client relationships, resulting in repeat business and referrals.
- Interacted well with customers to build connections and nurture relationships.
- Implemented marketing strategies to increase brand awareness and attract new customers.
- Managed financial aspects of the business, including budgeting, financial reporting, and tax preparation.
- Negotiated prices and services with customers and vendors to decrease expenses and increase profit.

September 2011 - October 2013

**Financial Manager, American Samoa Government -  
*Department of Health,*** Faga'alu, American Samoa

- Collaborated closely with the director on strategic and tactical initiatives to enhance the overall effectiveness of the department's

operations.

- Enhanced financial reporting accuracy through regular audits and reconciliations, leading to improved decision-making capabilities.
- Supervised five employees.
- Prepared grant reports as required for the funding organizations.

September 2004 - April 2009

**Financial Analyst, *American Samoa Legislature (FONO)*,  
Fagatogo, American Samoa**

- Analyze local and grant funds as approved by the FONO for assigned departments.
- Streamlined financial reporting for better decision-making with precise analysis and presentation.
- Conducted detailed financial analysis to identify and evaluate changes in operations, trends, and potential areas of improvement.
- Strengthened relationships with assigned departments through timely communication and collaboration.
- Present in budget hearings to discuss financial analysis when necessary.

## **VOLUNTEER WORK**

### **MATAFAO ELEMENTARY PTA**

Successfully secured funds from the business community and individual donors to support teachers' requests for classroom materials and annual funding for sports uniforms—expertise in preparing and delivering solicitation letters for these initiatives.

**Dr. Jean Anderson**  
**Clinical Psychologist**  
[drjeananderson@gmail.com](mailto:drjeananderson@gmail.com)  
**(684) 252-7455**

**December 9, 2024**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**I strongly recommend Sesula Fepulea'i McMoore Tufele for the Treasurer position in the American Samoa Government. I have known her since childhood and have consistently seen her integrity and excellent management skills in our village and church.**

**I have also worked closely with Sesula in managing federal grants related to programs for children with special needs and have witnessed first-hand her diligence and honesty in handling federal and local funds.**

**Sesula is dedicated to prudent financial management and ethical leadership. She effectively manages financial transactions while ensuring transparency and fiscal responsibility, prioritizing the needs of our community.**

**Moreover, Sesula's character is outstanding. Her kindness and humility have earned her the respect of everyone around her. She will be a valuable asset to your team, bringing expertise and a strong ethical foundation.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to submit this recommendation letter. Please feel free to contact me at 252-7455 or email at [drjeananderson@gmail.com](mailto:drjeananderson@gmail.com) if you require any further information.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Dr. Jean Anderson**  
**Clinical Psychologist**

**WAYLAND**  
BAPTIST UNIVERSITY  
Tucson

December 10, 2024

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation for SESULA FEPULEA'I MCMOORE TUFELE**

**FROM: Nathan K. Stephens, MAM/MPA**  
Assistant Dean/Adjunct Instructor, Wayland Baptist University (WBU)  
7777 E. Speedway Blvd. Tucson AZ 85710  
(520) 792 – 1506/[nate.stephens@wbu.edu](mailto:nate.stephens@wbu.edu)

It is with much pleasure and enthusiasm that I am writing to you in support of Sesula McMoore Tufele. I met Sesula in the Spring of 2020 while serving as her Academic Advisor at WBU. Sesula is a strong communicator both written and oral. I have gotten nothing but superior feedback from her instructors and peers. As her advisor, I was able to help her navigate course selections and information to track towards her degree completion.

Sesula was able to complete a Master of Arts in Management, Fall 2024. This degree is designed to help working professionals advance their careers in business and management. Sesula excelled in the program and is now considered a proud member of WBU's alumni. I'm providing my most enthusiastic endorsement for Sesula Fepulea'i McMoore Tufele, based on her academic prowess, interpersonal and communication skills, and also for completing a diverse educational curriculum. She would be an ideal candidate to join any organization needing a capable leader and manager to ensure company cohesiveness and team success.

If you are looking for a selfless and motivated person with the aptitude to grasp new concepts and facilitate learning, then Sesula is the right choice! She will be a solid asset to your organization. Feel free to contact me if you require further information to support your decision in selecting Sesula Fepulea'i McMoore Tufele to join your team. I can be reached at: [nate.stephens@wbu.edu](mailto:nate.stephens@wbu.edu) or (520) 792-1506. Thanks in advance for your favorable support of Sesula McMoore!



Nathan K. Stephens, MAM/MPA  
Assistant Dean/Adjunct Instructor  
Wayland Baptist University – Phoenix-Tucson

**Vera Peko Fruen**  
**Supervisor Tax Data Processing**  
**Department of Treasury – Tax Office**  
**American Samoa Government**

**December 9, 2024**

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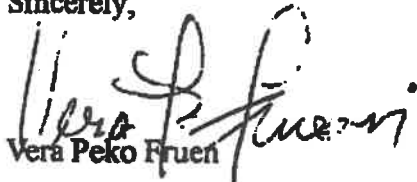
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**Feel free to at 633-5884 or 258-0196 if you require any further information.**

**Sincerely,**

  
**Vera Peko Fruen**



DISTRICT COURT of AMERICAN SAMOA  
 PO Box 309  
 Fagatogo, AS 96799  
 Ph.: (684) 633-1101 Fax: (684) 633-5127

To:  The Office of Immigration  Department of Treasury - Tax Division  
 Office of Motor Vehicle  To Whom it may Concern

From: Traffic Violations Bureau  
 Subject: Clearance

Date: March 03, 2025

Name: SESULA FEPULEA'I MCMOORE-TUFELE JW Name ID: 30124  
 Gender: Female DOB: 10/19/53 SSN: XXX-XX-4868  
 Passport #: DL #: AS004666 Immigration (AR) #:

The above named individual has documented criminal record(s). All fines are paid in full, or outstanding fines are being paid in installments.

Or

The above named individual does not have any documented criminal record.


And

The above named individual has driving record(s) with the Traffic Violations Bureau, District Court of American Samoa. All fines are paid in full, or outstanding fines are being paid in installments.

Or

The above named individual does not have any driving record with the Traffic Violations Bureau, District Court of American Samoa.

Initial appropriate boxes (If applicable, the individuals records are attached)

  
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 Deputy Clerk / Clerk of Courts