

**39TH LEGISLATURE
2ND REGULAR SESSION**

(ADMIN/BY REQ)

**S.R. NO. 39-37
IN THE SENATE**

8 SEPTEMBER 2025

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

CONFIRMATION—AMERICAN SAMOA MEDICAL CENTER (A.S.M.C.) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUMMARY:

This resolution confirms the Governor's nomination of Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele and Lydia Faleafine-Nomura, as members of the A.S.M.C. Board of Directors.

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4 “A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S
5 NOMINATIONS OF TAIMALELAGI DR. CLAIRE TUIA-POUMELE AND
6 LYDIA FALEAFINE-NOMURA, AS MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
7 SAMOA MEDICAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS.”

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9 WHEREAS, by letter dated August 27, 2025, to Honorable Tuaolo Manaia
10 Fruean, President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali’i Nikolau Pula
11 submitted the names of Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele and
12 Lydia Faleafine-Nomura, to the Legislature, pursuant to A.S.C.A
13 13.0103, for confirmation as members of the American Samoa
14 Medical Center Board of Directors; and

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

17 “...I have appointed Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele and Lydia
18 Faleafine-Nomura, to the American Samoa Medical Center Board.
19 Their recess appointment respectively is to take effect immediately,
20 in accordance to Section 13.0103 (h) of the ASCA.

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22 Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele brings 40 plus years of
23 extensive leadership in Education, Ports Administration, Healthcare,
24 Construction, Economic Development as well as Workforce
25 Development. She is no stranger to serving on many local boards,
26 task forces, Councils and many other organizations throughout the
27 local, regional, State and Federal level. Mrs. Taimalelagi has a
28 passion for empowering teachers, students, workforce employees
29 and employers on continuing education training and programs.

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31 Mrs. Lydia Falefine-Nomura, with also 40 plus years of experience
32 working with local and federal government officials and agencies is
33 no stranger to the local, state and federal community. She has been a

1 blessing as the American Samoa Field Representative to the Office
2 of Insular Affairs, US Department of Interior. She has effectively
3 managed various types of federal technical assistance projects
4 requiring specialized expertise, local maintenance assistance projects
5 instituting operations and maintenance in public infrastructure,
6 healthcare system, renewable energy programs, and major capital
7 improvement projects of public building, roads and utilities.

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9 Respectfully, I urge you and your colleagues to support the two
10 recess appointed members to the American Samoa Medical Center
11 Board.”
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13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
14 TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

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16 THAT, the nominations of Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele and Lydia
17 Faleafine-Nomura, as members of the American Samoa Medical Center Board of
18 Directors is confirmed; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
21 transmit this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Governor of
22 American Samoa; and copies for Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele and Lydia
23 Faleafine-Nomura.

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FONO TELE LONA LUA

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

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I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA

8 SETEMA 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Senatoa Tuoalo Manaia Fruean, D-6

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

MATA'UPU:

FAAMAONIGA – FALEMA'I AMERIKA SAMOA (A.S.M.C.) KOMITI FA'AFOE

'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei i'ugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le Kovana o Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele ma Lydia Faleafine-Nomura e avea ma totino o le Komiti Fa'afaoe o le Falema'i (A.S.M.C.).

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“O SE I’UGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FA’AMAONIA AI LE TOFIGA A LE KOVANA O TAIMALELAGI DR. CLAIRE TUIA-POUMELE MA LYDIA FALEAFINE-NOMURA E AVEA MA TOTINO O LE KOMITI FA’AFOE O LE FALEMA’I.”

TALUAI, i lana tusi i le aso 27 o Aukuso, 2025, i le afioga ia Tualo Manaia Fruean, Peresetene o le Maota Maualuga, o loo faaoo mai ai e Kovana Pulaalii Nikolao Pula suafa o Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele ma Lydia Faleafine-Nomura e avea ma Totino o le Komiti Faafoe o le Maota Gasegase o Amerika Samoa; ma

TALUAI, o loo saunoa mai le Kovana i se vaega o lana tusi:
“...ua ou tofia Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele ma Lydia Faleafine-Nomura i le Komiti Faafoe a le Falemai. O nei tofiga i le taimi o loo malolo ai le fonu o le a aloa’ia loa lava e tusa ai ma le Maga 13.0103 (I) TTAS.

O Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele e silia i le 40 tausaga o lona tomai faata’ita’i i A’oga, Pulega o le Taulaga, Soifuamaloloina, Fausaga, Atina’e o le Tamaoaiga ma le Atina’e tau Tagatafaigaluega. E le o se mea fou ia te ia le tautua i le tele o komiti faafoe, o vaega galue, o Fonu ma le tele o faalapotopotoga i le lotoifale, faaitulagi, Setete ma le Malo tele. E i ai lona naunauta’iga e faaleleia faia’oga, tamaiti a’oga, tagata faigaluega ma e pule galuega i le fa’aauauina o a’oga ma porokalama tau a’oa’oga.

O le Faletua ia Lydia Faleafine-Nomura, e silia i le 40 tausaga lona ia foi tomai masani i galuega, i le galue ai ma sui o le malo faalotoifale ma le malo tele, ma e le fou foi ia i auunaga i vaega uma ia e pei ona ta’ua. Ua loa ona fai ma faamanuiaga i le tofi o le Sui o Amerika Samoa i le Ofisa o Mataupu tau le Lotoifale a le Matagaluega o le Initeria a le Iunaita Setete. Sa iloga lona tulai mai

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e vaaia ma pulea le tele o galuega sa fesoasoani mai ai le feterale e moomia ai le tomai faapitoa, o galuega i le lotoifale e fesoasoani mai ai le malo tele i le tausia lelei o fausaga mo le lautele, o le tausiga o le soifuamaloloina, porokalama o le enetia toe faafou, ma galuega tetele i le faaleleia o fale o le malo, o auala ma galuega tau iutili – vai ma le eletise.

E talosaga atu ma le fa'aaloalo i lau afioga ma le Maota ina ia tagai ane ma lagolagoina nei tofiga mo le Komiti Faafoe a le Falema'i.”

O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAI'UGAFONOINA AI E LE MAOTA MAUALUGA O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA:

E FA'APEA, ua faamaonia nei tofiga o Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele ma Lydia Faleafine-Nomura e avea ma totino o le Komiti Faafoe o le Maota Gasegase; ma

IA TOE FA'AI'UGAFONOINA FOI, e faapea e talosaga le failautusi o le Maota Maualuga e faaoo atu lenei i'ugafono i le Afioga ia Pulaalii Nikolao Pula, Kovana o Amerika Samoa; ma ni kopi mo Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia-Poumele ma Lydia Faleafine-Nomura.

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