

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Intramuros, Manila

37th TESDA BOARD MEETING

13 March 2003, Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
7th Floor TESDA Board Room, Office of the Chair
Taguig, Metro Manila

Resolution No. 2003- 06
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**APPROVING THE MORATORIUM ON OPAs OPERATION PENDING THE
COMPLETION OF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON OPAs REVIEW OF THE POLICIES AND
IMPLEMENTING RULES AND PROCEDURES ON THE ACCREDITATION/ASSESSMENT
OF THE OPAs TESTING VENUES, TESTING OFFICERS AND TESTING ADMINISTRATORS
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL UNIT FOR OPAs OPERATION.**

WHEREAS, during the 1st Special Executive Session- TESDA Board, 29 January 2003, a Fact-Finding Committee was created to conduct a fact-finding investigation on the allegation of corruption and irregularities in the issuance of Artist Record Book (ARBs) as well as in the issue of the TESDA Funds;

WHEREAS, during the 2nd Special Executive Session- TESDA Board, 19 February 2003 the TESDA Board agreed on the creation of the Oversight Committee on OPAs as a result of the investigation of the Fact Finding Committee;

WHEREAS, pending the completion of the Oversight Committee Review of the Policies and Implementing Rules and Procedures on the Accreditation /Assessment of the OPAs Testing Venues, Testing Officers, Testing Administrators and Testing Schedules the following activities shall be implemented and will resume operation 21 April 2003

- A moratorium on testing schedule effective March 17
- A moratorium on the hiring of Testing Administrators and Testing Officers effective March 13, 2003
- A moratorium on the accreditation and approval of new Testing Venues and Training Centers Effective March 13, 2003
- An inventory of ARBs and a moratorium in the ordering of additional ARBs and if orders were placed that these ARBs be kept in the warehouse effective March 13, 2003
- Weekly submission of Test Schedules (testing administrators ,testing officers and testing venues according to the three categories: production , skill, dance and singer) on an equal rotation basis to the Oversight Committee on OPAs effective March 13, 2003

WHEREAS, the TESDA Board agreed on the establishment of a special unit to handle all OPAs operation to be headed by a Director IV, manned by organic personnel and reporting directly to the Director General;

WHEREAS, the oversight function will be provided by the Oversight Committee on OPAs-TESDA Board;

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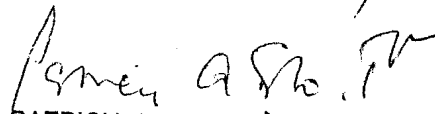
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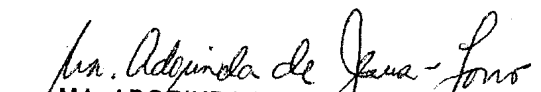
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board approves the moratorium on OPAs operation pending the completion of Oversight Committee on OPAs Review of the policies and implementing rules and procedures on the accreditation/assessment of the OPAS testing venues, testing officers and testing administrators and the establishment of special unit for OPAs operation;

BE IT RESOLVED FINALLY, ^{of} the copies this resolution be disseminated to all concerned.

Adopted this 13th day of March 2003.

Attested by:


PATRICIA A. STO. TOMAS
Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment
Chair, TESDA Board


MA. ADORINDA DE JESUS-FORRO
Board Secretary VI

