

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILE

CY 2022



Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.

President of the Philippines

Acting Secretary, Department of Agriculture

Ex-Officio Chairman

Date of Appointment: June 30, 2022

Birthday: September 13, 1957 (65 yrs. Old)

President Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos Jr. (BBM) has long championed agricultural development throughout his nearly four decades in public service—during his stint as Governor of Ilocos Norte, from 1983 to 1986 and from 1998 to 2007, and as lawmaker, first as the Representative of the Second District of Ilocos Norte from 1992 to 1995 and from 2007 to 2010, and second, as Senator from 2010 to 2016.

Under his leadership as Governor, Ilocos Norte saw significant expansion in rice and corn production as well as in livestock. He was branded as “Rice czar” as the province became rice self-sufficient with an average of 296 percent sufficiency level.

Also, for the whole period of his term, Ilocos Norte sustained more than 100 % self-sufficiency in corn and other major commodities. The province is the number 1 garlic producer and second largest producer of mango in the region.

Among the agriculture-related bills President BBM filed during his term as Senator were Senate Bill (SB) No. 14 or the proposed National Irrigation Program of 2013, SB 112 or the proposed National Seeds Production Act, SB 1863 or the proposed Anti-Rice Wastage Act, and SB 409 or the proposed Philippine Soybean Authority Act.

During the 16th Congress, he was a member of the Committees on Agriculture and Food and Agrarian Reform, as well as the Agricultural and Fisheries modernization and Congressional Oversight Committee on Agrarian Reform.

Now, as the country’s 17th President, President BBM made the unprecedented decision of designating himself as the concurrent head of the Department of Agriculture amidst the looming global food crisis. In his inaugural message on June 30, the President noted that the country’s agriculture sector “cries for urgent attention” after years of neglect and misdirection.

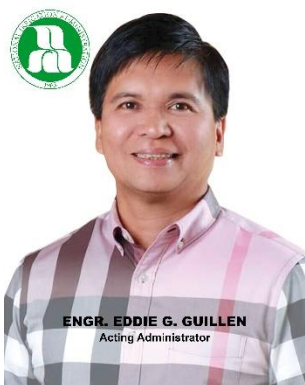


Domingo F. Panganiban

Senior Undersecretary, Department of Agriculture

Ex-Officio – Alternate Member

Date of Designation: September 13, 2022



Eduardo Eddie G. Guillen

Administrator

Vice-Chairman

Appointive Director

Date of Appointment: December 12, 2022

Birthday: April 5, 1965 (57 yrs. Old)

Administrator Eduardo Eddie G. Guillen is a public servant long before he became NIA Acting Administrator as he served as the Municipal Mayor of his hometown, Piddig, Ilocos Norte for three (3) terms. He was first elected as Piddig Municipal Mayor in 2010 and he was able to prove his vision for agricultural development. He is also an advocate of empowering Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

As an incorruptible leader, a public servant, an agriculture expert, an inspiration speaker, a social welfare advocate, and a farmer, he received numerous awards in public service, good local governance and agricultural excellence. Due to his exemplary public service and convergence efforts, his hometown was coined by the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (2020) as a model of new normal in agriculture and resilient agri-institutions. He was also awarded as one of the 10 Outstanding Ilocanos in 2014.

As a licensed Civil Engineer, he served as a Local Government Unit (LGU) Consultant on Administration and Economic Enterprise Development and the Project Engineer of E.E. Salazar Construction. He also studied Strategic Business Economics Program (SBEP) at the University of Asia and the Pacific in 2015. In 2017, he was a scholar of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office – International Cooperation and Development Fund (TECO-ICDF) wherein he studied value-adding on agricultural products.

With his vast knowledge and experiences in the fields of public service, engineering and construction and agriculture, Administrator Guillen was tapped by Pres. Ferdinand “Bongbong” Romualdez Marcos, Jr. to be the Acting Administrator of the National Irrigation Administration. His took is Oath of Office on the 12th Day of December 2022.

Administrator Guillen was born on 05 April 1965 (57 yrs. Old). He is a graduate of Civil Engineering at Mapua Institute of Technology in 1987. A true-blooded Ilocano, he was born and raised by his parents who are both farmers, who inspired and motivates him to achieve his goal.



Arsenio M. Balisacan

Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority

Ex-Officio Member

Date of Appointment: June 30, 2022

Birthday: November 8, 1957 (65 yrs. Old)

Dr. Arsenio M. Balisacan is an economist with extensive development policy, governance, and administration expertise acquired from over 35 years of professional work as a government official, non-governmental organization executive, economic adviser, researcher, and professor.

A member of the regular faculty of the University of the Philippines School of Economics for over three decades, Professor Balisacan is serving as the first Chairman of the Philippine Competition Commission. Prior to this appointment, he was Socioeconomic Planning Secretary and, concurrently, Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in 2012-2016. In his capacity as NEDA Director-General, he served as Board Chairman of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies and as the first Board Chairperson of the Philippine Statistics Authority and the Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines.

Previous to his Cabinet appointment, he was Dean of the UP School of Economics, Director-Chief Executive of the Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), and Undersecretary for Policy and Planning of the Department of Agriculture. Before joining the UP faculty in 1987, he was Research Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu and Economist at the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

Chairman Balisacan pursued his PhD in Economics from the University of Hawaii, MS in Agricultural Economics from the University of the Philippines Los Baños, and BS in Agriculture (*magna cum laude*) from the Mariano Marcos State University. He was born November 8, 1957 in Solsona, Ilocos Norte,



Roderick M. Planta

Assistant Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority

Ex-Officio-Alternate Representative

Date of Designation:



Fernando Martin Y. Roxas

President, National Power Corporation

Ex-Officio Member

Date of Appointment: September 15, 2022

Fernando Martin Y. Roxas is an experienced management professional and a seasoned executive in the energy sector whose expertise included sustainable energy systems, financial and economic analysis, systems thinking and strategy management, and corporate planning.

He worked with Napocor as a geologist in 1978 and later became manager of the Corporate Planning Group in 1990 and the Strategic Planning Department in 1994. He also served as group manager of the Privatization and Restructuring External Office, an ad hoc group tasked to study and craft the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA).

Before his appointment as Napocor CEO, he has been a professor for over 20 years at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) where he teaches Systems Thinking, and Operations Management. He also served as a consultant to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and US Aid.

He has produced several scholarly publications on tourism and sustainable energy and served as the executive director of the Dr. Andrew L. Tan Center for Tourism where he developed training programs on sustainable tourism applications. He was instrumental in the Department of Tourism's current strategy for rebooting local tourism.

Pres. Roxas completed his degree in geology from the University of the Philippines and his master's degree in Engineering Geology from the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand, both as a scholar. He also obtained a master's degree in business management from AIM and a doctorate in business administration from De La Salle University.



Atty. Melchor P. Ridulme

Vice President/Legal Counsel, National Power Corporation

Ex-Officio- Alternate Representative

Date of Designation: October 5, 2022



Atty. Melchor P. Ridulme

Corporate Attorney B, National Power Corporation

Ex-Officio-Alternate Representative

Date of Designation: November 10, 2022



Manuel M. Bonoan

Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways

Ex-Officio Member

Date of Appointment: June 30, 2022 re-appointed October 4, 2022

Secretary Mark A. Villar earned his Masters in Business Administration in University of Chicago Booth of Business. He took his undergraduate degree in Political Science, Philosophy and Economics in University of Pennsylvania.

Sec. Villar served in the House of Representative for two (2) terms as Representative in Lone District of Las Piñas City. He is also the General Manager of Crown Asia Corporation from 2002-2010.

Sec. Villar is a Bachelor of Science graduate. He was appointed as Secretary of DPWH on August 2016 by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.



Maria Catalina E. Cabral, PhD

Undersecretary, Department of Public Works and Highways

Ex-Officio Alternate Member

Date of Designation: August 01, 2022



Gregorio G. Sarmiento

Representative of Rice and Corn Sector

Appointive Member

Date of Appointment: July 24, 2017

Gregorio G. Sarmiento is an entrepreneur and is actively involved in community service. He is the founding and current chairperson of the Kalambuan sa Samal, a self-help grassroots level association of marginal farmers practicing natural and sustainable farming methods. He is the current Mindanao State Officer for Calamity Preparedness and Climate Change. He was the former President of the Padada Valley Association, Inc., an organization of businesspersons and professionals whose main advocacy is the education of poor but deserving students from the countryside.

Greg Sarmiento is a BS Accountancy graduate from Holy Cross College of Digos (now Cor Jesu College), Digos City, Davao del Sur. He was born on 29 November 1956 in Padada, Davao del Sur.



Atty. Michelle G. Raymundo

Corporate Board Secretary

Date of Assumption: June 1, 2021 to October 9, 2022

Atty. Michelle G. Raymundo is a member of Philippine Bar. Graduated Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication from UP Manila in 2005. In 2013 she completed her Bachelor of Laws degree in Lyceum of the Philippines, College of Law. Admission to the Bar in 2017.



Atty. Willie Ann M. Angsiy

Corporate Board Secretary

Date of Assumption: October 10, 2022

Atty. Wiann is half Chinese, born and raised in the City of Manila. She earned her law degree at the De La Salle University and spent subsequent years working for law firms where she gained legal knowledge and applied her expertise in intellectual property and data privacy.