

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILE

CY 2023



**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.

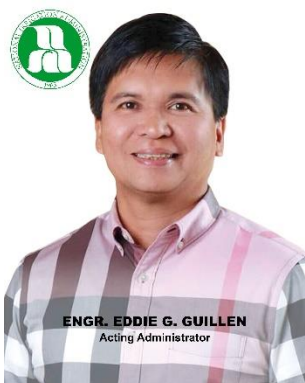


**Leocadio S. Sebastian, Ph.D.**

Undersecretary, Department of Agriculture

*Ex-Officio – Alternate Member*

*Date of Designation: February 8, 2023*



**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Sheryl S. Caballes**

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*

Manuel M. Bonoan currently serves as the Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) where he also previously served as Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary.

Prior to being DPWH Secretary, he served as President and CEO for the Manila Toll Expressway Systems Inc., STAR Tollway Corporation, and Skyway Operations and Maintenance Corporations. He also served as a Consultant Adviser for the Infrastructure Sector of the San Miguel Corporation.

A civil engineer by profession, he is a member of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers where he served as President from 2001 to 2003. He also served as President for the Society of Philippine Accredited Consultants and Road Engineering Association of the Philippines from 1998 to 1999 and 1994 to 1996, respectively. He is also a member of the Association of Government Civil Engineers of the Philippines, Philippine Water Works Association, and the Transportation Science Society of the Philippines.

Sec. Bonoan was a recipient Most Outstanding Civil Engineer Award for 2006 awarded by the Philippine Regulation Commission (PRC) and Most Outstanding Consultant for 2000 given by Society of Philippine Accredited Consultants, Inc. (SPAC).

Under his leadership, the department aims to create projects that will support the agriculture and tourism industries. They also intends to invite the private sector for public-private partnerships to address traffic congestion in line with a goal of providing an efficient, safe, and unimpeded mobility in the years ahead.



**Maria Catalina E. Cabral, PhD**

Undersecretary, Department of Public Works and Highways

*Ex-Officio Alternate Member*

*Date of Designation: August 01, 2022*

## **VACANT POSITION**

Representative of Rice and Corn Sector

*Appointive Member*

*Date Vacated: December 12, 2022*



### **Atty. Pepito L. Padilla**

Acting Corporate Board Secretary

*Date of Designation: February 8, 2023 to July 10, 2023*

Atty. Pepito L. Padilla was admitted to the Philippine Bar on 2005. Graduated Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. He earned his law degree at Manuel L. Quezon University in 2003.

Office Memorandum No. 18 Series of 2023 re: Designation of Atty. Padilla as Acting corporate Board Secretary in Concurrent Capacity as Acting Manager of NIA Legal Services.



### **Atty. Allan Paul S. Sarangaya**

Corporate Board Secretary

*Date of Designation: July 10, 2023*

Atty. Allan Paul S. Sarangaya obtained his Juris Doctor at the Far Eastern University – Makati in 2018 and was admitted to the Philippine Bar the following year.

Before entering government service, Atty. Sarangaya engaged in the private practice of law as a Senior Tax Associate at SGV & Co., He also served as a Senior Associate at Boutique Law Firm in Quezon City, specializing in litigation and drafting countless pleadings, motions, and other legal processes to further the interests of his clients.

On June 24, 2022, he managed his own brand and business, becoming a solo practitioner. Through efficient coordination and successful engagements, he gained the trust of other lawyers who partnered with him, leading to the establishment of the Law Firm of Batulan Tsang & Sarangaya (BATAS & Co.) on April 1, 2023.

In Board Resolution No. 8859-23, dated June 29, 2023, the Board approved the appointment of Atty. Allan Paul S. Sarangaya as the Corporate Board Secretary of the National Irrigation Administration.