

Corporate Secretary's Profile

Pursuant to the Code of Corporate Governance for GOCCs¹, ideally, the Corporate Secretary must possess organizational and interpersonal skills, and the legal skills of a Chief Legal Officer. Item 3.10.3 of PSALM's Manual of Corporate Governance provides the minimum qualification of the Corporate Secretary which must possess organizational and interpersonal skills.

August 2017 to Present

ATTY. MARIA BELEN P. MONTES - NERA was designated as Corporate Secretary effective 04 August 2017. Prior to her appointment, Atty. Montes-Nera has held different positions in the Corporation, such as Corporate Attorney and Consultant.

She has a long and extensive legal career both in the public and private sector, beginning with her stint as Executive Assistant - Court Attorney at the Office of Associate Justice Florida Ruth P. Romero of the Supreme Court. After three (3) years, she joined then Bautista Picazo Buyco Tan and Fider Law Offices. She went back to government service as Associate Solicitor/Solicitor at the Office of the Solicitor General where she stayed for almost seven (7) years.

After her initial stint in PSALM, she continued to be involved in the energy sector, having been the Manager in the Legal and Regulatory Compliance Department of FDC Utilities, Inc. and a Consultant of Sinag Energy Philippines, Inc. She was a consultant, and later, Political Affairs Officer III at the Office of Rep. Wilfredo Caminero of the 2nd District of Cebu, a member of the Committee on Energy, before returning to PSALM.

Atty. Montes-Nera earned her Political Science degree, graduating *summa cum laude* from Saint Louis University, and her Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines, with a Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence. She is currently taking up Master in Public Administration at the National College of Public Administration and Governance at the University of the Philippines.

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¹ Section 15.3 of GCG Memorandum Circular 2012-07 dated 28 November 2012