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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives Fifth Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, October 29, 2021, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 22 October 2021
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 5th Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **5th Day, 2nd Regular Session for Friday, 29 October 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2021

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
5th Day, Second Regular Session	Friday, October 29, 2021	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (2)

Third Day, Second Regular Session Journal – September 23, 2021

Fourth Day, Second Regular Session Journal – October 1, 2021

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. *House Bills:*

H. B. No. 22-82

To adopt the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan as the sole village delimitation and name master map of Saipan and to provide for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be the primary custodian for maintaining and preserving the master map and for the Department of Commerce – Central Statistics Division to be the secondary custodian; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 22-83

To enact a whistleblower protection provision for respective employees reporting on prohibited personnel practices; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 22-84

To repeal and reenact 2 CMC §4323 and 2 CMC §4324(c) to mandate the Department of Public Lands (DPL) to review all past and pending claims and to grant such title to qualified persons; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, (Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 22-26

To authorize, establish, and regulate casino gambling within the Third Senatorial District.

Prefiled by: REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. NO. 22-12

To honor and commend the CNMI Wildland Fire Crew 36 for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, (Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, and John Paul P. Sablan)

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 22-78: (received 10/1/2021) **Executive Order 2021-20—RENEWING AUTHORITY—Order authorizing the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds from accounts of any department, agency, office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality or other entity of all branches of the Commonwealth Government in order to meet the threat of COVID-19.**

GOV. COMM. 22-79: (received 10/1/2021) **Executive Order 2021-21—Creating the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Universal Garbage Collection Taskforce.**

GOV. COMM. 22-80: (received 10/1/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. B. No. 22-74, HD3, SD1, CCS1 (FY 2022 Budget Act). Became **Public Law 22-08, Item Vetoed [Deadline 11/30/2021]**

GOV. COMM. 22-81: (9/30/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Glenna Sakisat Palacios, Special Assistant for Military Affairs, at the Office of the Governor to receive an annual salary of \$75,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-82: (10/4/2021) Expressing support for S. B. No. 22-5, entitled, “*To establish a Behavioral Health Professional Scholarship; and for other purposes.*” [*For info – Note the bill is currently in the House Committee on Education*]

GOV. COMM. 22-83: (10/4/2021) Certification of funds of the Sixth-Year Casino License Fee available for appropriation. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-84: (10/6/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-21, D1 (*To appropriate \$1,000,000 of the Casino License Fees collected for the Second Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-10; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-06** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-85: (10/8/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Virginia Villagomez, Special Assistant for Management and Budget, at the Office of the Governor to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-86: (10/25/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 22-28, HD1, (*To rename the structure for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI to “The Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the CNMI”; and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law 22-09** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-87: (10/25/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 22-12, (*To amend 4 CMC § 51420 (b) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to establish and promulgate reasonable registration and permitting fees through adopted regulations; and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law 22-10** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-88: (10/25/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 22-31, HS1, (*To authorize the Department of Public Lands to issue encroachment permits and charge fees for the use of the public lands located within 150 feet of the high water mark.*). Became **Public Law 22-11** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-56: (10/6/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-11, entitled, “*To recognize and commend Command Sergeant Major Dolores Pangelinan Kiyoshi for her distinguishable years of patriotic service and sacrifice for our country as a member of the United States Army.*”, which was adopted by the Senate on October 1, 2021. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 22-57: (10/18/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-04, SD1, entitled, “*To amend 2 CMC § 3551 to change the expenditure authority, management, and control of the solid waste sub-accounts for the First and Second Senatorial Districts to the mayor of each respective municipality; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on October 15, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-58: (10/25/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-57, entitled, “*To amend 4 CMC § 4205 to remove the daily penalty fees imposed on late filing of annual reports; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on October 22, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-59: (10/25/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-59, entitled, “*To rename the Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center the “Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center”*”; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on October 22, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-60: (10/25/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-60, entitled, “*To rename the Tinian International Airport as the “Francisco M. Borja International Airport”*”; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on October 22, 2021. [**For action**]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-37: (9/30/2021) From Representative Celina R. Babauta, House Chair JGO, to the Attorney General and the Public Auditor re: *Requests formal action associated with Commissioners of the Commonwealth Casino Commission violating 1 CMC §8392 “double dipping” retirement benefits.* [**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-38: (8/2/2021 received 10/21/2021) From Representative Celina R. Babauta informing the Speaker that she will be off-island beginning October 30, 2021 until approximately November 9, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all official functions or sessions during her absence; in addition, Representative Attao shall serve as Acting Chairperson of the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations until her return. [**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-39: (10/21/2021) From Representative Christina M.E. Sablan informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on family medical leave beginning October 21, 2021, and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions. [**For info**]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 22-4: (10/12/2021) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro to the Speaker submitting: *Proposed NMI Rules for Electronic Filing and Service.* [**Submitted 10/12/2021; Deadline 12/11/2021**]

JUD. BR. COMM. 22-5: (10/13/2021 received 10/14/2021) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro to the Speaker submitting: *Proposed NMI Rules of Alternative Dispute Resolution.* [**Submitted 10/13/2021 House received 10/14/2021; Deadline 12/13/2021**]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-28: (10/7/2021) From the Department of Public Works (DPW) submitting *FY 2021 Citizen-Centric Report.* [**For info**]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-69: (10/4/2021) From the Mayor of Saipan re: *Requests appropriation of funds from the Sixth-Year Casino License Fee—Third Senatorial District.* [**For info**]

MISC. COMM. 22-70: (10/5/2021) From the NMI Museum re: *Requests \$695,000 supplemental funding to address emergency repairs and maintenance.* [**For info**]

MISC. COMM. 22-71: (10/13/2021) From MP Holdings LLC staff representatives re: *Withdrawing ethics complaint against Representative Ralph N. Yumul.* [**For info**]

MISC. COMM. 22-72: (10/6/2021) From the Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) re: *2020 Annual Report of the Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB or Bank) (Includes overview of operations and financial performance for the year to include 2020 independent audit report. [For info]*

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (3)

S. C. R. No. 22-29: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-15 entitled: “To establish the Foster Care Sponsorship Program under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Division of Youth Services; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Health and Welfare recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-15 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 22-30: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-53 entitled: “To appropriate funds for the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency to ensure that federal appropriated and awarded funds may be expended for program administration, reimbursements to medical providers, and for compliance and Medicaid enterprise systems and further enable recruitment, retention, and appropriate classification and compensation of personnel.” *Your House Committee on Health and Welfare recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-53, HSI.*

S. C. R. No. 22-31: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-55 entitled: “To amend 4 CMC §5526 to establish a separate license for online sales of alcoholic beverages.” *Your House Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-55, HSI.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. J. R. NO. 22-11	A House Joint Resolution to condemn the Government of Japan’s decision to dump nuclear waste into the Pacific Ocean, oppose any other government’s actions related to nuclear testing, storage, and waste disposal in the Pacific, and reaffirm everyone’s fundamental right to a safe and healthy living environment.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
S. B. No. 22-18, SD1, HD1	A Bill for an Act to waive the Northern Marianas College tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 22-28]	

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 22-22: To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map sheet 05 of 29 to rezone certain districts to “Mixed Commercial”; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on September 23, 2021.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
October 1, 2021, 2021:*

H. B. NO. 22-80: To have the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) join Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) to improve and expand access to mental health care in the CNMI; and for other purposes. Introduced by Representative Edwin K. Propst on behalf of REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representative Edwin K. Propst) on October 1, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. B. NO. 22-81: To amend 4 CMC § 1202, to exclude local stimulus payments from taxation. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, and Ralph N. Yumul) on October 1, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. L. B. NO. 22-24: To appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) specifically under Business Unit 1605; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on October 1, 2021.

H. L. B. NO. 22-25: To appropriate up to \$3,681,052.00 from the American Rescue Plan of 2021, Section 604. Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund allocated to the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on October 1, 2021.

House information on deadlines for override: