



# *The Senate*

NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 8, 2019

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate

  
Sen. Victor B. Hocog

Subject: First Special, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Senate Session - 2019

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By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and the Official Rules of the Senate, this is to inform all members that the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session within the Second Regular Session for 2019 is scheduled for Friday, August 09, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., in the Senate Chamber, Saipan.

Your understanding and attendance is greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House  
Director, LB  
Senate Legal Counsels  
Senate Clerk  
Senate Sergeant-at-Arms  
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August 8, 2019

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**MEETING:** 1st Special, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session - 2019  
**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, August 09, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber, Saipan

Copies of this notice and session agenda have been filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

Office of the Governor, Entrance Hall  
House of Representatives, Entrance Hall  
Senate, Entrance Hall  
Commonwealth Legislature website ([www.cnmileg.gov.mp](http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp))

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9904, written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of the Senate President, Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan, prior to the convening of the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented during the public session. If you wish to present oral testimony please inform the Senate Clerk not later than 24 hours prior to the session.



AUGUST 08, 2019

*THE SENATE*  
 TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
 SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 2019

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>ST</sup> Special	Friday, August 09, 2019 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	10:00 a.m.

## *ORDER OF BUSINESS*

### A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (NONE)
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-94:** June 14, 2019 – Resubmitting the appointment of Ms. Berthillia C. John to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission.
  2. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-95:** June 25, 2019 – Nomination of Mr. Ray Pangelinan to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees to represent the island of Tinian.
  3. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-96:** June 26, 2019 – Signed into law, H.B. No. 21-44, HS1 – To authorize a loan between the CNMI and MPLT in the amount of \$15,000,000 and appropriate and authorize MPLT to withhold and to retain Net Annual Distributable Interest Income starting FY 2019 for repayment and security of the loan, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-3**.
  4. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-97:** June 26, 2019 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 21-13, D1 – To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, codified as 10 CMC §3511, becomes **SAIPAN LOCLA LAW NO. 21-6**.
  5. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-98:** July 31, 2019 – Executive Order No. 2019-10 – Renewal of Declaration of Major Disaster and State of Significant Emergency. [Super Typhoon YUTU]
  6. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-99:** August 01, 2019 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 21-20, S1 – To re-appropriate a total amount of \$69,000.00 from TLO 20-3, TLL 20-13 and TLL 20-15; and for other purposes, becomes **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 21-4**.



7. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-100:** August 01, 2019 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 21-21, D1 – To re-appropriate Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) allotted under TLL 21-3 for Tinian local programs; to appropriate \$36,968 allotted to the Second Senatorial District under 4 CMC § 1503(a)(6); and for other purposes, becomes **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 21-5.**

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS : (NONE)**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-34:** July 22, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-12, HD1 – To establish the level of funding for the Legislature and provide the Legislature with control of the expenditure of funds appropriated for its operations.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-35:** July 22, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-26 – To require vexatious litigants to get the approval of a judge before they could file any lawsuits in the future; and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-36:** July 22, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-35, – To restrict the use of mobile electronic devices while driving vehicles; and for other purposes.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-37:** July 22, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-39, – To suspend the enactment of PL 20-52 for period of five (5) years to allow for the Department of Public Works to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the specified public law; and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-38:** July 19, 2019 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 21-3 – CDBG, HOME Investment Partnership Grant, and Emergency Solutions Grant Applications. **[INFO. ONLY]**
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-39:** July 19, 2019 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 21-4, HD2 – To amend Article III, Section 303 of the Covenant -To limit birth tourism in the CNMI. **[INFO. ONLY]**
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-40:** July 22, 2019 – Certified copy of H. Comm. Res. No. 21-4 – Master Gunnery Sgt. Novin Camacho Delcon Guerrero upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of valiant service to the U.S. Marine Corps. **[INFO. ONLY]**
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-41:** Aug. 05, 2019 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 21-13, HD1, SS1 – To amend PL 20-66 and 4 CMC § 53001, et seq., the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018. **[INFO. ONLY]**
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-42:** Aug. 05, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-66 – To amend 1 CMC § 3809(c) to allow the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission to use its revolving fund for personnel costs for good cause and with the approval of the expenditure authority and concurrence of three-fifths of the commission.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-43:** Aug. 05, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 21-5 – To recognize and acknowledge the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women

by recognizing the week of August 19<sup>th</sup> through August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, as "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-60:** July 22, 2019 – Senator Santos off-island notice from July 23, 2019 to July 30, 2019.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-61:** July 09, 2019 – Official referral to EAGI the nomination of Ms. Berthillia C. John to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-62:** July 18, 2019 – Official referral to EAGI the nomination of Mr. Ray Pangelinan to serve on the NMTI Board of Trustees.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-63:** July 25, 2019 – Senate President Hocog off-island and delegation of authority notice from July 29, 2019 to August 3, 2019.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-64:** July 18, 2019 – Senator Sablan off-island notice – July 21, 2019 to July 30, 2019.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-65:** July 31, 2019 – Joint presentation by DCCA-DYS regarding the CNMI State Plan FY 2020, Friday, August 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., House Chamber.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-66:** August 05, 2019 – Senator Hofschneider off-island notice – August 08, 2019 to August 10, 2019.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-67:** August 06, 2019 – Senator Quitugua off-island notice – August 11, 2019 to August 16, 2019.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**

**K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 21-07:** To present to the voters in the Commonwealth in the next general election the question: "Shall there be a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?" [SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 08/05/19]

**L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-31:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations (EAGI) reporting on the appointment of Mr. Wally F. Villagomez to serve as Commissioner of the CNMI Department of Corrections.

2. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-37:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations (EAGI) reporting on the appointment of Mr. Mario Valentino to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Northern Marianas Technical Institute to represent the business community.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-38:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations (EAGI) reporting on the appointment of Ms. Carmelita R. Faisao to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Northern Marianas Technical Institute to represent the Carolinian Community.
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-39:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations (EAGI) reporting on the appointment of Ms. Berthillia C. John to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission.
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-40:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations (EAGI) reporting on the re-appointment of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-41:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations (EAGI) reporting on the appointment of Mr. Ray Pangelinan to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Northern Marianas Technical Institute to represent the island of Tinian.

**N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)**

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. **H.J.R. No. 21-5 – ESGR**

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FINAL READING**

<b>LEG. NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>

**Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 21-35:** July 25, 2019 – MVA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report for FY 2019.

**R. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
SLB 21-04	To amend 10 CMC §§ 2312 and 2313 to designate Acting Mayor and Acting Municipal Council when the Mayor or Municipal Council Chair is outside the Commonwealth; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.