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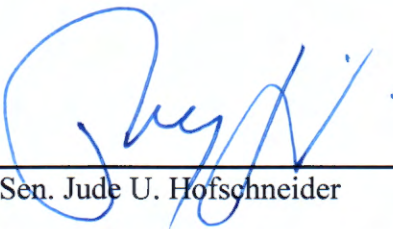
**SENATOR JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER**  
Senate President

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: February 18, 2021

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate

  
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Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider

Subject: **Change of Location & Time** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, First Regular Session – 2021

Please be advised of a change in location for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, First Regular Session-2021 scheduled for the following:

**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Senate Chamber** at the **Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Building, Capitol Hill, 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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February 19, 2021

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

**MEETING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, First Regular Session - 2021  
**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, February 25, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber, the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan

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

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, Capitol 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.



FEBRUARY 19, 2021

**THE SENATE**  
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 2021

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	Thursday, February 25, 2021 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	10:15 a.m.

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

- A. ROLL CALL - All Nine Members are present**
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Fabian Muna Indalecio re : MC 22-04**
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**
1. Senate Journal No. 22-01 - Organizational Session 1<sup>st</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Regular – 01/11/21
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
1. Gov. Msg. No. 22-22: Feb. 09, 2021 – Initiation of Reduction-in-Force Procedures.
  2. Gov. Msg. No. 22-23: Feb. 09, 2021 – Executive Order No. 2021-03 – Renewal of Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency (COVID-19).
  3. Gov. Msg. No. 22-24: Feb. 09, 2021 – Executive Order No. 2021-04 – Renewing the authority of the Secretary of Finance to reprogram/transfer funds (COVID-19).
  4. Gov. Msg. No. 22-25: Feb. 18, 2021 – Submitting resume, police clearance, drug test result and statement of financial interest of Ms. Janice A. Tenorio nominated to serve as a member of the CUC Board of Directors.
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:**

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 22-06:** Feb. 05, 2021 – Office of Grants Mgmt. on the status of Federal Funding provided to the CNMI.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 22-07:** Feb. 10, 2021 – DOF FY 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE: (NONE)**

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-14:** Feb. 10, 2021 – TALD Res. No. 22-1 – Official Rules of Procedure of Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-15:** Feb. 18, 2021 – Postponement of HEW Committee meeting with NMC.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-16:** Feb. 18, 2021 – Official referral to EAGI the resume, police clearance, drug test result and statement of financial interest of Ms. Janice A. Tenorio nominated to serve as a member of the CUC Board of Directors.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-17:** [Rec'd 02/19/21] – CNMI Drug Court Program participants.

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

1. **Senate Bill No. 22-24:** To establish guidelines for the CNMI's membership in the Pacific Islands Development Bank; and for other purposes. [SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 02/19/21] (referred to FA Committee)
2. **Senate Bill No. 22-25:** To authorize the expungement of records of certain non-violent offenses; and for other purposes. [SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 02/19/21] (referred to JGL/FR Committee)
3. **Senate Bill No. 22-26:** To amend 1 CMC § 2263 to require a special election to fill a Board of Education vacancy; to clarify when a elected member of the board must resign from his or her PSS employment; and for other purposes. [SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 02/19/21] (referred to HE&W Committee)

4. **Senate Bill No. 22-27:** To require all contractors to be licensed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 02/19/21]
5. **Senate Bill No. 22-28:** To amend 6 CMC §4102 by establishing higher mandatory sentences for crimes committed within the premises of schools and youth centers. [SEN. VINNIE F. SABLAN– 02/19/21] (referred to JGL/FR Committee)

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

1. **S.B. No. 22-29:** To authorize government agencies, boards, and commissions to promulgate regulations to utilize electronic means to participate in official meetings. [*Placed and acted on FINAL Reading-Passed*] [SEN. VINNIE F. SABLAN -02/25/21]
2. **S.B. No. 22-30:** To amend 4 CMC § 2173 to impose criminal penalties against tour guides that operate without an MVA approved certificate and tour operators that employ uncertified tour guides; and for other purposes. [SEN. VINNIE F. SABLAN – 02/25/21]
3. **S.B. No. 22-31:** To amend 1 CMC section 1402(a) to permit Senatorial Districts to establish and regulate municipal golf courses to promote tourism, provide local recreation and generate local revenues; and for other purposes. [SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 02/25/21]
4. **S.B. No. 22-32:** To amend 6 CMC § 1306(b) to increase the statutory fine and 6 CMC § 4102(d) to increase the mandatory minimum penalties for sexual assault and sexual abuse of children in the first degree; and for other purposes. [SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 02/25/21]
5. **S.L.B. No. 22-02:** To amend the prohibitions of certain activities within the Sabana Heights, Talakhaya and I Chenchon Park established under Rota Local Law 9-01, codified under 10 CMC § 1801; and for other purposes. [SEN. TERESITA A. SANTOS – 02/25/21]
6. **S.R. No. 22-03:** To commemorate the distinguished and honorable life of the late Michael Napu King Aldan and to recognize his outstanding accomplishments and exemplary public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 02/25/21] (*Placed and calendared*)
7. **S.L.I. No. 22-01:** To amend Article XII of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to remove the restriction on the alienation of land in the CNMI, to allow NMD landowners to fully exercise their real property rights, and to reduce the NMD percentage of ownership interest in a Northern Marianas Descent Corporation.. [SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 02/25/21]

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (NONE)**

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

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. **S.R. No. 22-03 – ADOPTED [Committee of the Whole]**

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FINAL READING**

<b>LEG. NO.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b>S.B. No. 22-29</b>  <b>PASSED</b>	To authorize government agencies, boards, and commissions to promulgate regulations to utilize electronic means to participate in official meetings

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

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 22-01:** Feb. 08, 2021 – NMTI Committee on Transition Report.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 22-02:** Feb. 12, 2021 – Commonwealth Election Commission appointment of Executive Director, Ms. Kayla Santos Igitol.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 22-03:** Feb. 18, 2021 – Legislative Bureau and Youth Congress Expenditure Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – 12/31/20.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 22-04:** Feb. 09, 2021 – IPI “Reset and Recovery Strategy”.

**R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and**

**S. ADJOURNMENT ad 11:15 a.m .**

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.L.B. No. 22-01	To establish the Medical Subsistence Allowance Program for the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes. <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance</i>
S.L.B. No. 22-02	To amend the prohibitions of certain activities within the Sabana Heights, Talakhaya and I Chenchon Park established under Rota Local Law 9-01, codified under 10 CMC § 1801; and for other purposes <i>1<sup>st</sup> Appearance</i>

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