




***Senator Dennis James C. Mendiola***  
***Senate President***  
**Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**

**MEMORANDUM**

**SP 24-010**

Date: February 19, 2025  
To: All Members of the Senate  
From: President of the Senate   
Senator Dennis C. Mendiola  
Subject: 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, First Regular Senate Session – 2025

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Interim Rules of the Senate and the Open Government Act, this is to inform all members that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, First Regular Senate Session is scheduled for ***Friday, February 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., in the Mayor's Conference room, Rota.***

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House  
Director, LB  
Senate Legal Counsels  
Senate Clerk  
Senate Sergeant-at-Arms  
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Date: 2/19 Time: 11:05 am

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## *The Senate*

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February 25, 2025

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

**MEETING:** 3<sup>RD</sup> Day, First Regular Session - 2025  
**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, February 28, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Rota Mayor's Office Conference Room, Rota

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FEBRUARY 25, 2025

***THE SENATE***  
**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SENATE SESSION – 2025**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	Friday, February 28, 2025	2:00 p.m.
ROTA MAYOR'S OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM – ROTA		

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

***A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER***

**A. ROLL CALL:**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**

1. **SJ 24-02:** 2<sup>ND</sup> Day, First Regular Session– 02/14/25

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-15:** Feb. 12, 2025 – Certification of annual salary in excess of \$65,175.00 to Ms. Molly Kay Dennert, Assistant Public Defender to receive \$70,000.00 per annum.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-16:** Feb. 13, 2025 – Police clearance and sealed drug test results of Ms. Frances A. Torres nominated to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-17:** Feb. 14, 2025 – Signed into law, H.B. No. 24-6, HD1 - To amend the Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of Fiscal Year 2025, Public Law 23-26, to appropriate the balance of funds allocated for the Minimum Annual Payment to the Settlement Fund and to return government employees subject to austerity to 100% work hours; and for other purposes, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-01.***

4. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-18](#): Feb. 14, 2025 – Nomination of Ms. Rosemond B. Santos-Sword to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors representing Saipan/Women.
5. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-19](#): Feb. 14, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Ms. Rosemond B. Santos-Sword appointed to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors representing Saipan/Women.

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

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

1. [Dept. Msg. No. 24-03](#): Feb. 12, 2025 – DPW unsatisfactory highway resurfacing project on Route 10. (See SC 24-27)
2. [Dept. Msg. No. 24-04](#): Feb. 06, 2025 – CNMI Medicaid Agency regarding suspension and termination of intergovernmental cooperative agreement.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-03](#): Feb. 21, 2025 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-3 – Expressing profound gratitude to Paul Atalig Manglona, his wife, Lydia Manibusan Manglona, and their children, Deanna, Paul Jr., Denn, Pauline, Maria, and Amelia for unselfishly sharing their husband and father with the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and extending best wishes to him and his family on the occasion of his retirement.
2. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-04](#): Feb. 21, 2025 – Certified copy of Hse. Commemorative Resolution No. 24-1 – To recognize and commend Dr. David S. Grauman and Dr. Elizabeth A. Kohnen for their exemplary service and selfless dedication to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-26](#): Feb. 13, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee Ms. Frances A. Torres to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
2. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-27](#): Jan. 30, 2025 – Senate President Mendiola's letter to DPW on the unsatisfactory highway resurfacing project on Route 10. (*See DM 24-03*)

3. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-28](#): Feb. 19, 2025 – EAGI Committee Chairman Cruz appointed Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro as a member of the EAGI Committee.
4. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-29](#): Feb. 20, 2025 – Senate President Mendiola to Saipan & Northern Island Legislative Delegation on Zoning enforcement.
5. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-30](#): Feb. 20, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the appointment of Ms. Rosemond B. Santos-Sword to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors representing Saipan/Women.

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

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

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

1. [Senate Resolution No. 24-02](#): To honor and commend Honorable Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero for her unyielding service and contribution to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [*SEN. DENNIS C. MENDIOLA – 02/19/25*]
2. **Senate Joint Resolution No. 24-02**: To call for a Joint Session of the Legislature to receive the Governor's State of the Commonwealth Address. [*SEN. DENNIS C. MENDIOLA – 02/19/25*]

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

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-02**: From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of *Ms. Frances A. Torres* to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.

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

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. [S.R. No. 24-02](#)

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<a href="#"><u>S.B. No. 24-09</u></a>	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Captive Insurance Act of 2025; and for other purposes.
<a href="#"><u>S.B. No. 24-15</u></a>	To amend 4 CMC § 4266 to add a filing number to incorporation filings; to amend 4 CMC § 4269 to create an internet portal for public search of corporate existence by filing number; and for other purposes.
<a href="#"><u>S.B. No. 24-16</u></a>	To promote trade and investment economic development and diversification in the CNMI; to encourage foreign and domestic investments through incentives and streamlined processes, as well as to promote the CNMI as a trade and investment hub; and for other purposes.
<a href="#"><u>S.B. No. 24-17</u></a>	To globally amend Divisions 1 and 5 of Title 4 to rename “Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority” to “Commonwealth Economic Incentive Zone Authority”; and for other purposes.

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

1. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-17](#): Marvin Rabauliman regarding the Drug Court Program.

**R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and**

**S. ADJOURNMENT.**

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<a href="#"><u>S.L.B. NO. 24-01</u></a>	To amend the Tinian Local Law 21-09 to provide for regulatorily compliant internet gaming; and for other purposes.  <i>2<sup>nd</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.