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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-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

| Meeting: | House of Representatives First Day, Third Special Session |
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| Date and Time: | Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM |
| Location: | House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial |
| | Building, Capitol Hill |

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24th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE HONORABLE JESUS P. MAFNAS MEMORIAL BUILDING P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 04 June 2025

TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez _

SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 3rd Special Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the 1st Day, 3rd Special Session for Wednesday, 11 June 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the House Chamber.

2:39 pm

cc: Senate President House Clerk LB Director SAPLR Media



| SESSION DAY | CALENDAR DAY | TIME |
|--|--------------------------|------------|
| 1 st Day, Third Special Session | Wednesday, June 11, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. |

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

First Day, First Special Session Journal – April 24, 2025

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 24-12

To appropriate \$2,500,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. House Resolutions:
- **B.** House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 24-22: (5/19/2025) Informing the House that, pursuant to the Legislature's override of the Governor's veto, Senate Local Bill No. 24-1, D1, entitled, "To amend Tinian Local Law 21-09 to provide for regulatorily compliant internet gaming; to authorize the establishment of the Tinian Stable Token; and for other purposes," has been enacted into law as **Tinian Local Law 24-03**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-23: (4/16/2025) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Kimo Mafnas Rosario, Special Advisor Policy and Programs, at the Public Assistance Office to receive an annual salary of \$85,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-24: (4/21/2025) Governor's response to Speaker's request on CNMI-G ETA delays and federal coordination under EVS-TAP. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-25: (rec'd 6/2/2025) **Executive Order 2025-002** – Transfer of Casino Regulatory Authority to the Lottery Commission.

GOV. COMM. 24-26: (6/5/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-20 (*To require conspicuous warning labels be placed on all betel nut products and containers that are imported or sold in the CNMI*.). Became **Public Law 24-02** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-27: (6/6/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-7, S1, (*To appropriate \$84,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; to re-appropriate \$41,239.31 fund balances from TLL 20-06, TLL 20-09, TLL 23-02, TLL 23-09, and TLL 23-11; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 24-04** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS – (None)

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-32: (5/16/2025) From Representative Joseph A. Flores informing the Speaker that he will be extending his leave of absence from May 16, 2025 to May 30, 2025 and requests to be excused from all scheduled meetings or sessions. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-33: (5/28/2025) From Representative Vincent R. Aldan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official matters from May 31, 2025 to June 8, 2025 and requests to be excused from all scheduled meetings or sessions. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-34: (5/30/2025) From Floor Leader Marissa R. Flores, informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from May 31, 2024—June 9, 2024 and request to be excused from all legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, and committee meetings. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 24-2: (6/3/2025 rec'd 6/4/2025) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro to the Senate President and Speaker of the House submitting: *Proposed amendments to the Rules of Admission for Next Generation Bar Exam.* [Submitted 6/4/2025; **Deadline: 8/1/2025**]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 24-35: (5/13/2025) From the Office of Planning & Development re: *Transmitting the CNMI Economic Recovery Feasibility and Carry Capacity Study*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-36: (5/15/2025) From the Commonwealth Zoning Board, Saipan Zoning Office re: Notice of Rezone/Change in Zoning District Boundaries on the Official Zoning Map From Village Commercial (VC) to Mixed Commercial (MC). [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-37: (5/16/2025) From the Commonwealth Cancer Association Inc. re: Letter of support for HB No. 24-27 - Excise Tax on Imported Betelnut and Lime Mix. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-38: (5/20/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of TALD Resolution No. 24-03, entitled, "Recognizing and commending Casey Cassandra Castro Cruz for her outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments, and for proudly representing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in international competitions.". [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-39: (5/21/2025) Correspondence from Mr. Edwin Quitugua to President Donald J. Trump respectfully requesting federal intervention to address alleged government corruption, resolve land disputes concerning public lands, and safeguard the cultural identity of the Chamorro people in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The communication urges support for the Chamorro community and equitable treatment under federal oversight. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (None)

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

| Resolution | Subject | Action |
|------------------|--|--------|
| H. RES. NO. 24-8 | A House Resolution to honor and congratulate the Saipan Southern High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Manta Ray Battalion for their exceptional performance at the Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet. | |

16. BILL CALENDAR

| Bill/Initiative | Subject | Action |
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17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

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

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

[Added-5/15/2025] H. L. B. No. 24-11: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, Section 1211 concerning nonconforming auto rental offices with vehicles, for enhanced industry clarity and infrastructure utilization in the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on May 15, 2025.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on May 15, 2025:

H. B. No. 24-28: To establish a grand jury system in the Commonwealth for use in criminal investigations and prosecutions, and to provide for related powers and procedures. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Daniel I. Aquino Jr., and Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao) on May 15, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 24-29: To reconcile public utility accounts between CHCC and CUC by waiving intra-governmental penalties and preserving enforceable debt obligations; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on May 15, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. L. B. No. 24-9: To amend Rota Local Law 23-15, to appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the continued operation of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on May 15, 2025.

[Added-5/15/2025] H. L. B. No. 24-10: To appropriate revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on May 15, 2025.

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[Added-5/15/2025] H. RES. NO. 24-8: To honor and congratulate the Saipan Southern High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Manta Ray Battalion for their exceptional performance at the Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet. Introduced by REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul; Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Joel C. Camacho, Julie M. A. Ogo, Raymond U. Palacios, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on May 15, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

C. RES. No. 24-3: To honor Alleena Villaluz for her exceptional achievements in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, academics, and extracurricular activities, and to celebrate her unwavering dedication and exemplary contributions as a role model for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Thomas J. DlC. Manglona, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul; Roy C.A. Ada, Angelo A. Camacho, Raymond U. Palacios, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas) on May 15, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.