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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 First Day, Third Special Session
Date and Time: Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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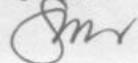
EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 08 June 2021
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, 16 June 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
Acting LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION 2021

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Third Special Session	Wednesday, June 16, 2021	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- ROLL CALL**
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)**

First Day, Second Special Session Journal – May 28, 2021

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-71

To amend Public Law 21-1, Section 2 to re-appropriate sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 22-11

To re-appropriate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) allotted under Tinian Local Law 20-15, Section 2(g) to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

H. L. B. No. 22-12

To appropriate \$560,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*), Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. L. B. No. 22-13

To amend Section 413 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, to allow for concrete hollow block manufacturing for conditional use within “Village Commercial” zones; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. NO. 22-9

To honor and commend the United States Coast Guardsmen that have served the CNMI under the leadership of Admiral Karl L. Schultz.

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

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 22-37: (6/3/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. L. B. NO. 22-4, D1, (*To appropriate Two Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six US Dollars (\$202,996.00) of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-02 item vetoed [Deadline 8/2/2021]**

GOV. COMM. 22-38: (6/7/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Clifford H. Aldan, Chief Information Officer, at the Office of Information Technology to receive an annual salary of \$80,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-39: (6/7/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 2-21, HD1, (*To strengthen the tools and powers of the CNMI Government to promote and expand economic development and to establish the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority. cited as the CEDA Act of 2021*). Became **Public Law 22-01 [For info]**

GOV. COMM. 22-40: (received 6/7/2021) From SAPLR forwarding the ARPA Spending plan information. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-22: (5/27/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-8, entitled, "*Strongly supporting the re-nomination of the Honorable Ramona Villagomez Manglona to serve as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands and to recognize her for her distinguished career.*", which was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2021. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 22-23: (5/27/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-9, entitled, "*Urging the Honorable Governor Ralph DLG. Torres to exercise his authority to expedite the payment of the Child Tax Credits to benefit the people of the Commonwealth.*", which was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2021. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-19: (5/28/2021) From Representative Christina M.E. Sablan, re: *Request inclusion of the 21st House Minority Report on Governor Torres' expenditures as part of the records of the 22nd House of Representatives and request to be referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.* [For info]

HSE. COMM. 22-20: (6/2/2021) From Representative Blanco informing the Speaker that he will be on personal leave beginning Wednesday, June 2, 2021 and returning on Monday, June 14, 2021 and request to be excused from all official functions during his absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 22-21: (6/3/2021) From the Speaker referring HSE. COMM. 22-19 re: *Request inclusion of the 21st House Minority Report on Governor Torres' expenditures as part of the records of the 22nd House of Representatives and request to be referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations* to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations on June 3, 2021. [For info]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-21: (6/7/2021) From the Department of Public Lands (DPL) submitting *FY 2020 Annual Report.* [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-34: (May 19, 2021) From the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council re: *Saipan Municipal Council's revised FY 2022 Budget.* [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-35: (5/21/2021) From the Chairperson the of Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) re: *Reappointment of Ms. Tatiana A. Babauta and Mr. Francisco C. Aguon to serve on the Zoning Board.* [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-36: (5/26/2021) From the Mayor of Saipan to the Managing Director of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) re: *Compliance with 4 CMC §2159 (a).* [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-37: (6/4/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Resolution No. 22-1, entitled, *"To adopt the Official Rules of Procedure of the Rota Legislative Delegation for the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature."*, which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on May 19, 2021. [For info]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (6)

S. C. R. No. 22-12: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-10 entitled: "To prohibit the use of certain disposable food service containers." *Your House Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-10 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 22-13: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-12 entitled: "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." *Your House Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-12 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 22-14: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-18 entitled: “To amend Division 4 of Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code relating to disposition of offenders and sentencing to provide criteria for imposition of enhanced sentencing of defendants for crimes motivated by hate.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-18, HDI.*

S. C. R. No. 22-15: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-29 entitled: “To amend 1 CMC § 121 in order to eradicate the unconstitutional public purpose presumption for legislative expenditures.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-29 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 22-16: Reporting on S. B. No. 22-40 entitled: “To protect the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination.” *Your House Committee on Health and Welfare recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 22-40, HDI.*

S. C. R. No. 22-17: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-54 entitled: “To update the definition of tobacco products in the CNMI’s excise tax laws; bring tobacco tax rates to the recommended level; set tobacco tax rates to increase with inflation; and invest tobacco tax revenues in health promotion and disease prevention and control programs in the CNMI; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-54 in its current form.*

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

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. 22-8: To impose a local license fee on all non-poker electronic gaming devices within the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 23, 2021.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
May 28, 2021:*

H. B. NO. 22-58: To amend 7 CMC §4101 to lower the interest rate of civil money judgments from nine percent (9%) to three percent (3%). Introduced by REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Vicente C. Camacho, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, and Leila H.F.C. Staffler) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-59: To rename the San Vicente Elementary School to “Moses Tydingco Fejeran Elementary School”. Introduced by REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-60: To amend 1 CMC §425 by renaming the Youth Center within the “Commissioner Joaquin S. Tudela Community Park” in San Vicente, Saipan as the “Prudencio Cabrera Youth Center”; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-61: To repeal statutes relating to public officials’ financial disclosures and re-enact them as the Public Official Disclosure Act of 2021. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Sheila J. Babauta, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, and Ralph N. Yumul) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-62: To repeal and re-enact 1 CMC §7407(f) to stiffen the penalty for anyone who violates the stated travel restriction; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-63: To amend 1 CMC §6424 to require all candidates and their respective committees to fully disclose financial contributions and expenses of amounts in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) within fifteen (15) days. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-64: To provide for the issuance of certificates as certified public accountants to regulate the practice of accountancy in the public interest; to establish a Board of Accountancy and prescribe its powers and duties, and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-65: To amend 3 CMC §2822(f) to rename the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan as the Dr. Carlos S. Camacho Commonwealth Health Center. Introduced by REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-66: To amend 1 CMC §2901 to require newly appointed persons to undergo certification training in regards to the Open Government Act (OGA); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-67: To amend 4 CMC § 8112 to prioritize net metering to include public libraries; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, and John Paul P. Sablan) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications.

H. B. NO. 22-68: To establish a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. B. NO. 22-69: To repeal Title 1, Division 8, Part 2, Chapter 2, Article 1 (codified as 1 CMC §§ 8221-8223) in order to remove taxpayer-funded housing for key elected officials. Introduced by REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-70: To reform the Investment Incentive Act of 2000 to promote economic development in the Commonwealth and increase competitiveness of the Commonwealth for private sector investment. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on May 28, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. L. B. NO. 22-9: To re-appropriate Two Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Three cents (\$2,145.73) allotted under Saipan Local Law 17-18, specifically under Business Unit 3398P and Three Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$3,387.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-05, specifically under Business Unit 3752U; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on May 28, 2021.

H. L. B. NO. 22-10: To re-appropriate lapse funds under Section 2(B)(5) of Saipan Local Law 21-5; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, , and Ralph N. Yumul) on May 28, 2021.

H. J. R. NO. 22-6: To urge Members of the United States Congress to enact federal legislation granting statehood to the people of Washington, D.C. Introduced by REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on May 28, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override: