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TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATOR JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER
Senate President

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 14, 2022

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate



Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider

Subject: CALL FOR THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION – 2022

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Official Rules of the Senate and the Open Government Act, this is to inform all members that the Fifth Special Session is scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., in the Senate Chamber, Saipan.

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House
Director, LB
Senate Legal Counsels
Senate Clerk
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June 16, 2022

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 session:

MEETING: Fifth Special Session - 2022
DATE AND TIME: Friday, June 17, 2022 @ 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan

Copies of session call, this notice and 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.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 or via email to the Senate Clerk's Office at doloresbermudes.lb@gmail.com, prior to the convening of the session. Oral testimony may be presented during the public session.



JUNE 16, 2022

THE SENATE
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION - 2022

| SESSION DAY | CALENDAR DAY | TIME |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1 st Day | Friday, June 17, 2022 | 1:30 p.m. |
| HON. JESUS P. MAFNAS MEMORIAL BUILDING, CAPITOL HILL SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN | | |

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL:

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. SJ 22-25 - 1st Day, Third Special Session – 05/18/22

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-204:** May 24, 2022 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Ms. Elaine N. Orilla re-nominated to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents representing the First Senatorial District.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-205:** May 25, 2022 –Re-nomination of Ms. Esther Marie A. Yatar to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the First Senatorial District.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-206:** May 25, 2022 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. Martin T. Mendiola to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Casino Commission representing the First Senatorial District.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-207:** May 26, 2022 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175.00 to Ms. Nicolette Deleon Guerrero Villagomez, Civil Engineer under the Office of Infrastructure and Recovery Program to receive \$90,000.00 per annum.

5. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-208:** June 02, 2022 – Withdrawing the re-appointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-209:** June 02, 2022 – Withdrawing the re-appointment of Dr. Tiffany Willis to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-210:** June 02, 2022 – Withdrawing the re-appointment of Mr. Vinney Atalig-Hocog to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Board of Directors to represent the First Senatorial District.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-211:** June 08, 2022 – Re-submitting the re-appointment of Dr. Tiffany Willis to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board representing Health Care Professional.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-212:** June 08, 2022 – Re-submitting the re-appointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board representing Health Care Professional.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-213:** June 08, 2022 – Re-submitting the re-appointment of Mr. Vinney Atalig-Hocog to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Board of Directors to represent the First Senatorial District.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

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

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-106:** May 25, 2022 – Informing the Senate the confirmation of Mr. Ramon S. Basa to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission representing the Third Senatorial District. *[FOR INFO.]*
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-107:** May 25, 2022 – Informing the Senate the confirmation of Mr. Oscar P. Quitugua to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission representing the First Senatorial District. *[FOR INFO.]*
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-108:** June 02, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-77, HS1 – To establish the Health Network Program (HNP) under the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC); to provide for the orderly transition

of medical referral services administration and operations to CHCC; and for other purposes.

4. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-109:** June 14, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-102, HS1, HD1 – To exempt the Commonwealth Ports Authority from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee with respect to airport revenues.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-110:** June 14, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-86, HD1 – To amend 1 CMC Section 26018 Amendment of Vital Records.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-111:** June 14, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-87 – To prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, to be known as the CNMI Equality Act or *Åktun Achá-Parehu* or *Alléghúl Aweewepagh* of 2021.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-112:** June 14, 2022 – Returning *without amendments* S.B. No. 22-59 – To rename the Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center the “Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center”; and for other purposes. **[FOR INFO.]**
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-113:** June 14, 2022 – Returning *without amendments* S.J.R. No. 22-12 – To acknowledge and commemorate Cielo Gutierrez Long for her unselfish contributions to the community as a scholar and a member of the 17th and 18th Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress. **[FOR INFO.]**

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-148:** May 25, 2022 – Official referral to EAGI the re-nomination of Ms. Esther Yatar to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the First Senatorial District.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-149:** June 01, 2022 – Senator Santos’ off-island notice 06/01/22 to 06/06/22.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-150:** June 08, 2022 – Official referral to EAGI the re-nomination of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-151:** June 08, 2022 – Official referral to EAGI the re-nomination of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board.

5. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-152:** June 08, 2022 – Official referral to EAGI the re-nomination of Mr. Vinney Atalig-Hocog to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Board of Directors to represent the First Senatorial District.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-153:** June 14, 2022 – Senate President Hofschneider’s off-island and Delegation of Authority notice 06/15/22 to 06/17/22.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Resolution No. 22-24:** To acknowledge and honor Donald Benavente Mendiola for his long-lasting contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO-06/07/22]
2. **Senate Bill No. 22-77:** To amend 3 CMC §§ 1611(c)(4) & (5) and 1612(a) to allow nursing scholarship recipients to work at the private sector in the CNMI upon completion of their nursing education; and for other purposes. [SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA-06/15/22]
3. **Senate Local Bill No. 22-14:** To ban the use of plastic checkout bags in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. [SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER, SEN. FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ AND SEN. KARL KING-NABORS-06/14/22]

**L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:
(NONE)**

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-75:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments & Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of **Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis** to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board representing Health Care Professional.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-76:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments & Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment

of **Mr. Theodore R. Parker** to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board representing Health Care Professional.

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **S.R. No. 22-24**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

| LEG. NO. | <u>TITLE</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S.B. No. 22-51 | To exempt public corporations and autonomous agencies from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee. |
| H.B. No. 22-102, HS1, HD1 (See HC 22-109) | To exempt the Commonwealth Ports Authority from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee with respect to airport revenues. |

**Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;
(NONE)**

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

| LEG. NO. | <u>TITLE</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S.L.B. No. 22-14 | To ban the use of plastic checkout bags in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. 1 st 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.