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SENATOR EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO
Senate President

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 15, 2024

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate /s/ _____
Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero

Subject: Sixth Day, Fourth Regular Senate Session - 2024

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 6th Day, Fourth Regular Session is scheduled for ***Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., Senate Chamber, Saipan.***

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House
Director, LB
Senate Legal Counsels
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Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public session:

MEETING: 6th Day, Fourth Regular Session - 2024
DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber, Saipan

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November 15, 2024



THE SENATE
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SENATE SESSION - 2024

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
6 th Day	Tuesday, November 19, 2024	1:00 p.m.
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 23-39** - 4th Day, Fourth Regular Session – 9/18/24
2. **SJ 23-40** - 5th Day, Fourth Regular Session – 10/16/24

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-356:** Oct. 28, 2024 – Election Day Holiday – November 5, 2024.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-357:** Oct. 28, 2024 – *Vetoed* H.B. No. 23-74, HD1, SS1 – To impose a 3% tax on certain construction activities; and for other purposes.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-358:** Oct. 30, 2024 – Withdrawing the nomination of Ms. Donna Flores to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents representing the Third Senatorial District.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-359:** Oct. 28, 2024 – Lifting of 10 austerity hours beginning November 3, 2024.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 23-13:** Oct. 11, 2024 – Secretary of Finance’s defunding of Judiciary.
2. **Jud. Comm. No. 23-14:** Nov. 08, 2024 – Submitting the proposed amendments to the Rules of Attorney Discipline and Procedure. *[Deadline: 60 days from submission]*

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 23-84:** Oct. 11, 2024 – DPL re: Mariana Eland Corp., new lease for former Marianas Resort & Spa property.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 23-85:** Oct 15, 2024 – DOF re MPLT EDA Line of Credit Status Quarterly Report (7/15/24-10/15/24).
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 23-86 to 94:** FY 2024 Citizen-Centric Reports for Div. of Parks & Recreation, OPD, DPW, DPL, CNMI CDD Assistive Technology Program, DOF, DOL-Tinian, COTA and OMB.
4. **Dept. Msg. No. 23-95:** Oct 31, 2024 – DOF FY 2024 4th Quarter Financial Report.
5. **Dept. Msg. No. 23-96-97:** DFEMS-Tinian and Substance Abuse & Rehab Program FY 2024 Citizen Centric Report.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 23-160:** Oct. 16, 2024 – Certified copy of HR 23-24 – Saipan Awaodori Team. *[FOR INFO.]*
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 23-161:** Oct. 16, 2024 – Certified copy of HR 23-25 – Late Manuel Atalig Sablan. *[FOR INFO.]*
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 23-162:** Oct. 16, 2024 – Certified copy of Hse. Comm. Res 23-12 – Late Stanford Abraham. *[FOR INFO.]*

NOTE: HC 23-163 appeared on 5th Special Session – 10/30/24.

4. **Hse. Comm. No. 23-164:** Oct. 28, 2024 – Adopted the Conference amendments on, H.B. No. 23-97, SD1, CCS1 – To amend certain provisions of the CPUC Act of 2006; and for other purposes. *[FOR INFO.]*
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 23-165:** Oct. 28, 2024 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 23-120, HD1 – To impose a 3% surtax on gross revenues derived from non-residential construction projects that cost three hundred fifty thousand dollars or more.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 23-166:** Oct. 29, 2024 – Certified House transmittal to Governor H.B. No. 23-97, SD1 CCS1 – To amend certain provision of the CPUC Act of 2006; and for other purposes. *[FOR INFO.]*

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Senate Comm. No. 23-539:** Oct. 29, 2024 – Referral to FA Committee H.B. No. 23-120, HD1 – To impose a 3% surtax on gross revenue derived from non-residential construction projects that cost three hundred fifty thousand dollars or more.
2. **Senate Comm. No. 23-540:** Oct. 30, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee the withdrawal of Ms. Flores nomination to serve as a member of NMC Board of Regents.
3. **Senate Comm. No. 23-541:** Oct. 31, 2024 – US DOT response to Senate President’s letter on the cap of number of weekly flights from China to the U.S.
4. **Senate Comm. No. 23-542:** Nov. 08, 2024 – Referral to JGL Committee the Judiciary Communication No. 23-14 – The proposed amendments to the Rules of Attorney Discipline and Procedure.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Resolution No. 23-30:** To honor the distinguished life of the late Amparo Deleon Guerrero Tenorio and to recognize her honorable service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people. *[SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 10/15/24]*
2. **Senate Resolution No. 23-31:** To honor the distinguished life of the late Manuel Atalig Sablan and to acknowledge his steadfast contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people. *[SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 10/15/24]*

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-118:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on **Senate Bill No. 23-49** - To amend 4 CMC § 4205 to establish a 90-day deadline to pay the daily penalty fees imposed on late filing of annual reports and mandating automatic dissolution for failing to file annual reports after the deadline; and for other purposes. *[Recommends passage in the form of S.B. No. 23-49, SD1]*
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-119:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on **House Bill No. 23-26** – To amend 4 CMC 1402(g)(1) to allocate 10 percent of the excise tax to the Solid Waste Management Revolving Fund. *[Recommends passage in the form of H.B. No. 23-26, SD1]*
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-120:** From the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare reporting on **Senate Bill No. 23-67** –To establish a special medical facility permit to allow physicians licensed to practice in a foreign country to practice medicine at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; and for other purposes. *[Recommends passage in the form of S.B. No. 23-67 SS1]*
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-121:** From the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare reporting on **Senate Bill No. 23-54** – To regulate afok or bweesch (lime) under the Pure Food and Drug Control Act; and for other purposes. *[Recommends passage in its original form]*

N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. S.R. No. 23-30
2. S.R. No. 23-31

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
S.B. No. 23-49, SD1 (See SCRep. 23-118)	To amend certain provisions under Title 4, Division 4, of the Commonwealth Code, including but not limited to 4 CMC § 4205 to establish a 90-day deadline to pay the daily penalty fees imposed on late filing of annual reports and mandating dissolution for failing to file annual reports after the deadline; and for other purposes.
H.B. No. 23-26, SD1 (See SCRep. 23-119)	To amend 4 CMC § 1402 (g)(1) to allocate 10 percent of the excise tax to the Solid Waste Management Revolving Fund and to allocate a portion of the excise tax to the First and Second Senatorial districts; and for other purposes.
S.B. No. 23-67, SS1 (See SCRep. 23-120)	To allow the Health Care Professions Licensing Board to promulgate regulations for the licensing of physicians licensed to practice in a foreign country; and for other purposes.
S.B. No. 23-54 (See SCRep. 23-121)	To regulate afok or bweesch (lime) under the Pure Food and Drug Control Act; and for other purposes.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-241:** Oct. 11, 2024 – LB regarding the immediate measures in response to FY 2025 Operational Budget constraints.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-242:** Oct. 11, 2024 – LB on the implementation of austerity measures for the Legislative Bureau and Youth Congress.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-243:** Oct. 15, 2024 – LB to SNILD Chairman Sablan on the re-appropriation of LB earmarks pursuant to SLL 20-24 and 20-26.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-244:** Oct. 16, 2024 – MVA letter of support for the appointment of Mr. Dwayne Maratita to serve as a member of MVA Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-245:** Oct. 15, 2024 – LB Director Tenorio off-island notice and delegation of authority beginning 10/28/24 through 10/25/24.

6. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-246:** Oct. 07, 2024 – Kagman Agricultural Farms & Producers Association (KAEPA) to reactivate the Farmers Market in Garapan, Saipan.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-247:** Oct. 03, 2024 – 17th S&NIMC to AG regarding Edwin Raymond Borja Quitugua flag issue.
8. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-248:** Oct. 22, 2024 – Certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 19-26 – Herman’s Modern Bakery 80th years.
9. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-249:** Oct. 18, 2024 – NM Professional Firefighters Union regarding collective bargaining agreement.
10. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-250:** NMHC FY 2024 Citizen-Centric Report.
11. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-251:** MOS FY 2024 Citizen-Centric Report.
12. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-252:** Office of the Attorney General FY 2024 Citizen-Centric Report.
13. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-253:** Oct. 28, 2024 – LB – Implementation of austerity measures for LB and Youth Congress.
14. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-254:** CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management FY 2024 Citizen-Centric Report.
15. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-255:** Oct. 28, 2024 - NM Professional Firefighters Union – November 13th to discuss and negotiate Articles I-VII of CBA for CPA-ARFF.
16. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-256 to 258:** FY 2024 Citizen-Centric Report for 19th TMC, MVA, PD.
17. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-259:** Oct. 29, 2024 – CHCC comments on SB 23-37, SD1, HD1.
18. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-260:** Oct. 29, 2024 – MPLT FY 2024 Distribution Interest Earnings.
19. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-261:** Oct. 29, 2024 – Project Buddy Check 670 re: Veterans Family Fun Day Celebration – November 11, 2024.
20. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-262:** Oct. 30, 2024 – Office of Public Auditor expenditure report for September 30, 2024.
21. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-263:** MPLT year ended report for September 30, 2024 with Independent Auditors Report.
22. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-264 to 272:** FY 2024 Citizen-Centric Report for CNMI Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, 19th RMC, Commonwealth Lottery Commission, Grants Management State Clearinghouse, OPA, CUC, MOT&A, CPA and Tinian CCC.

23. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-273:** CHCC year ended report for September 30, 2019/2018 with Independent Auditors Report and

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
	<i>NONE</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.