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December 31, 2024

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: 8th Day, Fourth Regular Session - 2025
DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 03, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber, Saipan

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OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATOR EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO
Senate President

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 30, 2024

To: All Members of the Senate

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

Subject: 8th Day, Fourth Regular Senate Session – Time changed to 1:30 p.m. for ***SINE DIE***

This is to inform all members that the 8th Day, Fourth Regular - ***SINE DIE*** Senate Session scheduled for ***Friday, January 03, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. is hereby moved to 1:30 p.m., in the Senate Chamber, Saipan.***

Your understanding and attendance is greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House
Director, LB
Senate Legal Counsels
Senate Clerk
Senate Sergeant-at-Arms
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DECEMBER 31, 2024

THE SENATE
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SENATE SESSION - 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
8 th Day - <i>sine die</i>	Friday, January 03, 2025	1:30 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 23-43** - 7th Day, Fourth Regular Session – 12/18/24
2. **SJ 23-44** - 1st Day, Sixth Special Session – 12/27/24

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-371:** Dec. 18, 2024 – Certification for Annual Salary for Mr. Bradley A. Eichelberger in Excess of \$65k and will be receiving \$82k.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-372:** Dec. 19, 2024 – Copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Bartley A. Jackson to serve as a member of the CPA Board of Directors.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-373:** Dec. 20, 2024 – Signed into law, H.L.B. No. 23-61, D2 – To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the continued operation of the Rota Casino Gaming Control Commission; and for other purposes, becomes ***ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 23-15.***

4. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-374:** Dec. 30, 2024 – Withdrawal of Mr. Bartley A. Jackson to serve on the CPA Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-375:** Dec. 02, 2024 – Nomination of Mr. Michael John Kiyoshi to serve on the NMHC Board of Directors to represent the Second Senatorial District.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-376:** Dec. 30, 2024 – Withdrawing the nomination of Mr. Michael John Kiyoshi to serve on the NMHC Board of Directors to represent the Second Senatorial District.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-377:** Dec. 31, 2024 – FY 2024 Annual Report.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

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

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm No. 23-187:** Dec. 31, 2024 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 23-28 – Mr. Cameron S. Nicolas. *[FOR INFO.]*
2. **Hse. Comm No. 23-188:** Dec. 31, 2024 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 23-29 – Saipan Rotary Club. *[FOR INFO.]*

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-554:** Dec. 18, 2024 – The Senate informing Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro in its 7th Day, Fourth Reg. Session, Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, rejected the Proposed amendments to the Rules of Attorney Discipline & Procedure.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-555:** Dec. 20, 2024 – Referral to EAGI copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result and drug test receipt of Mr. Bartley A. Jackson to serve as a member of the CPA Board of Directors.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-556:** Dec. 27, 2024 – Referral to HEW H.B. 23-55, HD1 – To advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-557:** Dec. 30, 2024 – Referral to PUTC Committee H.B. No. 23-113, HS1 COTA.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-558:** Dec. 31, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee the withdrawal of Mr. Bartley A. Jackson to serve on the CPA Board of Directors.

6. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-559:** Dec. 31, 2024 – Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Bank of Guam Investment Account (\$225M) and ARPA Spending Plans for the CNMI.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Resolution No. 23-34:** To honor and commend Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Edward C. Camacho for his distinguished military service and dedicated sacrifice for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States of America. *[SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 12/27/24]*

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-122:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on 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. *[Recommends passage in the form of H.B. No. 23-120, HD1, SS1]*

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. S.R. No. 23-34

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
H.B. No. 23-93, HD1 (See HC 23-180)	To amend Title 4, Division 1, by adding a new Chapter 13 and repealing Chapter 5, §1502, Hotel Occupancy Tax, and for other purposes.

H.B. No. 23-120, HD1, SS1
(See SComm. Rep 23-122)

To impose a 3% surtax on gross revenues derived from non-residential construction projects that cost three hundred fifty thousand dollars or more.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-291:** Dec. 27, 2024 – COTA comments on H.B. 23-113 – To provide greater authority to government transit buses owned and operated by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA); to establish traffic safety measures, enhance public engagement, ensure fiscal responsibility, and comply with existing CNMI laws and federal standards; and for other purposes.

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.