



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

SENATOR EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO
Senate President

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 29, 2024
To: All Members of the Senate
From: President of the Senate /s/
Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero
Subject: THIRD SPECIAL SESSION – 2024 - Tinian

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 1st Day, Third Special Session is scheduled for ***Friday, June 07, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., in the Tinian Courthouse, San Jose, Tinian.***

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House
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June 04, 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: 1st Day, Third Special Session - 2024
DATE AND TIME: Friday, June 07, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Tinian Courthouse, San Jose Village, Tinian

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:

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House of Representatives, Entrance Hall
Senate, Entrance Hall
Tinian Courthouse/Office of the Mayor of Tinian
Commonwealth Legislature website (www.cnmileg.net)

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THIRD SPECIAL SENATE SESSION - 2024

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 ST Day	Friday, June 07, 2024	1:00 p.m.
TINIAN COURTHOUSE, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, TINIAN		

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL:

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. **SJ 23-32** - Emergency Session – 04/10/24

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-270:** May 10, 2024 – Representative of the Senate to participate in the 902 talks.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-271:** Apr. 03, 2024 – Funding and sustainability of the CNMI Medicaid program.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-272:** May 10, 2024 – Appointment of Ms. Remedio C. Mafnas to serve as Secretary for the Department of Commerce.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-273:** May 14, 2024 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Ms. Remedio C. Mafnas, appointed to serve as Secretary for the Department of Commerce.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-274:** May 14, 2024 – Re-nomination of Ms. Carmelita R. Faisao to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees to represent Carolinian descent.

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-275:** May 17, 2024 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 23-52, S1, D1 – To appropriate \$500,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to PL 20-59, becomes *SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 23-15*.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-276:** May 20, 2024 – Signed into law H.B. No. 23-89, SD1– To appropriate \$517,868.14 generated under 4 CMC §53036; and for other purposes, becomes *PUBLIC LAW NO. 23-20*.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-277:** May 20, 2024 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 23-43, D1 – To amend TLL 23-7; and for other purposes, becomes *TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 23-II*.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-278:** May 21, 2024 – Salary cap exemption certification exceeding the \$65,175 to Ms. Bao-Ngan Vy Ngo AAG, Office of the Attorney General to receive \$70,000.00 per annum.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-279:** May 24, 2024 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 23-51, D1 – To appropriate \$47,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes, become *TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 23-12*.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-280:** May 28, 2024 – Nomination of Ms. Dina A. Tenorio to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees representing Saipan Business.
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-281:** May 24, 2024 – Nomination of Mr. Bruce M. Camacho to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
13. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-282:** May 24, 2024 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. Richard Farrell, appointed to serve as a member of the CSC.
14. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-283:** May 28, 2024 – Re-nomination of Mr. John Diego Attao to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Second Senatorial District.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-284:** May 29, 2024 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Ms. Carmelita R. Faisao to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees to represent Carolinian descent.
16. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-285:** May 29, 2024 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. Bruce M. Camacho to serve as a member of CPUC representing the Third Senatorial District.
17. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-286:** May 29, 2024 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. Dwayne L. Maratita to serve as a member MVA Board of Directors representing the First Senatorial District.

18. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-287:** May 31, 2024 – Signed into local law with the exception of the vetoed portions H.L.B. No. 23-48, D1 – To appropriate \$51,017.00 for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 and 1 CMC § 1405, becomes *TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 23-13*.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

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

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No 23-127:** May 10, 2024 – Representative J.P. Sablan regarding Mr. Joe Diego, USDA Guam presentation to House and Senate members.
2. **Hse. Comm. No 23-128:** May 13, 2024 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 23-89, SD1 – To appropriate \$517,868.14 generated under 4 CMC §53036; and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No 23-129:** May 22, 2024 – Representative J.P. Sablan regarding the Mariana Islands Legislature Association (MILA) General Assembly on Guam from July 11-12, 2024.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-443:** May 08, 2024 – Senator Babauta off-island notice from May 08-15, 2024.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-444:** May 10, 2024 – Senate President acceptance to the invitation of Governor Palacios to join the 902 CNMI Consultation Team.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-445:** May 13, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee the appointment of Ms. Remedio C. Mafnas to serve as the Secretary for the Department of Commerce.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-446:** May 10, 2024 – Senate President regarding MPLT Legislative Summit presentation on May 6-7, 2024.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-447:** May 14, 2024 – Referral to FA Committee S.B. No. 23-63.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-448:** May 14, 2024 – Referral to JGL Committee S.L.I. No. 23-05.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-449:** May 14, 2024 – Referral to FA Committee H.B. No. 23-7.

8. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-450:** May 15, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee the re-nomination of Ms. Carmelita R. Faisao to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees.
 9. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-451:** May 15, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee of Ms. Remedio C. Mafnas resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result appointed to serve as Secretary of Dept of Commerce.
 10. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-452:** May 28, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee of Ms. Dina A. Tenorio to serve as a member of the NMTI BOT.
 11. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-453:** May 28, 2024 – Senator Paul Manglona off-island notice from 05/28/24 to 06/07/24.
 12. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-454:** May 28, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee of Mr. Bruce M. Camacho to serve as a member of CPUC.
 13. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-455:** May 28, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee of Mr. Richard Farrell resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result.
 14. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-456:** May 28, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee of Mr. John Diego Attao to serve as a member of the CEC representing 2nd Senatorial District.
 15. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-457:** Jun. 03, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Ms. Carmelita R. Faisao to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees.
 16. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-458:** Jun. 03, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. Bruce M. Camacho to serve as a member of CPUC.
 17. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-459:** Jun. 03, 2024 – Referral to EAGI Committee resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. Dwayne L. Maratita to serve as a member of MVA Board of Directors.
- I. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**
- J. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**
- K. **PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Senate Bill No. 23-63:** To establish a prompt payment requirement for the CNMI government and its municipalities; and for other purposes. [*SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 05/10/24*]
2. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 23-04:** To acknowledge and honor the distinguished life of the late Julian S. Calvo and to recognize his honorable service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people. [*SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 05/28/24*]
3. **Senate Resolution No. 23-21:** To strongly support HANMI & the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's plan – Operation 500K, Economic Survival in 2024 and 2025. [*SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 05/30/24*]

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-85:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on *S.B. No. 23-43*- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Captive Insurance Bill of 2024. [*Recommends passage in its current form*]
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-89:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive appointment of *Mr. Jose P. Kiyoshi* to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Second Senatorial District.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-91:** From the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare reporting on *H.B. No. 23-48* – To amend Title 4, Division 9 of the Commonwealth Code to place the apprenticeship program within the Department of Labor and to repeal 3 CMC §1351 through §1358 in its entirety; and for other purposes. [*Recommends passage in the form of H.B. No. 23-48, SS1*]
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-92:** From the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare reporting on *H.B. No. 23-23* – To establish a CNMI Drug Overdose Policy; to authorize and mandate first responders to possess opioid overdose reversal medication; to authorize standing orders for opioid overdose reversal medication; to provide limited immunity for dispensing opioid overdose reversal medication; and for other purposes. [*Recommends passage in its original form*]
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-93:** From the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare reporting on *H.B. No. 23-34* – To establish and authorize the use of legend drugs and controlled substances for euthanasia by animal control agencies and humane societies. [*Recommends passage in its original form*]

6. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-94:** From the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare reporting on *H.B. No. 23-87 HSI* – To amend 3 CMC §2824 to authorize the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to organize and assist in establishing a charitable foundation. *[Recommends passage in its original form]*

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **Sen. Commemorative Resolution No. 23-04**
2. **S.R. No. 23-21**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
S.B. No. 23-43 (See SCRep. 23-85)	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Captive Insurance Bill of 2024.
H.B. No. 23-48, SS1 (See SCRep. 23-91)	To amend Title 4, Division 9 of the Commonwealth Code to place the apprenticeship program within the Department of Labor and to repeal 3 CMC §1351 through §1358 in its entirety; and for other purposes.
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H.B. No. 23-87, HSI (See SCRep. 23-94)	To amend 3 CMC §2824 to authorize the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to organize and assist in establishing a charitable foundation.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-183:** CNMI Cannabis Commission re: Advertising and Requirements.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-184:** May 23, 2024 – LB regarding MILA Conference on Guam from July 10 to July 14, 2024.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-185:** May 31, 2024 – CHCC re funding for Health Network Program.

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	TITLE
SLB 23-05	To amend 10 CMC §§ 2513(ii) and 2531 to provide for regulatorily compliant internet gaming; and for other purposes. <i>2ND Appearance</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.