



2025 CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

WHO WE ARE

The Commonwealth Lottery Commission (CLC), is tasked to supervise, organize, and operate a public lottery in the Commonwealth. The public lottery shall be administered and operated to produce the maximum amount of net revenues for the Commonwealth consonant with the general welfare of the people. (Source PL 3-60, § 1; subsection (d) added by PL 18-20 § 2 (October 7, 2013) PL 3-60 took effect June 3, 1983).

Executive Order 2025-002 - Issued by Governor Arnold I. Palacios, was passed through the House and Senate transferring the authority for supervision of casino gaming from the Commonwealth Casino Commission (CCC) to the Commonwealth Lottery Commission (CLC)

PL 18-38 as amended by Public Law 18-43 then granted CNMI Lottery Commission to review applications.

PL 18-20 allowed video terminals to be part of the operation of a public lottery.

PL19-24 Section 10 (h) The power to issue Casino Licenses lies with the Commonwealth Lottery Commission.

OUR MISSION

To further promote and regulate the exclusive gaming license within the Commonwealth thus the restructuring of the economy will provide opportunities to the people, an economic future in the Commonwealth and eliminate the need for people to move away from our islands to achieve their personal goals.

COMMISSIONERS



TRACY B. NORITA
SECRETARY OF FINANCE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



REMEDIO MAFNAS
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
COMMISSIONER



ANTHONY MACARANAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER
COMMISSIONER



APPROVED GEL
APPLICATIONS

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CURRENT PROGRESS

MAY 17, 2024 - EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER NORITA INTRODUCED HER CHANGES TO CURRENT CLC RULES & REGULATIONS

AUGUST 06, 2024 - AG MANIBUSAN SENT OAGDOF: 2024-290 - AG'S RESPONSE TO THE CLC'S PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS

OCTOBER 09, 2024 - PROPOSED REGULATIONS WERE APPROVED BY ALL (3) COMMISSIONERS, SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NORITA AND ROUTED TO THE SAA AND AG FOR SIGNATURE.

NOVEMBER 12, 2025 - COMMISSION APPROVED (4) GIFT ENTERPRISE LOTTERY APPLICATION

DECEMBER 23, 2024 - COMMISSION FINALIZED DRAFT FOR RFP - MARIANAS BLOCK CHAIN LOTTERY TO ADVERTISE FOR 30 DAYS

FEBRUARY 05, 2025 - COMMISSION APPROVED (2) GIFT ENTERPRISE LOTTERY APPLICATION.

MAY 30, 2025 - GOVERNOR ARNOLD PALACIOS ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-002 TRANSFERRING ALL AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION (CCC) TO THE CLC.

OCTOBER 01, 2025 - LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE FORMER COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

JUNE 28, 2024 - FINAL DRAFT OF PROPOSED CLC RULES & REGULATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

AUGUST 14, 2024 - CLC MET & PROVIDED A NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLICATION

OCTOBER 15, 2024 - THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLISHED THE "PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: OF THE CLC RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOVEMBER 15, 2024 - AG'S OFFICE ISSUED PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF THE REVISION TO THE CLC RULES & REGULATIONS

JANUARY 10, 2025 - THE COMMISSION OPENED THE MEETING TO THE MARINAS RAI CORP. WHO SUBMITTED THEIR RFP IN REGARDS TO THE MARIANAS BLOCK CHAIN LOTTERY

MAY 08, 2025 - THE COMMISSION RECEIVED THE DRAFT LOTTERY LICENSE APPLICATION FORM SUBMITTED BY THE DOF - EGAMING SECTION, REVISIONS WERE MADE AND APPROVED OF ALL CHANGES

JULY 14, 2025 - SENATE RESOLUTION 24-06 WAS ISSUED TRANSFERRING ALL AUTHORITY FROM THE CCC TO THE COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

LINKS TO FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS :

- [COMMONWEALTH REGISTER: ADOPTED PUBLIC NOTICE CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS - CLC](#)
- [SUBCHAPTER 70-50.1 - OPERATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LOTTERY RULES AND REGULATIONS](#)
- [SENATE RESOLUTION 24-06](#)
- [CLC FORMS](#)

EXPENSE

Since all public hearings and meetings were performed during normal government hours and on government premises therefore the CLC has had no expenses.

CHALLENGES

The Commonwealth Lottery Commission (CLC) has faced a unique set of challenges this year, primarily stemming from a major organizational pivot and the first year of an entirely new board of commissioners working together. This new, collaborative environment has been foundational to a comprehensive effort focused on revising policy and reorganizing the commission's operational structure. This internal work is crucial for streamlining processes and enhancing efficiency as the gaming industry in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) emerges.

Adding to this complex environment is the recent transition outlined in Executive Order 2025-002, which transfers the authority of the Commonwealth Casino Commission to the Commonwealth Lottery Commission. Anticipating and preparing for the changes that come with this transfer including the assumption of new regulatory oversight responsibilities is a significant undertaking.

Furthermore, a regulatory challenge will always be attracting and vetting qualified applicants for gaming licenses. This effort is vital to establishing a sustainable and responsible gaming environment. The commission must ensure this process remains robustly transparent, competitive, and in strict alignment with regulatory standards to foster an industry that benefits the Commonwealth as a whole. The successful policy revisions and reorganization efforts undertaken by the new commission this year are explicitly designed to meet these complex demands head-on.

OUTLOOK

The Commonwealth Lottery Commission will continue with its functions in collaboration with the Administration, the Attorney General's office, and the public in the best interest of the Commonwealth.