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Senate President
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 04, 2025

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate


Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

Subject: 1st Day, Second Regular Senate Session – 2025

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, Second Regular Senate Session is scheduled for ***Thursday, August 07, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., in the Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, 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-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public session:

MEETING: 1st Day, Second Regular Session - 2025
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 07, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Bldg.

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 ST Day	Thursday, August 07, 2025	3:00 p.m.
Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill – SAIPAN		

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL:

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. SJ No. 24-07 - 1st Day, Third Special Session – 06/23/25
2. SJ No. 24-08 - 1st Day, Fourth Special Session – 07/14/25

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-55:** July 17, 2025 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-17, SD1, CCS1 – To amend 2 CMC §2174 to provide the CPA greater autonomy in managing its finances, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-04.***
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-56:** July 21, 2025 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-10, D1 – To appropriate revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District pursuant to PL 20-5, becomes ***TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-05.***

Note: GM 24-57 appeared on 07/31/25 agenda.

3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-58:** July 22, 2025 – Signed into law S.B. No. 24-17, SD1 - To globally amend Divisions 1 and 5 of Title 4 to rename “Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority” to “Commonwealth Economic Incentive Zone District Authority”; and for other purposes, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-05.***

4. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-59:** July 24, 2025 – Signed into law S.B. No. 24-16, SD1 -To promote trade and investment economic development and diversification in the CNMI; to encourage foreign and domestic investments through incentives and streamlined processes, as well as to promote the CNMI as a trade and investment hub; and for other purposes, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-06.***
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-60:** July 24, 2025 – Signed into law S.B. No. 24-15, SD1 - To amend 4 CMC § 4266 to add a filing number to incorporation filings; to amend 4 CMC § 4269 to create an internet portal for public search of corporate existence by filing number; and for other purposes, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-07.***
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-61:** July 29, 2025 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-5, D1 - To amend the Saipan Zoning Law to define “Automobile Sales & Service, becomes ***SAIPAN LAW NO. 24-06.***
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-62:** July 29, 2025 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-19 - To appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$260,670.00 from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund allotted to Precinct I under SLL 22-16, becomes ***SAIPAN LAW NO. 24-07.***

Note: GM 24-63 appeared on 7/31/25 agenda.

8. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-64:** [Rec'd 7/31/25] – Re-nomination of Ms. Tania Sophia P. David to server on the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors to represent the Third Senatorial District.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-65:** June 05, 2025 – Re-nomination of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board representing the Physicians Profession.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-66:** Aug. 05, 2025 – Certified results for 2024, First Senatorial District Seat.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-67:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175.00 to Ms. Molly Kay Dennert, Assistant Public Defender to receive \$70,000.00 per annum.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 24-03:** July 29, 2025 – Proposed NMI Rules of Judiciary Disciplinary Procedure. ***[Deadline: 60 days (9/29/25)]***

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-10:** July 8, 2025 – DFEMS in support of S.B. No 24-33 - To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 18, Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, of the Commonwealth Code, to rename the Commissioner to Fire Chief, Deputy Commissioner to Deputy Fire Chief, Division Deputy Commissioner to Assistant Fire Chief; and for other purposes.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-11:** July 31, 2025 – Department of Finance FY 2025, Third Quarter Financial Report.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-42:** July 15, 2025 - Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-13, HD1** – To amend the fee structure for the Office of the Registrar of Corporations under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-43:** July 15, 2025 - Transmitting for Senate action **Hse. Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2** – To define and Identify General Revenue and Approve revenues and resources of the CNMI, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for FY 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-44:** July 22, 2025 – Certified copy of Hse. Comm. Res. No. 24-4 – Late Dr. John Doyle III. **[FOR INFO.]**

Note: Hse. Comm Nos. 24-45 to 48 appeared 7/31/25 agenda.

4. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-49:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 24-08 – To amend certain provisions of the CNMI Recycling Act of 1999 to establish the Department of Public Works as its proper authority; and for other purposes. **[FOR INFO.]**
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-50:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 24-29, SD1 – To reconcile public utility accounts between CHCC and CUC by waiving intra-governmental penalties and preserving enforceable debt obligations; and for other purposes. **[FOR INFO.]**

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-84:** (Rec'd 07/11/25) Referral to Gaming Committee Executive Order No. 2025-002 - Transfer of authority for supervision of casino gaming from the Commonwealth Casino Commission to the Commonwealth Lottery Commission.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-85:** July 14, 2025 – Referral to JGL Committee Dept. Msg. No. 24-10 – DFEMS on SB 24-33.

3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-86**: July 17, 2025 – Senator King-Nabors to Delegate King-Hinds re: DOD's primary and sub-contractors required to pay all local fees and taxes.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-87**: July 17, 2025 – Senator Babauta's off-island notice 07/20/25 until further notice.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-89**: July 21, 2025 – Referrals to JGL Committee SBs 24- 38, 40, 41 and SLI 24-02.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-90**: July 21, 2025 – Referrals to FA Committee SLI No. 24-01.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-91**: July 21, 2025 – Referrals to RED&W Committee SB 24-39 and HBs 24-4, 13.

Note: Sen. Comm. No. 24-88 and 92, appeared on 7/31/25 agenda.

8. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-93**: July 31, 2025 – Senate President King-Nabors to Governor Apatang on the Re-organization of the Senate and Declaration of Vacancy in the Sente.
9. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-94**: July 30, 2025 – Administrative Leave to all employees of the Legislature due to Tsunami Advisory.
10. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-95**: July 30, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee re-appointment of Ms. Tania Sophia P. David to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors representing the 3rd Senatorial District.
11. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-96**: July 31, 2025 – Senate President King-Nabors on the establishment of the Credential Committee and appointment of members.
12. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-97**: Aug. 04, 2025 – Senator Babauta's off-island notice – 08/04/25.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Bill No. 24-42**: To establish the CNMI Fiscal impact of legislation; and for other purposes. *[SEN. DENNIS C. MENDIOLA – 07/23/25]*

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (NONE)

N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

1. **Special Committee Report No. 24-02:** From the Senate Credential Committee reporting regarding the appointment of Paul A. Manglona to fill a vacancy in the Senate and given the task of reviewing the credentials of Paul A. Manglona.

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

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.