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Senate President
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 10, 2025

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate /s/ _____
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

Subject: ***Change of Venue*** – Tinian Public Library on 11/14/25 Senate Session

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, Second Regular Senate Session scheduled for ***Friday, November 14, 2025*** at ***2:45*** p.m., in the ***Tinian Public Library, Tinian***.

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: 6th Day, Second Regular Session - 2025
DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 14, 2025 @ 2:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Tinian Public Library, Tinian

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
6 th Day	Friday, November 14, 2025	2:45 p.m.
Tinian Public Library - Tinian		

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL:

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. **SJ No. 24-12** - 3rd Day, 2nd Regular – 09/15/25
2. **SJ No. 24-13** - 5th Day, 2nd Regular – 10/03/25

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No 24-124:** Sept. 29, 2025 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175 to Mr. Henry S. Hofschneider, Special Assistant to the Governor, Office of the Governor will be receiving \$80,000.00 per annum.
2. **Gov. Msg. No 24-125:** Sept. 30, 2025 – Nomination of ***Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog*** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District/Carolinian Community.
3. **Gov. Msg. No 24-126:** Sept. 30, 2025 – Withdrawing the re-nomination of Ms. Tania Sophia P. David to serve on the CEDA Board of Directors, representing the Third Senatorial District.
4. **Gov. Msg. No 24-127:** Sept. 30, 2025 – Nomination of ***Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman*** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the Third Senatorial District.

5. **Gov. Msg. No 24-128:** Sept. 30, 2025 – Signed into law with disapproved sections, H.B. No. 24-46, HD1, SS1 –To Define and Identify General Revenues and approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9 (a) of the CNMI Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2026 and make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2026; and for other purposes, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-14.***
6. **Gov. Msg. No 24-129:** Sept. 30, 2025 – In regards to the adopted MPLT Resolution 25-001 that the CNMI government must pass legislation authorizing a margin transaction as a condition for the issuance of a pension bond obligation note.
7. **Gov. Msg. No 24-130:** Oct. 01, 2025 –Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of CEDA Board of Directors representing the Second Senatorial District.
8. **Gov. Msg. No 24-131:** Oct. 02, 2025 – *Recall* of Gov. Msg. No. 24-124 regarding GOV2025-288 - Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175 to Mr. Henry S. Hofschneider, Special Assistant to the Governor, Office of the Governor will be receiving \$80,000.00 per annum.
9. **Gov. Msg. No 24-132:** Oct. 01, 2025 – DIRECTIVE 2025-008 re: Austerity Measures for Executive Branch Departments & Agencies for FY 2026.
10. **Gov. Msg. No 24-133:** Oct. 03, 2025 – Re-nomination of ***Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez*** to serve as a member on the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
11. **Gov. Msg. No 24-134:** Oct. 03, 2025 – Nomination of ***Mr. Charles V. Cepeda*** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
12. **Gov. Msg. No 24-135:** Oct. 08, 2025 – Withdrawing the nomination of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
13. **Gov. Msg. No 24-136:** Oct. 08, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez to serve as a member on the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.

14. **Gov. Msg. No 24-137:** Oct. 08, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the Third Senatorial District.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-138:** Oct. 14, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Paul Andrew C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute Board of Trustees to represent the Third Senatorial District.
16. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-139:** Oct. 14, 2025 – Submitting the Revised FY 2026 Budget reflecting declining revenues, austerity measures, and critical priorities. (*attachments – See Senate files server under Budget*)
17. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-140:** Oct. 15, 2025 – Certification of annual salary in excess of \$65,175 to Ms. Samantha Vickery, AAG to receive \$78,000.00 per annum.
18. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-141:** Oct. 17, 2025 – In support for passage of H.B. No. 24-57 – To re-establish a Government Liability Cap.
19. **Gov. Msg. No 24-142:** Oct. 21, 2025 – Nomination of **Mr. Vincent Norita Camacho, Jr.** to serve as a member on the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District/Carolinian Community.
20. **Gov. Msg. No 24-143:** Oct. 21, 2025 – Nomination of **Mr. James Ushio Miyahara Mendiola, Jr.** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission representing the Second Senatorial.
21. **Gov. Msg. No 24-144:** Oct. 21, 2025 – Signed into law, S.B. No. 24-28, SD1 – To amend 6 CMC §3113; to establish disorderly conduct and public intoxication crimes; and for other purposes, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-15.**
22. **Gov. Msg. No 24-145:** Oct. 22, 2025 – Nomination of Mr. Juan S. Salas to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
23. **Gov. Msg. No 24-146:** Oct. 23, 2025 – Withdrawing the nomination of Ms. Charlene M. Lizama to serve on the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority Board of Directors, representing the Second Senatorial District.
24. **Gov. Msg. No 24-147:** Oct. 24, 2025 – Budget authorization for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/NAP).
25. **Gov. Msg. No 24-148:** Oct. 24, 2025 – Request for passage of Administration-Sponsored Bill to Amend PL 18-56, the Casino Act of 2014.

26. **Gov. Msg. No 24-149:** Oct. 27, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Juan S. Salas to serve as a member on the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
27. **Gov. Msg. No 24-150:** Oct. 30, 2025 – Revised Austerity Measures for Executive Branch Departments & Agencies for FY 2026.
28. **Gov. Msg. No 24-151:** Oct. 30, 2025 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-45, SD1 – To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under PL 21-10, Section 2 (G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota and for Rota patient’s subsistence allowance, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-16**.
29. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-152:** Oct. 31, 2025 – Nomination of **Mr. Jessie Bert Manglona** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors representing the First Senatorial District.
30. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-153:** Oct. 31, 2025 – Nomination of **Mr. Matthew B. Stuart, IV P.K.A. Vin Armani**, to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
31. **Gov. Msg. No 24-154:** Nov. 05, 2025 –Withdrawing the nomination of Mr. Erick Van Der Maas to serve as a member of CEIA Board of Directors representing the Private Sector.
32. **Gov. Msg. No 24-155:** Nov. 05, 2025 –Withdrawing the nomination of Ms. Lyanna C. Mafnas to serve as a member of CEIA Board of Directors representing the Private Sector.
33. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-156:** Nov. 05, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of **Mr. Matthew B. Stuart, IV P.K.A. Vin Armani**, to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
34. **Gov. Msg. No 24-157:** Nov. 05, 2025 –Withdrawing the nomination of Mr. Michi Aldan Viches to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees representing the Second Senatorial District.
35. **Gov. Msg. No 24-158:** Nov. 05, 2025 –Withdrawing the nomination of Mr. Kimo Mafnas Rosario to serve as a member of the NMHC Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
36. **Gov. Msg. No 24-159:** Nov. 04, 2025 – FY 25 MPLT preliminary remittance to General Fund.
37. **Gov. Msg. No 24-160:** Nov. 07, 2025 – Citizen-Centric Report.

38. **Gov. Msg. No 24-161:** Nov. 07, 2025 – Re-nomination of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-14:** Oct. 29, 2025 – Dept. of Finance on the MPLT EDA Line of Credit status quarterly report (07/16/25 – 10/15/25).
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-15:** Oct., Nov. 2025 – **Centric Reports** – DOC, DPL, DPW, OPM, OGM, OMB, DOF, DOCorrection, DPW-Rota, DCCA-Rota, DLNR-Rota, DOL-Rota, DFEMS-Tinian.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-84:** Oct. 09, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-51, HD1** – To establish revolving accounts for the Department of Lands & Natural Resources; and for other purposes.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-85:** Oct. 09, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-63** – To amend Title 4 sections 1991 to 1995 relating to the 3% construction tax on gross revenues derived from certain non-residential construction projects and to enact a new section 1996 pertaining to Applicability; and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-86:** Oct. 17, 2025 – Approving House Judiciary Comm. No. 24-7 – The proposed amendment to NMI Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure, specifically deleting Rule 1(d), which stated: “[f]or good cause, the Supreme Court may suspend any provision of these rules in a particular case and order proceeding as it directs.” **[FOR INFO]**
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-87:** Oct. 30, 2025 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 24-45, SD1 – To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under PL 21-10, Section 2 (G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota and for the Rota patient’s subsistence allowance.” **[FOR INFO]**
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-88:** Oct. 31, 2025 - HR 24-13 - “A House Resolution to recognize the exceptional work, unwavering commitment, and outstanding service of Erlinda Naputi, in celebrating her 33 years of service to Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, thereby enriching the lives of the people in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.” **[FOR INFO]**

6. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-89:** Oct. 31, 2025 – HR 24-14 – “A House Resolution to honor Mr. Willie Tan for his visionary leadership, astute business acumen, philanthropic contributions, charitable character and lasting impact on the economic landscape and social fabric of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as his unwavering dedication and commitment to the people of the CNMI.” *[FOR INFO]*
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-90:** Oct. 31, 2025 – HR 24-15 – “A House Resolution to honor and express our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Noboru Hirayama who has greatly contributed to the preservation and promotion of Japanese and Saipan history in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his work in the reconstruction of the Saipan Katori Shrine.” *[FOR INFO]*
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-91:** Nov. 06, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-68, HD1** – To conditionally authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust to establish a margin account solely to facilitate the \$29,000,000 loan authorized under PL 24-13, subject to the continuing fiduciary and constitutional duties of the Trustees.
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-92:** Nov. 06, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-70**, – To authorize the Public School System (PSS) to utilize unrestricted funds previously appropriated to PSS for FY 2026; and for other purposes.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-93:** Nov. 07, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-74** – To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the MPLT towards payment of household allotments of Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits for November 2025.
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-94:** Nov. 07, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-33** – To statutorily define the scope of the Commonwealth’s annual General Revenues within the meaning of Article XV, Section 1(e) of the NMI Constitution.
12. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-95:** Nov. 07, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-43, HD1** – To create a new criminal offense for Desecration, Theft, or Attempted Sale of Stolen Memorials, Historical or Cultural Sites, and Property.
13. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-96:** Nov. 07, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-57** – To re-establish a Government Liability Cap.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-140:** Sept. 29, 2025 – Referral to Education and Youth Affairs Committee S.B. No. 24-44 – To establish a Driver’s Educ. Program with PSS.

2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-141:** Sept. 30, 2025 – Re-assignment of referrals to FA Committee on HB 24-23, HJR 24-1, 3, 8-9.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-142:** Sept. 30, 2025 – Re-assignment of referrals to PUTC Committee on HB 24-5 and 49.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-143:** Sept. 30, 2025 – Senator Donald Manglona’s off-island notice beginning 10/03-06, 2025.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-144:** Oct. 02, 2025 – Administrative leave for the staff of the CNMI Legislature for Labor Day – October 10 2025.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-145:** Oct. 02, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz nominated to serve as a member of the CEDA Board of Directors representing the Second Senatorial District.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-146:** Oct. 04, 2025 – Senate President re: Governor’s Directive on Unpaid Holiday – per memo from Senate Legislative Counsel Jose A. Bermudes.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-147:** Oct. 08, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the withdrawal of the nomination of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda to serve as a member of the CPA Board of Directors.
39. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-148:** Oct. 08, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez to serve as a member on the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
40. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-149:** Oct. 14, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission.
41. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-150:** Oct. 14, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Paul C Guerrero to serve as a member of NMTI.
42. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-151:** Oct. 15, 2025 – Senator Paul Manglona’s off-island notice beginning 10/15-22/2025.
43. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-152:** Oct. 23, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the withdrawal of Ms. Charlene M. Lizama to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority Board of Directors.
44. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-153:** Oct. 22, 2025 – Referral to FA Committee HBs 24-51 and 24-63.

45. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-154:** Oct. 27, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Juan S. Salas to serve as a member of CPA Board of Directors.
46. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-155:** Oct. 28, 2025 –Joint presentation by Mr. Kim of Winners Corporation with Professors from South Korea University.
47. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-156:** Oct. 28, 2025 – Administrative Leave granted on Monday, 11/03/25.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Resolution No. 24-11:** To honor the distinguished service of Chief Warrant Officer Four Rosannie Castro McGee upon her retirement from the United States Army, and to commend her exemplary leadership, unwavering, and outstanding contributions to the defense of our nation. *[SEN. KARL R. KING-NABORS – 10/09/25]*
2. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-03:** To honor and commend Willie Tan for his visionary leadership, astute business acumen, philanthropic contributions, charitable character, and lasting impact on the economic landscape and social fabric of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. *[SEN. KARL R. KING-NABORS – 10/17/25]*
3. **Senate Bill No. 24-49:** To define “reasonable allowances” for members of the Legislature pursuant to Article II, Section 10 of the NMI Constitution. *[SEN. CELINA R. BABAUTA – 10/03/25]*
4. **Senate Bill No. 24-50:** To authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust through its trustees to engage in the investment practice of margin account transactions at their discretion and authority pursuant to Article XI Section 6 of the CNMI Constitution. *[SEN. CELINA R. BABAUTA – 10/17/25]*
5. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-04:** To recognize and honor the Late Noboru Hirayama for his unwavering dedication and contributions to strengthening the bond between the people of Saipan and Japan on the occasion of the 111th year anniversary of the establishment of the Saipan Katori Shrine. *[SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 10/25/25]*
6. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-05:** To recognize and commend the Northern Marianas Football Association for its steadfast contributions to the sports community of

the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on occasion of the association's 20th year anniversary. *[SEN. KARL R. KING-NABORS – 11/06/25]*

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-27:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive appointment of *Ms. Janice A. Tenorio* to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College (NMC) Board of Regents representing the Private Sector.

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. S.R. No 24-11
2. Sen. Commemorative Resolution No. 24-03
3. Sen. Commemorative Resolution No. 24-04
4. Sen. Commemorative Resolution No. 24-05

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

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

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-50:** Sept. 26, 2025 – Mayor of Saipan letter of support for Ms. Merced Tomokane’s nomination to the NMHC Board of Directors.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-51:** Oct. 02, 2025 – Legislative Bureau FY 2026 Personnel cost and austerity deferral.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-52:** Oct. 07, 2025 – Kagman Community Health Center dba Isla Community Health regarding CNMI Medicaid services.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-53 and 54:** Oct. 15, 2025 – LB reduced work hours beginning PP 24.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-55:** Oct. Nov. 2025 – **Centric Reports** – AG, OPA, SMC, TMC, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, MVA, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, SAAR, CNMI PSS, BPL and HCPLB, CNMI Bureau of Military Affairs, CNMI CDD, CNMI Broadband Policy & Dev., NMC, TMO, CUC, VOC. Rehab.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-56:** Nov. 03, 2025 – Inter- Island Solid Waste Management Taskforce re Comprehensive Public Outreach & Education Plan & CNMI Recycling Guide.

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.