Karl R. King-Nabors
Senate President
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 23, 2026

To: All Members of the Senate

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

Subject: Re-scheduled 3rd Day, Fourth Regular Session – 2026

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 3rd Day, Fourth Regular Senate Session is re-scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2026 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
Senate Clerk
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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:	**3rd Day, Fourth Regular Senate Session - 2026**
DATE AND TIME:	**Monday, October 26, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.**
LOCATION:	**Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan**

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THE SENATE

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FOURTH REGULAR SENATE SESSION - 2026

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3RD Day	Monday, October 26, 2026	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 24-34** - 2ND Day, Emergency Session – 09/30/26
2. **SJ 24-35** - 2ND Day, Fourth Regular Session – 10/13/26

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-350**: Sept. 30, 2026 – ***Vetoed*** H.L.B. No. 24-54 – To amend 10 CMC § to lower the local gambling taxes, including online gaming. ***[Deadline: 11/20/26]***
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-351**: Oct. 05, 2026 – Amendment to EO No. 2026-22 - List of essential services.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-352**: Oct. 06, 2026 – Certification of annual salary in excess of $65,175 for Ms. Sabrina Butcher, AAG to receive $70,000.00 per annum.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-353**: Oct. 14, 2026 – Drug test results of Mr. Janry A. Santos nominated to serve as a member of MVB Board of Directors, representing the First Senatorial District.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-354**: Oct. 15, 2026 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-5, HD1, SS1 – To establish provisions for jaywalking; and for other purposes, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-41***.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-355**: Oct. 20, 2026 – Certification of annual salary in excess of $65,175 for Mr. David Allen Austin, AAG to receive $78,000.00 per annum.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-356**: Oct. 21, 2026 – Withdrawing the nomination of Mr. Bernard P. Villagomez to serve as a member of the CPUC, representing the Third Senatorial District.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-37**: Sept. 30, 2026 – DOF regarding FY 2026 August monthly financial report.

2. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-38**: Oct. 15, 2026 – DOF re: MPLT EDA Line of Credit status quarterly report (07/16/26 – 10/15/26).

3. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-39**: Oct. 15, 2026 – DOF request for authorization to make monthly determinations on PSS funding front-loading for FY 2027.

4. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-40**: CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management 2026 Citizen Centric Report.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-187**: Sept. 29, 2026 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 24-5, HD1, SS1 – To establish provisions for jaywalking; and for other purposes. ***[FOR INFO.]***

2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-188**: Sept. 30, 2026 – Adopted CCR 24-7 on H.B. No. 24-108, HS1, SD1, CCS1 - To provide a Budget Plan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Fiscal Year 2027 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; and for other purposes. ***[FOR INFO.]***

3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-189**: Sept. 30, 2026 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-30 – Recognizing the Senate's Disapproval of the Mariana Eland Corporation's New Lease for the former Marianas Resort & Spa Properties and determining that separate House disapproval of the proposed lease is unnecessary and would be moot in light of the Senate's disapproval. ***[FOR INFO.]***

4. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-190**: Sept. 30, 2026 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-31 – Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golden Jubilee. ***[FOR INFO.]***

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-271:** Sept. 28, 2026 – Joint Emergency Conference Committee meeting regarding HB 24-108, HS1, SD1 – FY 2027 Budget.

2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-272:** Oct. 08, 2026 – Senator Castro's request to be excused from all Senate sessions and legislative proceedings beginning 10/09-11, 2026.

3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-273:** Sept. 18, 2026 – Referral to EAGI Committee Mr. Janry Santos' re-nomination to serve as a member of the MVA Board of Directors, representing the First Senatorial District.

4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-274:** Oct. 13, 2026 – Senator Paul Manglona's off-island and delegation of authority notice beginning 10/13-15, 2026.

5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-275:** Oct. 14, 2026 – Referral to EAGI Committee Mr. Janry Santos' drug test results nominated to serve as a member of the MVA Board of Directors, representing the First Senatorial District.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS: (NONE)

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-86**: From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on ***S.B. No. 24-06*** –To authorize CNMI Department of Corrections to pay inmates and establish work programs. ***[Recommends passage in its current form]***

2. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-98**: From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of Mr. Warren F. Villagomez to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) representing the Second Senatorial District.

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

O. RESOLUTION/CALENDAR:

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
S.B. No. 24-06 **(See SCRep. No. 24-86)**	To authorize CNMI Department of Corrections to pay inmates and establish work programs.
S.B. No. 24-62	To enact the "CNMI Dignified Aging and Long-Term Care Act of 2026"; to establish a comprehensive statutory and regulatory framework for assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and Programs of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); to regulate licensing, operations, and oversight of long-term care facilities; and for other purposes.; and for other purposes.
S.B. No. 24-64	To amend 4 CMC § 8141(c) to extend from three to five years the amount of time over which the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation may reach full cost recovery for the benefit of the ratepaying public; and for other purposes.
S.B. No. 24-68	To amend 4 CMC § 8132(c) to allow the off-island member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors to participate and vote in Board meetings from outside the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.
H.B. 24-39 **(See SCRep. No. 24-83)**	To establish Treatment Program Enforcement Officers within the Judiciary to carry out enforcement, supervision, and monitoring functions essential to the success of court-supervised treatment programs, and to ensure that these officers are fully recognized as law enforcement personnel under Commonwealth law.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-131:** Sept. 28, 2026 – LB Director Tenorio's off-island notice beginning Sept. 30 to October 30, 2026.

2. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-132:** Sept. 28, 2026 – LB re FY 2027 Budget Impasse designation of essential LB personnel.

3. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-133:** Sept. 28, 2026 – LB granting administrative leave for LB/YC staff to attend service and final respects for funeral service of Babie Hocog 10/01/26.

4. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-134:** Youth Congress appointment of Senators-designate for the CNMI Youth Congress.

5. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-135:** OPA audit of the Law Enforcement Assistance Funds 09/30/26.

6. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-136:** Oct. 13, 2026 – LB re FY 2027 Personnel appropriations, revised work schedule, and utility cost-saving measures.

7. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-137:** Oct. 13, 2026 – CHCC formal notice – Health Network Program to operate within appropriated and reimbursable funding, pursuant to PL 22-33.

8. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-138:** NMTI Financial Statement & Supplementary Information – Year ended 9/30/22.

9. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-139:** Oct. 12, 2026 – Tan Holdings letter of support for Warren Villagomez to serve on the MVA Board of Directors.

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	TITLE
	NONE

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.