

#### THE SENATE

## TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE P.O. BOX 500129 SAIPAN, MP 96950

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

FROM:

SEN. FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ, CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS &

**GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS** 

SUBJECT:

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

The Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations is set to hear and review the credentials of the Governor's nomination as indicated below:

Location: Senate Chamber, Vice-Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan

**NOMINEE** 

DATE

TIME

**APPOINTMENT** 

1. Merced M. Tomokane

11/13/2025

1:00 p.m.

Board of Directors, NMHC

The following witnesses are requested to be present and may provide comments during this public hearing:

- 1. Representative from the Governor's Office
- 2. Zenie P.Mafnas, Executive Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corp.(NMHC)
- 3. Members, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)
- 4. All private citizens are welcome

To ensure the Committee properly receives written testimonies, members of the general public shall submit their written testimony on or before 5:00 p.m. of the scheduled public hearing. Any written testimony submitted after this deadline may not be reviewed by the Committee or included in the report. Written testimony sent via email to Mr. Devin C. Macaranas, Legislative Assistant, at macaranasd.la@gmail.com. Oral testimony will be received during the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz

cc:

Members of the Senate Senate Clerk Senate Legal Counsel Senate Legislative Assistant Media Senate Sergeant at Arms



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Pursuant to Senate Rules 8, Section 5 and the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Chairman of the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations announces that the Standing Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public hearing:

MEETING:

Public Hearing for Merced M. Tomokane

DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, November 13, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Senate Chamber, Vice-Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building,

Capitol Hill, Saipan

Copies of this notice, the official Public Hearing Notice, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

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Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Honorable Vice-Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, before or at the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented during the public hearing.

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# The Senate Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature P.O. Box 500129 Saipan, MP 96950

### **AGENDA**

DATE:

November 13, 2025

TIME:

1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Senate Chamber

- I. Introduction by Chairman
  - a. Public Hearing Code of Conduct
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Public Hearing: Merced M. Tomokane, Appointee, Board of Directors, NMHC
  - a. Introduction of Appointee by Governor's Representative
  - b. Administering of Oath
  - c. Appointee's Opening Statement
  - d. Recognition of Witnesses to Provide Testimony
  - e. Public Testimonies
  - f. Acknowledgement of Written Comments Received by the Committee
  - g. Statements by Committee Members
  - h. Closing Remarks
- VI. Adjournment