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Senate President

Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 29, 2025

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate


Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

Subject: 5th Day, Second Regular Senate Session – 2025

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Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

cc: Speaker of the House
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September 30, 2025

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: 5th Day, Second Regular Session - 2025
DATE AND TIME: Friday, October 03, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber, Saipan – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Bldg.

Copies of session call, this notice and agenda have been filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
5 th Day	Friday, October 03, 2025	10:00 a.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: (NONE)

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-115:** Sept. 15, 2025 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, and sealed drug test results of Ms. Charlene M. Lizama nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority representing the Second Senatorial District.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-116:** Sept. 17, 2025 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, and sealed drug test results of Mr. Eric Van Der Maas nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority representing the Private Sector.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-117:** Sept. 17, 2025 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, and sealed drug test results of Ms. Sheila J. Babauta nominated to serve on the NMC Board of Regents representing the Private Sector.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-118:** Sept. 17, 2025 – Letter to EAGI Chairman Cruz regarding rescheduling confirmation hearing of Commissioner Anthony C. Torres nominated to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority set for September 18, 2025.

5. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-119:** Sept. 22, 2025 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, and sealed drug test results of Mr. Eusebio M. Manglona nominated to serve as a member of CPA Board of Directors representing the First Senatorial District.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-120:** Sept. 22, 2025 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-26, S1 – To appropriate \$380,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to SLL 22-06; and for other purposes, becomes *SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-11*.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-121:** Sept. 23, 2025 – Revised FY 2026 Budget levels.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-122:** Sept. 23, 2025 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-50, HS1 - To authorize a loan between the Commonwealth Government and the Marianas Public Land Trust in the amount of \$29,000,000 and authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust to withhold a retain net annual distributable income starting FY 2026 for repayment and security of the loan.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 123:** Sept. 24, 2025 – Withdrawing Mr. Manuel Mangarero appointed to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority Board of Directors representing the Private Sector.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 24-05:** July 11, 2025 (Rec'd 9/23/25) – Proposed NMI Code of Judicial Conduct.
2. **Jud. Comm. No. 24-06:** Sept. 29, 2025 – Proposed amendment to NMI Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-13:** July 8, 2025 (Rec'd 9/23/25) – DPL FY 2022 Financial Audit Report.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-82:** Sept. 12, 2025 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-12 – Establish bi-annual legislative oversight hearings and reporting requirements for CHCC, CUC and CPUC. *[FOR INFO.]*
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-83:** Sept. 29, 2025 – *Accepted* the Senate amendments to 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. **[FOR INFO.]**

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-129:** Sept. 08, 2025 – Referral to JGL Committee HBs 24-35 and 39.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-130:** Sept. 08, 2025 – Referral to FA Committee HBs 24-32, 38, 46, HD1 and 54.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-131:** Sept. 08, 2025 – Referral to HWP Committee S.B. No. 24-43 – Deregulate the hunting, taking, or possession of deer or Sambar deer in the CNMI.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-132:** Sept. 15, 2025 – Withdrawal of H.B. 24-16, HD1 from the Seante Committee on Fiscal Affairs.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-133:** Sept. 15, 2025 – Withdrawal of the Marianas Eland Corporation New Lease for the former Marianas Resort & Spa property.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-134:** Sept. 25, 2025 – Withdrawal of the appointment of Mr. Manuel Mangarero to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority Board of Directors.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-135:** Sept. 29, 2025 – Senator Babauta’s off-island notice beginning September 29, 2025 until further notice.
8. **Sen. Comm. Nos. 24-136 to 139:** Sept. 29, 2025 – Referrals to FA, HWP, RED&Workforce and JGL Committees House Bills.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Bill No. 24-45:** Sept. 15, 2025 – To rename the “Guma’ Hustisia, limwal Aweewe, House of Justice” Building to the “Elias Parong Sablan Guma’ Hustisia, limwal Aweewe, House of Justice” in recognition of his long-standing contribution for the people of the

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. *[SEN. JUDE U. HOF SCHNEIDER – 09/15/25]*

2. **Senate Bill No. 24-46:** Sept. 16, 2025 –To require all gas service stations to provide to the public free compressed air, a gauge for measuring air pressure, and tap water; and for other purposes. *[SEN. FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ – 09/16/25]*
3. **Senate Bill No. 24-47:** Sept. 23, 2025 – To require all contractors to be licensed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. *[SEN. JUDE U. HOF SCHNEIDER; SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 09/23/25]*
4. **Senate Bill No. 24-48:** To establish a Division of Customs and Biosecurity within the Department of Finance for the purposes enforcing all laws at the ports of entry and that is responsible for the inspection and clearance of containers, cargo, baggage related to customs and biosecurity at the ports of entry, and other matters related to border security. *[SEN. JUDE U. HOF SCHNEIDER– 09/30/25]*

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-23:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of *Ms. Tina Azarvand* to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority representing the Private Sector.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-24:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of *Mr. David Burger* to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority representing the Private Sector.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-25:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of *Mr. Matthew C. Masga* to serve on the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Board of Directors to represent the Second Senatorial District.
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-26:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of *Mr. Remedio C. Mafnas* to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority representing the Public Sector.

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR: (NONE)

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

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

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-47:** Aug. 27, 2025 – 11th Pohnpei Legislature certified Resolution No. 99-25, LD1 – Tribute on passing of the late Governor of the CNMI the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-48:** Sept. 15, 2025 – MPLT regarding request for MPLT Loan/Investment \$29 Million Dollars on Pension Obligation Bond Anticipation Note.

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.