



Office of the Senate President
Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 15, 2020
To: All Members of the Senate
From: President of the Senate /s/ Senator Victor B. Hocog
Subject: 2nd Day, Fourth Regular Session – 2020

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and Official Rules of the Senate, this is to inform all members that the 2nd Day, Fourth Regular Session, 2020 is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., in the Senate Chamber, Saipan.

Your understanding and attendance is 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-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

MEETING: 2nd Day, 4th Regular Session - 2020
DATE AND TIME: Friday, September 18, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber, Saipan

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

Office of the Governor, Entrance Hall
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Senate, Entrance Hall
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Pursuant to 1 CMC §9904, written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of the Senate President, Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan, prior to the convening of the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented during the public session. If you wish to present oral testimony please inform the Senate Clerk not later than 24 hours prior to the session.



Sept. 15, 2020

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION - 2020

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2 nd Day	Friday, September 18, 2020 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (ADOPTED)

1. **SJ 21-22** - 1st Day, 4th Regular – 08/14/20

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-236:** Aug. 17, 2020 – Executive Order No. 2020-18 Renewal SOF to reprogram/transfer - COVID-19.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 21-12:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] Superior Court – Drug Court Division informing Senate President of the completion and achievements of Mr. John Reyes in the Drug Court Program.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:

1. **Dept./Agencies Msg. No. 21-64:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – Northern Marianas Humanities Council 2019 Annual Report.
2. **Dept./Agencies Msg. No. 21-65:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – MVA 2ND Quarter report for FY 2020.
3. **Dept./Agencies Msg. No. 21-66:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – CUC FY 2020 2ND Quarter report for FY 2020.

4. **Dept./Agencies Msg. No. 21-67:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – OPA report on CNMI Agencies' implementation of audit recommendations.
5. **Dept./Agencies Msg. No. 21-68:** [Rec'd 9/10/20] – DPL regarding D&W Saipan Inc. lease extension agreement and second amendment to LA 96-01S.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-168:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – Saipan Chamber of Commerce comments on H.B. No. 21-87, HS1].
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-169:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – Rep. Castro letter to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific on EIS and OEIS.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-170:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – Rep. Peter regarding meeting with CUC and administration on some of the major concerns caused during the COVID-19.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-171:** Aug. 27, 2020 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-106, HS1 – To amend 1 CMC §20175 to include additional members to serve on the Planning and Development Advisory Council (PDAC); and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-172:** Aug. 25, 2020 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 21-11 – ESGR. [For Info]
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-173:** Sept. 08, 2020 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 21-67, SD1 - To allow a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission to appear, attend, participate, and vote in an official meeting using a telephone, video, or other electronic means. [*For info. going to Governor*]
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-174:** Sept. 08, 2020 – Returning with amendments S.B. No. 21-68, SD2, HS1 - To suspend certain CNMI election laws for the CNMI 2020 General Election to mitigate the public health risks due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; To adjust the early voting time and add more polling places; To extend the hours of operations for early voting and election day; To authorize curbside voting and procedures; To authorize the CEC to collect absentee ballots 7 days before the general election and 14 days after; To give the CEC flexibility to make changes to the election procedures if necessary to mitigate the public health risks due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; and for other purposes. [*Senate action on HSI*]
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-175:** Sept. 08, 2020 – Certified copy of HR 21-33 – Tasi Tours & Transportation, Inc. [For info.]
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-176:** Sept. 08, 2020 – Certified copy of HR 21-34 – Late Honorable Egredino Jones. [For info.]
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-177:** Sept. 08, 2020 – Certified copy of HR 21-35 – Ms. Colleen Joyce [2020 Census of the CNMI]. [For info.]

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-160:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission 250th anniversary of the U.S.

2. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-161:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – 2nd Marianas Political Commission suspending its operations and public education activities due to no funding.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-162:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] –Appreciation to Senate President and Senate members for continued support of the Drug Court Program. [See attached individual letters]
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-163:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] - The Pohnpei Legislature transmitting certified copy of Resolution No. 23-20, LD1 –People's Republic of China – COVID-19.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-164:** [Rec'd 8/27/20] – Ms. Patricia Guerrero regarding H.B. No. 21-76, HS1.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-165:** Sept. 09, 2020 – Senator Manglona to Governor Torres regarding CHCC power supply.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON 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: (NONE)

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **House Concurrent Resolution No. 21-2**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
H.B. No. 21-19, HS1 (See HC 21-62)	To impose a higher fee structure for the Department of Commerce, Office of the Registrar of Corporations; and for other purposes

Q. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

R. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	TITLE
	<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.