



2024 CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

WHO WE ARE

The Commonwealth Lottery Commission (CLC), is tasked to supervise, organize, and operate a public lottery in the Commonwealth. The public lottery shall be administered and operated to produce the maximum amount of net revenues for the Commonwealth consonant with the general welfare of the people. (Source PL 3-60, § 1; subsection (d) added by PL 18-20 § 2 (October 7, 2013) PL 3-60 took effect June 3, 1983)

PL 18-38 as amended by Public Law 18-43 then granted CNMI Lottery Commission to review applications.

PL 18-20 allowed video terminals to be part of the operation of a public lottery.

PL19-24 Section 10 (h) The power to issue Casino Licenses lies with the Commonwealth Lottery Commission.

OUR MISSION

To further promote and regulate the exclusive gaming license within the Commonwealth thus the restructuring of the economy will provide opportunities to the people, an economic future in the Commonwealth and eliminate the need for people to move away from our islands to achieve their personal goals.

COMMISSIONERS



TRACY B. NORITA
SECRETARY OF FINANCE
EXECUTIVE
COMMISSIONER



REMEDIO MAFNAS
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
COMMISSIONER



ANTHONY MACARANAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER
COMMISSIONER

PROGRESS

MAY 17, 2024 - EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER NORITA INTRODUCED HER CHANGES TO THE CURRENT CLC RULES AND REGULATIONS

AUGUST 6, 2024 - ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD MANIBUSAN SENT OAGDOF: 2024-290. AG'S RESPONSE TO THE CLC'S PROPOSED RULES & REGULATIONS

OCTOBER 9, 2024 PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR PUBLICATION WERE APPROVED BY ALL THE COMMISSIONERS SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER NORITA AND ROUTED TO THE SAA AND AG FOR SIGNATURE.

JUNE 28, 2024 - FINAL DRAFT OF PROPOSED REVISION TO THE CLC RULES & REGULATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LEGAL REVIEW

AUGUST 14, 2024 - THE CLC MET AND PROVIDED A NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLICATION

OCTOBER 15, 2024 - THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLISHED THE "PROPOSED AMENDMENT'S" OF THE CLC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

TO SEE THE PUBLISHED "AMENDMENTS OF THE CLC RULES & REGULATIONS"

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EXPENSE

Since all public hearings and meetings were performed during normal government hours and on government premises therefore the CLC has had no expenses.

CHALLENGES

The Commonwealth Lottery Commission faces the challenge of balancing economic growth in the emerging gaming industry with the preservation of the CNMI's rich cultural and traditional practices, as well as maintaining the integrity of the Commonwealth's infrastructure. As this industry expands, it is essential to develop strategies that not only promote business development but also ensure that these changes do not negatively impact or place undue strain on public resources.

Additionally, another challenge has been attracting and vetting qualified applicants for gaming licenses, ensuring that the process remains transparent, competitive, and in alignment with regulatory standards. This effort is vital to fostering a sustainable and responsible gaming environment that benefits the Commonwealth as a whole.

OUTLOOK

The Commonwealth Lottery Commission will continue with its functions in collaboration with the Administration, the Attorney General's office, the public, and the gaming industry in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

SUBCHAPTER 70-50.1 – OPERATION OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LOTTERY
RULES AND REGULATIONS

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