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TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATOR EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO  
Senate President

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 21, 2023

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate

  
Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero

Subject: FOURTH SPECIAL SENATE SESSION – 2023

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By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Official Rules of the Senate, Rule 3 Section 4, this is to inform all members that the 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session is scheduled for ***Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., Senate Chamber, Saipan.***

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House  
Director, LB  
Senate Legal Counsels  
Senate Clerk  
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April 21, 2023

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public session:

**MEETING:** Fourth Special Senate Session - 2023  
**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, April 26, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber, Saipan

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:

Office of the Governor, Entrance Hall  
House of Representatives, Entrance Hall  
Senate, Entrance Hall  
Commonwealth Legislature website ([www.cnmileg.net](http://www.cnmileg.net))

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, Capitol Hill, Saipan or via email to the Senate Clerk's Office at [doloresbermudes.lb@gmail.com](mailto:doloresbermudes.lb@gmail.com), prior to the convening of the session. Oral testimony may be presented during the public session.



APRIL 21, 2023

**THE SENATE**  
**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION - 2023**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Wednesday, April 26, 2023	10:30 a.m.
SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN		

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

***A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER***

**A. ROLL CALL:**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**

1. **Senate Journal No. 23-05** - 4<sup>th</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Regular 03/29/23

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-73:** Apr. 17, 2023 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Ms. Jamika Taijeron to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA).
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-74:** Apr. 13, 2023 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Ms. Elizabeth Emma C. Itibus to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-75:** Apr. 17, 2023 – Withdrawing the appointment of Ms. Rosa L. Igitol to serve as a member of the MVA Board of Directors.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-76:** Apr. 18, 2023 –Nomination of Mr. Juan A. Pua to serve as Commissioner for the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

5. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-77:** Apr. 18, 2023 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. Simon A. Sanchez to serve as a member of the CUC Board of Directors.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.: (NONE)**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 23-20:** Apr. 19, 2023 – Adopted Conference Committee Report No. 23-1 on H.B. No. 23-31, HS1, SS2, CCS1 – Revised FY 2023 CNMI Budget.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-123:** Apr. 17, 2023 – Referral to EAGI Ms. Jamika Taijeron resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result nominated to serve as a member of MVA.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-124:** Apr. 17, 2023 – Referral to EAGI Ms. Elizabeth Emma C. Itibus resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result nominated to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-125:** Apr. 17, 2023 – Senate President re: Attorney Robert Torres comments on S.B. No. 23-35 – Bail Reform Act of 2023.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-126:** Apr. 18, 2023 – Referral to EAGI the withdrawal of Ms. Rosa L. Igitol appointed to serve as a member of the MVA Board of Directors.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-127:** Apr. 17, 2023 – Senate President re: SNIMC’s comments on H.B. No. 23-16, HS1.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-128:** Apr. 18, 2023 – Senate President re: Food Systems for Health – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting – 2023.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-129:** Apr. 15, 2023 – Joint Conference Committee meeting re: HB 23-31, HS1, SS2 on 04/18/23.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-130:** Apr. 18, 2023 – Senator Mendiola’s off-island notice May 08-15, 2023.

9. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-131:** Apr. 19, 2023 – Referral to EAGI the nomination of Mr. Juan A. Pua to serve as Commissioner for the Dept. of Fire & Emergency Medical Services.
10. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-132:** Apr. 19, 2023 – Referral to EAGI Mr. Simon A. Sanchez resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result nominated to serve as a member of the CUC Board of Directors.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**

**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. 23-16:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Ms. Teresita A. Santos** to serve as the **Secretary for the Department of Public Lands**.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-17:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Mr. Denn M. Manglona** to serve as a member of the **Board of Professional Licensing** representing the First Senatorial District.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-18:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Ms. Tracy B. Norita** to serve as the **Secretary for the Department of Finance**.
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-19:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Mr. Ray N. Yumul** to serve as the **Secretary for the Department of Public Works**.
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-20:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Mr. Rufo T. Mafnas** to serve as a member of the **Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors** representing the Third Senatorial District.
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-21:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Mr. Joseph Patrick P. Fitial** to serve as a member of the **Civil Service Commission** representing the Third Senatorial District.

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR: (NONE)

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

	TITLE
	NONE

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Misc. Comm. No. 23-23: Apr. 19, 2023 – CUC regarding CHCC disconnection notice and demand for payment.

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.