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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives First Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, August 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 07 August 2025

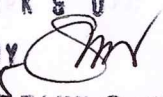
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 

SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **1st Day, 2nd Regular Session for Friday, 15 August 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day, Second Regular Session	Friday, August 15, 2025	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

First Day, Fourth Special Session Journal – July 14, 2025

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 24-45

To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

Prefiled by: REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

H. B. No. 24-46

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.

Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 24-47

To realign the authority and duties of the CNMI Department of Labor; and for the other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Marissa R. Flores, and Edmund S. Villagomez*)

H. B. No. 24-48

To adjust the 1992 salary cap of executive directors to a 2025 inflation-equivalent amount.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGELO A. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 24-49

To establish the CNMI Next/Gen 911 Telephone Communications System within the CNMI; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 24-50

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 and retain net annual distributable income starting Fiscal Year 2026 for repayment and security of the loan.

Prefile by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*)

B. House Local Bills:

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 24-42: (7/29/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-5, D1, (*To amend the Saipan Zoning Law to define “Automobile Sales & Service”*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-06** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-43: (7/29/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-19, D1, *(To appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$260,670.00 from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund allotted to Precinct I under Saipan Local Law 22-16; and for other purposes.)*. Became **Saipan Local Law 24-07** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-44: (8/4/2025) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Molly Kay Dennert, Assistant Public Defender, at the Office of the Public Defender to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-45: (8/5/2025) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Drew Garrett Engel, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$80,000. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-46: (8/5/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-18, *(To appropriate \$75,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; and for other purposes.)*. Became **Saipan Local Law 24-08** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-47: (8/5/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-1, HS1, *(To amend provisions in Title 6, Division 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Sexual Offenses, Article 1. General Provisions, relating to sexual abuse/assault of minors.)*. Became **Public Law No. 24-08**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-48: (8/5/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-2, *(To establish a process for the delivery of a State of the Commonwealth Address to the Legislature by the Governor.)*. Became **Public Law No. 24-09**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-49: (8/5/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-19, *(To rename the “CNMI Scholarship Office” to the “CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office.”)*. Became **Public Law No. 24-10**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-50: (8/8/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-15, *(To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.)*. Became **Saipan Local Law 24-09** [For info]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 24-43: (7/31/2025) Returning H. J. R. 24-4, entitled, “*To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-25-ST69-0001, the Home Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-25-ST69-0203, the National Housing Trust Fund Grant Application No. F-25-ST69-0203, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. E-25-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein; and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed pursuant to those grants.*”, which was adopted by the Senate without amendments on July 31, 2025. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 24-44: (7/31/2025) Returning H. J. R. 24-5, entitled, “*To recognize and acknowledge the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and the Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women and to thank and appreciate our civilian employers for their utmost support to our service members by recognizing the week of August 4th through August 8th, 2025 as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.*”, which was adopted by the Senate without amendments on July 31, 2025. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 24-45: (7/31/2025) Returning H. J. R. 24-6, entitled, “*Commending the distinguished life and extraordinary contributions of the late Honorable Governor Arnold Indalecio Palacios to*

the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people and to acknowledge his enduring legacy as a genuine statesman.”, which was adopted by the Senate without amendments on July 31, 2025. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 24-46: (7/31/2025) Informing the House that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature has concluded its Re-organizational Session on July 31, 2025, and is now organized to conduct legislative business. Officers of the 24th Senate:

- President: Senator Karl R. King-Nabors
- Vice President: Senator Corina L. Magofna
- Floor Leader: Senator Donald M. Manglona
- Legislative Secretary: Senator Francisco Q. Cruz [For info]

SEN. COMM. 24-47: (7/31/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 24-07, entitled, *“To honor the service of Chief Boatswain’s Mate Richard Hofschneider upon his retirement from the United States Coast Guard and to commend his exceptional service, leadership, and dedication to serving and protecting our nation.”*. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 24-48: (8/8/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 24-08, entitled, *“To recognize and commend Pamela Yvette M. Sablan for her exceptional contributions and unwavering dedication to conservation practices to support the agricultural community in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”*. [For info]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-46: (7/28/2025)) From Representative Denita K. Yangetmai informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from August 1-August 7, 2025; and from August 8-August 22, 2025 she will be on peronal leave, and requests to be excused from all official functions during her absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-47: (7/29/2025) From Representative Marissa R. Flores, informing the Chair of the House Standing Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of her resignation as Vice Chair, effective August 1, 2025. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-48: (8/7/2025)) From Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao informing the Speaker of his absence from the Commonwealth for personal matters from August 11, 2025, and requesting to be excused from all official meetings and sessions during this period. Additionally, he authorizes the Speaker or Representative Ralph N. Yumul to formally introduce his bills on his behalf. [For info]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 24-4: (7/29/2025) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro to the Senate President and Speaker of the House submitting: *Proposed NMI Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure*. [Submitted 7/29/2025; **Deadline: 9/27/2025**]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-14: (7/31/2025) From the Secretary, Department of Finance (DOF) submitting FY 2025—*Third Quarter Financial Report ending June 30, 2025*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-15: (8/6/2025) From the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, conveying concerns regarding statutory and regulatory inconsistencies between Public Law 18-69 and existing dormant account regulations under Title 20-20.4, which may limit the public’s ability to reclaim funds. Recommends clarifying claim timelines, updating regulations, and ensuring accurate public notices. [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 24-48: (8/1/2025) From Our Common Wealth 670, a community-based advocacy organization, submitting public comments on the 2025 Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the CNMI Joint Military Training (CJMT). [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (None)

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 24-9	A Bill for an Act To amend 4 CMC § 1803 by reallocating a portion of the Hotel Occupancy Tax received by the Marianas Visitors Authority to the Division of Parks and Recreation to support beautification efforts. <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of March 11, 2025]</i>	
H. B. No. 24-22	A Bill for an Act To repeal and reenact the Justice Center Fund Revolving Account. <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of April 24, 2025]</i>	
H. B. No. 24-32	A Bill for an Act To establish a tax on transient accommodations and to regulate the operation of short-term rentals in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of June 20, 2025]</i>	
H. B. No. 24-38	A Bill for an Act To establish a dedicated CNMI Emergency Reserve Fund (“Rainy Day Fund”) with annual mandatory deposits and procedures for fund disbursement in times of declared emergency, while ensuring fiscal accountability. <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of July 14, 2025]</i>	

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on July 31, 2025:

H. B. No. 24-40: To amend Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code to clarify the application of business registration, licensing, and tax laws to foreign corporations engaged in land development, infrastructure development, or construction activities in the Commonwealth, including those related to development projects performed under or in connection with contracts, subcontracts, or agreements with the United States. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) on July 31, 2025 and was moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. B. No. 24-41: To establish regulations on vehicle window tinting for safety and security in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representative Roy C.A. Ada) on July 31, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H. B. No. 24-42: To mandate comprehensive, standards-based financial literacy education in all public high schools and middle schools of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); to establish curriculum standards, teacher training support, integration with workforce development programs, and implementation timelines; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 31, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Education.

[ADDED-7/31/2025] H. B. No. 24-43: To create a new criminal offense for Desecration or Theft of Memorials and Historical Sites. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 31, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and to the House Committee on Tourism.

[ADDED-7/31/2025] H. B. No. 24-44: To amend 9 CMC §8209 by removing the seven-day grace period for motorists who violate 9 CMC §§8203 and 8204 with the citation effective immediately; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 31, 2025.

H. L. B. No. 24-20: To appropriate Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on July 31, 2025.

[ADDED-7/31/2025] H. L. B. No. 24-21: To appropriate \$2,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to assist the Department of Finance and Commonwealth Economic Development Authority with funding related to the Third Senatorial District. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Angelo A. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 31, 2025.

H. J. R. No. 24-3: To urge the United States Congress to require all contractors and subcontractors performing federally funded work in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to register with the CNMI Department of Finance and certify compliance with CNMI tax laws as a condition of receiving federal payments, to request the U.S. Department of Defense to adopt a CNMI-specific clause in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to institutionalize this requirement, and to affirm the CNMI’s right under Section 703(b) of the Covenant to receive federal income tax revenues generated from contract work performed in the Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas,

Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 31, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. J. R. NO. 24-4: To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-25-ST69-0001, the Home Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-25-ST69-0203, the National Housing Trust Fund Grant Application No. F-25-ST69-0203, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. E-25-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein; and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed pursuant to those grants. Introduced by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 31, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. J. R. NO. 24-5: To recognize and acknowledge the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and the Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women and to thank and appreciate our civilian employers for their utmost support to our service members by recognizing the week of August 4th through August 8th, 2025 as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 31, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. J. R. NO. 24-6: Commending the distinguished life and extraordinary contributions of the late Honorable Governor Arnold Indalecio Palacios to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people and to acknowledge his enduring legacy as a genuine statesman. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 31, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.