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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure 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 1st Day, Fourth Regular Session
Date and Time: Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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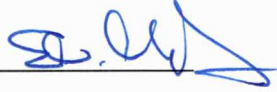
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SPEAKER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
P. O. BOX 500586
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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 13 August 2026
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 4th 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, 4th Regular Session for Thursday, 20 August 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION 2026

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 ST DAY	THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (None)

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 24-61

To appropriate Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. NO. 24-29

Commending and Honoring Gloria Worswick Hunter for her historic two decades of cabinet leadership as Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review, her lifelong devotion to public service, and her enduring legacy as a cultural matriarch of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. NO. 24-17

To affirm the Commonwealth's interests in submerged lands and offshore mineral resources and to respectfully urge Congress to enact legislation conveying ownership, recognizing Commonwealth rights, and establishing a federal framework governing offshore mineral development adjacent to the Commonwealth.

Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 24-4

To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified under Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and Title 1, Division 7, of the Commonwealth Code, for Fiscal Year 2027, beginning October 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2027.

Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representative Joseph A. Flores*)

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 24-168: (7/30/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law S. B. No. 24-21, HD1, (*To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle.*). Became **Public Law No. 24-35**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-169: (rec'd 8/4/2026) **Executive Order 2026-013** – Declaration of State of Significant Emergency, continuing the existing emergency for an additional thirty days to support repair and restoration efforts following Super Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi. [*Signed and promulgated 7/31/2026*]

GOV. COMM. 24-170: (8/4/2026) From Governor David M. Apatang, requesting legislative approval, by joint resolution pursuant to Section 602(a) of Public Law 24-20, of his determination that twenty-one personnel, consisting of one Parole Program Specialist and twenty Correction Cadets, are essential for the continued delivery of public services. [**For Consideration**]

GOV. COMM. 24-171: (8/5/2026) Informing the House that he vetoed, S. L. B. NO. 24-04, (*To define and authorize the use of abandoned investigative deposits held by the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC); to establish procedures for notice, claims, and final disposition of such deposits; to authorize the appropriation of abandoned deposits to pay outstanding regulatory fees, assessments, penalties, and taxes owed to the Commission; and for other purposes.*). [**Deadline 10/4/2026**]

GOV. COMM. 24-172: (8/6/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. 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.*). Became **Public Law No. 24-36**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-173: (rec'd 8/11/2026) **Executive Order 2026-014** – Transferring the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Cultures from the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs to the Marianas Visitors Authority and directing coordination concerning outstanding federal grants and timely grant drawdowns. [**Legislative action deadline: 10/10/2026**]

GOV. COMM. 24-174: (rec'd 8/13/2026) **Executive Order 2026-015** – Placing the Commonwealth Museum of History and Culture within the Historic Preservation Office; transferring the duties of the Museum Executive Director and Board of Governors to designated DCCA officials; terminating the terms of the Board members; and authorizing appropriate personnel action to implement the reorganization. [**Legislative action deadline: 10/12/2026**]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 24-110: (7/3/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-88, entitled, “To mandate that the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation undergo a comprehensive, independent, third-party utility expert audit; to require a formal Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission audit-review docket and transparent public review process; to require an enforceable corrective action plan, a ratepayer impact matrix, and a public audit implementation dashboard; to impose strict timelines and narrowly limited extensions; to require mandatory decennial audits; to establish compliance reporting and civil penalties for missed deadlines payable to the CNMI Treasury; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on July 3, 2026, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, in the form of ***H. B. No. 24-88, SS1 to read as follows: “To authorize the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to borrow funds for the purchase of fuel, to recover from the devastation of Super Typhoon Sinlaku, and for the recovery and restoration efforts associated with the impending Super Typhoon Bavi that is expected to make landfall in the Northern Marianas; and for other purposes.”*** ***[For action on Senate amendments]*** ***Read on July 28, 2026***

SEN. COMM. 24-120: (7/30/2026) Returning H. J. R. 24-15, entitled, “*To sincerely recognize and express deepest appreciation to Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur, honoring his extraordinary life, his unwavering dedication to preserving traditional Micronesian navigation, and his lasting contributions to the cultural heritage of the people of Micronesia, and to extend heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.*”, which was adopted by the Senate without amendments on July 30, 2026. ***[For Info]***

SEN. COMM. 24-121: (7/30/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-107, HD1, entitled, “To authorize the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to obtain emergency financing for utility restoration, stabilization, and fuel procurement in response to Super Typhoon Sinlaku, and Bavi and related fuel supply disruptions; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on July 30, 2026, in the form of ***H. B. No. 24-107, HD1, SD1.*** ***[For action on Senate amendments]***

SEN. COMM. 24-122: (7/17/2026) From Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors, providing a copy of his final request to Governor David M. Apatang to jointly submit a petition for certified question to the NMI Supreme Court regarding the termination and subsequent reinstatement of Department of Public Safety Commissioner Anthony I. Macaranas and the Senate’s constitutional advice-and-consent authority. The Senate President requested the Governor’s written response by 2:00 p.m. on July 22, 2026. ***[For Info]***

SEN. COMM. 24-123: (7/20/2026) Transmitting for House action ***S. J. R. NO. 24-05***, entitled, “***Expressing support for the development, study, and potential deployment of safe, resilient, advanced nuclear energy technologies, including small modular reactors and microreactors within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in coordination with the United States Government.***”, which was adopted by the Senate on July 20, 2026. ***[For action]***

SEN. COMM. 24-124: (8/14/2026) Returning H. J. R. 24-16, 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 17th through August 21st, 2026 as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.*”, which was adopted by the Senate without amendments on August 14, 2026. ***[For Info]***

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-97: (8/4/2026) From Representative Elias M. Rangamar, informing the Speaker that he will be off-island in an official capacity from August 5 through August 11, 2026, to represent the Commonwealth at the ceremonial funeral services of Grand Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur, and requesting to be excused from all legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, and committee meetings during his absence. [*For Info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 24-114: (7/29/2026) From the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation transmitting certified copies of the following local resolutions: TALD Resolution. No. 24-05, TALD Resolution. No. 24-06, and TALD Resolution. No. 24-07 which was adopted by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-115: (8/6/2026) From Luis John DLG. Castro, Youth Congress Coordinator, informing the Presiding Officers of the resignation of Vinnie Juan Q. Sablan as Speaker of the 20th CNMI Youth Congress, effective August 6, 2026, and the assumption of Speaker duties by Vice Speaker Monique Lou'isa P. Mendiola as Acting Speaker until the election of a new presiding officer. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-116: (8/7/2026) From Youth Senator Monique Lou'isa P. Mendiola, Acting Speaker of the 20th CNMI Youth Congress, notifying Kagman High School of the vacancy created by the resignation of Youth Senator Vinnie Juan Q. Sablan, effective August 6, 2026, and advising that the student body must appoint a qualified successor pursuant to 1 CMC §§ 1605 and 1609 to serve the remainder of the term expiring April 17, 2027. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-117: (8/7/2026) From Youth Senator Monique Lou'isa P. Mendiola, Acting Speaker of the 20th CNMI Youth Congress, notifying Saipan International School of the vacancy created by the resignation of Youth Senator Victor Nash M. Santos, effective August 6, 2026, and advising that the student body must appoint a qualified successor pursuant to 1 CMC §§ 1605 and 1609 to serve the remainder of the term expiring April 17, 2027. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-118: (8/13/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Bill No. 20-02, To reduce access and possession of vaporizers and vaporizable products amongst school-age children in the CNMI; passed by the Twentieth CNMI Youth Congress on August 5, 2026. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-119: (8/13/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Bill No. 20-03, To promote student mental health awareness by requiring secondary schools in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to include information on local mental health and crisis support resources on student identification cards, and for other purposes; passed by the Twentieth CNMI Youth Congress on August 5, 2026. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-120: (8/13/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 20-05, To recognize and honor the life and legacy of the late Melvin Wayne Camacho Sakisat for his exemplary service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and his dedication to family, youth, sports, and community; adopted by the Twentieth CNMI Youth Congress on August 5, 2026. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-121: (8/13/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 20-06, To recognize and honor Dr. Aliah Kei Hocog Manglona, DO, a native daughter of Rota, for her outstanding, educational achievements, dedication to the field of medicine, commitment to advancing healthcare, and for serving as an inspiration to the youth and people of the Commonwealth as Rota's first female medical doctor; adopted by the Twentieth CNMI Youth Congress on August 5, 2026. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-122: (8/13/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 20-07, To recognize and honor the relief workers and organizations whose dedicated service aided the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in its response to and recovery from Super Typhoon Sinlaku and Super Typhoon Bavi; adopted by the Twentieth CNMI Youth Congress on August 5, 2026. [*For Info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-123: (8/13/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 20-08, Honoring the life and legacy of the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo for her distinguished service, historic contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and her instrumental role in establishing the CNMI Youth Congress; adopted by the Twentieth CNMI Youth Congress on August 5, 2026. [*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. 24-30, SD1	A Bill for an Act to appropriate funds from Accounts 1501B and 1501S to support the operational and personnel needs of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and to direct the Secretary of Finance to establish and maintain a separate sub-account within the Cannabis Tax Account for the purpose of segregating and reserving PSS's designated share, and for other purposes. [<i>For action on Senate amendments; See SEN. COMM. 24-98</i>] [<i>No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of May 22, June 18, and July 28, 2026</i>]	

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. NO. 24-81	A Bill for an Act to establish a Non-Profit Organization Tax Credit to incentivize individual and corporate contributions, promote philanthropic engagement, and ensure the long-term viability of organizations that provide essential services and enhance the quality of life for the people of the CNMI. [No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of December 22, and December 29, 2025]	

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 28, 2026:

H. RES. NO. 24-28: To recognize, honor, and express appreciation to Rufina Tuloi Borja Seman for 50 years of exemplary and distinguished service in education. REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*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, 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) Introduced on July 28, 2026. The House placed the resolution on the Resolution Calendar. The resolution was subsequently adopted.

H. J. R. NO. 24-15: To sincerely recognize and express deepest appreciation to Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur, honoring his extraordinary life, his unwavering dedication to preserving traditional Micronesian navigation, and his lasting contributions to the cultural heritage of the people of Micronesia, and to extend heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. 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, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) Introduced on July 28, 2026. The House placed the resolution on the Resolution Calendar. The resolution was subsequently adopted.

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Veto Override / Reconsideration Deadlines

Gov. COMM. 24-163: (7/15/2026) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 24-89, HS1, SD1, CCS1, entitled, *(To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the Second Senatorial District.)*.

[Deadline: 9/13/2026] Read on July 28, 2026 and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Gov. COMM. 24-164: (7/15/2026) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 24-91, HS1, SD1, CCS1, entitled, *(To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes.)*.

[Deadline: 9/13/2026] Read on July 28, 2026 and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Executive Appointments Requiring Legislative Confirmation

None pending.

Judicial Rule Review Period

None pending.