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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 First Day, Third Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, January 16, 2026, at 2:30 PM
Location: House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

Copies of this notice, the official Session call, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of the House Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

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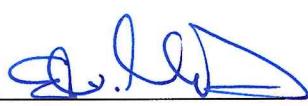
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 12 January 2026
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 3rd 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, 3rd Regular Session for Friday, 16 January 2026 at 2:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

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

| SESSION DAY | CALENDAR DAY | TIME |
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| 1st Day, Third Regular Session | Friday, January 16, 2026 | 2:30 p.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:

H. B. No. 24-83

Requiring Disclosure of 501(c)(3) Status for Government Funding.

Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Roman C. Benavente)

H. B. No. 24-84

To authorize the expenditure of \$2,105,563.00 identified by the Governor as a surplus from Fiscal Year 2025 revenues that shall be appropriated by the Legislature to the Public School System and to the 25% Retirees’ Pension Obligation.

Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 24-85

To amend 3 CMC § 1205, relating to the Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission’s authority to assess fees for translation services; to establish a revolving fund; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 24-38

To appropriate the fund remaining balance of \$48,450.33 under Section 2(t)(4) of Saipan Local Law 20-26 (Project Code 7190M) for the maintenance, repairs and improvements of Commonwealth parks and recreational facilities in Precinct IV; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO and REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for themselves*)

H. L. B. No. 24-39

To appropriate Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

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

H. L. B. No. 24-40

To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund infrastructure projects in the Second Senatorial District.

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

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. No. 24-11

Directing the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and all relevant Commonwealth government agencies and public corporations to expedite planning, permitting, and deployment of viable renewable energy, storage, and resilience projects — and to coordinate energy-security and infrastructure-resilience strategies — in light of the accelerated phase-out of federal clean-energy incentives under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Prefiled by: REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

[READ 10/24/2025] GOV. COMM. 24-69: (10/21/2025) Informing the House of his nomination of Mr. James Ushio Miyahara Mendiola, Jr. to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) representing the Second Senatorial District. **[Deadline: 1/19/2026]**

[READ 12/5/2025] GOV. COMM. 24-84: (12/2/2025) Transmittal of Mr. James Ushio Miyahara Mendiola Jr.'s résumé, police clearance, statement of financial interest, and drug test results as part of the required documentation for his pending nomination. **Action deadline: January 19, 2026.**

GOV. COMM. 24-93: (12/29/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. L. B. No. 24-02 (*To rename part of Routes 30 and Route 33 "Governor Arnold I. Palacios Memorial Highway" in honor of the former late Governor Arnold I. Palacios; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-16** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-94: (12/29/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-29 (*To rename the "Smiling Cove Marina" the "Diego T. Benavente Smiling Cove Marina" in honor of former Legislator and former Lieutenant Governor Diego T. Benavente.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-17** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-95: (12/30/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-34, D1 (*To establish the "Saipan Economic Incentive District" within the Third Senatorial District, and to authorize the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority and other relevant agencies to administer and regulate investment activities within the designated district.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-18** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-96: (12/23/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-75, (*To authorize the continued payment of employer premiums for the Group Health & Life Insurance (GHLI) Program by permitting expenditure of \$3,747,585.00 recently identified by the Governor that shall be appropriated by the Legislature for FY 2026.*). Became **Public Law No. 24-19.** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-97: (12/23/2025 received 12/29/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. B. No. 24-80, HS1, (*To Repeal and Re-Enact Public Law 24-14 to further 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.*). Became **Public Law No. 24-20** **[Item Veto Deadline: 2/27/2026]**

GOV. COMM. 24-98: (1/5/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-82, HD1, (*To amend Section 704(k) of Public Law 24-20 to prevent disruption or delay of allotments, payments, or expenditures of the Legislative Branch by adding a transition period of up to 273 days for the implementation of the Legislature's Finance Department; and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law No. 24-21.** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-99: (12/30/2025) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Emily Howell Thomsen, Assistant Public Defender, at the Office of the Public Defender to receive an annual salary of \$75,000. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-100: (12/31/2025) Transmitting Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report (period ending September 30, 2025). [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-101: (1/8/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. No. 24-31, SD1, *(To ensure food safety and support small food entrepreneurs sell non-time/temperature control (TCS) for safety food and home-cooked meals; and for other purposes.).* Became **Public Law No. 24-22.** [For info]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 24-68: (12/31/2025) Returning H. B. No. 24-82, HD1, entitled, *“To amend Section 704(k) of Public Law 24-20 to prevent disruption or delay of allotments, payments, or expenditures of the Legislative Branch by adding a transition period of up to 273 days for the implementation of the Legislature’s Finance Department; and for other purposes.”*, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on December 31, 2025. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 24-69: (1/5/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 24-12, entitled, *“To commend and congratulate Jacqueline Ayuyu Quitugua for her exemplary service, leadership, and dedication for more than four decades to education, student wellbeing, and youth development in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”*. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 24-70: (1/6/2026) Informing the House of the Senate’s Conferees to the Conference Committee on H. B. No. 23-74, SS2, entitled, *“To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust.”*. [Chair: Sen. Jude U. Hofsneider; Member(s): Sen(s). Donald M. Manglona and Francisco Q. Cruz [Alternate Member: Sen. Corina L. Magofna]. [For info]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-79: (1/12/2026) From Representative Thomas John DLC. Manglona informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning January 12, 2026—January 18, 2026 and request to be excused from all legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, committee meetings, and any official functions. [For info]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 24-82: (12/19/2025) From the Commonwealth Zoning Board, Saipan Zoning Office re: *Notice of Rezone/Change in Zoning District Boundaries on the Official Zoning Map From Village Commercial (VC) / Rural (RU) to Mixed Commercial (MC).* [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-83: (12/29/2025) Legislative Bureau to the Department of Finance re: *request for a transitional implementation period and interim Memorandum of Understanding under Public Law 24-20.* [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-84: (12/29/2025) Notice of a reduction in work hours for Legislative Bureau and CNMI Youth Congress staff. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-85: (12/29/2025) OMB FY 2026 Proposed Allotment Schedule for Remaining Fiscal Year (January–September 2026). [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-86: (1/9/2026) From the Cannabis Commission re: Discrepancies in Cannabis Commission Revenue Reporting relevant to Executive Order No. 2025-005. [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 |
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16. BILL CALENDAR

| Bill/Initiative | Subject | Action |
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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 December 31, 2025:

H. B. No. 24-82: To amend Section 704(k) of Public Law 24-20 to prevent disruption or delay of allotments, payments, or expenditures of the Legislative Branch by adding a transition period of up to 270 days for the implementation of the Legislature's Finance Department; and for other purposes. REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAM of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai). Introduced on December 31, 2025.