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In compliance with the Open Government Act, Senate President, Arnold I. Palacios, issued a session call on July 07, 2017, that the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene this open and public session. The notice, the official session call, and the session agenda was filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk; released to the media; and posted at the Entrance Halls of the Office of the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives, posted on the Commonwealth Legislature's website at www.cnmileg.gov.mp.

President Palacios: Before I call this Senate Session into order, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome some of the folks and thank them for joining us this afternoon. We have on our Calendar some of the confirmations on the appointees by the Governor. I recognized some of the family members in the gallery, I welcome you to the Senate on behalf of the Senate members. With that, I call this 1st Day, Fifth Special Session in order.

The Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its 1st Day, Fifth Special Session, on July 11, 2017, at 1:58 p.m., in the Senate Chamber, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, President of the Senate, presided.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

President Palacios: Clerk, please call the roll.

The Senate Clerk called the roll and all nine (9) members are present.

President Palacios: With all members present, we have established a quorum for today's session. We go to agenda Item B, Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Palacios: The floor is now open for any of member of the public to provide comment on any agenda items appearing on today's Order of Business. The Sergeant-At-Arms will escort anyone wishing to make public comments this morning. Please, state your name and the organization to which you are addressing.

Mr. Parker Yobe: Good afternoon, Mr. President and members of the Senate, thank you for this opportunity. My name is, Parker Yobe, I am the current Executive Director for the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture. I am here particularly, on the communication from the House, Item No. 7, which is to amend the Agricultural Bill to include our local artist who are registered in our office, Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture. By doing this, this bill will allow us to be more flexible in terms of purchase requisition with Finance. We will work with Finance to provide annual artist registry on all our traditional artists, weavers, carvers, and so on. By inserting artist in this bill, it will allow us to expand, improve our growing programs which we are doing in the schools, in terms of preserving language and culture. I ask you guys, to please consider this bill and allow us to continue our work in a more flexible way. That is about it. Thank you for your time and you all have a good day.

President Palacios: Thank you, Mr. Yobe. Any other members in the public wants to make any public comment? Please state your name and the agency you represent.

Mr. Leo Pangelinan: My name is, Leo Pangelinan, I am with the Music of Marianas Association. Greetings, Mr. President and Senate members. I wanted to follow Parker to also express my support for the communication from the House, House Bill No. 20-42, which will include artist registered with CCAC, to give them a special task benefit. I think this is really important in our community today. Our mission is to protect, preserve and promote the language and culture through the musical arts. Our particular emphasis is, trying to develop interest in local music among the youth. I'll tell you, it is really difficult as it is, because our culture, our language, our people, face challenges daily with modern Acedia, Western Culture and Civilization. It is not always complimentary to the culture or the arts. Not enough people in our community are interest and I think this is just one way to express the value in artist. I myself, I am a musical artist. Although, I don't think it will make an immediate impact on my life, those, I know, in our association and other musical artists, I know. The vast majority is below the poverty level, so of course, this will ease that burden of just one other expense to worry about as the struggling to make a living. The other thing this bill does is, it really imparts the value of the arts in the context of our people, the sense of identity, as the people. I want to speak specifically about music because that's really what I know. It may permit our lives, it's with us to help us overcome adversity, it's with us to help us celebrate family functions, it's with us at funerals, it's with us when were on medical referrals. It is with us when where away from our islands and we struggle to maintain a sense of connections especially people are away from our family. Music ties us to our culture and language and for many of our youths, today, it is a condor for learning the language for those who don't learn it in their homes. The golden music, it teaches about their culture, it teaches about our history, it is a time marker. Most of you might remember the song that was playing on the radio on your fist day, that is what I mean by a time marker. It is very much a part of our lives and it helps us sustain our sense of the people. So, in the context of this bill, I know that the original law was within its subsistence. I think it is very much aligned with the spirit of that bill which is to help our artist to figure out how to succeed through the talent and through the interest of the artists. Thank you.

President Palacios: Than you, Mr. Pangelinan. Are there any other members?

Mr. Crispin Ogo: *Buenas dias, man Onorobli, guaho si, Crispin Ogo, ginen i ofisinin Indigenous. Gumaigi-yo guini pot este i House Communication 20-40, ginen i House Bill No. 20-42. Parehu-ha yan si Parker, yan eyu i ti'atmaman-ha kumentos na siñot, in supopota este na aktu pot rason na la'meggai taotao-ta gi presente man'talihente, ma'tungo chumo 'gue cho'cho' nai para hufan mama'salapi lao, man trinataka na nisisario hufan gai'license. Guaha siha tantos in choggue dididi kuminikasion yan i taotao-ta guini giya Saipan. Ya a'anok na maseha manma'tungo-ha manman nufu para hufan mama'salape, manman carve yan siña lokkue man'dandan. Lao, gof man'mamasa para hufan huyong ya hufan benta siha gi kuminidat putno ufan ma' alakuenta, ufan ma'charge ni hafa na klasen penalty. Pues in ga'gagao hamyu. na pot fabot chuli' este na finaisen-mame ya in pasa este na aktu, i House Bill No. 20-42, ya hufan nina ayuda eyu siha mu'rehistra siha gi Arts Council.*

President Palacios: Thank you, Mr. Ogo. Are there any other members, people in the gallery?

Mr. Jose C. Mafnas: Good afternoon, Mr. President and members of this Senate body. My name is, Jose C. Mafnas, I work for the Executive Branch, particularly, with the Division of Custom Service. Mr. Chairman, first of all, I want to apologize for the other House Communications that are here on the calendar, but mostly, I'm here to express my support on House Communication No. 20-40. That is to include our local artists with the same taxing provision that we, the farmers, and fishermen are afforded to. I am a tax collector myself, and it's not something to, not a position to brag about, but, I'm definitely in support of this provision to extend to our local artists. Also, I see on the calendar the confirmations of several appointees or nominees by the Governor, Governor Torres, to Board Members, and also the DOC Commissioner. I know these individuals and I know that they will be an asset to the various departments or agencies that they are going to served. I asked this Senate body to please support all the nominees. *Olómwááy.*

President Palacios: Thank you, Mr. Mafnas. Any other member of the public going to comment on any of the items on the agenda? There being none. We move down to Item C, Reading and Approval of Journals.

READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNALS

President Palacios: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. For the adoption of Senate Journal 20-09, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion has been made and seconded to adopt Senate Journal 20-09, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion, please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All member voiced "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. We move on to agenda Item D, Messages from the Governor. Clerk?

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Clerk voiced Governors Messages Nos. 20-79 to 20-81.

President Palacios: Any member wishing to comment on any of the three messages from the Governor? There being none, we move on to agenda Item E, Communications from the Judiciary.

COMMUNICATONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

The Clerk voiced Judiciary Communications Nos. 20-06 and 20-07.

President Palacios: I would like to ask the Chair of Fiscal Affairs, to take a look at these two communications and get back to the full Senate on the next session. Senator Hofschneider, recognized.

Senator Hofschneider: Mr. President, as discussed briefly before we go into session, we do have a Judiciary Budget Hearing scheduled for Friday, and we intend to pass this particular issues as well, so, we can fully understand. We'll report as soon as we get back into the next session.

President Palacios: Thank you. It is very important because we passed a legislation and became statute, I guess, relative to this issue, your loan from the USDA. So, I think the members would appreciate if you and your members of the committee would bring this up and put some clarity to it. Thank you. There being no communications from Heads of Executive Department. We move to Communications from House.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE

The Clerk voiced House Communications Nos. 20-34 to 20-45

President Palacios: We have 20-34 to 20-45, Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. I move to suspend pertinent Rules to include House Communication No. 20-47 in today's agenda.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: There's a motion to suspend pertinent Rules so that we can include House Communication No. 20-47 in today's Order of Business, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the suspension motion please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: I will make the appropriate motion when we get to the Bill Calendar.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senate Hofschneider?

Senator Hofschneider: Thank you, Mr. President. Referring to House Communication No. 20-35 and that is House Joint Resolution No. 20-05, to essentially encompass the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Coincidentally, it's good that the Deputy Corporate Manager is here today. I just wanted to inform everyone, and also Ms. Mafnas, that the Senate intends to take this up, but, we do like to have an audience with your agency just to kind of give us some updates that some of the Committee members may need some information on. We're aware of the sensitivity and the time line. My office will be in communication with the agency. So, I just wanted to point that out.

President Palacios: Thank you. Can you make that appointment as soon as possible?

Senator Hofschneider: Noted.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other comments or statements on any of the House Communications? Senator Mangloña, recognized.

Senator Mangloña: Thank you, Mr. President. As with your earlier request for the Chairman of the Fiscal Affairs to look into Judicial Communication, likewise, also, I want to kindly ask the Chairman to look into House Bill No. 20- 42. We have four respected community members who have just spoke before us today, and are appealing to all of us for our support on 20-42. I just ask the supporters of this legislation to also look at other programs, because, I know that for example, on Guam, there is an impact fees, or building permits, or some fees that are paid to the government and a certain percentage is earmarked toward the arts and culture. So, that's also other areas of opportunities that we can use to support the local arts and cultures here in the CNMI. I wish we could do similar thing as what is being done in Guam. I fully support without looking into the legislation yet, on anything that promotes our agriculture industries here, and our arts and culture. I respectfully, ask the Chairman, to look at this legislation if we can report it out on the next session.
Si Yu'us ma'ase.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other members, on any of the House Communications? Ready? We are down to Communications from the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE

The Clerk voiced Senate Communication No. 20-84.

President Palacios: Thank you. Chairman Cruz, please take note.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE

President Palacios: We don't have any communications from Congressional Delegate. We are down to agenda Item K, Pre-filed Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

President Palacios: Senator Hofschneider, recognized.

Senator Hofschneider: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to formally introduce Senate Bill and I'll ask the Clerk to assign an appropriate number, "A Bill for an act to amend 1 CMC § 8602, by establishing a zero tolerance one strike rule for any law enforcement in the commonwealth who tested positive for drug use; and for other purposes."

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other members introducing any legislations? Senator Quitugua, recognized.

Senator Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President.* Mr. President, officially introducing Senate Resolution No. 20-04, recognizing and congratulating the 2017 Northern Marianas Nursing graduates, who have taken the NCLEX and successfully passed, namely, Ms. Eugenio, Ms. Lopez, Ms. Sablan, and Mr. Oh. If there is no objection from the members, Mr. President, I would like to have this resolution introduced by the committee of the whole.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Quitugua, would you like to ask the Floor Leader to consider putting this on today's Order of Business?

Senator Quitugua: That is in order, Mr. President, when it comes down to the Resolution Calendar.

President Palacios: Okay. We will do that. Are there any other legislations? Senator Quitugua?

Senator Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President.* Officially, introducing Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01. This is “To amend Article III, section 20(b) of the Constitution of the CNMI, to authorize classroom teachers, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals to be allowed to double-dipped without losing their pension benefits.” As we know, Mr. President, we have the issues with the hospital on nursing and also issues with teacher's who are being replaced by substitute teachers due to the manpower situation in the CNMI. However, we have all these qualified teachers and nurses that could fulfill or fill in some of the CW issues particularly with the hospital. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other members introducing any legislations this afternoon? I have one resolution, Senate Resolution No. 20-05, “To respectfully request that Secretary Ryan Zinke, U.S. Department of the Interior and Secretary Wilbur Ross, U.S. Department of Commerce, restore fishing and mineral resource extraction rights to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) that were taken through the proclamation establishing the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument; to recommend that the fishery management within the Marianas Trench National Marine Monument be returned to the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council as authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act while mineral resource extraction be treated as other submerged lands found in the CNMI; and to convey disapproval of the establishment of any National Marine Sanctuary in the CNMI.” And, I ask that this be introduced by the Committee of the Whole, if there is no objection. Thank you.

Senator Mangloña: Mr. President, I guess the committee of the whole can introduce it, but, I have some reservation in particular, the last sentence of the title. I believe, in some provisions in the resolution, conveying that we disapprove the establishment of any National Marine Sanctuary in the CNMI. I respectfully, ask that I be excluded as the sponsor of this resolution. I ask the members to maybe, before acting on this, I'm not to delay it, but, if the committee assign to this resolution can actually conduct a public hearing on this resolution, I think that it's going to send a strong message of our sentiment in the Senate, as well as, the people of the Commonwealth. If we approve this hastily without much consideration to our people out in the community, because as you know, there's already a national marine --

President Palacios: Senator Mangloña, let me just interject, we're just introducing this. At your requests, we'll not put your name as the author and we can discuss the resolutions itself later.

Senator Mangloña: Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Okay. Are there any other resolutions or any legislations to be introduced this afternoon? There being none. We are down to Reports of Standing Committee. The Chair will request for a two-minute recess.

The Senate recessed at 2:25 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SCR No. 20-20: From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. Vincent S. Attao to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. We left off on Reports of Standing Committees. We have four Standing Committee Reports to adopt, all of which are relative to the appointments by the Governor. I would like to go on record, Standing Committee Report No. 20-20 will remain on the Calendar. Mr. Vincent S. Attao, who is the appointee by the Governor to head the Department of Corrections, is still off island and the Chair would like to ensure that the nominee is on island when we take up his nomination. If there's no objection, we leave it on the agenda. With that, Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. We do have four Standing Committee Reports appearing in our calendar today, however, as you stated earlier that Standing Committee Report No. 20-20, we will be deferring action that Standing Committee Report. At this time, for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20- 22, from the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation, reporting on the appointment of Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero, to serve on the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors, so, move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion has been made for the adoption of Standing Committee Report 20-22, relative to the appointment of Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero, CUC Board, and it has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? I recognized Chairman of EAGI, Senator Cruz.

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, your Committee on the EAGI is ready to present Senate Standing Committee Report No. 20-22, this is the appointment of Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero. Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Weston A. Deleon Guerrero to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors, begs leave to report as follows, pursuant to 4 CMC Section 8131 (a), Mr. Weston A. Deleon Guerrero was nominated by Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, on May 25, 2017, to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors. The Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations recommends that the Senate give its advice and consent to the appointment of Mr. Weston A. Deleon Guerrero, to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors. Your committee has examined all pertinent documents submitted relating to Mr. Weston A. Deleon Guerrero's overall credentials. In addition, your committee took into account all oral testimonies presented during the public hearing. After much deliberation and base on the overall assessment of Mr. Weston A. Deleon Guerrero's credentials, experiences, testimonies and other relevant issues considered, your committee is convinced that Mr. Weston A. Deleon Guerrero, possesses the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors.

Again, I ask the full member of this body to please support Senate Standing Committee Report No. 20-22. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other member wants to comment? Senator Santos?

Senator Santos: Thank you, Mr. President. First, I would like to commend our Honorable Governor and Lieutenant Governor, for the appointment of Mr. Weston Deleon Guerrero, to serve as a member to CUC Board of Directors. At the same time, I would also like to thank Mr. Deleon Guerrero, for accepting such an appointment. I was not present during Mr. Deleon Guerrero's public hearing for confirmation, but, through written testimonies that I have read including his credentials, we have full confidence of his qualifications as CUC Board. Mr. Deleon Guerrero, I just hope that if you are confirmed, you will firmly and consistently uphold your fiduciary duty and responsibilities as a member to the Board. This day, public trust and confidence is extremely difficult to regain or restore once it's broken. Our general public closely monitors our actions, most especially, when it comes to CUC, and perhaps, from previous experiences. So, with this, we asked that you will serve our people and our Commonwealth well with the trust and confidence that our general public expects from you. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Cruz?

Senator Cruz: My apology, Mr. President. Also, I would like to include in this Committee Report, that Mr. Deleon Guerrero, has also submitted all required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5, of Senate Rules. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Further comments? Senator Quitugua?

Senator Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President.* Mr. President, due to unforeseen circumstances, I wasn't able to be in attendance during Mr. Deleon Guerrero's nomination. However, I am really happy that he was appointed to serve as a Board under the CUC. At the same time, I would like to suggest to Mr. Deleon Guerrero, to follow-up closely on the stipulated orders with CUC so that we will not repeat the same situation in the future. Also, to look at closely the Rules and Regulations of CUC. Perhaps, it's time that some of the regulations and rules be updated, and also, to look at some of the latest studies that were done about CUC; and choose the parts that will provide good guidance to CUC. Lastly, I recommend to Mr. Deleon Guerrero, to provide good guidance through his involvement in the board with the management of CUC. The last one, to look at the possible training efforts that CUC can provide especially to our local residence, so that it will help CUC in the long future with the issues of the CW. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other comments? There being none. Are you ready for the question? Before I ask the Clerk to call the roll, just a point of information to the general public, when we vote on the committee report and we vote in the affirmative Mr. Deleon Guerrero, would have been confirm. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all nine (9) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With all nine members voting “yes,” the Senate hereby confirmed Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero, to serve on the CUC Board of Directors. Congratulations! (APPLAUSE) At this point, I would like to ask the Floor Leader to move on to the next committee report.

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. For the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-23, from the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-23, on the appointment of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda, to serve as a Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College, and it’s been seconded. Discussion? I recognized, Chairman Cruz.

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, your Committee is ready to present Standing Committee Report No. 20-23, this is the appointment of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda. Mr. President, your Committee Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents begs leave to report as follows: Pursuant to 3 CMC §1311, Mr. Charles V. Cepeda, was nominated by Governor Ralph DI-G. Torres, on June 12, 2017, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. The Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations recommends that the Senate give its advice and consent to the appointment of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. Your committee has examined all pertinent documents submitted relating to Mr. Charles V. Cepeda's overall credentials. In addition, your committee took into account all written and oral testimonies presented during the public hearing. After much deliberation and base on the overall assessment of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda's credentials, experiences, testimonies and other relevant issues considered, your committee is convinced that Mr. Charles V. Cepeda, possesses the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College

Board of Regents. Mr. President, your Committee concludes that the appointment of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda meets all the necessary requirement pursuant to 3 CMC § 1 3 11. Furthermore, Mr. Charles V. Cepeda, has submitted all required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Senate Rules. Again, I ask the full members to support Senate Standing Committee Report No. 20-23.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other comments from any of the Senate members? Ready? Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all nine (9) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With all nine members voting “yes,” Mr. Charles V. Cepeda, is hereby confirmed to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. [APPLAUSE] Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. This is the last Standing Committee Report, for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-24, on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. So, move, Mr. President.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-24 it has been seconded, on the appointment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. Discussion? Senator Cruz, recognized.

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, your committee is ready to present Senate Standing Committee Report No. 20-24, this is the re-appointment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas. Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, to which was referred the re-appointment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents begs leave to report as follows: Pursuant to 3 CMC § 1311, Ms.

Zenie P. Mafnas, was nominated by Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, on June 12, 2017, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. Your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations recommends that the Senate give its advice and consent to the re-appointment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. Your committee has examined all pertinent documents submitted relating to Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas's overall credentials. In addition, your committee took into account all oral testimonies presented during the public hearing. After much deliberation and base on the overall assessment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas's credentials, experiences, testimonies and other relevant issues considered, your committee is convinced that Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, possesses the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. Your Committee concludes that the re-appointment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, meets all the necessary requirement pursuant to 3 CMC § 1311. Furthermore, Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, has submitted all required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Senate Rules. Again, I ask the full members of this body to support Senate Standing Committee Report No. 20-24. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you, Senator Cruz. Senator Hofschneider, recognized.

Senator Hofschneider: Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon to everyone. Just to reiterate my comments and my statements earlier during the two nominees, since, I see the Executive Directors for Rota and Tinian campus are here today, without compromising the accreditation of Northern Marianas College to revisit the policy in regards to the courses and availability of classes that can be extended or considered on the islands of Tinian and Luta. As we all know, there was that policy change by way of requirements and the request by the accreditation committee, then, I thought that after five years, that's been over five years, I belief, that it's okay to have a look at it again, and see how we can explore the possibility. Five years ago to today, there's been a tremendous change in the way we go to school and I'm referring to on-line classes. You know, I'll leave it up to the Board of Regents and the President to see how they can revisit that particular matter and so forth. My office is ready to assist for that matter if need be. *Si Yu'us ma'ase.*

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Quitugua, recognized.

Senator Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President.* Again, Mr. President, for unforeseen circumstance, I was not able to attend the nomination hearing for Mr. Cepeda and Ms. Mafnas. However, I would like to ask them to follow closely the FEMA award funds that NMC received particularly to project worksheets No. 96, in the amount over \$4.5 million. I believe that the plan for this project is due by August 4, and I strongly recommend that they follow-up on this project so that NMC would not delay the start in doing this FEMA award funds for the projects. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Mesngon, recognized.

Senator Mesngon: Thank you, Mr. President. Just to express again, I think the benefit of the two administrators that are here, today, during the public hearing, I really emphasize and I just want to make sure that to include this budget that I asked the two nominees from the board region directly to Zenie and Charles, and the administrator. I think Rota really needs also a facelift, because, you know

there's a lot of renovation that Mr. Mendiola is doing and it is conveying some information down to the delegation. I emphasize that during the public hearing to take a look at it also to support the two campuses and it is important that you put in your budget which I ask you guys during the public hearing. With this again, just to make sure that the Board of Regents can work closely with the other campuses also and please take a look at the two campuses. Thank you. At the same time, Mr. President, during the public hearing, also, I stated strongly for Mr. Weston, which is done already, we did confirm him, but, I duly asked to work closely with the Director in taking a look at the report that the Senate conducted during the hearing for the CUC. With that again, congratulation, we just confirmed the two nominees, Mr. Cepeda and Mr. Deleon Guerrero. With that, thank you, Mr. President. I yield for now.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other members? Just very briefly, I believe last year we had a session at the Northern Marianas College campus on Rota, and I want to thank the Northern Marianas College for allowing us. One of my observation, is the under-utilization of the facilities on campus. And my another observation, is the government of the municipalities of Rota, are actually out there renting commercial spaces somewhere else. I asked some of the folks to consider talking to the Mayor so that they can utilize part of his facilities in agreement for may be a partial rent so that maintenance costs of part of his facilities could be borne by some of the rentals from the municipality, just an idea. With that, I ask the Clerk to call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all nine (9) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With all nine members voting “yes,” Standing Committee Report No. 20-24, relative to the re-appointment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents, is hereby adopted and therefore the confirmation is hereby approved by the Senate. Congratulations! [APPLAUSE] We are going to take a five to ten-minutes break.

The Senate recessed at 2:54 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:22 p.m.

President Palacios: We are back to our plenary session. We are on agenda Item M. We now go to agenda Item N and O. There being none on agenda Item N.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

President Palacios: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. Motion to suspend all pertinent Rules to place several resolutions and initiative on today's Resolution Calendar, so, move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion to spend Rules to place resolutions and bills on the Calendars and it's been seconded. Discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the suspension motion please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion Carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Mr. President, now, I move for the placement of Senate Resolution No. 20-04, Senate Resolution No. 20-05, and Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01 on today's Resolution Calendar. So, move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is to place Senate Resolution No. 20-04, Senate Resolution No. 20-05, Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01 on today's Order Business. Floor Leader, what about Senate Bill 20-42? Is that 20-42 or?

Senator Hofschneider: 20-14.

President Palacios: 20-14?

Senator Hofschneider: Correct.

Floor Leader Borja: I will make the appropriate motion when we get to the bill Calendar.

President Palacios: Ready for the question? Those in favor of the placement motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Mr. President, for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 20-04, so, move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motion for Senate Resolution No. 20-04. Discussion on that motion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion to adopt Senate Resolution No. 20-04, please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 20-05, so, move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 20-05 it has been seconded. Discussion? Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: Mr. President, I guess you mentioned of the time sensitivity of this resolution, however, I would have to respectfully vote “no” for this resolution only because, Mr. President, a statement was made as to conveying our sentiment of the need to disapprove establishment of a National Marine Sanctuary in the CNMI. I understand this is a motion for passage now right, so, we are under discussion?

President Palacios: Further discussion.

Senator Mangloña: My only concern is having met with Mr. Angelo Villagomez, having met personally with officials of the National Marine Sanctuary in Washington, DC, having met people from the EPA offices, of course prior to this Administration, and it was during the last weeks of the Administration of President Obama. I was of the opinion that the National Marine Sanctuary and I understand even our own Governor, Governor Ralph Torres, and our member of Congress, Congressman Kilili, both wrote letters to the National Marine Sanctuary or to EPA, if I’m not mistaken, in support of the National Marine Sanctuary designation. So, it is with extreme reservation that I comment today, and I only wish that we could pass this resolution without making that statement on the National Marine Sanctuary. I was of the opinion that, then, now, the National Marine Monument can move forward if it is also designated under the National Marine Sanctuary Act. Just before the new Administration of Donald Trump, came in, I understand that we are now

officially placed under the Sanctuary Act and so that took a lot of effort on the part of many individuals here in the CNMI. Even in Guam, and it took a lot of effort from these people that also volunteered their time and I just do not feel comfortable on the language on conveying our disapproval. *Enao-ha, Mr. President, tihu tungo hafa na debi-ha tana chadik este, lao hu respeta opinion-mu ya i para baihu sangan-ha*, I just have to put it on record, *anai man miting-ham ya i officialis kulan guaha dangkulu na difirensia gi designation Sanctuary para este Marine Monument. Kontra timan-ma designate-hit, ya para guaho, dangkulu este signifkasona i Senate Resolution. Pues enao-ha, si Yu'us ma'ase.*

President Palacios: Thank you. I certainly appreciate your concern, but, the reason why I introduced this, first, is because there is an ongoing process right now through an Executive Order from President Trump. Basically, instructing the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Interior to review and revisit the processes and even the management issues and infrastructure of what the Nationally Marine Monument across the country, one of the nation's third, particularly, in our case that is in effect. We have every monument and that nothing really, nothing, no benefits have really come to the people of the Commonwealth, we remember that controversy in the midst of our community. Shortly thereafter, Secretary of the Interior with, actually, was initially on the promise of co-management with the people of the Commonwealth. All management between the Department of Commerce, Department of Interior and the government of the Commonwealth, that is why we went ahead and agreed. Immediately after that, Secretary of Interior wouldn't overlay and declared part of this monuments as wildlife refuges completely under its preview and management of the Department of Interior, right there. So, one, the promise of co-management was thrown out the window immediately. Secondly, National Fisheries is under the Department of Commerce is the responsible agency under which the Marine Monument office is located. I can say this, National Marine Fisheries service has more assets and resources to do this, to do the things necessary to manage these areas. One, the area was declared with a proclamation from the President. Fast forward to the Obama Administration, during the waning days of the Obama Administration, there was a big push across the country and across the region to have all these monuments become Marine Sanctuary. So, what you have is, you have two competing interest even within the Federal Government infrastructure fighting it out to see who's going to get CNMI standard and who is going to manage these areas. In the end what if Obama had succeeded in declaring it Marine Sanctuaries, it would have provided another overlay of Federal Regulations on top of what was already there. So, when Obama did not, and this was pushed by the same people, few was involved, same folks that are involved in having the Marianas waters part of some of the marine areas in the Mariana Islands declared as Marine Monuments, where same people that are now saying that it's better to make it a Marine Sanctuary. Why didn't we do that to begin with? I was just an issue because Sanctuary's office cannot through antiquity act, it was actually use under the Department of Interior. Now, we will have three agencies basically, fighting who is going to be the top dog and all of them will have an overlay. What President Trump has directed in the Executive Order, is to review this whole process and have the Secretary of Interior and Commerce come back with recommendations how these monuments are to be manage. Well, let's just stop, because the people of the Commonwealth have really expressed the look. We continue to get our oceans, our lands taken over, we should express a pay. Marine Sanctuaries process was in the waning days of the Obama Administration. It was really no consultation with the people, there really wasn't, it was a letter that was forged for Governor, to come on board and support it. Well, a month later, the Governor signed another letter

supporting practically the opposite of that process. I think, if we have a monument, it's already a monument, stay in it and have it reviewed, whether in did the efficacy of the original intent of the monument has taken or not. Many of us remembered that, we were promised so many things, a visitor center, a lot of jobs for people, I am not going to point fingers anymore. We know, but, we know today those things really never happened. It really never became as big withdrawal to the tourists as it was supposed to be. But, I certainly respect Senator Mangloña's sentiment on the issue and the proposal is on the table for us for disposal. Senator Igisomar?

Senator Igisomar: Thank you very much, Mr. President, for giving me this opportunity. I too, of course respect the sentiment of Senator Paul Mangloña, as well. I wanted to state that, I have a lot of emotional support for this resolution, Senate Resolution No. 20-05, but, I'll try to stick to the fact as much as possible and not go off tangent. This resolution intends to restore the fishing and mining extraction rights that were taken from the CNMI through the unilateral designation of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument and returning it to their rightful owners, to people of the Northern Mariana Islands. And also, this resolution intends to recommend that fishing management for all Federal waters now with Marine National Monuments be return to respective regional fishery management council as authorized by the Magnusson Division and Conservation and Management Act, The mineral resource extraction for all marine national monuments be under the auspices of the current Federal mineral resource mining law and that National Marine Sanctuaries not be established in the CNMI as they are neither needed nor wanted. I am of course, highly favorable for this Mr. President, similarly to you, I was along this line with the Department of Commerce. I am fully aware of the sentiment of the CNMI government, the sentiment of the CNMI people, and I am fully aware of what transpire with respect to railroad in such policy through and making this Marine Monument, and taking away of our CNMI waters without truly getting the proper education for people to understand. In this resolution, Mr. President, there are twenty-three "Whereas" in other words, twenty-three facts and twenty-three points are places in this resolution since 2007. The CNMI was against it, Legislators were against it, writing letters to the President, we don't want this. Even the Governors of Guam, even wrote a letter stating that I am in support of the CNMI people, we do not want this, even the Micronesian Chief Executives. The Governors of the Pacific Islands came in and stood beside the CNMI saying, we don't want this. I am saying, Mr. President, Senator Arnold, and I was saying "President" earlier, I was referring to United States President. In essence, the overall sentiment and policy of the CNMI leaders, they did not want this to move forward. Along the way, they just placed it in with the signature, everything disappeared, and it's no longer ours. So, now, thankfully to President Donald J. Trump, in citing this Executive Order and requesting for review. I am in agreement with you, that as they are reviewing, this order was placed on his predecessor. I believe that, we are in line, and I believe that I don't think it's necessary for us to go out and ask the people for their concurrence, because, they were never given the opportunity to concur in the first place. I truly believe in the sentiment of this resolution that, you know, let us go back to the drawing board, let us go back to as is and we're hoping that as this Department of Commerce as per the directive of Donald J. Trump, our U.S. President, that in reviewing this, they are able to hopefully, this time, listen to our plea, read our resolution and hopefully, give us the opportunity to get our waters back so that we can have our people decide together, holistically, as a CNMI. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other comments? Ready? Those in favor of the motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

Several members voiced, “Aye,” and Senator Paul A. Mangloña voiced, “Nay.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. For the record, please have it reflect that Senator Paul Mangloña voted “no” on the resolution. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. Motion to adopt Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the adoption of Senate Legislative Initiative – Let us take a short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:42 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. I recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Borja: I withdraw my earlier motion for the adoption of Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is to withdraw, ready? Those in favor of the motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. We are down to the Bill Calendar.

BILL CALENDAR

President Palacios: I recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. I move, again, to suspend Pertinent Rules so that we can place bills and initiative on today’s Calendar for Final Reading.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Suspension motion has been offered and has been seconded. Discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. I move now for the placement of Senate Bill No. 20-14, HD1, in today’s Bill Calendar.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Thank you. A placement motion offered by the Floor Leader to place Senate Bill No. 20-14, HD1, in today’s Bill Calendar, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move for the placement of Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01 in today’s Bill Calendar.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. I move now for the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-14, HD1, on Final Reading.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-14, House Draft 1, it’s been seconded, discussion? Ready? Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: Just a clarification, Mr. President. I think that the amendment offered by the House of Representatives, which today, we are voting to accept, on page 3, lines 24 to 28, is a very good amendment and for that reason, I fully support 20-14. I think that my concerns when this was entertained in the Senate for Final Reading, can be address in this provision. Because, my concern from the beginning was, considering that there is only one licensed per island, how do we handle if there are two applicants and one of them already have an existing license? I think this provision will handle that, in that, it will require DPS to promulgate Rules and Regulations pertaining to application forms, the operation of management, and for sample, the application selection criteria. This is very critical and this is very important for DPS to knowledge when they promulgate the Rules

and Regulations. I'm stating this for the record, the Senate's comment on this legislation can be or may be incorporated. The concern of how you select if there are more than one will then be address in the Rules and Regulations. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other comments? Ready for the question? Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all nine (9) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With all nine members of the Senate voting “yes” Senate Bill No. 20-14, House Draft 1, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01, “To amend Article III, section 20(b) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize reemployment of retirees as classroom teachers, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals without losing their pension benefits for an unlimited period of time,” so move, Mr. President.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the passage of Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01. For clarification, legal counsel, that requires three-fourth of the members sitting and voting. Discussion? Ready? Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all nine (9) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With all nine members of the Senate voting “yes” Senate Legislative Initiative No. 20-01, hereby passes the Senate. Are there anymore bills?

Floor Leader Borja: That is all we have on the Calendar, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. We are down to agenda Item Q, Petitions, Memorials and Miscellaneous Communications. Clerk?

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk voiced Miscellaneous Communications Nos. 20-124 and 20-125.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any comments? None. We are down to Miscellaneous Business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President Palacios: Senator Quitugua?

Senator Quitugua: *Si Yu’us ma’ase, Mr. President.* Relative to your Memorandum dated, July 11, 2017, on the appointment of Chairman for the Committee on Gaming, this is to give notice to members that if they wish to be members of this Committee please, let me know. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Igisomar, I appointed you to Chairman the Rules, do you have any problem with that?

Senator Igisomar: No, Mr. President. I fully accepted your appointment, considering that we’ve been very busy with all these Fiscal Affairs Budget Hearings. I just want our new Chairman for the Gaming to be fully informed that, I would like to be a part of his Committee as high as possible. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. We will let that stay with the Chairman to make those decisions. Thank you. Any other comments or miscellaneous business? We are down to Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Palacios: Senator Hofschneider?

Senator Hofschneider: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to remind the Fiscal Affairs Committee members that we’ll be continuing our Budget Hearing for FY’2018 Budget submission.

Tomorrow will be Public School System, at 9:30 a.m., so, I ask everybody to be here. Also, I want to continue on Friday, with the Judiciary, as your direction, Mr. President, that we are going to discuss the matter also with the Judiciary regarding the earlier communications. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other announcements? Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: I just wanted to ask the Chairman, since you mentioned about PSS, I understand the House introduced a legislation that you were intending to introduce to address their concern for the reprogramming?

Senator Hofschneider: Yes, I actually saw it on the calendar but they did pass it, but I am not sure if they sent it.

President Palacios: It's been transmitted to the Senate, so, we will most likely take a look at it and try to address it in the next session. It should be on the next session.

Senator Mangloña: But, Mr. President, that is kind of urgent and we have it. Also, it's a subject matter that we almost tried to pass in the last session. Can we go back and just pass that?

President Palacios: Let us have a session next week.

Senator Mangloña: So, we are having one next week?

President Palacios: Okay.

Senator Hofschneider: Mr. President?

President Palacios: Go ahead, please.

Senator Hofschneider: So we are having one, I guess it is in the order, a notification to the Clerk, I guess it's on the calendar already.

President Palacios: It is going to be on the calendar under communications.

Senator Hofschneider: Thank you.

President Palacios: Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: That is all, because we will have to inform them tomorrow. I know that they are trying to move forward with the additional classrooms and the renovation, so, that's good news for them, at least by next week we pass that, Mr. President. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Igisomar?

Senator Igisomar: Thank you, Mr. President. I got so excited on the Gaming Committee that I forgot to inform the members as well, that as the President pointed me to be the Chair for Rules Committee, please, if you're interested let me know. Let me know so that I can finish the list for our Clerk, as well. I just wanted to inform the members that our Chairwoman for Health and Welfare, requested that I handle the Medical Referral oversight. As you know, I released that memo yesterday, that will be scheduled for mid-August. I know that the Fiscal Committee Chair has a very busy schedule for budgeting, but, at the directive, as well as our President, we need to get the oversight on Medical Referral over with. I've given time announcement for everybody, it will be in mid-August, so, just be on the look-out for that memo. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Chairwoman for the Health and Welfare, thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. I think that issue, we need to put a closure to some of the issue and see where we need to go with policies or if necessary legislation to assist in any way, shape or form, what we can do to assist in this program. Further announcements? There being none.

ADJOURNMENT

President Palacios: Floor Leader, for the adjournment.

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. I move to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair, it has been seconded. Discussion? Those in favor of the motion please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. This session is hereby adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Senate Journal Clerk