



**Office of the Senate President**  
Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature


**SENATOR ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Senate President

**MEMORANDUM**

Date : May 11, 2018

To : Senate Members

From : Senator Arnold I. Palacios

  
President of the Senate

Subject : Third Special Session - 2018

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and the Official Rules of the Senate, this is to inform all members that the Third Special Session is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**, in the **Senate Chamber**.

Your presence in this important session is greatly appreciated.

cc: Speaker of the House  
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Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**MEETING:** 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Third Special Session - 2018  
**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber, Saipan

Copies of this notice and session agenda have been filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

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Pursuant to 1 CMC §9904, written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of the Senate President, Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan, prior to the convening of the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented during the public session. If you wish to present oral testimony please inform the Senate Clerk not later than 24 hours prior to the session.



May 11, 2018

*THE SENATE*  
 TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
 THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Wednesday, May 16, 2018 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	10:00 a.m.

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

1. SJ 20-32 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day, First Special – 04/12/18

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-286:** April 19, 2018 – Signed into law, H.B. No. 20-42 - To amend 4 CMC, § 1302 (a), Tax on Agriculture Producers and Fishing to include Artists registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-56.**
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-287:** April 24, 2018 – Signed into law, H.B. No. 20-141, SD1 – To give the Department of Finance the authority to pay the obligated 25% retiree death benefit payments due to the survivors of CNMI deceased retirees, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-57.**
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-288:** April 24, 2018 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-59, D1 –To appropriate \$81,000.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes, becomes **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 20-10.**
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-289:** April 30, 2018 – Withdrawing the appointment of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission representing Saipan.

5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-290:** April 30, 2018 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test results of Mr. Matthew Holley re-nominated to serve as a member of the CUC Board of Directors representing Saipan.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-291:** April 27, 2018 – Re-nomination of Mr. Herman R. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-292:** April 27, 2018 – Re-appointment of Ms. Marian Aldan-Pierce to serve as a member of the MVA to represent Saipan.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-293:** April 23, 2018 – EO 2018-04 – Granting of Administrative Leave to active military personnel/reservists of the US Armed Forces.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-294:** April 27, 2018 – EO 2018-05 – Declaration of a State Significant Emergency – CUC.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-295:** May 04, 2018 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test results of Dr. Martin Rohringer, to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-296:** May 04, 2018 – Re-appointment of Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero to serve on the CUC Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-297:** May 04, 2018 – Re-appointment of Ms. Elaine H. Orilla to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents representing the First Senatorial District.
13. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-298:** May 04, 2018 – Re-appointment of Ms. Michaela U. Sanchez to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents representing the Second Senatorial District.
14. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-299:** May 04, 2018 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test results of Mr. Henry Emery L. Kaipat to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-300:** May 07, 2018 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test receipt for Ms. Michaela U. Sanchez to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents.
16. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-301:** May 11, 2018 – Withdrawing the re-appointment of Mr. Harman R. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:**

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 20-18:** Director of Courts, Ms. Sonia Camacho on the Guma' Hustisia air-conditioning system and mold remediation.

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :**

1. **Dept. No. 20-82:** April 26, 2018 – Dept. of Fire & Emergency Medical Services on the 15 WIA Cadets funding.
2. **Dept. No. 20-83:** April 30, 2018 – OMB 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report of Vacant Holding Account for FY 2018.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-203:** April 25, 2018 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-29, HD1, SD2 - To appropriate nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars (\$931,340.00) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs and to appropriate four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000.00) from the Second Senatorial District's Solid Waste Revolving account for the payment to Docomo Pacific, Inc.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-204:** April 25, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-155, HD1 – To require all Commonwealth governmental entities to submit an annual “Citizen-Centric Report” of their activities.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-205:** April 25, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-158, HD1 - To add a new Article 5 to Chapter 5, Part 2, Division 8 of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code to establish the Pregnancy Related Medical Leave and the Parental Leave Act; and for other purposes.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-206:** April 25, 2018 – Adopted Conference Committee Report No. 20-2 re H.B. No. 20-102, HD1, SS1, CCS1 – To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-207:** May 01, 2018 – Rejected the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-164, HD3, SD1 - To appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-208:** May 01, 2018 – Confirmed Mr. Benjamin Huk Borja to serve as a member of CPUC.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-209:** May 02, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-80, HD1 – To provide a tax incentive for business entities that hire qualified ex-offenders.
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-210:** May 02, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-100, HS1 – To establish a reserve fund to be used to meet the future needs of the Commonwealth.
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-211:** May 02, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-144 - To amend Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 4, Article 3 by adding a new § 439 naming the Rota Fire Station 8 the “Robert O. Hocog Fire Station”; and for other purposes.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-212:** May 02, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-153, HD1 - To amend 2 CMC § 4433 to authorize the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation and the Commonwealth Development Authority to promulgate regulations on procurement, travel, and personnel matters; and for other purposes.
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-213:** May 07, 2018 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 20-24 – DOI/OIA.
12. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-214:** May 07, 2018 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 20-25 – Justis “Cuki” F. Alvarez.
13. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-215:** May 07, 2018 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 20-26 – Palauan “Abai”.

14. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-216:** May 11, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-165, HD1 – To appropriate eight million three hundred thousand dollars (\$8,300,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308.
15. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-217:** May 09, 2018 – Informing of the appointment as an alternate member to House Conferees regarding H.B. No. 20-164, HD3, SD1.

#### H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-188:** May 01, 2018 - Senate President's letter to United Airlines on the reduction and discontinuation of flight services.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-189:** May 01, 2018 – Official referral to EAGI on the withdrawal of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the CPUC.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-190:** May 01, 2018 – Official referral to EAGI pending documents of Mr. Matthew Holley to serve on the CUC Board of Directors.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-191:** April 30, 2018 – Official referral to EAGI the re-nomination of Mr. Herman R. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-192:** April 30, 2018 – Official referral to EAGI the re-appointment of Ms. Marian Aldan-Pierce to serve as a member of the MVA Board of Directors.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-193:** May 3, 2018 – Senate President Palacios letter to U.S.Congress Speaker Ryan and Chairman Bishop request in passing S. 2325, the Northern Marianas U.S. Workforce Act.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-194:** May 7, 2018 – Senate President official referral to EAGI Committee copies of resume and other information of Dr. Martin Rohringer, to serve as a member of Health Care Professions Licensing Board.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-195:** May 7, 2018 – Senate President official referral to EAGI Committee the re-appointment of Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero, to serve on the CUC Board of Directors.
9. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-196:** May 7, 2018 – Senate President official referral to EAGI Committee the re-appointment of Ms. Elaine H. Orilla, to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents, Rota.
10. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-197:** May 7, 2018 – Senate President official referral to EAGI Committee the re-appointment of Ms. Michaela U. Sanchez, to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents, Tinian and Aguiguan.
11. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-198:** May 7, 2018 – Senate President official referral to EAGI Committee copies of resume and other information of Mr. Henry Emery L. Kaipat, to serve as a member of Commonwealth Election Commission.
12. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-199:** April 27, 2018 – Senate President in support of the Office of AG's proposal to the FY 2018 OIA Technical Assistant Program for a grant to fund Child Support Guidelines.
13. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-200:** May 08, 2018 – Revised of Senate Conference Committee on H.B. No. 20-164, HD3, SD1.

14. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-201:** May 07, 2018 – Senate President request to DPL for status update on Kan Pacific land lease.
15. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-202:** May 07, 2018 – Official referral to EAGI of Ms. Michaela U. Sanchez other pending documents to serve as a member the NMC Board of Regents, Tinian.

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-260:** March 16, 2018 – **Vetoed** S.B. No. 20-21, SS1, SD1 – To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.

**K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-79:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 20-40 - To amend 4 CMC § 51420 (b) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to establish and promulgate reasonable registration and permitting fees through adopted regulations; and for other purposes. **[RECOMMENDS PASSAGE IN THE FORM OF SD1]**
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-80:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications reporting on S.B. No. 20-60 – To regulate off-road vehicles including ATVs, SxS, and UTVs; and for other purposes. **[RECOMMENDS PASSAGE IN THE FORM OF SD1]**
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-85:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on S.B. No. 20-62 - To Regulate Cannabis in the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes; and for other purposes. **[RECOMMENDS PASSAGE IN THE FORM OF SS1]**
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-86:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation reporting on the re-appointment of Mr. Matthew Holley to serve on the CUC Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-87:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation reporting on the appointment of Mr. Henry Emery I. Kaipat to serve on the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-88:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation reporting on the re-appointment of Dr. Martin Rohringer to serve on the Health Care Professions Licensing Board representing Health Care Professional.

N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

P. BILL CALENDAR:

**FIRST READING**

LEG. NO.	TITLE

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	TITLE
S.B. No. 20-11	To amend 4 CMC § 1503 to authorize the third senatorial district to establish additional fees for electronic gaming machines licensed pursuant to PL 18-30; and for other purpose
S.B. No. 20-60, SD1 (See SCRep. 20-80)	To regulate off-road vehicles including ATVs, SxS, and UTVs; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-62, SS1 (See SCRep. 20-85)	To Regulate Cannabis in the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-64, SD1, HD1 (See HC 20-202)	To establish a State Directory of New Hires; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-91	To amend specific statutory provisions in Title 9 of the Commonwealth Code concerning non-payable traffic offenses; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-100	To amend 2 CMC § 4623 to exempt a debtor from the one reinstatement requirement and allow the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation to negotiate an affordable payment scheme to allow the debtor to save their property and family home; and for other purposes



**H.B. No. 20-165, HD1**  
(See HC 20-216)

To appropriate eight million three hundred thousand dollars (\$8,300,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308

**Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-295:** April 12, 2018 – Mayor Efraim Atalig regarding Commonwealth Casino Commission S.B. No. 20-96.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-296:** April 20, 2018 – Mayor David Apatang on the funding for the new animal shelter and Saipan Street addressing project.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-297:** April 23, 2018 – Mayor J.P. San Nicolas' invitation to the Tinian San Jose Fiesta on May 4-6, 2018.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-298:** April 24, 2018 – MVA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report for FY 2018.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-299:** Tinian Divert Infrastructure Improvements.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-300:** CHCC Annual Report FY 2017.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-301:** **March 2018** – MVA Tourism Insights.
8. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-302:** April 16, 2018 – Attorney Steven Pixley's comment on S.B. No. 20-11.
9. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-303:** April 25, 2018 – CDA response to concerns and questions raised by Senator Igisomar on the hearing of the reappointment of Mr. Ignacio L. Perez to CDA Board of Directors.
10. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-304:** April 25, 2018 – USDA regarding Kagman Watershed Project – Funds for \$1.2 million.
11. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-305:** April 30, 2018 – NMTI's comments on FY 2019 Budget submission.
12. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-306:** Feb. 28, 2018 – Concerned citizen JV on the Drug Court program.
13. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-307:** [Rec'd 05/4/18] – Raymond Cabrera on the Drug Court program.
14. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-308:** April 13, 2018 – James Mendiola's letter to DPL Secretary regarding land issues.
15. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-309:** April 24, 2018 – Zoning Board 2017 Annual Report.
16. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-310:** May 01, 2018 – IT&E to AG regarding MOU between CNMI and Docomo Pacific and HB 20-164.
17. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-311:** May 04, 2018 – PSS Board of Education regarding supplemental budget request for H.B. No. 20-164.

- R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:
- S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- T. ADJOURNMENT.

**APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.