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JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, May 15, 2025 Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom Guam Judicial Center

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Judicial Council was called to order by the Chairman, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, at the hour of 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres
Justice F. Philip Carbullido
Justice Katherine A. Maraman
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III
Judge Maria T. Cenzon

Also present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:

Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts
Attorney Dean Manglona, Guam Bar Association
Ms. Janice Camacho-Perez, Clerk of Court, Superior Court
Ms. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator
Ms. Barbara Jean Perez, Human Resources Administrator
Ms. Sarah Elmore-Hernandez, Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations
Mr. Leo S. Diaz, Marshal of the Court
Ms. Grace Lapid Rosadino, Court Programs Administrator
Ms. Rosanna Villagomez-Aguon, Chief Probation Officer
Ms. Trish Suzuki, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Mr. Robert Rabago, Management Information Systems Administrator
Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, Regulation Counsel
Ms. Suzane Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney
Mr. Nathan Tennyson, Staff Attorney
Ms. Geraldine Cepeda, Complier of Laws
Ms. Melissa Casil, CSFC Administrator
Mr. Carl Dominguez, Procurement and Facilities Management Administrator
Mr. Jesse Franquez, IFIK President

Ms. Shelterihna Alokoa, Judicial Assistant & Supreme Court Technical Bailiff
Mr. Andrew Jay Gimenez, Special Projects Coordinator
Ms. Jessica Perez-Jackson, Judicial Council Executive Secretary

II. PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF MEETING

Due publication of the five-day Notices of Meeting of the Judicial Council, as required under the Open Government Law, was published in the Guam Daily Post. Acknowledgments are on file.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chief Justice Torres began the roll call. Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido, and Judge Maria T. Cenzone identified themselves. Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena, III, joined the meeting a few minutes later at 12:03 p.m. This meeting determined a quorum with three (3) of the five Judicial Council members present during roll call.

IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: March 18, 2025 and April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.

Chief Justice Torres asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2025 and April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Judge Cenzone made a motion to approve the minutes, Justice Carbullido seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. With no discussion, the four Judicial Council members voted to approve the minutes, subject to correction.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Judiciary FY25 Remittances Pursuant to Applicable Law

Ms. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator, reported that the Judiciary continues to receive its scheduled biweekly allotment of \$1,652,000 for general operations under the FY2025 appropriation. According to Ms. Gudmalin, to date, approximately 65% of the total appropriated amount has been received with the most recent allotment deposited on May 12, and the next allotment expected on May 27.

B. eCourt and eSupervision Transition

Administrator of the Courts, Danielle Rosete, provided an update regarding the eCourt. Ms. Rosete reported that the Judiciary continues to make progress on both the eSupervision and eCourt components, including system testing and support for employees involved in the migration process. According to Ms. Rosete, weekly meetings are held with representatives from both components, and work has also begun on planning for future phases, including public access and e-filing.

C. Resolution, JC – Relative to Updating law Enforcement Physical Fitness Qualifications Test

Administrator of the Courts Danielle Rosete provided an update on the proposed revisions to the Judiciary's law enforcement Physical Fitness Qualification Test (PFQT) standards:

- In response to requests to revisit the current post-certification fitness requirements, the Marshal of the Court and the Chief Probation Officer, in consultation with their teams, proposed updating the PFQT to better reflect job-specific duties. They conducted a mock obstacle course and will present an overview of the 13 test stages to the Council.
- The proposed resolution seeks Council's approval to authorize the Administrator of the Courts to finalize and implement an administrative policy incorporating the new PFQT standards, subject to submission to the POST Commission.
- The new standards are intended to more accurately assess the operational readiness of deputy marshals and probation officers, aligning with similar practices used by other law enforcement agencies on Guam.

Marshal of the Court Leo Diaz presented a proposal to update the Judiciary's PFQT, currently based on general fitness (1-mile run, push-ups, and sit-ups), which does not adequately reflect the day-to-day physical demands of law enforcement officers.

Chief Diaz provided details on the proposed PFQT test:

- Incorporates a 13-station obstacle course tailored to actual job duties, such as stair climbing, pursuing and restraining individuals, navigating obstacles, and performing rescue carries.
- Modeled after local and national law enforcement training programs, is designed to be completed in 7 minutes and 20 seconds.
- Has already undergone successful mock trials with participation from both the Marshals and Probation Divisions, who expressed strong support.
- Officers will have four attempts annually to meet the standard, with accommodations for medical exemptions.

The Administrator of the Courts confirmed that this updated PFQT was developed with broad input from all law enforcement divisions and that, upon Council approval, it would be implemented via administrative policy beginning in June, with a completion deadline by December. According to Ms. Rosete, once adopted, the new standard will replace the age-based distinctions of the current PFQT and the updated PFQT standards will be shared with the POST Commission for informational purposes.

Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adopt the new PFQT standards for the Judiciary; Judge Cenzone seconded the motion; the Judicial Council unanimously approved the resolution.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution, JC 25- Relative to Selecting the Honorable Anita A. Sukola as the 2025 Law Month Hostisia Award Recipient

Moved by Presiding Judge Lamorena and seconded by Judge Cenzon. Chief Justice Torres asked to amend the resolution to include the signatures of all judicial officers. The Judicial Council unanimously approved the resolution as amended.

B. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, June 19, 2025)

Chief Justice Torres noted that the Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Guam Bar Association Board (GBA) – President's Report

Nothing to report.

B. Court Employees Association

IFIK President Jesse Franquez provided updates:

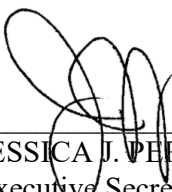
- The 17th Annual *Race Judicata* is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, with showtime at 5:00 AM and start time at 6:00 AM.
- As of the meeting, 104 runners are registered. \$6,800 has been collected in donations from major sponsors, including TakeCare, SelectCare, Civile & Tang, Security Title, Glimpses of Guam, and Coast 360.
- Managers are encouraged to promote participation among staff—whether as runners, walkers, or volunteers.
- Raffle prizes include gift cards, gas cards, gift bags, golf umbrellas, and a grand prize 43-inch TV.
- Bib pickup is scheduled at Micronesia Mall on Saturday, May 17, from 11 AM to 4 PM. Race day pickup is also available.
- Volunteer count: 16 Judiciary staff, and 30+ volunteers from Tohge. Volunteers are assigned to drink stations, fruit stations, registration, raffle, etc.
- Traffic control will be handled by MOC staff, led by AJ Meno.
- T-shirts will be given to the first 300 finishers; extras can be ordered for \$20.
- The next EFAC meeting is scheduled for June 10, open to all employees in the 2nd floor lounge.

- The Christmas party is tentatively scheduled for January 11. Feedback on date or venue (currently Hyatt) should be emailed to the Board. Hyatt has provided excellent service in the past.
- Appreciation was extended to Dean for assisting with 5K planning and to former employee Frank Picasso Paris, who continues to contribute artwork for the Association's events.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adjourn until Thursday, June 19, 2025 with no objections, adjourning the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of June 2025.



JESSICA J. PEREZ-JACKSON
Executive Secretary
Judicial Council of Guam

As set out above, the Minutes of the May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved by the Judicial Council at the June 19, 2025 Regular Meeting.



ROBERT J. TORRES
Chair