

# JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 | 12:00 PM GUAM JUDICIAL CENTER AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

#### **AGENDA**

I.	CALL TO	<b>ORDER</b>

II. PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF MEETING: May 8, 2025

May 13, 2025

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Judiciary FY 2025 Remittances Pursuant to Applicable Law
- B. eCourt and eSupervision Transition
- C. Resolution, JC 25 Relative to Updating Law Enforcement Physical Fitness Qualifications Test

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution, JC 25- Relative to Selecting the Honorable Anita A. Sukola as the 2025 Law Month Hostisia Award Recipient
- B. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, June 19, 2025)

#### VII. COMMUNICATIONS

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Guam Bar Association President's Report
- B. Court Employees Association

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT



#### Notice of Meeting

The Guam Board of Accountancy will hold its monthly Board meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public via Zoom Video Conference. Anyone desiring to join the virtual meeting may enter the following link in a browser:

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V. GENERAL DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Guam CPA Exam Summary Q1 2025

VI. ADJOURNMENT

• FY2025 GBOA YTD Financial Summary

• NASBA Candidate Care Quarterly Report Q1

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- APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 24, 2025 III. OLD BUSINESS
  - Guam Accountancy Endowment Fund Update
  - Visiting Professor Update
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Requests for Approval
  - . Applications for Initial Certification & Licensure

The names of applicants being considered are available on the Board's website at: <a href="http://www.guamboa.org/policies/activities.htm">http://www.guamboa.org/policies/activities.htm</a>, along with other Board meeting materials. Detail materials will be available on the website one day before the meeting. Individuals requiring special accommodations or information may contact Ms. Anna Aflague at the Guam Board of Accountancy at 671-647-0813 FAX: 671-647-0816 or <a href="mailto:support@guamboa.org">support@guamboa.org</a> for assistance.



#### **Guam Solid Waste Authority**

546 N. Marine Corps Dr., Tamuning, Guam 96913

#### **INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)**

GSWA-010-25 Bid No:

For: **Roll-Off Truck Tarp System Bid Opening Date:** Monday, May 26, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. ChST

Guam Solid Waste Authority, 2nd Floor Location:

Bid packages may be picked up at Guam Solid Waste Authority, 546 N. Marine Corps Dr. in Upper Tumon, 2nd Floor, beginning Thursday, May 8, 2025 until Monday, May 26, 2025 or visit the GSWA website http://www.guamsolidwasteauthority.com to obtain an electronic copy of the IFB.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM HAGATÑA, GUAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD MOORE, Deceased,

By ROSELYN MONTE MOORE. Petitioner/Heir.

PROBATE CASE NO. PRO081-24

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FINAL ACCOUNT AND REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS FOR FINAL DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned matter shall come on for hearing on the Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Allowance of Attorneys Fees and Costs and for Final Distribution on MAY 13 2025 at 11:00 a.m., before the Honorable Arthur R. Barcinas, Judge, Superior Court of Guam, Hagatna, Guam.

DATED: MAR 26, 2025.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 752 425 5848 Passcode: JARB

JANICE M. CAMACHO-PEREZ, ESQ. Clerk of Court, SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM By: /s/ Yvonne L. Cruz

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

BANK OF GUAM. Plaintiff.

EUGENE B. AFLAGUE, Defendant. CIVIL CASE NO. CV0517-22

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO: DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL INTERESTED PERSON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, the Marshal of the Superior Court of Guam will, pursuant to the Writ of Execution issued by the Superior Court of Guam in the above-entitled case, the Notice of Levy on Real Property dated December 17, 2024. I will, on MAY 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Sinajana Guam, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the Defendant in and to the following described real property as is necessary to satisfy the judgment taken against Defendant.

The property to be sold is described as:

Lot No. 10, Block No. 12, Tract No. 232, Sinajana, Guam, Suburban, as said lot is described in that Subdivision of Tract 232 described in that Subdivision of Irac 232 Urban Renewal Project, dated March 11, 1977 recorded on June 26, 1980 in the Department of Land Management, Government of Guam under Instrument No. 312990. Area: 7,574±square feet.

Dated: MAR 19 2025

Superior Court of Guam By: /s/ LEO S.DIAZ Chief Marshal

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#### 25 - CARPENTER WITH 1 YEAR EXP.

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#### 25 - CEMENT MASON 1 YEAR EXP.

\$17.51 PER HR. \*

Must apply knowledge of concrete and mortar products and mixtures to desired consistency. Smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete such as floors, walls, sidewalks, roads or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; and use saws to cut expansion joints. Mix mortar or grout and pour or spread on marble slabs, stone, when laying blocks, or setting tiles.

#### 25 - HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR WITH 1 YEAR EXP. \$18.97 PER HR. \*

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25 - REINFORCING METAL WORKER WITH 1 YEAR EXP. \$16.98 PER HR. \*

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Successful applicant must be able to obtain military base access. Off-island hires must complete a health screening prior to working in Guam. Employees are required to take and pass a substance abuse test after hire.

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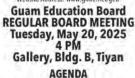
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I. Meeting Call to Order II. Celebrate Success INFO

III. Public Participation (Board Policy 125.6) Time Limit 3 minutes

IV. Communications

 Correspondence received by the Board after May 6, 2025
 Ex-Officio Member Reports
 I. Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS) Report 2. Guam Federation of Teachers (GFT) Report INFO

INFO

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3. Mayor's Council of Guam (MCOG) Report VI. Unfinished Business/Committee Reports

1. Superintendent's Report INFO/ACTION

a. JFKHS/SSHS Double Session Status Report

b. FEMA Projects Status Report

c. FBLG Renovation Status Report d. Mold Mitgation/Fencing

e.Dashboard Status Report

f. Management and Curriculum Audit Status Report

INFO/ACTION INFO

INFO

Executive Committee
 a.National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)

INFO/ACTION i. NASBE 2025 Nominations

ii. New Member Institute Attendees INFO/ACTION 3. Instructional & Academic Support Committee

May Head Start Report
 Safe & Healthy Schools Committee
 a.Facilities & Maintenance
 Delicy Review & Strategic Planning Committee

a.Travel Policy
6. Fiscal Management Committee INFO/ACTION

INFO

a.GDOE Financial Report
i. Accounts Payable Aging Report
ii. Declaration of Financial Status Designation - January & February 2025

iii. Unaudited Statement of Appropriation, Expenditures, and Encumbrances for Fiscal Year 2025

iv. Grant Status Report for Fiscal Year 2025
7. US Department of Education Specific Conditions Report

INFO/ACTION

INFO VII. New Business
CTION VIII. Executive Session (Board Policy 125.12)
a. Personnel matters (5 GCA § 8111 (a))
b. Matters within scope of Public Employee-Management Relations Act, including collective bargaining (5 GCA § 8111 (b))
c. Superintendent's Evaluation

INFO/ACTION IX. Announcements & Adjournment

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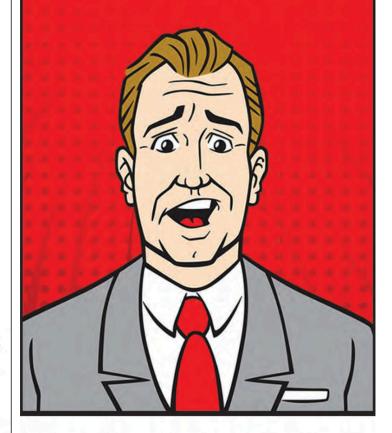
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Judicial Council Secretary: Jessica J. Perez-Jackson

Judicial Council Asst. Secretary: Petrina M. Ula JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, March 18, 2025
Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom
Guam Judicial Center

#### **MINUTES**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Judicial Council, Mes CHamoru Week, was called to order by the Chairman, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, at the hour of 12:01 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III Justice F. Philip Carbullido Justice Katherine A. Maraman Judge Maria T. Cenzon (excused – in trial)

Also present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:

Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts

Ms. Sophia Santos Diaz, Deputy Administrator of the Courts

Ms. Sarah Elmore-Hernandez, Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations

Ms. Maria Erica Eschbach, Staff Attorney, Supreme Court

Ms. Janice Camacho-Perez, Clerk of Court, Superior Court

Ms. M. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator

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#### III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chief Justice Torres began the roll call. Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Associate Justice Katherine A. Maraman, and Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III identified themselves. Judge Maria T. Cenzon was stuck in trial. This meeting determined a quorum with four (4) of the five Judicial Council members present.

#### IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: February 20, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes

Chief Justice Torres asked for the February 20, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes to be deferred until the next meeting.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Judiciary FY25 Remittances Pursuant to Applicable Law

Ms. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator, addressed the Council regarding the collection of allotments for general operations as specified under Public Law 37-42, Chapter 4. A report was provided on the collection of the allotment, noting that the bi-weekly allotments of \$1,652,000 for general operations continue to be received on schedule. According to Ms. Gudmalin, as of today, approximately 46% of the total appropriation (about \$19.8 million) has been received. She continued that the most recent allotment was deposited on March 4 and the next allotment is expected today, March 18.

#### B. eCourt and eSupervision Transition

Ms. Sophia Santos Diaz, Deputy Administrator of the Courts, provided an update on the transition from JustWare to E-Courts and E-Supervision:

- Steady progress is being made, with Probation, Client Services, the Clerk's Office, FMD, and the Marshals divisions contributing significant time and effort to the process. While a formal go-live date has not been finalized, the target launch remains September 2025.
- All current JustWare functionalities are expected to be ready by then. However, e-filing and
  public access components may require additional time and may not be ready by September,
  though efforts are being made to include them. E-filing is a priority due to its heavy use by
  attorneys, and the team is working to ensure it is in place at go-live. Public access is targeted
  for completion by the end of the year.
- The system features built-in automation that will enhance workflow efficiency. Training for staff and judicial officers will be scheduled in preparation for the rollout. Updates to e-filing rules and a proposed fee structure will be addressed in coordination with the Supreme Court.

## C. Resolution, JC 25- Relative to Updating Law Enforcement Physical Fitness Qualifications Test

Administrator of the Courts, Danielle Rosete provided an update on the law enforcement Physical Fitness Qualification Test (PFQT):

- A resolution is not yet ready for presentation. Since the last meeting, the Marshal of the Court and Chief Probation Officer convened a team to develop a recommendation for an updated PFQT.
- A simulated test was conducted at the Judiciary and at the Dededo Precinct, modeled in part on the Guam Police Department's current testing.
- The proposed test remains post-certification but has been tailored to better reflect jobspecific duties.
- The recommendation is under review by Legal and HR, with a presentation to the Council anticipated at the April meeting.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Resolution, JC 25- Relative to Proclaiming the Month of April as Second Chance Month 2025

Presiding Judge Lamorena presented a resolution to proclaim April 2025 as Second Chance Month, highlighting the Adult Reentry Court, which was established through federal legislation under Presidents Obama and Trump. Presiding Judge Lamorena explained that the program is unique in that it does not involve attorneys and requires a voluntary agreement among the parolee, the Parole Board, the Department of Corrections, and the court. He continued that eligible participants undergo a rigorous two-year program, after which they may be released from parole. Presiding Judge Lamorena shared that the program has shown a high success rate in family reunification.

Presiding Judge moved to accept the resolution and it was seconded by Justice Merriman. With no objections or discussion, the resolution passed unanimously.

Additional resolutions for Law Month and Drug Court Month will be submitted to the Council for approval in April.

#### B. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, April 17, 2025)

Chief Justice Torres noted that the Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. because of the Supreme Court's Outreach Oral Argument at St. John's School, that morning.

#### VII. COMMUNICATIONS

The Administrator of the Courts (AOC) reported that the strategic focus group is exploring the possibility of expanding the Northern Court lease and suggestions for related budget proposals should be submitted to her, Sarah, and Sophia. She continued that the landlord recently notified

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the Judiciary that Shop for Less has vacated a 12,000 sq. ft. space next to the current 7,500 sq. ft. Northern Court facility. According to the AOC, management and various divisions, including Marshals, Probation, Client Services, and the Clerk's Office, have begun internal discussions on utilizing the space for expanded services. She further commented that any proposal may involve negotiating both expansion and extension of the existing lease, which currently has an option to extend through 2026, and lease costs are currently funded through a combination of federal and local sources.

Ms. Rosete also announced that a joint proclamation and resolution presentation for Law Day and Law Month will take place on **April 3, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Justice Monessa Lujan Appellate Courtroom**. This event will include representatives from all three branches of the Guam government and invited participants from neighboring island jurisdictions, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. The event will serve as a regional kickoff to Law Month, with potential American Bar Association interest due to its alignment with the national theme on the Constitution and unity across U.S. jurisdictions.

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Janice Camacho, Secretary of the Guam Bar Association, provided the following updates:

- Because of changes in planning, the March 22, 2025 CLE event has been shortened and will
  no longer include a mandatory attorney wellness segment. Instead, the wellness component
  will feature a mindfulness and meditation presentation by Claire Calvo of Synergy. A longer,
  mandatory wellness CLE is being planned for later in the year.
- The March CLE will include:
  - A New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) presentation on navigating their online services and member accounts.
  - A real property and title segment led by an attorney based in Utah (name pending confirmation) who provides services on Guam.
  - An ethics segment, potentially including participation from Senior U.S. District Court Judge John C. Coughenour of the Western District of Washington, pending confirmation. Judge Coughenour is known for his ruling in a birthright citizenship case and has faced threats since that decision.
  - The event will also feature the annual meeting, including the swearing-in of new officers and a president's report.
- The CLE will be held in person, with participant interaction encouraged. Further updates, including confirmation of speakers, will be provided as the date approaches.

#### **B.** Court Employees Association

Jesse Franquez, President of IFIK, provided several updates:

• 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Judicata is scheduled for May 18, 2025, with Togi Guam selected as this year's beneficiary. Last year, Catholic Social Service received \$3,000 in proceeds from EFIC.

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- EFIC's first major fundraiser for the year is planned for April 11, 2025. Details will be shared soon.
- EFIC continues to host twice-monthly bake sales, which have been well-received. Employees are encouraged to suggest new menu items via email.
- The EFIC monthly meeting for March has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 20, in the second-floor employee lounge. All interested staff are welcome to attend.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adjourn until April 17, 2025. Justice Carbullido seconded the motion, adjourning the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

JESSICAJJPEREZ-JACKSON

Executive Secretary

Judicial Council of Guam

As set out above, the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved by the Judicial Council at the May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting.

ROBERT J. TORRES

Chair



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#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

#### Also present via Zoom:

Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts
Ms. Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, Regulation Counsel
Attorney Jacque Taitano Terlaje, President Guam Bar Association
Attorney Dean Manglona, Guam Bar Association
Mr. Robert Rabago, Management Information Systems Administrator

Also present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:

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Chief Justice Torres began the roll call. Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena, III, and Judge Maria T. Cenzon identified themselves. Justice Katherine A. Maraman joined the meeting a few minutes later. This meeting determined a quorum with four (4) of the five Judicial Council members present during roll call.

#### IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes

Chief Justice Torres asked for a motion to approve the February 20, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes. Presiding Judge Lamorena made a motion to approve the minutes, Judge Cenzon 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 has received approximately 58% of its general fund appropriation, totaling \$24,791,000.

#### B. eCourt and eSupervision Transition

Ms. Sophia Santos Diaz, Deputy Administrator of the Courts, reported no significant developments at this time. The target go-live date remains September.

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

Discussion was held regarding the resolution to update the Law Enforcement Physical Fitness Qualification Test (PFQT). As the resolution was only recently distributed and remains in various stages, Justice Merriman moved to table the matter to allow for further review by Council members and management. The motion was seconded and approved without objection. The item will be taken up at the next meeting.

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#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution, JC 25-004 Relative to the Declaration of Law Day and Law Month
- B. Resolution, JC 25- Ratifying JC Resolution 25-004 Relative to the Declaration of Law Day and Law Month

A motion to entertain and approve both resolutions together was moved by Presiding Judge Lamorena and seconded by Judge Cenzon. The motion passed without objection. Both resolutions were approved.

C. Resolution, JC 25- Relative to Approving the Judiciary of Guam Budget for FY26

Chief Justice Torres introduced the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Judiciary Budget, scheduled for submission to the Legislature by May 1, 2025. Key points included:

- Status Quo Request: The Judiciary will seek the same 4.88% share of the general fund as the prior year.
- Cost Containment:
  - o 90% of the budget is allocated to personnel.
  - o No new positions requested.
  - o Operational costs reduced.
  - o Several strategic initiatives (2024–2027 plan) deferred.
- System-Wide Considerations: The request was crafted to allow space for legislative funding of indigent defense services, in alignment with findings of the Sixth Amendment Center, which warns against relying solely on fines and fees for such services.

Additional funding requests included:

- Below-the-line items:
  - o Electronic Monitoring Program
  - o Civil Law Revision Commission
- Contingent program funding:
  - o Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts, pending availability of federal grants. Current grant funding is set to expire this year, and the latest federal solicitation was pulled.

Presiding Judge Lamorena emphasized the importance and long-standing success of the Adult Drug Courts (ADC I and ADC II) and voiced confidence in legislative support should federal funds not materialize. The Chief Justice concluded by highlighting the Judiciary's commitment to responsible stewardship of both its own and the broader justice system's resources. Next, Administrator Danielle Rosete was invited to provide remarks and introduce the budget development process, followed by a detailed budget overview from the Finance Administrator.

Judge Maria T. Cenzon added remarks in support of the Judiciary's Adult Drug Courts, specifically ADC II, which she presides over:

• Noted that ADC now has the largest participation among all treatment courts, necessitating its split into two courts due to high volume.

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- Emphasized the positive return on investment, highlighting not only individual transformation but also the benefit to families and the broader community.
- Many program graduates now serve as peer counselors or support specialists (e.g., with Togi and LRC), underscoring the program's ripple effect.
- Expressed pride in both the program and its graduates.

The Chief Justice acknowledged her comments and reiterated that the Judiciary intends to apply for federal funds should solicitations reopen and if approved, the budget line items for drug court programs will revert automatically should outside funding be secured.

Administrator Danielle Rosete began the formal presentation of the Judiciary's FY 2026 Budget by emphasizing:

- Fiscal Responsibility: The Judiciary is focused on maintaining responsible stewardship while improving operational efficiency.
- Collaborative Budget Development: Developed through close coordination with division managers and court leadership.
- Strategic Investments:
  - o Identified cost-saving measures.
  - o Implemented technology-driven solutions to streamline operations (e.g., upcoming rollout of eCourt and eSupervision systems for the Superior and Supreme Courts).

She reinforced that the budget is not just about sustaining services but optimizing them and continued that it is in alignment with the Judiciary's strategic plan, promoting productivity, accountability, and transparency. Ms. Rosete requested the Council's approval of the FY 2026 submission, expressing confidence that it upholds financial prudence while advancing the Judiciary's mission.

Finance Administrator Diane Gudmalin began her portion by introducing the materials provided:

- Presentation Slides and a Budget Digest were included in the Council packets.
- The digest provides an overview of funding needs and priorities.
- A full budget report will be submitted later, which will include:
  - o An executive summary,
  - o Divisional roles and responsibilities, and
  - o A detailed budget breakdown per division.

Ms. Gudmalin presented the Judiciary's FY 2026 budget proposal, requesting a total of \$46,203,119 from the General Fund. The request includes \$44,355,000 for general operations and \$1,847,000 for "below-the-line" special programs. She emphasized the importance of continued local support, particularly for drug courts as federal grants expire.

Approximately 90% of the general operations budget supports personnel costs, with the remaining 10% covering operations and utilities. The Judiciary is seeking to maintain 416 full-time positions, with minimal staffing increases limited to the Adult and Juvenile Drug Court programs. Operational costs remain stable, with savings achieved through scrutiny and reductions in supplies and e-Court contracts. The Judiciary's share of the overall General Fund continues a modest decline, now at **4.88%**.

Below-the-line requests include funding for the Electronic Monitoring Program, Guam Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission, and the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts, all of which address

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critical public safety and justice needs. Ms. Gudmalin also provided updates on non-appropriated special funds, including efforts to responsibly manage the Judicial Client Services Fund and Judicial Building Fund.

Significantly, \$500,000 is requested from the Client Services Fund to cover indigent defense through the transition to an independent Public Defender Commission. While other federal grants remain secure, the Judiciary continues proactive management by drawing down funds more frequently to ensure fiscal stability. The proposed budget reflects prudent management and a commitment to sustaining essential services.

The Council discussed its ongoing efforts to draw down federal grant funds more quickly to ensure timely reimbursement. With no further questions raised, the Council moved to approve the Judiciary's Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Justice Merriman moved to approve the budget, which was seconded by Presiding Judge Lamorena. The budget passed unanimously, with appreciation extended to management and Dianne for their diligent work in preparing a responsible and well-prioritized budget, especially in light of the ongoing indigent defense transition. It was acknowledged that some strategic plans are being deferred to prioritize indigent defense reform for the overall benefit of the justice system.

## D. Memo Relative to Reporting of Departures from the Mandatory Minimum Sentences Required by 9 GCA § 80.39.3 (Safety Valve Act)

Ms. Rosete informed the members that, consistent with prior years, a memorandum from the Chair of the Judicial Council, along with a required reporting form, would be circulated to all Superior Court judges. Judges are reminded to submit their completed forms by the deadline of May 2, in compliance with 9 GCA § 80.39.3. The reporting period covers April 30, 2024, to April 29, 2025, and requires each judge to indicate the number of cases in which a mandatory minimum sentence was not imposed. The form is also included in the Judicial Council meeting materials previously distributed. Presiding Judge Lamorena confirmed receipt and thanked the Chief Justice and Ms. Rosete.

#### E. Resolution, JC 25- Relative to Jurisdictional Limit for Small Claims Court

The Council reviewed a resolution regarding the current \$10,000 jurisdictional limit for small claims cases. Clerk of Court Janice Camacho-Perez recommended that the limit **remain unchanged** based on recent statistical data:

- Of the **741 cases filed in 2023**, only **16 reached the \$10,000 cap**—a figure consistent with 2022 filings.
- Nationwide comparisons show that \$10,000 is the most common limit for small claims jurisdiction, including in jurisdictions like **Vermont** and **D.C.**; California has a slightly higher limit at \$12,000.
- Based on case trends and national norms, it was concluded that **no change is necessary** to the current threshold.

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A motion to adopt the recommendation was made by Presiding Judge Lamorena and seconded by Justice Cenzon. The resolution passed unanimously.

## F. Resolution, JC 25- Relative to Proclaiming the Month of May 2025 as Treatment Court Month

Presiding Judge Lamorena presented a resolution to proclaim May 2025 as Treatment Court Month, and recognized the contributions of Guam's treatment courts in helping individuals with substance and alcohol abuse issues become productive members of society. Presiding Judge Lamorena emphasized that while treatment courts are not a cure-all, they provide valuable rehabilitation for individuals who have been arrested, indicted, or convicted for substance-related offenses.

A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Judge Lamorena and seconded by Judge Cenzon. The resolution passed unanimously.

#### G. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, May 15, 2025)

Chief Justice Torres noted that the Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

#### VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Justice Torres reminded Council about the State of the Judiciary Address which will take place on Wednesday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m. at the Guam Congress Building.

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Attorney Jacque Terlaje, Guam Bar Association President, provided an update:

- The GBA's annual meeting is scheduled for April 22nd, with 70 members already registered, ensuring quorum for the meeting.
- o Chief Justice has agreed to give the opening remarks and swear in the new officers.
- One of the main agenda items will be reciprocity, with a representative from the NMI Bar Association attending to discuss the issue.
- o The meeting is expected to be lively and engaging.

#### **B.** Court Employees Association

IFIK President Jesse Franquez provided updates:

- o 17th Annual 5K scheduled for May 18th, with a Comic Book theme.
- o Beneficiary: Togi, Inc. Guam, which provides peer support for drug court individuals.
- Registration: Online registration through PayPal or credit card. For those without access, cash registration will be available on May 17th at Micronesian Mall, and race bibs will be distributed then.

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- o T-shirts: Limited to the first 300 runners. Volunteers who sign up ahead of time will also receive a T-shirt.
- Sponsorship: Donations and prizes are being collected, with significant contributions already made.
- o Registration Fee: \$15 per person, or \$50 for a group of four.
- o Promotional Request: Encourage employees to promote the event on social media.
- Discussion: Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena suggested selling additional T-shirts to raise funds. The organizers will consider this suggestion and aim to have the T-shirts ready for sale by the week before the race.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adjourn until Thursday, May 15, 2025. Justice Carbullido seconded the motion, adjourning the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of May 2025.

JESSICA J. DEREZ-JACKSON

Executive/Secretary
Judicial Council of Guam

As set out above, the Minutes of the April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved by the Judicial Council at the May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting.

ROBERT J. TORRES

Chair



#### BEFORE THE 2025 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-009**

## RELATIVE TO UPDATING LAW ENFORCEMENT PHYSICAL FITNESS QUALIFICATIONS TEST

WHEREAS, pursuant to 17 GCA Chapter 15 and Public Law 34-49, law enforcement components of the Judiciary of Guam are required to meet minimum uniform physical fitness standards in order to obtain and maintain their certificates from the Guam Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2018, the Judiciary of Guam submitted a revised physical fitness policy to the POST Commission which include the Physical Fitness Qualification Test (PFQT) standards based on former U.S. Army and Air Force fitness standards; and

**WHEREAS**, under 27 G.A.R.R. Chapter 3 and Public Law 34-136 the Guam Legislature adopted physical fitness policies for entities employing law enforcement personnel for Guam, as submitted by the respective entities; and

**WHEREAS,** under 27 G.A.R.R. Chapter 3, specifically under Section 3114, the POST Commission has the authority to amend the rules and regulations outlined in Chapter 3 as necessary to recruit, retain, and sustain a high level of trained law enforcement personnel in Guam; and

**WHEREAS,** since its implementation, employees in the law enforcement components of the Judiciary of Guam expressed the need to update the Judiciary's PFQT standards as the existing test measures generic fitness benchmarks; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with members of their respective divisions, the Marshal of the Court and the Chief Probation Officer proposed updating the Judiciary's PFQT standards to measure job-specific abilities, ensure operational effectiveness and prepare employees for real-world challenges consistent with other PFQT standards by other law enforcement entities for Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the Marshals and Probation Division's recommendations, PFQT standards should reflect the physical tasks law enforcement employees perform, including foot pursuits, defensive tactics, carrying or restraining individuals, and navigating obstacles—each requiring a combination of strength, endurance, agility, and mobility.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Administrator of the Courts shall finalize all documentation related to updating the Judiciary's PFQT Test and shall finalize and execute any documents required to ensure its implementation.

## RESOLUTION NO. 25-009 RELATIVE TO UPDATING LAW ENFORCEMENT PHYSICAL FITNESS QUALIFICATIONS TEST

**DULY ADOPTED** this 17th day of April 2025 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

ROBERT J. TORRES, Chairman

**Dated:** May 15, 2025

ATTEST:

JESSICA PEREZ JACKSON, Secretary

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_ May 15, 2025

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### BEFORE THE 2025 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM RESOLUTION NO. JC25-010

### RELATIVE TO GRANTING THE 2025 HOSTISIA AWARD TO THE HONORABLE ANITA A, SUKOLA

WHEREAS, in annual celebration of Law Month, the Judiciary of Guam presents the Hostisia Award, an award recognizing a community member or organization that has made outstanding contribution to improving the administration of justice and good government; and

WHEREAS, modeled after the American Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award, the Guam Judiciary Hostisia Award is meant to honor those who contribute to the betterment of our island and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, in considering the criteria used in determining worthy recipients, specifically, a promotion of a better understanding of the rule of law, encouraging a greater respect for law, generating a sense of civic responsibility, and contributing to good government of the island, it is our district honor to grant this year's Hostisia Award to retired Judge Anita A. Sukola.

Judge Sukola exemplifies the spirit of the Hostisia Award. Her remarkable career spans over 35 years, marked by unwavering dedication to justice and profound service to the people of Guam. More than half of those years, or 19 years, 10 months and 23 days, were service provided to the Judiciary of Guam.

Judge Sukola's journey began in the classroom, where she inspired young minds as a teacher at Simon Sanchez High School in 1973 after she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Secondary Education from Washington State University. She later earned a Master's Degree in School Administration from the University of Guam in 1975 and a Juris Doctorate from the People's College of Law in Los Angeles, California in 1983.

Upon earning her law degree, Judge Sukola returned home with a fervent desire to serve the island community. She embraced various roles including Deputy Director of Education (1987 -1988); Director of Education (1989-1991); Attorney at the Public Defender's Office; Legal Counsel for the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors and the Chamorro Land Trust Commission; and Staff Attorney to Senator Don Parkinson (17<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature).

In addition to her public service, Judge Sukola maintained a successful private practice for 11 years while she also served as a full-time Assistant Professor at the University of Guam. In 2002, Judge Sukola was appointed as Superior Court Judge where she presided over various general jurisdiction cases, including juvenile and drug courts. Her nearly 20 years of service on the bench significantly shaped Guam's judicial landscape and left a lasting impact on the legal community and the lives of those she served.

While on the bench, she continued to give her time and skills to advancing the welfare of the people of Guam. Her involvement extended to several key subcommittees within the Judiciary, where she took on significant leadership roles. She co-chaired the Judiciary's 2012-2015 and 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Access to Courts and Delivery of Services and co-chaired the 2017 Juvenile Justice Reform Strategic Plan Focus Area on Evidence-Based Practices. She also championed the Guam's Immediate Violation Enforcement (G.I.V.E.) Program which was instrumental in providing swift, certain, consistent and proportionate consequences for misbehavior in an environment of caring support for adult drug offenders.

Judge Sukola's exemplary approach to governance has not gone unrecognized; she was honored the Goodwill Ambassador Award for Juvenile Justice for her continued efforts in promoting the System of Care model and the associated professional and cultural sensitives in her courtroom in juvenile cases.

Judge Sukola's tireless dedication inspires a sense of civic responsibility in the community and her commitment to fostering a better understanding of the law did not stop when she retired from the bench in March 2021. She continues to volunteer with the Judiciary of Guam as the chair of the Criminal Procedure Subcommittee within the Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission. In this role, she brings her wealth of knowledge and experience gained over decades to lead the modifications and recommendations aimed at rewriting Guam's Rules of Criminal Procedure. Her tireless efforts focus on creating a more just and efficient legal system that will benefit the community for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Hostisia Award is presented to the Honorable Anita A. Sukola in recognition of her dedication and unyielding pursuit of justice for the people of Guam.

DULY ADOPTED this 15th day of May 2025 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO  Member  Justice, Supreme Court of Guam	ROBERT J. TORRES Chief Justice of Guam & Chairman, Judicial Council of Guam	KATHERINE A. MARAMAN Member Justice, Supreme Court of Guam
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