



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, June 19, 2025
Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom
Guam Judicial Center**

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Hon. Robert J. Torres
Chairman

Hon. Katherine A. Maraman
Member

Hon. F. Philip Carbullido
Member

Hon. Alberto C. Lamorena, III.
Member

Hon. Maria T. Cenzone
Member

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Atty. Jacqueline T. Terlaje

Atty. Dean A. Manglona

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Administrator of the Courts:
Danielle T. Rosete

Judicial Council Secretary:
Jessica J. Perez-Jackson

Judicial Council Asst. Secretary:
Petrina M. Ula

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 (excused)
Justice Katherine A. Maraman (excused)
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III
Judge Maria T. Cenzone

Present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:
Ms. Jacqueline T. Terlaje, Guam Bar Association, Advisory Committee Member

Also present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:
Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts
Ms. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator
Ms. Rhonda Calvo, Deputy Human Resources Administrator
Ms. Hannah G. Arroyo, Clerk of Court, Supreme
Ms. Sarah Elmore-Hernandez, Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations
Ms. Erica Eschbach, Staff Attorney
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
Ms. Suzane Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney
Mr. Nathan Tennyson, Staff Attorney
Ms. Geraldine Cepeda, Complier of Laws
Ms. Melissa Casil, Deputy CSFC Administrator
Ms. Marissa Antonio, Procurement and Facilities Management Administrator
Mr. Jesse Franquez, IFIK President
Ms. Dawn Blas, Judicial Educator
Ms. Elaine Naputi, Program Coordinator, Marshals
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, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, and Judge Maria T. Cenzone identified themselves. Justice F. Philip Carbullido and Justice Katherine A. Maraman were excused. This meeting determined a quorum with three (3) of the five Judicial Council members present during roll call.

IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.

Chief Justice Torres asked for a motion to approve the May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Presiding Judge Lamorena made a motion to approve the minutes, Judge Cenzone seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. With no discussion, the 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 73% of the total appropriated amount has been received with the most recent allotment deposited on Monday, June 9, with the next allotment expected on June 24.

B. eCourt and eSupervision Transition

Administrator of the Courts, Danielle T. Rosete, provided an update regarding eCourt and E-Supervision. Ms. Rosete reported that Journal Technologies team members were on-site last week to continue the E-Supervision migration, including meetings to review workflows for probation and client services. She added that for eCourt, a dedicated project manager has been assigned and is working with the Judiciary to assess progress and establish a realistic go-live timeline. Ms. Rosete shared that the team remains committed to launching this year, with staff reassigned as needed to support the project. According to Ms. Rosete, weekly meetings and ongoing communication with Journal Technologies are helping to drive progress.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution, JC25 – Relative to Amending Special Process Server Regulations

Under New Business, the Council considered a resolution proposing amendments to the Special Process Server Regulations. The amendments include recommendations to the Supreme Court to adopt revised rules and to revise associated fees. Proposed changes include maintaining the \$300.00 initial filing fee, introducing a \$150.00 annual renewal fee, and increasing the training fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00. The revisions were previously circulated to the Guam Bar with no comments received.

Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the resolution recommending that the Supreme Court adopt the amended rules and fee schedule as presented in Exhibit A. The motion included that the revised fees would become effective upon the Supreme Court's adoption of the amended regulations. Judge Cenzone seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution, JC25 – Relative to Adopting a Training Program for Special Deputy Marshals

The Council then discussed a second resolution concerning the training program for Special Deputy Marshals deputized from the Department of Revenue and Taxation and the Department of Education. The proposed program was developed in consultation with the POST Commission. Questions were raised about the scope of authority for these officers, particularly regarding their ability to effectuate arrests in truancy and juvenile matters. **The Council agreed to table the resolution until the next meeting, to allow further legal review and consultation** with the Marshal's Division regarding the statutory authority, training frequency, and potential expansion of duties.

C. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, July 17, 2025)

Chief Justice Torres noted that the Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Guam Bar Association President Jacqueline Taitano Terlaje provided a report:

- **CLE Planning & Outreach:**
 - The Guam Bar Association (GBA) is planning a CLE session in August.

- A yearlong outreach initiative will be launched in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Organic Act.
 - The initiative aims to educate high school students on the Organic Act and its impact on civil rights.
 - GBA requested the Judicial Council's co-partnership in this outreach, similar to past Constitution Day efforts.
- **NAPABA Conference Participation:**
 - GBA will present at the NAPABA Conference in November, in collaboration with Fordham University.
 - The CLE topic will address birthright citizenship and its implications for U.S. territories.
 - Judges and Bar members are invited to participate.
 - A future CLE in 2026 with Fordham Professor Rose Cuison-Villazor (noted for CNMI work) is being planned.
 - The 2026 program may include student engagement opportunities on Guam.
- **District Court Conference:**
 - GBA will co-sponsor the District Court's Annual Conference in September.
 - The goal is to further increase available CLE opportunities for members.
- **CLE Requirements:**
 - The Bar President suggested revisiting CLE rules, currently requiring:
 - 9 total credits annually
 - 7 general credits and 2 ethics credits
- **Civics Education Discussion:**
 - Council members raised concerns about the lack of civics education in high schools.
 - Members supported spreading the Organic Act outreach throughout the school year to better align with academic calendars.
 - A suggestion was made to encourage the Department of Education to reinstate a semester-long government course, as was previously offered.

B. Court Employees Association

IFIK President Jesse Franquez provided updates:

- **IFIK Fundraiser & Announcement:**
 - IFIK is currently holding a lunch break fundraiser; members were reminded to submit their lunch plate orders by the deadline.
- **Gala Polo Shirt Update:**
 - Funds raised from the gala are being used to purchase over 100 black polos for attendees.
 - The total cost is approximately \$3,000.
 - The polo order will be placed the same afternoon, with delivery expected in about 2.5 weeks.

****At 12:31 p.m. Chief Justice Torres called for a recess to begin Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation matters, as requested in a May 27, 2025, memo to the Judicial Council from Staff Attorney Nathan M. Tennyson. Presiding Judge Lamorena motioned to move to Executive Session; Judge Cenzone seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. Council members voted in favor to recess to Executive Session.**

IX. Executive Session:

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, Judge Maria T. Cenzone, AOC Danielle T. Rosete, Staff Attorneys Suzane Santiago-Hinkle and Nathan M. Tennyson, Court Transcribers Priscilla Cruz and Ms. Vivian Cruz, and Council Executive Secretary Jessica Perez-Jackson were present during the Executive Session.

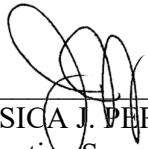
*****At 12:40 p.m., Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to rise to the regular session; Judge Cenzone seconded the motion. The public meeting of the Judicial Council resumed.**

Upon reconvening, the Council heard and discussed legal counsel's recommendations. Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adopt the recommendations as presented in executive session, Judge Cenzone seconded, and the motion passed without objection. The Council also requested that an update on the litigation be provided during the executive session of the August meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adjourn until Thursday, July 17, 2025; Judge Cenzone seconded the motion, and with no objections the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of July 2025.



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

As set out above, the Minutes of the June 19, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved by the Judicial Council at the July 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.



ROBERT J. TORRES
Chair