



# JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, July 18, 2024  
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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Advisory Committee Members:

Hon. Arthur R. Barcinas

Hon. Vernon P. Perez

Hon. Elyze M. Iriarte

Hon. Dana A. Gutierrez

Hon. Alberto E. Tolentino

Atty. Jacqueline T. Terlaje

Atty. Frederick J. Horecky

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

#### Also present via Zoom:

Judge Elyze M. Iriarte  
Judge John C. Terlaje  
Ms. Ma. Dianne O. Gudmalin, Finance Administrator  
Administrative Hearing Officer Kristina L. Baird  
Mr. Robert John S. Rabago, Management Information Systems Administrator

#### Also present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:

Attorney Dean A. Manglona, Guam Bar Association, Advisory Committee Member  
Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts  
Ms. Sophia Santos Diaz, Deputy Administrator of the Courts  
Ms. Hannah Gutierrez Arroyo, Clerk of Court, Supreme Court  
Ms. Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney  
Mr. Andrew T. Perez, Staff Attorney  
Mr. Mardave Toledo, Deputy Administrator, Financial Affairs  
Ms. Melissa M. Casil, Client Services and Family Counseling Division Administrator  
Ms. M. Grace Lapid Rosadino, Courts Program Administrator  
Mr. Carl V. Dominguez, Procurement and Facilities Management Administrator  
Ms. Dawn R.S. Blas, Judicial Educator  
Ms. Marcelene C. Santos, Public Guardian

Ms. Rosanna Villagomez-Aguon, Chief Probation Officer  
Mr. Troy D.M. Pangelinan, Marshal of the Court  
Mr. Joseph J. Leon Guerrero, Deputy Chief Marshal  
Mr. Jesse Franquez, IFIK President  
Ms. Shelterihna Alokoa, Judicial Assistant & Supreme Court Technical Bailiff  
Ms. Petrina M. Ula, Judicial Assistant, Judicial Council Assistant 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, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, and Judge Maria T. Cenzone identified themselves. This meeting determined a quorum with 4 (four) of the five Judicial Council members present. Justice Katherine A. Maraman joined the meeting 12:03 p.m.**

## **IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: June 20, 2024, Regular and June 20, 2024, Executive Meeting minutes**

**Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the June 20, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes. Judge Cenzone seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. With no discussion, the five (5) Judicial Council members voted to approve the minutes, subject to correction.**

**Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the June 20, 2024, Executive Meeting minutes subject to correction. Judge Cenzone seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. With no discussion, the five (5) Judicial Council members voted to approve the minutes, subject to correction.**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Judiciary FY24 Remittances Pursuant to Applicable Law**

Mr. Mardave Toledo reported that the collection of allotments for General Operations P.L. 37-42, Chapter 4, the Judiciary of Guam received approximately 81% of the appropriation or allotment, which is \$32.6 million of the total appropriation of \$40.4 million. He noted the bi-weekly allotments are received on time and the next allotment is due on July 23, 2024.

## **B. Update on Capital Improvement Projects**

Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts (AOC), provided an update on the capital improvement projects, the first being the restoration of the Guam Historic Courthouse and its successful ribbon-cutting ceremony during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration events. She continued that the Historic Courthouse passed the Guam Fire Department inspection, and the Judiciary is currently working with DPW to identify a date for the occupancy permit inspection. Ms. Rosete shared that the new generator has arrived and is currently being prepped for installation and the old generator has been removed. She explained that discussion with the Deputy and Chief Probation Officer has begun regarding efforts to begin moving Probation back into the Historic Courthouse. Ms. Rosete also shared that GTA did a site visit for telephone lines, and the security access system with the vendor should be complete by the 1st week of August. She assured the Council that Probation services will not be disrupted during the transition back into the Historic Courthouse.

Ms. Rosete disclosed to Council that another renovation project is underway. She explained that the counters for the cashier side and the Courts & Ministerial side are being renovated, and this renovation will satisfy ADA compliance requirements, which will occur over the next couple of weeks.

According to Ms. Rosete, the bid responses that came for the Judicial parking lot project were not what was envisioned. She clarified that the cost was about \$733,000 just for the parking roof design, which is not affordable. Ms. Rosete explained that the Finance Administrator and the Chief Justice decided to cancel the bid and do a more reasonable redesign.

Justice Maraman added that she believes maintenance on the metal roof is due as it's been 6 or 7 years. Her Honor asked if the projects need be combined or if the maintenance needed on the roof is minor and wouldn't require a bid. She continued that with respect to the parking she agrees that the cost is prohibitive.

Chief Justice Torres assured Justice Maraman that Maintenance will inspect the roof.

## **C. eCourts and eSupervision Transition**

Ms. Sophia Santos Diaz, Deputy Administrator of the Courts, updated the Council that the transition to a new case management system continues to make progress and work on the financials has begun. According to Ms. Santos Diaz, it will be a significant undertaking to build out the financials (fee schedule). She continued that eSupervision has not begun yet, but it will be relatively quick to set up. Ms. Santos Diaz shared that she had discussions with the Chief Probation Officer in anticipation of setting up eSupervision, and has asked that the managers begin compiling the regularly utilized reports out of JustWare. Ms. Santos Diaz provided another significant point that the meeting with DataMax is tomorrow, and they are the vendor that assists with integration.

**D. Resolution No. JC 24-010 Relative to Ratifying the Selection of the Hon. Joaquin C. Perez as the 2024 Law Month *Hostisia* Award Recipient**

Chief Justice Torres asked the Council to ratify the formal resolution that was prepared and signed by the members. **Justice Maraman moved to ratify the resolution. Presiding Judge Lamorena, while mic was muted, seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote, and all five (5) Judicial Council members approved to ratify the resolution.**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution, JC 24 – Relative to Proclaiming the Week of July 21-27 as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Services Week.**

Chief Justice asked Presiding Judge Lamorena to say a few words. Presiding Judge Lamorena deferred to Chief Probation Officer, Rossana Villagomez-Aguon. After Chief Villagomez-Aguon spoke on her appreciation for Probation officers as community supervisors and community protection professionals, Presiding Judge Lamorena provided a few words as well in thanks for Probation officers' invaluable service to the community and the Judiciary.

**Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the Resolution. Justice Maraman seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in favor of the Resolution, and it passed.**

Laster in the meeting, Judge Cenzone recognized those who are not probation officers, but who also contribute to pre-trial and probation services, like case managers and coordinators, because they do a lot of work in tandem with probation officers. The Council asked that the Chief Probation officer modify the resolution and the spirit offered by Judge Cenzone to recognize the hard work of the non-probation officers as well. Justice Carbullido did not deem it necessary to bring it back to Council.

**Justice Maraman moved to suspend the rules in order to amend the resolution as suggested by Justice Carbullido. Judge Cenzone seconded the motion. The council voted in favor of allowing the chief probation officer to go back and make appropriate amendments to the resolution without further approval by Council to recognize the additional persons identified by Judge Cenzone. All members of the Council voted in favor and it passed.**

**B. Review of Pay Adjustment to the Guam Police Department (For Informational Purposes)**

Chief Justice Torres asked Administrator of the Court Danielle Rosete to speak on the pay adjustment to the Guam Police Department. Ms. Rosete explained that at the last Council meeting, Justice Maraman recommended looking at the pay increase for what was previously given to the Guam Police Department officers and the consideration for law enforcement within the Judiciary. Ms. Rosete shared that she has had discussions with the Human Resources Administrator and Finance Administrator, and they continue to gather information to provide a recommendation for Council. She also mentioned that there was a letter of concern sent to the governor from the chairman of the Post Commission, Mr. Vincent Perez. According to Ms. Rosete, the letter addressed the pay increase for police officers, and recognized the duties and

responsibilities for all other law enforcement within the Government of Guam. It is Ms. Rosete's understanding, that the letter was not discussed at their last meeting and has been provided to the Governor. She further shared that the executive director informed her that they have been in discussions with the Governor's Office about the plan forward and how they will address the rest of the law enforcement outside of the Guam Police Department. Ms. Rosete explained that the next meeting will be in the first week of August, and the Judiciary has two representatives (Chief Marshal and Chief Probation Officer) who attend. Ms. Rosete requested for additional time so she may gather more information, and would report at the next Council meeting in August. Chief Justice Torres asked that this item remain on the agenda.

### **C. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, August 15, 2024)**

Chief Justice Torres noted that the Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024. There was no objection.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

Sophia spoke about the upcoming Liberation festivities and the Judiciary's presence in the parade. According to Sophia, a Procurement truck will be decorated with banners and marchers will carry a banner while passing out ice keke along the parade route. She explained that probationers will have a community service opportunity by cleaning up along the parade route.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

The Executive Secretary read the report from the Guam Bar Association president:

"The upcoming District Court Conference will be co-sponsored by the Guam Bar Association."

Janice Camacho Perez reported that registration is now open for the Joint Annual District Conference which will be on August 26-27 at the Westin. She shared that this is an opportunity to earn 12.5 credits, three of which are Ethics credits and topics include artificial intelligence, Microsoft 365, cyber-attacks, and more.


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

IFIK president Jesse Franquez thanked the division managers and employees for their support and asked for continued support as they prepare for the end of the year Christmas party on December 27 at the Hyatt Regency.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Justice Maraman moved to adjourn until August 15, 2024. Presiding Judge Lamorena seconded the motion, adjourning the meeting at 12:33 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of August 2024.



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

**As set out above, the Minutes of the July 18, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved by the Judicial Council at the August 15, 2024 Regular Meeting.**



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**ROBERT J. TORRES**  
Chair