



# JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024  
Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom  
Guam Judicial Center  
Via Zoom Teleconference**

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Judicial Council Asst. Secretary:  
Petrina M. Ula

## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Judicial Council was recessed to Executive Session by the Chairman, Robert J. Torres, at the hour of 12:27 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE IN THE MONESSA G. LUJAN APPELLATE COURTROOM:

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres  
Associate Justice Katherine A. Maraman  
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III

### IN ATTENDANCE IN VIA ZOOM:

Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido  
Judge Maria T. Cenzone

Also present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:  
Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts (AOC)  
Ms. Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney  
Mr. Andrew T. Perez, Staff Attorney  
Ms. Petrina Ula, Judicial Assistant, Assistant Executive Secretary

Also, present via Zoom  
Ms. Carmelita G. Tenorio, Court Transcriber, C&M Division  
Ms. Vivian T. Cruz, Court Transcriber, C&M Division

### II. PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Due publication of the five-day Notices of Executive Session 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 Robert J. Torres, Justice Katherine A. Maraman, and Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena were present in the courtroom. Justice F. Philip Carbullido and Judge Maria T. Cenzone attended via Zoom. AOC Danielle T. Rosete, along with Staff Attorney Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney Andrew T. Perez, Judicial Council Executive Secretary Jessica Perez-Jackson and Judicial Council Assistant Secretary Petrina M. Ula attended in the courtroom. Court Transcribers Carmelita G. Tenorio and Vivian Cruz attended via Zoom.

### IV. STAFF ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AND SUBJECT MATTER

Staff Attorney Suzane Santiago-Hinkle requested, in a memo addressed to the Judicial Council dated June 10, 2024, to hold an Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation matters:

- *CV0342-22, Gumataotao v. Judicial Branch*: Complaint filed by Gary W.F. Gumataotao in the Superior Court of Guam on June 10, 2022, seeking damages for an alleged slip and fall.

Presiding Judge Lamorena motioned to move to Executive Session; Justice Maraman seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. The five (5) Council members present voted in favor.

### V. TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts of this executive session are being prepared and will be sealed for six (6) months from the date of the executive session unless further sealed by a court order.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:35 p.m., Chief Justice Torres entertained a motion to rise to Regular Session. Presiding Judge Lamorena made the motion; Justice Maraman seconded. The public meeting of the Judicial Council resumed. A report was provided during the Executive Session, and no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.



PETRINA M. ULA  
Assistant Secretary,  
Judicial Council of Guam



ROBERT J. TORRES  
Chairman

Dated: 7/19/24