



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale C. P.	Mayor	Santa Rita-Sumai
○ ARROYO, Richard B.	Mayor	Agana Heights
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
○ BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Mayor	Dededo
✓ BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, PEDRO	Vice Mayor	Yigo
CHAMPACO, Franklin J. Q.	Mayor	Malesso'
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalåhan
○ FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
GUMATAOTAO, Michael T.	Mayor	Hagåtña
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
LEON GUERRERO, Ann S. SA	Vice Mayor	Dededo
LIZAMA, Frances S.	Mayor	Yigo
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	Mongmong-Toto-Maite
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humåtak
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SANTOS, Wayne SN	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
○ SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
TERLAJE, Brian J.	Mayor	Yaña
○ TOSCO, Edward J. D.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
○ UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao

○ = ABSENT * = LATE ** = OFF ISLAND R = REPRESENTATIVE V = VIRTUAL

Nineteen (18) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM / GUAM HYMN

IV. 001-25	GUEST SPEAKERS – Former Senator Dennis Rodriguez – Todu Guam Foundation, Robert A. Underwood, Ge'hilo-Kumite I Na'an Lugat – Kumision I Fino' CHamoru, Jayne Flores, Director – Bureau of Women's Affairs, Allen Blend – Guam National Youth Football Federation
A.	Mayor Alig introduces the first guest speaker, former Senator Dennis Rodriguez from the Todu Guam Foundation. Senator Dennis Rodriguez introduces himself and his wife, Lena, who is also involved with the foundation. The Todu Guam Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2016 to address health disparities and promote health equity. The foundation provides basic access to healthcare, education, and other social services to Guam residents without restrictions. Senator Rodriguez highlights the foundation's mobile clinic, which provides free health screenings and immunizations, and the Todu Guam Health and Wellness Center in Tamuning. Senator Rodriguez details the foundation's six programs, including the mobile clinic, the Todu Guam Health and Wellness Center, and the Hinemlo' Para I Famalao'an (Healing for Women) program for cervical cancer screening. The foundation also offers patient navigation and financial assistance, prevention education, and the CARES movement for social-emotional resiliency. The Mind Care Plus program, overseen by a board-certified psychiatrist, treats depression, anxiety, smoking addiction, and OCD. Senator Rodriguez emphasizes the foundation's commitment to providing continuity of care and access to healthcare services for all Guam residents. Mayor Alig thanks Senator Rodriguez for his presentation and expresses interest in expanding the foundation's services to other villages, including Piti. Rodriguez explains that the foundation operates without government funding, relying on private donations and billing insurances. Mayor Alig suggests the possibility of scheduling the foundation's services in Piti to make them more accessible to residents. Rodriguez confirms the foundation's willingness to collaborate and expand its outreach efforts.
B.	Dr. Robert Underwood introduces himself and explains the role of the Commission on Decolonization and Place Names. The commission is responsible for researching and restoring traditional Chamorro place names and pronunciation. Underwood explains the types of place names the commission handles, including rivers, streams, mountains, and planned unit developments. The commission aims to honor ancestors by aligning place names with updated Chamorro orthography and understanding the history of place names. Underwood discusses the challenges and controversies in renaming planned unit developments and military naming practices. The commission works with village elders and government agencies to ensure the restoration of original place names. Underwood highlights the importance of aligning place names with cultural identity and historical accuracy. The

	commission's efforts aim to create a sense of place and continuity for Chamorro communities.
C.	Jayne Flores introduces herself as the Director of the Bureau of Women's Affairs and discusses the Guåhan Doula Project. The project aims to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates by providing doula care to pregnant women. Flores presents alarming statistics on maternal and infant mortality rates in Guam and the effectiveness of doula care in reducing these rates. The project trains doulas in culturally relevant birth practices and aims to add doula services to Medicaid and the Gov Guam insurance plan. Doulas provide emotional support, education, and physical assistance during pregnancy and childbirth. Doulas help create birth plans, monitor health, and provide postpartum care, including breastfeeding support. The project offers group doula sessions in village community centers and after-church gatherings to reach more women. Flores introduces trained doulas Kiersten Rosario and Giliana Santos, who share their experiences and the importance of doula services.
D.	Allen Blend introduces the Guam National Youth Football Federation (GNYFF) and its mission to engage youth in positive activities. Blend highlights that the organization has grown from four teams to nine, with approximately 800 to 1,000 children participating. GNYFF faces challenges in finding enough fields for practice and games, and seeks support from mayors for field development and maintenance. The organization also seeks sponsorship opportunities to support its activities and teams. Mayor Alig and other mayors express interest in supporting GNYFF and finding solutions for field shortages. Blend emphasizes the importance of having dedicated fields for football practice and games to avoid damaging other sports facilities. The organization is open to collaborating with mayors to develop and maintain fields for its teams. Blend provides his contact information for mayors to reach out with any concerns or questions about GNYFF activities.

V. 002-25	APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES –Motion to approve the meeting minutes by the Mayor of MTM, Rudy Paco and a second motion by the Mayor of Sinajana, Robert Hofmann.
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VI. 003-25	APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by the Mayor of Sinajana, Robert Hofmann and a second by the Mayor of Humåtak, Johnny Quinata.
	Mayor Hofman made a motion to pay the \$450 registration fee for the MCOG softball team, seconded by Mayor Paco. Motion was approved unanimously by the body.

VII. 004-25	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Joy Jean R. Arceo
	Executive Director Joy Jean provides updates on the traffic direction initiative, senior citizen center visits, and the abandoned vehicle program.

	Executive Director Joy Jean announced the recycling revolving fund bid for white goods will be advertised this Friday.
	Executive Director Joy Jean addresses outstanding vendor payments, emphasizing the council's efforts to forward invoices to the Department of Administration.
	The Executive Director announces the FEMA Public Assistance projects and the need for mayors to work with GSA for procurement.
	Mayor Alig and other mayors express concerns about the delay in vendor payments and the impact on daily operations. Executive Director Joy Jean clarifies that the council forwards invoices to DOA, and the delay is due to unpaid invoices. The executive director commits to working with DOA to resolve the issue and ensure timely payments to vendors. The discussion highlights the need for better communication and coordination between the council, DOA, and the vendors.

VIII. 005-25	COMMITTEE REPORTS
A.	Boards and Commissions –
	Mayor Alig requests updates from various boards and commissions, including the Commission on Decolonization, Guam Early Learning Council, and Guam Visitors Bureau.
	Mayor Hoffman provides an update on the Guam Visitors Bureau's budget session and ongoing projects, including beach cleanups and road improvements.
	Mayor Salas discusses the Guam Veterans Commission's meeting regarding funding requests and the lack of direction from the President's form.
	Mayor Alig inquires about a group involved in Veterans Affairs, and Mayor Salas mentions not being familiar but offers to find out.
	Mayor Alig mentions meeting with Senator Joe San Agustin and Joe Meno regarding the veteran's office and their outreach program.
	Discussion on the need for volunteers and the potential involvement of AmeriCorps in supporting veterans outreach.
	Mayor Terlaje expresses concerns about GVB's payment process, particularly for performers and groups working with children.
	Mayor Hofmann explains the 30-day payment process and the requirement for two signatures and routing.
	Mayor Terlaje expresses concern that GVB should have a more flexible payment system, especially for events like the Micronesia Island fair.
	Mayor Hofmann emphasizes the importance of following the procurement process and the risks of on-the-spot payments.
	Mayor Alig introduces Mayor Wayne, who reports on the UOG Board of Regents nominating council, mentioning three applications submitted to the governor.
	Mayor Alig discusses the Elder Justice Advisory Council, which has increased its budget to \$1.1 million and assists with legal documents and burial services.

	Mayor Alig mentions the creation of the right of sepulcher to assist with burials and the need for public health involvement.
	Mayor Alig highlights the importance of the Elder Justice Center in providing legal assistance to Manåmko' in the villages.
	Mayor Alig recognizes Mayor Frankie, who discusses the upcoming Memorial Day event and the need for canopies and chairs.
	Mayor Alig and Mayor Frankie discuss the timing of the memorial event to avoid conflicts with other events in the same area.
	Mayor Alig lists the memorial ceremonies scheduled for various villages, including dates and times. Mayor Alig emphasizes the importance of coordinating these events to ensure they run smoothly and are well-attended.

IX. 006-25	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A.	Mayor Alig presents the revised council budget, highlighting significant reductions in capital outlay and vehicles.
	Discussion on the need for evidence to support the council's budget requests and the importance of accurate documentation.
	Mayor Alig encourages mayors to provide photos and lists of duties outside of chapter 40 to justify their budget requests.
	Mayor Alig emphasizes the need for equity in resource allocation and the importance of presenting a strong case to the legislature.
B.	Mayor Alig discusses the 81st Guam Liberation Day, including the need for a theme and logo, and the eligibility application for the queen's contest.
ii.	Mayor Alig mentions the involvement of PBS Guam in documenting the candidates and the importance of sponsorships.
iv.	Mayor Alig introduces the user's fee schedule for community facilities, including parks, beaches, and other recreational areas.
C.	Discussion on the need for a bill to formalize the user's fee schedule and the importance of uniformity in fees across the island.
D.	Mayor Alig discusses the Association of Marianas Mayors and Vice Mayors and the need for a quorum for the General Assembly. Mayor Alig mentions the student exchange program with the CNMI and the need for a meeting to finalize the details. Mayor Alig emphasizes the importance of supporting the program and ensuring a smooth transition for the participating students. Discussion on the need for updates from standing committees and the importance of coordinating efforts to support the council's initiatives.
X. 007-25	NEW BUSINESS

XI. 008-25	ANNOUNCEMENTS
	Mayor Alig announces the upcoming forestry workshop on May 13 and encourages participation from council members.
	Mayor Alig thanks MTM for hosting the lunch and congratulates Agana Heights and Inalåhan for their successful fiestas.

	Mayor Alig emphasizes the importance of supporting the council's initiatives and working together to address the needs of the villages.
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XII. 009-25	ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
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Attested by:



MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Council Executive Secretary
18th Mayors' Council of Guam

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