



Regular Monthly Meeting  
 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 9, 2022  
 Mayors' Council Conference Room  
 Hagåtña, Guam

**MINUTES**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:**

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
* ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Sânta Rita-Sumai
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalâhan
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
V DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordod
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
* UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
O BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
O CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Malesso'
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
O IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
O/R LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
O QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humåtak
O/R SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo

**O = ABSENT \* = LATE \*\* = OFF ISLAND R = REPRESENTATIVE V = VIRTUAL**

**Fifteen (15) members present at time of roll call. No Quorum established.**  
 Quorum established at 10:13 a.m.

Angel R. Sablan  
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director  
Recording Secretary

### III. NATIONAL ANTHEM/GUAM HYMN

The council president congratulated executive director, Angel Sablan, for a successful win to the Guam Board of Education.

### IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES – Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Melissa Savares. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

### V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT– Mayor June Blas made the motion to approve the reports and seconded by Mayor Paul McDonald. *President* announced that everything will be electronic, and there won't be a paper statement fee any longer. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.

### VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD** – ED gave his appreciation to Council members on behalf of himself and his family for the love, support, and votes on this journey for the Guam Education Board. He will do his best to work with all the board members, and especially with Mayor Savares to make sure that the mayors' voices are heard and that there's coordination and collaboration and cooperation so that the mayors' are not at the end of the loop, but are at the beginning of the loop.

**ISLANDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM; RRF** – The Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board unanimously approved Council's request for the release of \$1M out of the \$1.3M that have been appropriated by the Guam legislature for FY 2023.

The difference this year is everything will be done at once rather than in phases. Mayors need to submit a memo to ED and to specify how much they need and an estimate when requesting a purchase order. ED anticipated some of the purchase orders to be released in the first few weeks of December.

Council is currently awaiting EPA's approval of the operations plan and signatures from the AG and Governor.

Closeout on FY 2021 is just about completed.

The end of this month will mark the closing of all invoices that need to be submitted so that the Council can send them into DOA for payment. Districts that still have unpaid invoices for FY 2022 need to submit to Mary as soon as they can.

**VEHICLES** – The nine Districts that chose to receive one sedan and one pickup will first receive sedans. They've switched the sedan for an SUV named the GMC Acadia.

Council will be sending in the bid specifications for the 4x4 and the regular 4x2 pickup trucks for the other Districts that opted for these.

**MCOG BYLAWS AMENDMENT** – ED stated that he is still waiting on the AG’s opinion although Deputy AG Karl Espaldon reached out to him saying that he's doing further study, especially for the part on the election of officers because the law prohibits MCOG to conduct by secret ballot so he's going to check on how other boards and commissions do their voting of officers and then he will come back to us.

ED had asked Council president if there could be a motion made on the floor to table the amendments to the bylaws and just continue the way MCOG had been doing it before unless the Council gets an opinion from the AG before then.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

**GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES (CAHA)** – Mayor Jessie Gogue gave thanks to all those who supported the Gala. It was an opportunity for artists to showcase their talents and it was a fundraiser for the upcoming FESTPAC in 2024.

**GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD (EX-OFFICIO MEMBER)** – Mayor Melissa Savares reported that they will be working with the DOE maintenance crew to go and test the older schools that were built in the 1960s to see if there's any lead content in the water.

Two schools are faced with closure. She asked that the mayors of schools in those cases be informed before the department makes that decision.

Mayor McDonald stated that he recently found out that the PTO of Agana Heights is inactive and they have a lot of money in their account and nobody can spend it because the previous officers never turned over the account. Mayor Savares responded that she will talk to the parent representative on the board, who is Carla Borja if there had ever been a transition from the outgoing PTO to the new.

### 2. STANDING COMMITTEES –

**LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE** – Bill No. 266-35 introduced Senator James Moylan in January 2020 relative to addressing the quorum and voting process for the Mayors’ Council of Guam, The President stated that he doesn't think there was a public hearing, and if this is something the Body wanted to consider, then this may be advantageous for the Council because a quorum has continually been discussed and pushed for when there is a meeting.

The president concurred that the roles of mayor and vice mayor are both equally important, but believes that as a council and as a body, they should examine the voting process to determine how fair it is to a village that only has a mayor. He said, “I just wanted to bring that to your attention. Again, we'll share that with everyone just in case you are interested in contemplating that or discerning that point of view.”

**STRAY ANIMAL ROUND-UP (SARU)** – Mayor Rudy Paco said the Animal Control & Animal Health division hired six staff; 5 animal control and 1 dispatch. Their phone number is (671) 300-7966. He expressed that he had been working with them. He doesn't deal with GAIN anymore because every time the mayors call, there is no room. Mayor Paco told the Body to continue setting traps.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. MCOG CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES –

Christmas Party – In order to fit everyone inside the ballroom, Mayor Paco announced that the venue had been relocated from Hotel Nikko to Hyatt Regency and there is ample parking.

Mayor Kevin Susuico stated that the Hyatt Regency has been confirmed and that Hotel Nikko has already been informed of the cancellation. The \$500 deposit was a loss. The hotel's non-refundable deposit was accepted by the President. A bar fundraiser at GudTayms will take place tomorrow from six p.m. to ten p.m., and there will be a raffle drawing at noon today after the meeting.

MCOG Participation Skinner Plaza Display – A rough display of the *Belen* was distributed to Council members, which the president believed would be the easiest and safest to construct because the statues would be off the ground and away from people. He requested mayors send their staff and any available lumber to assist in putting this together. He will send a list of other necessary items for the decoration.

2. **MCOG BYLAWS AMENDMENT** – The president requested a move to table the discussion until Council received the Attorney General's opinion and took into account any introduced measures that might help the Council change these bylaws. **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to table discussions and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ December Meeting Date –In order to have a quorum, the president asked that the December Regular Meeting be moved to either the 6th or the 14th because that is the day of the Council's Christmas party. **Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to move the meeting to December 6. Seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

➤ The president also requested a motion to forego the November special meeting because there had been no requests for audience. **Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to forego the November special meeting. Seconded by Mayor Anthony Chargualaf. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

➤ Veterans Day ceremony will be held at Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park in Ypao on November 11 at 11 a.m. Representative, Mayor Frankie Salas announced tomorrow, Thursday at 1:30 pm, several districts staff will meet to set up canopies, chairs, and tables. After the ceremony on Friday, Districts can return at 1:30 pm and disassemble.

➤ On November 27 at 12pm at Fort Apugan, Mayor Paul McDonald extended an invitation to all to the Agana Heights fiesta.

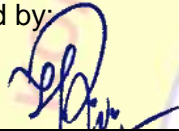
➤ The AMIM General Assembly was announced by Mayor Kevin Susuico on November 17 in Rota. This is the mayor of Rota's final term, and he is getting ready to host from November 16 to 18. Mayor hoped that nobody gets discouraged by the price. If there are only seven passengers, the charter flight from Star Marianas is \$3200 roundtrip, \$1600 each way, or \$457 per person. Alternatively, they can go on United Air through Saipan and then take Star Marianas to Rota for \$470 per person. Mayor Dale Alvarez gave the option to use his boat or to charter a boat.

➤ The president submitted the response to the OPA regarding the audit recommendations. He asked that mayors' staff who are involved with procurement undergo procurement training. There were some villages that have not yet received the training and there are some villages that have received the training, but several years ago. There are three or four modules. He encouraged mayors' to continue and allow their staff attend the modules for procurement training.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

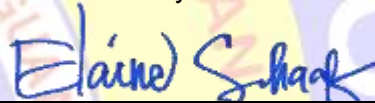
*President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:34 am.

Attested by:



**MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA**  
Council Executive Secretary  
17<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:



**ELAINE RA SCHAAF**  
Transcriber  
MCOG – Administration



# ATTENDANCE SHEET

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Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.

CTO - 10:10 am  
A - 11:34 am

Type of Meeting:  Regular [ ] Special

PLACE OF MEETING: MCOG Conference Room

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/33	
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Inaláhan	475-2509-11	
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Malessos	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagåtña	477-8045/47	
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Hågat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
LEONES, Loreto V.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	
QUENGA, Bill A.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Humatak	828-2940/8258	
RIVERA, Louise C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
SALAS, Frankie A.	Asan-Maina	472-6581/479-2726	
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Hågat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talo'fo'fo'	789-1421/3262/4821	
TOVES, Albert M.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE	
TRINITY HYPENA	YLAGO		
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Eleanor Mesa	Andersen PAU	611-360-2228	

**MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM**

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**From:** Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 7:23 AM  
**To:** Vice Mayor Kevin AN Delgado; Mayors' Council of Guam - Admin.  
**Subject:** Fwd: REQUEST FOR ZOOM ATTENDANCE

Acknowledged.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Kevin Delgado <mangilao.vicemayor@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 9, 2022, 6:53 AM  
**Subject:** REQUEST FOR ZOOM ATTENDANCE  
**To:** Mayor Louise C. Rivera <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>

Good morning Madam Secretary,  
I am requesting to attend today's monthly meeting via Zoom.

Thank you.

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