



Regular Monthly Meeting  
10 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
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 E.	Mayor	Sânta Rita-Sumai
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalâhan
V DELGADO, Kevin AN	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hâgat
V GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	M-T-M
QUENGA, Bill A.	Mayor	Yona
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Mayor	Yigo
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hâgat
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 CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
V/O IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
O LEONES, Loreto V.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humåtak

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

**Nineteen (19) members present at time of roll call. Quorum established.**

Angel R. Sablan  
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director  
Recording Secretary

**III. NATIONAL ANTHEM/GUAM HYMN**

**IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES – Mayor Vicente Taitague made the motion to approve and seconded by Mayor Anthony Chargualaf. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

**V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT – Mayor Melissa Savares made the motion to approve the reports and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**22% RAISE** – Pay increase for Government of Guam employees will include MCoG employees as our positions are identified in the General Pay Plan. The Legislature needs to appropriate for the pay raises since the implementation is set for April 1. The 22% pay raise will also be included in our FY24 budget request.

**FY24 BUDGET REQUEST** – Will be submitted to Senator Joe San Agustin on March 22, 2023. It basically follows FY23 with adjustments for personnel costs and utilities. Mayors may submit to ED for inclusion into the FY24 Budget request and it will be attached as a Capital Outlay request. It may not be entertained though due to additional funds available to MCoG like ARPA and ESF grants and GEDA grants that are very substantial.

**GUAM GREEN GROWTH INITIATIVE** – G3 notified the villages of their ongoing programs and will start in the village of Yigo on March 10, 2023. The program will be continued until all villages have been serviced.

**VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD (EX-OFFICIO MEMBER)** – Mayor Savares reported that four Headstart classrooms were inspected at D.L. Perez Elementary School due to a citation received during a site visit. The School Safety Committee wanted to make sure they used the money to put up a fence around their playground area designated for the Headstart students as well as put up a canopy over the playground equipment so that the children are not in direct sunlight.

The acting superintendent and chairwoman of the education board are looking at ways to demolish certain areas and temporary buildings that have been there for over 20 or 30 years. They're looking at surveyed tables and chairs. Once the school has its stamped survey and its paperwork done then they will notify the mayors' offices so residents can be afforded the opportunity.

**WAR CLAIMS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE** – *President* reported that the war claims application deadline is this Friday, March 3. There is another meeting next week after the deadline to adjudicate more claims. Those who weren't granted and are appealing it will be heard by the committee.

**LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE** – *President* expressed that he forwarded a letter to all mayors regarding the panhandling bill that was proposed by the Attorney General and was discussed with the lieutenant governor. Bill No. 58-37 introduced by Senator Roy Quinata will be discussed at the special meeting to weigh in either to support or not support the bill.

*President* asked for any comments on the proposed draft by Senator Dwayne San Nicolas relative to authorizing the Mayors' Council of Guam to select the time and date of their oath taking ceremony so that the senator could make the changes before it is introduced. If there are any comments, let him know so he can send it to the senator. He said, "The legislation is something that we don't have to tweak when it comes to the public hearing time. We can go to the public hearing and say we are in full support."

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Senior Center Operations – *President* stated that the mayors concurred that if they were to continue operating, they must have all the resources and receive the support that is necessary, whether they're financial resources, equipment or personnel. He said, "But please know that it is never, it was never my intention to shut them out and that's furthest from the truth.

Ultimately, it is the duty of Public Health and the Division of Senior Citizens. This is their program. We have always been here to support their program. It is not our program. We just want to make sure that the program is run properly and that means that the onus is on the agency that owns the program, which is Public Health and that's what we're doing now, is making sure that we're all on the same page and that there's equity in everything. The additional work hampers our own operations as the Mayor's Council of Guam. That's also been my issue right on top of everything else. So I just want to make sure that it is equitable for everyone and proper for our Manåmko'."

ED stated that at a meeting together with MCOG president, the director of Public Health, and the administrator of the Division of Senior Citizens a few options were on the table. One option is mayors running the senior centers would continue to operate it, but the funds go directly to them. It's called a mini grant. Mayors would handle the grant given to them to operate their senior center. The amount of money given to each of the 11 centers would be different. This is something that they're working on and would have to get approval from the front office. If it were given to an outside vendor, they would continue to use the center as it is now and be responsible for the rent and maintenance for it.

ED added that request for proposals are also being issued for the Adult Day Care Program and it will experience the same situation. If MCOG is going to handle anything for the DSC, the only thing council will ask is that they hire an administrative assistant specifically for their program that will deal directly with the mayors that are running those centers so that way we free up our own staff from already the amount of work that they're doing.

*President* stated, "Those are options that are on the table for Public Health to consider and once they made their best decision, then they will come to us. They have to be the ones to decide what's going to work for the best for them and then we'll determine whether or not it's a yes or a no."

B. Policy Amendments/Proposals – Mayor Savares queried on the clarification needed with the Attorney General's Office regarding MCOG's by-laws because there's some policies that happened, and we want to make sure that our bylaws are in order before we move on. ED responded that Deputy AG Karl Espaldon is trying to get input from other agencies that are autonomous, and semi-autonomous to see how they handle the questions that mayors' asked. ED will call and follow up.

C. 79<sup>TH</sup> Liberation Festivities – *President* asked are there going to be a request from any subcommittee for funding approval. **Mayor Savares made a motion to pay the lowest bidder for the Queen's raffle tickets. Seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista.** In discussion, Mayor McDonald said mayors need to know how many candidates there will be. Mayor Savares responded that the committee will initially print 20,000 and should there be a need for more they'll request more. There are currently only two candidates. **No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

Mayor Vicente Taitague queried if the committee can lower the candidates' age from 18 to 16 years old. Mayor Robert Hofmann responded that the issue was the requirement of adult supervision every time they're transported and moved and there's a liability. It is not something that many mayors are willing to assume because they're still considered minors.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. GDOE Grass Cutting and Safety Concerns – Mayors are concerned about the Guam Department of Education not using funds to maintain the grass cutting of schools in their villages. The council president expressed that if mayors agreed that GDOE was going to entertain giving it back, then mayors have to make sure that they are part of the assessment before it becomes law so that they'll know.

Mayor Rudy Paco expressed that GDOE should hire maintenance instead of utilizing the mayors.

ED stated that he had informed the GDOE board that mayors' offices lack the staff necessary to maintain the schools on their own. With all the money they have, they should go outside of GDOE. Don't wait to hire, go and outsource it and contract it out to companies out there that can do the job. He continued, mentioning issues like grass cutting, which is usually left to the village mayors. GDOE has about \$70 million available. There isn't a funding problem. Mayor Melissa and ED will continue to follow up because both are on that committee that handles all these problems with health and safety of the schools. ED stated that acting superintendent Won Pat is on board with us and she's going to move things along.

Mayor Paul McDonald asked ED and Mayor Savares if administrators from the schools attend the board hearings, suggesting they should be to hear the complaints from mayors.

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ UOG Press Chamorro Bookshelf Competition is in the newspaper for residents to join in. If residents are asking, let them know it's the same thing. If a mayor hasn't been contacted by UOG, let the council president know.

➤ Council president reminded mayors of the food donation listing emailed to them for the Na'taotao Tumano' (Silebrasion Mes Chamorro).

➤ DPHSS is asking for help again from the Mayor's Council to consider another campaign for foster families. This will be an agenda item at the *Special Monthly Meeting*. The president asked to consider the 19 villages participation.

➤ Mayor Savares is inviting mayors and their families to meet Spider-Man on Monday at the Guam Football Association, Harmon Loop Road from 10 to 12 pm.

➤ Agana Heights Coconut Festival from April 14-16 at Fort Apugan. \$500 prize for the biggest coconut crab and coconut.

➤ CHamoru Heritage Day Festival in Humåtak from March 3-6.

➤ Quarterly breakfast meeting with the governor. MCOG to host. **Mayor Savares made the motion to pay from the dues account to the lowest bidder. Seconded by Mayor Frankie Salas.** In discussion, Mayor Kevin Susuico asked for an amount. The Council president expressed that the amount is determined by the lowest bid from price quotations. **No further discussion or objection. The motion carried.** Venue at the Central Community Arts Hall, Sinajana.

➤ The Lions Club is hosting its Health Fair, an outreach event, Saturday, March 4 from 10 am -3 pm at the Micronesia Mall center court, Dededo.

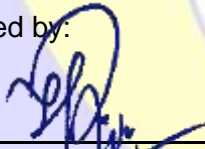
➤ GED Boot Camp starts next week Tuesday, March 7 at the Dededo Senior Center. Residents in the northern part of the island can register at the Dededo Mayor's Office or Mayor Savares can send the link to register online.

➤ ED stated that every office has the SOP for non-appropriated funds and appropriated funds. If mayors do not have it or it's misplaced, request from MCOG Admn. another copy. The council president asked that it just be disseminated again. ED will make each office sign for it so there's documentation.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

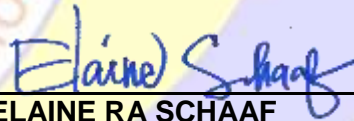
*President* thanked Council members and adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

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



Date:

March 1, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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.	Malesso'	828-8312/2941	
CRUZ, John A.	Hagåtña	477-8045/47	R - off-island
DELGADO, Kevin AN	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	Zoom
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Hågat	565-4330/35/36/2524	
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	Zoom
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		
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GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.	
URIARTE PEREZ	MCBCB	355-2342	
ROBERT S. LIZAMA	Gov. OFF.	685-1113	
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