



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
EXECUTIVE SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023
Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom
Guam Judicial Center
Via Zoom Teleconference**

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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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 recessed to Executive Session by the Chairman, Robert J. Torres, at the hour of 12:53 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM MEETING BREAKOUT ROOM:

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres
Justice F. Philip Carbullido
Justice Katherine A. Maraman
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III
Judge Maria T. Cenzone

Also, Present:

Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts (AOC)
Ms. Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney
Ms. Carmelita G. Tenorio, Court Transcriber, C&M Division
Ms. Jessica Perez-Jackson, Judicial Assistant, Executive Secretary

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 F. Philip Carbullido, Justice Katherine A. Maraman, and Judge Maria T. Cenzone attended. Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III joined at 12:57 p.m. AOC Danielle T. Rosete joined them, along with Staff Attorney Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Court Transcriber Carmelita G. Tenorio, and Judicial Council Executive Secretary Jessica Perez-Jackson.

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 January 27, 2023, to hold an Executive Session to discuss three (3) ongoing litigation matters:

- *Gumataotao v. Judicial Branch*, Superior Court Civil Case No. CV0342-22;
- *Philips v. Guam Courts*, Ninth Circuit Case No. 22-16919; and
- EEO matter

Judge Cenzone motioned to move to Executive Session; Justice Maraman seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. All Council members 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 1:03 p.m., Chief Justice Torres entertained a motion to rise to Regular Session. Justice Carbullido made the motion; Presiding Judge Lamorena seconded. The public meeting of the Judicial Council resumed. Chief Justice Torres stated that no decision needs to be made in the Regular Session due to convening in Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of March 2023.



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Assistant Secretary,
Judicial Council of Guam



JESSICA PEREZ-JACKSON
Executive Secretary,
Judicial Council of Guam



ROBERT J. TORRES
Chairman

Dated: 3/17/23