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

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 12:36 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE IN THE MONESSA G. LUJAN APPELLATE COURTROOM:

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

Also, Present:

Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts (AOC)
Ms. Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney
Mr. Andrew T. Perez
Ms. Carmelita G. Tenorio, Court Transcriber, C&M Division
Ms. Petrina Ula, Judicial Assistant, 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, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena, and Judge Maria T. Cenzon attended. AOC Danielle T. Rosete joined them, along with Staff Attorney Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney Andrew T. Perez, Court Transcriber Carmelita G. Tenorio, and Judicial Council Assistant Secretary Petrina M. Ula.

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 November 7, 2023, to hold an Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation matters:

- *Ninth Circuit Case No. 22-16919, Philips v. Guam Courts*: Notice of appeal filed by Dr. Sherif Philips in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, appealing the District Court of Guam's order dismissing his request to review several cases filed in the Superior and Supreme Courts of Guam.

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

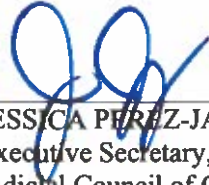
V. TRANSCRIPTS

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 12:40 p.m., Chief Justice Torres entertained a motion to rise to Regular Session. Presiding Judge Lamorena made the motion; Justice Carbullido seconded. The public meeting of the Judicial Council resumed. A report was provided in the Executive Session and no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of December 2023.


JESSICA PEREZ-JACKSON
Executive Secretary,
Judicial Council of Guam


ROBERT J. TORRES
Chairman

Dated: 12/21/23