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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 61ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL,
LEGISLATIVE BUILDING CAPITOL GROUNDS TACLOBAN CITY ON 20 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: (Per signatories on attendance sheet)

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| 15 | 1. Hon. Ranulfo S. Abellanos | 1 st District Board Member |
| 16 | 2. Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 17 | 3. Hon. Niccolo J. Villasin | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 18 | 4. Hon. Alan P. Ang | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 19 | 5. Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 20 | 6. Hon. Mesias P. Arevalo | 4 th District Board Member |
| 21 | 7. Hon. Emmanuel L. Gacis | 5 th District Board Member |
| 22 | 8. Hon. Nolie C. Caña | Ex-Officio Member, LnBP President |

Absent:

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| 26 | 9. Atty. Carlo P. Loreto | Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer |
| 28 | 10. Hon. Gina E. Merilo | 1 st District Board Member
(on Privilege Leave) |
| 31 | 11. Hon. Manuel Vicente M. Torres | 4 th District Board Member
(on Leave) |
| 34 | 12. Hon. Florante A. Cayunda, Jr. | 5 th District Board Member
(Official Travel to Davao City) |
| 37 | 13. Hon. Wilson S. Uy | Ex-Officio Member, PCL Representative |

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42 The Honorable Ranulfo S. Abellanos, Representative from the First District of
43 Leyte, the Temporary Presiding Officer called to order the 61st Regular Session of the
44 Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte at exactly 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

45 Invocation was given by the Honorable Trinidad G. Apostol, Representative from
46 the 2nd District of Leyte, followed by the singing of the Pambansang Awit ng Pilipinas.

47 The Honorable Niccolo J. Villasin moved to dispense with the Panunumpa sa
48 Watawat, the Leyte Hymn, the PBMLP Hymn and the PBMLP Creed of the agenda,
49 duly seconded by the Honorable Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban, Representative from
50 the 3rd District of Leyte.

As there was no discussion, the motion was carried.

51 The Temporary Secretary, Mr. Andre S. Sanico made the roll call to ensure
52 presence of quorum for the day's session. The presence of eight (8) Members who
53 signed the attendance sheet was known. He also informed the Body that letters were
54 received by the Secretariat, to wit: 1. from the Office of the Honorable Manuel Vicente
55 M. Torres, informing that he cannot attend the day's session as he is on leave, 2. from
56 the Honorable Florante A. Cayunda, Jr., informing that he is currently on Official Travel
57 to Davao City, 3. from the Honorable Gina E. Merilo, with the information that she is on
58 Privileged Leave.

59 With the eight (8) Members present, quorum was announced.

60 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

61 Mr. Floor Leader, who are absent?

62 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

63 Mr. Secretary, please.

64 MR. ANDRE S. SANICO: TEMPORARY SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

65 The Honorable Alan Ang signed the attendance sheet, I think he is coming.

66 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

67 May we request for the presence of the Honorable Alan Ang.

68 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

69 Mr. Chair, can we have a recess for 5 minutes in order that Board Member Ang
70 to be here at the session hall.

71 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

72 Okay.

73 A recess is called for 5 minutes.

74 (RECESS @ 3:05 pm)

75 (RESUME @ 3:10 pm)

76 Session resumes.

77 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

78 Mr. Chair, I think there are eight Members present.

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80 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

81 Eight signed.

82 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

83 There should be declaration of quorum.

84 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

85 Mr. Secretary, do we have quorum?

86 MR. ANDRE S. SANICO: TEMPORARY SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

87 There are eight (8) Members of the Board who have signed the attendance
88 sheet.

89 So, we have quorum.

90 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

91 So, we have quorum.

92 MR. ANDRE S. SANICO: TEMPORARY SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

93 We have a quorum.

94 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

95 We proceed with the session.

96 Is there any question?

97 Yes, the Honorable Arevalo.

98 HON. MESIAS P. AREVALO: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

99 I move that we adjourn.

100 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

101 For the reason, waray quorum?

102 HON. MESIAS P. AREVALO: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

103 Ana, waray quorum.

104 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

105 Mr. Chair.

106 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

107 Yes, the Honorable Remandaban.

108 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

109 I remember before, we were also eight (8) in the attendance sheet. However, the
110 presence of the Honorable Caña was wanting in the session hall. We were referring to
111 the warm bodies present here. Now, it happened again that there are eight (8) who
112 signed the attendance sheet, but we are only seven (7) warm bodies here in the session
113 hall. I guess that is the reason of Board Member Arevalo for declaring adjournment.

114 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

115 Can we request the Secretariat to make a head count to determine those
116 physically present.

117 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

118 Yes.

119 MR. ANDRE S. SANICO: TEMPORARY SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

120 The following are physically present:

121 Honorable Ranulfo S. Abellanosa

122 Honorable Niccolo J. Villasin

123 Honorable Trinidad G. Apostol

124 Honorable Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban

125 Honorable Mesias P. Arevalo

126 Honorable Emmanuel L. Gacis

127 Honorable Nolie C. Caña

128 Seven (7) Members are physically present in the session hall, Mr. Chair.

129 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

130 So, meaning there are only seven (7) warm bodies that are physically present.

131 Actually, we do not have a quorum.

132 What would now be the suggestion of the August Body, Mr. Floor Leader?

133 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

134 Mr. Chair, if there are only seven (7) physically present, we need another warm
135 body to be present in order to conduct a valid business.

136 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

137 Yes, so in other words we do not have a quorum.

138 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

139 Well, with those who are present at this time, we do not have quorum.

140 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

141 Or shall we wait for Mr. Ang to come back or wait for a few more minutes then
142 after which if he doesn't come, then we do not have any business doing a session this
143 afternoon.

144 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

145 Mr. Chair.

146 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

147 Yes, the Honorable Apostol.

148 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

149 We better ask somebody to call him if he is still coming or not so that we can
150 decide whether to hold session or not. That is the most important thing that he will
151 answer if he is coming back or not. Then, we will decide if we will have a quorum or
152 not.

153 So, may we request somebody to call him.

154 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

155 I'd like to request somebody from the Secretariat.

156 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

157 And tell him that we need him.

158 (A call to the Honorable Ang was done)

159 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

160 What is now the pleasure of the August Body?

161 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

162 If that would be the case, if we proceed our actions can be questioned. There
163 are other important ordinances and budgets included in our agenda for today.
164 Considering that we are only seven physically present, we cannot conduct a business.

165 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

166 Is there any motion?

167 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

168 The Presiding Officer can moto proprio adjourn the session.

169 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

170 Okay.

171 We have actually done physical counting and there are only seven Members who
172 are here, so there is no quorum in that effect, the Temporary Presiding Officer now
173 adjourns the session for lack of quorum.

174 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

175 Mr. Chair.

176 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

177 The Honorable Apostol.

178 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

179 Mr. Chair, if we are going to adjourn the session, we have to ask each one for a
180 manifestation because if we are to adjourn for lack of quorum that is illegal because we
181 have eight (8) who signed the attendance sheet.

182 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

183 The Honorable Apostol moves that each one present give a manifestation.

184 So, we start with the Honorable Floor Leader.

185 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

186 Mr. Chair, for me, we are only seven (7) actually present. We cannot conduct
187 any business for today for lack of quorum.

188 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

189 For me, in as much as I would like to follow the law that it should be eight (8) to
190 have a quorum in order to hold business and since we are only seven (7), I think we
191 have to adjourn.

192 HON. MESIAS P. AREVALO: 4TH DISTRICT BOAR MEMBER

193 I have the same manifestation as that of the Board Member of the second
194 district, Board Member Apostol.

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196 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

197 Thank you.

198 How about the Honorable Gacis.

199 HON. EMMANUEL L. GACIS: 5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

200 We approved our own House Rules and I believe that in our House Rules, 50 per
201 cent plus 1 warm body is needed to determine quorum. In our case, eight (8) warm
202 bodies and we are only seven (7), we have no choice but to adjourn on the ground of no
203 quorum.

204 HON. NOLIE C. CAÑA: LnBP PRESIDENT

205 As stated by the Honorable Remandaban, when I signed the attendance sheet
206 and there was no physical presence, the decision of the Body was to adjourn.

207 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

208 I go with the manifestations of my colleagues.

209 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

210 Practically, that is a unanimous decision that we forego with the session this
211 afternoon for we have no quorum.

212 This Temporary Presiding Officer would adjourn this session for lack of quorum.

213 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

214 Mr. Chair, in our attendance we are eight (8) and then here physically present,
215 we are only seven (7). How will we answer that?

216 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

217 If that is the case, we have to strike out the name of the Honorable Ang. I would
218 like to ask the Secretariat to strike out the name of the Honorable Ang on the
219 attendance sheet he signed, but he is not in the session hall.

220 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

221 That is your motion, now it should be seconded.

222 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

223 Since he is not actually present, Mr. Floor Leader, what is now the pleasure of
224 the Body?

225 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

226 Considering that we have made a head count earlier, I think that will suffice and
227 that we ask the actual warm bodies present. The record would reflect that is based on
228 actual count.

229 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

230 In fact, the Members earlier have their statements that we should adjourn
231 because of no quorum.

232 Any other statements, before we adjourn?

233 HON. NICCOLO J. VILLASIN: 1ST DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER

234 I think we are waiting for the ruling, Mr. Chair.

235 HON. RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA: TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

236 This session is adjourned.

237 (Adjourned at 3:22 in the afternoon).

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS of the above Record of Proceedings.

ANDRE S. SANICO
PGADH/Temporary Secretary
to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:

ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Vice-Governor

RANULFO S. ABELLANOSA
1ST District Board Member
Temporary Presiding Officer

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2nd District Board Member
1st Deputy Floor Leader

GINA E. MERILO
1st District Board Member
(on Privileged Leave)

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2nd District Board Member

ALAN PEREÑAANG
3RD District Board Member

MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN
3RD District Board Member

MANUEL VICENTE M. TORRES
4th District Board Member
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5th District Board Member
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EMMANUEL I. GACIS
5TH District Board Member

WILSON S. UY
PCL President
Ex-Officio Member
(Absent)

NOLIE C. CAÑA
LnBP President
Ex-Officio Member

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