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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

MINUTES OF THE 127TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON 18 MARCH 2025.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Wilson S. Uy | 1 st District Board Member |
| 2. Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar | 1 st District Board Member |
| 3. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 4. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 5. Hon. Vincent L. Rama | 4 th District Board Member |
| 6. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez | Liga ng mga Barangay President)
Ex-Officio Member |
| 7. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen | SK President/Ex-Officio Member |

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. | Vice-Governor |
| 2. Hon. Michael L. Cari | 5 th District Board Member
Temporary Presiding Officer |
| 3. Hon. Carlo P. Loreto | 5 th District Board Member
Floor Leader |
| 4. Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 5. Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 6. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr. | 4 th District Board Member |

ABSENT:

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| 1. Hon. Carmen L. Cari | PCL President/Ex-Officio Member
(Official Travel) |
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The 127th Regular Session opened at 10:20 o'clock in the morning presided over by the Honorable Michael L. Cari, Temporary Presiding Officer, 5th District Board Member.

Opening Prayer was led by the Honorable Marie Kathryn Veloso-Kabigting, 3rd District Board Member of Leyte, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

A motion to dispense with the Panunumpa sa Watawat, the Leyte Hymn, the PBMLP Hymn and the PBMLP Creed of the agenda was presented by the Honorable Floor Leader, Carlo P. Loreto, 5th District Board Member, duly seconded by the Honorable

51 Uy, 1st District Board Member; Honorable Kabigting, 3rd District Board Member; and
52 Honorable Gimenez, Liga ng mga Barangay President.

53 Considering that there was no objection, the motion was carried.

54 The Temporary Presiding Officer, Honorable Michael L. Cari, requested the
55 Sangguniang Panlalawigan Secretary, Ms. Florinda Jill S. Uyvico to call the roll in order
56 to determine the presence of quorum.

57 **MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN**

58 The following Members are in attendance:

59 Hon. Wilson S. Uy

60 Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar

61 Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol

62 Hon. Raissa J. Villasin

63 Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting

64 Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban

65 Hon. Vincent L. Rama

66 Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr.

67 Hon. Michael L. Cari -Temporary Presiding Officer

68 Hon. Carlo P. Loreto - Floor Leader

69 Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez

70 Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen

71 We have thirteen Members (13) present, Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor.

72 **HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER**

73 Since we are in quorum, we are open now to do business.

74 Honorable Majority Floor Leader?

75 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

76 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Madame Secretary.

77 We now proceed for consideration of our minutes of the previous meeting last
78 March 11, 2025.

79 Mr. Chair, unless there are corrections on the floor or objections, I move that we
80 approve the minutes of March 11, 2025. I so move.

81 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

82 Second.

83 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

84 No corrections?

85 So, duly seconded

86 Approved.

Res. No. 2025-138

87 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

88 We now proceed to the committee reports.

89 There's a committee report from the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
90 filed by the distinguished Chairman, Honorable Reposar.

91 Will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar, Mr. Chair?

92 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

93 The Honorable Reposar is recognized.

94 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

95 Thank you very much, Honorable Presiding Chair and Honorable Floor Leader.

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102 **COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES**

103 **COMMITTEE REPORT**

104 **No. 8 series 2025**

105 Referred to this Committee through SP Resolution No. 2024-548 is the complaint transmitted
106 through the 8888 Citizen's Complaint Hotline regarding the irregularities in the distribution of the "Ayuda
107 Para Sa Kapos Ang Kita Program" or AKAP in the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte.

108 The complainant raised concerns regarding the distribution of aid, under AKAP, asserting that
109 numerous deserving individuals are being unjustly excluded. It is alleged that the actions of the Municipal
110 Mayor and Vice Mayor constitute political manipulation of the program, as evidenced by preferential
111 treatment extended to certain individuals, including relatives of local officials. Additionally, it is claimed

that the distribution process lacks equity, as distribution of aid does not proceed through the designated barangay captains in various barangays. Instead, the Mayor has deployed personnel to compile lists of beneficiaries directly which resulted in the exclusion of vulnerable groups, including the elderly and single individuals with insufficient income. The complainant further requests the suspension of the distribution of aid in the Municipality of Inopacan, asserting that numerous deserving individuals are being deprived of assistance.

It is essential to note that the actions of this esteemed body concerning complaints against elective officials are governed by the Revised Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte. Specifically, Section 8 of Rule XVI of the Procedure for Administrative Disciplinary Proceedings provides certain formal requirements in order for the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to take cognizance of administrative cases involving elective officials from the various municipalities within the Province of Leyte and that is the filing of a verified complaint or a sworn statement duly signed by the complainant in such a number of copies as provided by the aforementioned section.

Given the anonymous nature of the complaint, the Committee is unable to summon the complainant for the purpose of clarificatory questioning and the presentation of evidence. Consequently, the Committee holds the view that the complainant must initially file a formal complaint against the implicated elective officials to enable the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to undertake and proceed with a formal investigation regarding the matter.

Submitted this 17th of March, 2025, Palo, Leyte.


ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Chairperson

ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Vice Chairperson

HON. WILSON S. UY
Member

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
Member

HON. MA. MARTINA L. GEMINEZ
Member

146 Signed by yours truly. And, if there are no questions, I'd like to move for the
147 adoption of the Committee Report. I so move.

148 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

149 Second, Mr. Chair.

150 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

151 Second.

152 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

153 There's a motion of the Honorable Reposar, duly seconded by the Honorable Uy
154 and Honorable Loreto.

155 Any comments? Questions?

156 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

157 May I explain my second, Mr. Chair?

158 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

159 Yes, the Honorable Loreto.

160 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

161 I would just like to state on record and I would like to re-echo in essence the
162 Committee Report which states that for any document to be actionable before the
163 Sangguniang Panlalawigan pursuant to the rules, it should be written, dated and signed,
164 Mr. Chair, which in this case as stated by the Committee Report, there's no signature and
165 there's no name of the Complainant, Mr. Chair, which is why, we cannot proceed with any
166 investigation. And, it is just a mere scrap of paper, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

167 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

168 Thank you for that, Honorable Loreto.

169 More questions regarding the approval?

170 So, there would be none, so approved.

171 Approved unanimously.

Res. No. 139

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173 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

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Unfinished Business: March 11, 2025

ITEM NO.31

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 110-25 of Leyte, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF LEYTE INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF NINETY FIVE MILLION PESOS (Php 95,000,000.00) TO FUND FOR THE PRIORITY PROJECTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEYTE UNDER THE TEN YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM."**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

We now proceed to the Unfinished Business last March 11, 2025.

Mr. Chair, the matter was deferred because as stated by the movant, the Honorable Remandaban, she did not have a copy and has not yet read a copy of the report of the Provincial Legal Office.

Will you please recognize the Honorable Remandaban, Mr. Chair?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

The Honorable Remandaban is recognized.

HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3^R DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader. And, thank you for allowing me to read the copy of the recommendation of the Provincial Legal Office for Ordinance No. 110-25 of the Municipality of Leyte, Leyte.

And, so, the Provincial Legal Office recommended its validity with the opinion that it is within the power under Section 297 which provides that LGU may contract loans, credits and other forms of indebtedness with any government or domestic private bank and other lending institutions to finance the construction, installation, improvement, expansion, operation and other maintenance of public facilities and so on.

Now, with regards to the concern of the Honorable Kabigting, to ensure that there is no duplication of road projects for the infrastructure projects. I inquired and I have here the coordinates where the summary is stated that the total length of the road section is 1.732 kilometers, and the existing concrete pavement has a total length of 0332

209 kilometers or 332 meters or 250 meters of which is constructed by the Department of
210 Public Works and Highways (DPWH) starting from the National Highway as located at
211 Station 0+000 to Station 0+250. Next to DPWH project is the LGU concrete pavement
212 constructed in Calendar Year 2024 with a length of 082 kilometers or 82 meters
213 specifically located at Station 0+250 to Station 0+332. The proposed project to be funded
214 through Land Bank is to be constructed in continuation of the two existing projects that
215 would be from Stations 0+332 to Station 1+032 with the total length of .70 kilometers or
216 700 meters. And for the second one, there's no existing concrete pavement in the area.
217 Only trail path is present in going to the Telesforo National Highschool from the National
218 Highway.

219 Given the foregoing, if there are no objections from this August Body, I move to
220 approve Ordinance No. 110-25 of the Municipality of Leyte. I so move, Mr. Chair, Mr.
221 Floor.

222 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

223 Mr. Chair.

224 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

225 Yes, the Honorable Kabigting.

226 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

227 Discussion.

228 The Honorable Kabigting.

229 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

230 May I ask the movant if she is aware that four (4) out of the five (5) projects under
231 this loan is actually not part of the Annual Investment Program of the Municipality for
232 Calendar Year 2025? In the DOF-BLGF Certificate No. 08-2024-10-333 which outlines
233 the Net Debt Services Ceiling and the borrowing capacity of the Municipality of Leyte,
234 Leyte, and, which outlines the projects under this loan.

235 If you refer to the last paragraph, it states: *The municipality shall obtain all*
236 *necessary approvals and authorizations including the Sangguniang Bayan Resolution,*
237 *expressly authorizing the municipality to negotiate and enter into a contract for the*

238 *purposes of securing a loan. And the second, the duly approved Annual Investment Plan*
239 *for the current year covering the projects to be funded by the loan. This is in accordance*
240 *to DOF Circular Department Order No. 54-2016. And, also, the Local Government Code*
241 *Section 296 (a), where it states that: It shall be the basic policy that any Local Government*
242 *Unit may create in debtness and avail of the credit facilities to finance local infrastructure*
243 *and other socio-economic development projects, but in accordance with the approved*
244 *Local Development Plan and Public Investment Program.*

245 Mr. Chair, they submitted the AIP for our approval only last month. And, I studied
246 the documents and only one of the projects was included in the AIP. So, this is not in
247 accordance to the DOF Guidelines stated in the BLGF Certificate provided for Leyte,
248 Leyte, and, Section 296(a) of the Local Government Code.

249 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

250 Mr. Chair, will you recognize the Honorable Remandaban?

251 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

252 The Honorable Remandaban is recognized.

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

254 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Floor Leader.

255 I think I still have to check that. I am only using my mobile phone. So, I cannot
256 go through all those documents. But anyway, if the Honorable Kabigting,

257 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

258 Mr. Chair.

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

260 Yes, Mr. Floor Leader?

261 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

262 Yes, Mr. Chair, considering that Honorable Remandaban still has to go through
263 the documents cited, I move that we lay the motion on the table. We can take it back on
264 the table anytime.

265 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

266 Second.

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

268 Second.

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

270 Second.

271 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

272 There's a suggestion and motion of the Honorable Loreto, to lay on the table,

273 Item No. 31 of the Unfinished Business last March 11, 2025.

274 So, duly seconded.

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

276 Mr. Chair.

277 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

278 Mr. Chair.

279 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

280 The Honorable Apostol is recognized.

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

282 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

283 Just an observation. Why don't we ask the DPWH regarding these projects,

284 because, I think, they are the ones well-known of all these projects designated for a

285 particular area. That is my suggestion. The DPWH in the 3rd District or in the region. Thank

286 you.

287 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

288 Mr. Chair, the Honorable Rama.

289 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

290 The Honorable Rama is recognized.

291 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

292 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

293 An Unfinished Business if it is entertained for the second time, and still needs be

294 clarified, I would suggest that next time we take it up on the table, we should invite the

295 Provincial Legal Office to give us also a clarification aside from the different agencies that

296 was mentioned by Honorable Apostol. If I am not mistaken, Honorable Kabigting, was this
297 declared valid by the Provincial Office? Maybe, we should also invite them next time for
298 us to be clarified on why they say that it is valid, and also to entertain the observation of
299 Honorable Kabigting. So, it would be a learning process for all of us.

300 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

301 Okay.

302 I think for the Provincial Legal Office, what they were saying is that it is within the
303 power of the LGU to ratify loan agreements because of Section 297 of the Local
304 Government Code. However, what I brought up is 296(a) of the Local Government Code
305 that says it is within their powers, but it must be in accordance with the approved Local
306 Development Plan and Public Investment Program. Hence, the Department of Finance
307 and Bureau of Local Government Finance requires that these projects listed under the
308 loan be covered by the AIP of that current year.

309 So, I yield to the suggestion of Honorable Rama to invite the Provincial Legal
310 Office.

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

312 Mr. Chair.

313 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

314 The Honorable Remandaban, Mr. Chair.

315 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

316 The Honorable Remandaban is recognized.

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

318 I agree also with the suggestion of the Honorable Rama. And, if I may add, may
319 we also invite the representatives from the Municipality of Leyte, Leyte, the engineer, the
320 Municipal Development Officer, and the representative from the Sangguniang Bayan, so
321 that they can properly explain all these projects, to the satisfaction of the Honorable
322 Kabigting. Thank you.

323 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

356 Second.

357 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

358 Second.

359 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

360 There's a motion of the Honorable Reposar, duly seconded.

361 Any questions?

362 Hearing none, so, the motion is carried and approved.

363 Approved unanimously.

Res. No. 2025-141

364 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

365 **ITEM NO. 2**

366 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No. 30,**
367 **S. 2024 of Barugo, Leyte, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING**
368 **ORDINANCE NO. 03, S. 2021 "TITLED" AN ORDINANCE**
369 **PROHIBITING THE USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISEMENT**
370 **OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN CERTAIN**
371 **PLACES, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND**
372 **PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**
373 Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by
374 the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February
375 24, 2025.

376 **ITEM NO. 3**

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378 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No. 01**
379 **S. of 2025 of Barugo, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE**
380 **AMENDING VACANT PLANTILLA POSITIONS TO CHANGE**
381 **POSITION TITLE INTO ITS GENERIC POSITION TITLE SPECIFICALLY**
382 **THE ADMINISTRATIVE AID III (CLERK III)"** Same is recommended
383 for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office
384 per 2nd indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

385 **ITEM NO. 4**

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387 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
388 **Ordinance No. 24-21 series of 2024 of Burauen, Leyte** entitled:
389 **"AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CASH INCENTIVES TO THE**
390 **SEVENTY-SEVEN (77) APPOINTED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
391 **(VAW) DESK OFFICERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THEIR**
392 **FUNCTIONS IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF**
393 **WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN,**
394 **LEYTE."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its
395 **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement
396 dated February 24, 2025.
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401 **ITEM NO. 5**

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403 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
404 **Ordinance No. 2024-217 of Carigara, Leyte** entitled: **"AN**
405 **ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE GUIDELINES ON THE**
406 **IMPLEMENTATION OF HALINA'T MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT**
407 **GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY PROJECT IN THE MUNICIPALITY**
408 **OF CARIGARA, LEYTE."** Same is recommended for the
409 declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per
410 2nd indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

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412 **ITEM NO. 6**

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414 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
415 **Ordinance No. 2024-221 of Carigara, Leyte** entitled: **"AN**
416 **ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING THE 886 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR**
417 **LESS PORTION OF LOT IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY LOT NO. 354-D-1,**
418 **PSD-08-050286-D, COVERED UNDER TAX DECLARATION NO. 08-**
419 **110020-00509, DECLARED IN THE NAME OF ANTONIO**
420 **DARANTINAO, SR., LOCATED AT BRGY. CANAL, CARIGARA,**
421 **LEYTE, FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL USE."** The
422 Provincial Legal Office is of the opinion that the proposed
423 authority to reclassify is recommended for approval without
424 prejudice to the conversion requirement to conform with the
425 current and actual use of the reclassified land.

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427 **ITEM NO. 7**

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429 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
430 **Ordinance No. 25 series of 2024 of Pastrana, Leyte** entitled:
431 **"AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE LENDERS/FINANCIER OF**
432 **PANTAWID PAMILYA PILIPINO PROGRAMS (4P's) AND SENIOR**
433 **CITIZEN BENEFICIARIES OF PASTRANA, LEYTE FROM ENGAGING**
434 **CASH AND PAWNING LOAN COLLATERAL AND OTHER FALSE**
435 **REPRESENTATION OR UNDERTAKING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES**
436 **FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF."** The Provincial Legal Office per 2nd
437 indorsement dated February 24, 2025 is of the opinion that
438 subject ordinance is generally in accordance with its power
439 under the Local Code but the prohibition provided for in Sec.
440 3 item number 2 of the proposed Ordinance maybe violative
441 of constitutional right to property and its attributes hence,
442 **further review** is recommended.

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444 **ITEM NO. 8**

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446 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
447 **Ordinance No. 2024-18 of Julita, Leyte** entitled: **"AN**
448 **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE JULITA RHU PHARMACY IN THE**
449 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) OF JULITA, LEYTE AND**
450 **APPROVING THE PHARMACY NAME,"JULITA RHU PHARMACY",**
451 **PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION THEREOF, AND FOR**
452 **OTHER PURPOSES."** Same is recommended for the declaration

of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

ITEM NO. 9

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-01 of Julita, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III, ARTICLE F, SECTION 54 OF THE 2020 REVENUE CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JULITA, LEYTE EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE MTOP FEE FOR TRICYCLE FROM ONE ("1) YEAR TO THREE (3) YEARS."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

ITEM NO. 10

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-03 of Julita, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE JOSE RIZAL MONUMENT AS AN IDENTIFIED LOCAL HISTORICAL MONUMENT WITH HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JULITA, LEYTE AS PART OF ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

ITEM NO. 11

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 01 Series 2025 of Tunga, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE MIGRANT ADVISORY AND INFORMATION NETWORK (MAIN) DESK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGA, LEYTE."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 26, 2025.

ITEM NO. 12

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 09 series of 2024 of La Paz, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND REGULATION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES IN SWINE, GOVERNING TRANSPORT, SALE, AND PORK PRODUCT SAFETY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAPAZ, LEYTE"** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

ITEM NO. 13

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-129 of Mayorga, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE PHILHEALTH KONSULTASYONG SULIT AT TAMA |(PHILHEALTH KONSULTA PACKAGE) REVISION 3 AND ESTABLISHING THE DISPOSITION AND ALLOCATION OF PHILHEALTH KONSULTA**

PACKAGE FUND OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAYORGA, LEYTE."
Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by
the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February
24, 2025.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, Items 2 to 13 are all Ordinances from the 2nd District. Will you please
recognize the Honorable Apostol, Mr. Chair?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

The Honorable Apostol is recognized.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

Now, for Item Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, these have been recommended for
approval by the Provincial Legal Office after their review, and were declared valid.

For Item Nos. 6 and 7, these were recommended for further review and study. So,
this representation would like to refer these to the Committee on Rules, Laws and
Privileges.

For Item Nos. 12 and 13, these have been recommended for validity by the
Provincial Legal Office per their recommendations.

So, with those, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Floor Leader, I move that we approve particular
Ordinances, for Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, except Item Nos. 6 and 7, which
were recommended for further review and study. I so move, Mr. Chairman.

HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: PROV'L LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

It has been moved by the Honorable Apostol, approving Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10,
11, 12 and 13. Duly seconded.

538 Any questions?

539 Hearing none, so, the motion is carried and approved.

540 Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2025-142**

541 Item Nos. 6 and 7 are referred to the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges.

542 Duly seconded by the Honorable Loreto.

543 Carried unanimously. **Res. No. 2025-143**

544 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

545 **ITEM NO. 14**

546 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
547 **Ordinance No. 109-25 of Leyte, Leyte** entitled: "**AN**
548 **ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MUNICIPALITY**
549 **COMPREHENSIVE NUTRITION PROGRAM THROUGH INTEGRATED,**
550 **STRENGTHENED, AND SUSTAINED STRATEGIES TO SAFEGUARD THE**
551 **NUTRITIONAL WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF LEYTE, LEYTE,**
552 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**
553 Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by
554 the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February
555 24, 2025.

556 **ITEM NO. 15**

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558 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
559 **Ordinance No. 176 series of 2025 of San Isidro, Leyte** entitled:
560 "**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**
561 **THE KATUWANG SA DIWA AT GAWA PARA SA MASAGANANG**
562 **ANI AT MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG PANGULO (KNP)**
563 **PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, LEYTE."** Same is
564 recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the
565 Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24,
566 2025.

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568 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

569 We now proceed to Item Nos. 14 and 15, Mr. Chair. Will you please recognize the
570 Honorable Remandaban?

571 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

572 The Honorable Remandabana is recognized.

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

574 For Item Nos. 14 and 15, these are from the Municipality of Leyte, Ordinance No.
575 109-25, and from San Isidro, Ordinance No. 176, series of 2025. Both are recommended

576 for the declaration of validity by the Provincial Legal Office. And, these Ordinances are
577 for the protection and promotion of the right to health of the people and for an effective
578 farm to consumer food supply chain, respectively. Both Ordinances are generally, in
579 accordance to its power under Section 447 of Republic Act 7160.

580 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Floor, if there are no objections from this August Body, I move
581 to approve Ordinance No. 109-25 from Leyte, Leyte, and Ordinance No. 176, series of
582 2025 from San Isidro, Leyte. I so move.

583 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

584 Second.

585 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

586 Second.

587 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP.PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

588 It has been moved by the Honorable Remandaban, duly seconded by the
589 Honorable Kabigting and Honorable Loreto.

590 Any comments?

591 Corrections?

592 Hearing none, the motion is carried and approved.

593 Approved unanimously.

Res. No. 2025-144

594 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

595 **ITEM NO. 16**

596 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.**
597 **23L.25-063 series of 2025 of Kananga, Leyte** entitled: "AN
598 **ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM CONSUMING OR**
599 **DRINKING ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE IN**
600 **THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE."** Same is
601 recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** and that the
602 citation of Section 468 in the 2nd whereas in the ordinance be
603 modified accordingly since the provision pertains to the
604 powers of the SP and not to the SB, per 2nd indorsement dated
605 February 24, 2025 of the PLO.

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607 **ITEM NO. 17**

608 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.**
609 **23L.25-064 series 2025 of Kananga, Leyte** entitled: "AN
610 **ORDINANCE REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER**

611 PLACES AND SPACES CONSIDERED AS HIGH-RISK IN THE
612 MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE TO INSTALL VIDEO
613 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS OR CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION
614 (CCTV) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF
615 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." Same is recommended for the
616 declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per
617 2nd indorsement dated February 24, 2025.
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619 **ITEM NO. 18**

620 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.**
621 **23L.25-065 Series 2025 of Kananga, Leyte** entitled: "AN
622 **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES ON THE DISPOSITION**
623 **AND ALLOCATION OF PHILHEALTH KONSULTASYONG SULIT AT**
624 **TAMA PACKAGE FUND OR THE PHILHEALTH KONSULTA PACKAGE**
625 **FUND OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE."** Same is
626 recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the
627 Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24,
628 2025.
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629 **ITEM NO. 19**

630 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.**
631 **23L.25-066 Series of 2025 of Kananga, Leyte** entitled: "AN
632 **ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE, DISPENSING, DISTRIBUTION,**
633 **RESELLING OF ANY PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN SARI-SARI**
634 **STORES AND OTHER SIMILAR RETAIL OUTLETS WITHIN THE**
635 **TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA,**
636 **AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"** Same is
637 recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the
638 Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24,
639 2025.
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640 **ITEM NO. 20**

641 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.**
642 **23L.25-067 Series 2025 of Kananga, Leyte** entitled: "AN
643 **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL EPIDEMIOLOGY**
644 **AND SURVEILLANCE AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (MESU) OF**
645 **KANANGA, LEYTE, PROVIDING ITS COMPOSITION, DUTIES AND**
646 **FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER**
647 **PURPOSES"** Same is recommended for the declaration of its
648 **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement
649 dated February 24, 2025.
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651 **ITEM NO. 21**

652 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
653 **Ordinance No. 199 of Matag-ob, Leyte** entitled: "AN
654 **ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING**
655 **KADIWA TIENDA PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-**
656 **OB, LEYTE WITH APPROPRIATIONS THEREOF."** Same is
657 recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the
658 Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24,
659 2025.
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661 **ITEM NO. 22**

662 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.**
663 **2025-03 of Albueria, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE**
664 **INSTITUTIONALIZING THE "KATUWANG SA DIWA AT GAWA PARA**
665 **SA MASAGANANG ANI AT MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG**
666 **PANGULO" IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE"** Same is
667 recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY**, by the
668 Provincial Legal Office per 2nd indorsement dated February 24,
669 2025.

670 **ITEM NO. 23**

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672 Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No.**
673 **2025-04 of Albueria, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE**
674 **PROHIBITING ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF**
675 **CHILDREN (OSAEC) AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OR**
676 **EXPLOITATION MATERIALS (CSAEM) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**
677 **ALBUERA, LEYTE, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF,**
678 **PROVIDING A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT TO VICTIMS, AND**
679 **ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR"** Same is recommended for the
680 declaration of its **VALIDITY**, by the Provincial Legal Office per
681 2nd indorsement dated February 26, 2025.
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684 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

685 Mr. Chair, there are several Ordinances from the 4th District. Item Nos. 16, 17, 18,
686 19 and 20 are from Kananga, Leyte. Item No. 21 is from Matag-ob and Item Nos. 22 and
687 23 are from Albueria, Leyte.

688 Will you recognize the Honorable Rama, Mr. Chair?

689 **HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER**

690 The Honorable Rama is recognized.

691 **HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

692 On Agenda 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, are all from the 4th District of Leyte.
693 We have Item Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 coming from the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte.
694 The Provincial Legal Office has declared it valid. Same on Agendum Item No. 21 for the
695 Municipality of Matag-ob, also is declared as valid, and so with the last two Items from
696 the Municipality of Albueria.

697 This representation would like to make an omnibus motion for the approval of all
698 Ordinances for Agendum Item No.16 all the way to 23, Mr. Presiding Officer.

699 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

700 Second.

701 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

702 It has been moved by the Honorable Rama, approving Item Nos. 16 up to 23.

703 Any comments?

704 Questions?

705 Hearing none, the motion is carried and approved.

706 Approved unanimously. Res. No. 2025-145

707 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

708 **ITEM NO. 24**

709 Presented for consideration is **City Ordinance No.**
710 **18, S-2024** of **Baybay City, Leyte** entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE**
711 **ADOPTING THE USE OF "MABUHAY" GESTURES AND**
712 **INSTITUTIONALIZING THE "YES BAYBAY! (WITH THUMBS-UP SIGN)**
713 **TAGLINE IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY"** Same is recommended for
714 the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office
715 per 2nd Indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

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717 **ITEM NO. 25**

718 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
719 **Ordinance No. 2025-01** of **Hilongos, Leyte** entitled: **"AN**
720 **ORDINANCE GRANTING THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR, MANUEL R.**
721 **VILLAHERMOSA AUTHORITY TO ISSUE/ORDER THE TEMPORARY**
722 **CLOSURE OF STA. ANA STREET ON JANUARY 19, 2025 TO**
723 **ACCOMMODATE THE FEAST OF SLEEPY STO. NINO IN THE**
724 **MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS."** Same is recommended for the
725 declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per
726 2nd Indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

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728 **ITEM NO. 26**

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730 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
731 **Ordinance No. 2025-02** of **Hilongos, Leyte** entitled: **"AN**
732 **ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE RENEWAL OF**
733 **BUSINESS PERMITS, FEES AND LICENSES FROM JANUARY 20, 2025**
734 **TO FEBRUARY 28, 2025 WITHOUT PENALTIES OR SURCHARGES IN**
735 **THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS"** Same is recommended for
736 the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office
737 per 2nd Indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

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739 **ITEM NO. 27**

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741 Presented for consideration is **Municipal**
742 **Ordinance No. 2025-03** of **Hilongos, Leyte** entitled: **"AN**
743 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A**
744 **PORTION OF J.P. GILOS STREET (IN FRONT OF THE EL SHADDAI**

ADORATION CENTER) ON FEBRUARY 22, 2025, SATURDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE PROVINCIAL FORMATION COORDINATING CENTER 42 COUNCIL (PFCC).” Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd Indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

ITEM NO. 28

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-07** of **Bato, Leyte** entitled: **“AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED BORROWING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATO IN THE AMOUNT OF PESOS: TWENTY-FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND (P24,140,000.00) TO FINANCE THE LGU’S 10% EQUITY REQUIREMENT UNDER THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF BRGY. TAGAYTAY- BRGY. SAN AGUSTIN- BRGY. AMAGOS- BRGY. ALEGRIA- BRGY. MARCELO FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD AND ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) UNIT BRAND-NEW WHEEL EXCAVATOR WHEELER, DUMP TRUCK, VARIOUS PROJECTS OF THE LGU AND RATIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd Indorsement dated February 24, 2025.

ITEM NO. 29

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-08** of **Bato, Leyte** entitled: **“UPDATING THE SALARY GRADES OF VARIOUS PLANTILLA OF PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT NATIONAL BUDGET CIRCULAR NO. 521 DATED JULY 1, 2009.”** Same is recommended for the the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd Indorsement dated February 26, 2025.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Item Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 are all from the 5th District, Ordinances from Baybay City, Hilongos and Bato, Mr. Chair.

I move that we pass an omnibus Resolution approving all these which have thoroughly reviewed by the Provincial Legal Office. I so move.

HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: PROV’L LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

790 Second.

791 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: PROVL SANG. KABATAAN FEDERATION PRESIDENT

792 Second.

793 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

794 It has been moved by the Honorable Loreto, approving Items 24 to 29, seconded

795 by Honorable Gimenez, Honorable Villasin and Honorable Lumen.

796 Any questions regarding the approval?

797 Hearing none, the motion is carried and approved.

798 Approved unanimously. Res. No. 2025-146

799 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

800 **ITEM NO. 30**

801 Presented for consideration is a **Water Permit**

802 **Application WPA NO. VIII-LEY-2024-10-050** filed by **AYA** and

803 **ZIA Poultry Farm c/o Angelu Basister located at Brgy.**

804 **Calsadahay, 6516 Burauen, Leyte**, with a request that said

805 application be posted on the Bulletin board of the office.

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807 **ITEM NO. 31**

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809 Presented for consideration is a **Water Permit**

810 **Application WPA NO. VIII-LEY-2024-10-032** filed by **JEM Water**

811 **Station/ Jovelita A. Agullo** located at **Brgy. San Rafael, 6505**

812 **Dulag, Leyte**, with a request that said application be posted

813 on the Bulletin board of the office.

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815 **ITEM NO. 32**

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817 Presented for consideration is a **Water Permit**

818 **Application WPA NO. VIII-LEY-2024-10-018** filed by **BP**

819 **Waterworks, Inc.** located at **Brgy. Concepcion, 6541 Ormoc**

820 **City, Leyte**, with a request that said application be posted on

821 the Bulletin board of the office.

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823 **ITEM NO. 33**

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825 Presented for consideration is a **Water Permit**

826 **Application WPA NO. VIII-LEY-2024-10-015** filed by **AKINATH**

827 **Water REFILLING Station/ Jonathan S. Batusin**, located at **Brgy.**

828 **Mansalip, 6532 Matag-ob, Leyte**, with a request that said

829 application be posted on the Bulletin board of the office.

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831 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

832 Item Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33 are requests for posting in the bulletin board, Mr.
833 Chair. I move that we favorably consider these requests for posting. I so move.

834 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

835 Second.

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

837 Second.

838 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

839 Second.

840 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

841 It has been moved by the Honorable Loreto, to approve for posting, Items 30, 31,
842 32 and 33. Duly seconded by the Honorable Apostol, Honorable Villasin and Honorable
843 Rama.

844 Any comments?

845 Queries?

846 Hearing none, the motion is carried and approved.

847 Approved unanimously.

Res. No. 2025-147

848 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

849 We now proceed to Item No. 34, Madame Secretary please.

850 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

851 **ITEM NO. 34**

852 Presented for consideration is a copy of **Decision**
853 from the **Office of the Ombudsman relative to OMB-V-A-JUN-**
854 **23-0157 -Mesias P. Arevalo, Complainant versus Ramon Chu**
855 **Oñate and Christopher Toledo Montebon, Respondents.**
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857 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

858 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Rama?

859 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

860 The Honorable Rama is recognized.

861 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

862 On Agendum 34, is a copy of the decision given to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.
863 This representation would like to yield to the Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee, to
864 enlighten our colleagues, for he has done a wonderful job on this specific case.

865 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

866 The Honorable Rama graciously yields the floor in favor of the Honorable Reposar,
867 Mr. Chair.

868 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

869 The Honorable Reposar.

870 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

871 Thank you very much Honorable Floor Leader, Honorable Rama and Honorable
872 Presiding Chair.

873 This is a case of Arevalo versus Oñate and certain Montebon. Just a summary of
874 the case, for the information of everyone, the case was filed before the Blue Ribbon
875 Committee. And, we dismissed the same for the reason that when the case was filed
876 before us, the same case was already filed before the Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas
877 wherein the Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas has already taken cognizance of both the
878 criminal and administrative aspect of the case. So, consequently, we don't want to have
879 a conflict of decision or resolution later on, the primary reason why we dismissed the
880 case. Now, the Ombudsman has already decided through this resolution the case of
881 Arevalo versus Oñate, et al. According to the decision of the Ombudsman, they did not
882 suspend or dismiss the Mayor of Palompon, but he has been penalized an amount
883 equivalent to five (5) month salary by this decision, Mr. Chair and to the honorable
884 members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. I think, that's just a summary of the case.

885 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST, BOARD MEMBER

886 Dismiss?

887 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

888 The Honorable Mayor Oñate was penalized. The case was not dismissed. He was
889 fined an amount equivalent to five (5) month salary.

890 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

891 Mr. Presiding Officer?

892 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

893 Yes, the Honorable Rama.

894 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

895 I would like to recommend the Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee for
896 balancing it properly. When it comes to duties, the Blue Ribbon Committee decided to
897 more or less give respect to the Ombudsman. Am I correct, Honorable Reposar? Is that
898 the reason why we could not take action? Correct?

899 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

900 Yes.

901 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

902 And we decided that since both agencies were first handling it, we waited, with due
903 respect to the Ombudsman. So, I would like to announce everybody that the Blue Ribbon
904 Committee, when it comes to judgement also has to be commended. That's all, Mr.
905 Presiding Officer.

906 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

907 On that note, Mr. Chair, I move that we take note of the same decision.

908 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

909 Second.

910 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

911 So, noted.

912 Any queries?

913 Hearing none, the motion is carried and approved.

914 Approved unanimously.

Res. No. 2025-148

915 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

916 **ITEM NO. 35**

917 Presented for consideration is a letter dated
918 March 3, 2025 from **Christopher A. Garcia**, Acting General
919 Manager, **DORELCO** furnishing copies of: 1. **Order** dated Jan.
920 10 2025 and 2. **Notice of Virtual Hearing** dated Jan. 10, 2025,
921 relative to Approval of Power Supply Agreement between

DORELCO and Sual Power Inc. (SPI) under ERC Case No. 2024-AI RC, With request for posting and issuance of certification of posting of said Order and Virtual Hearing.

ITEM NO. 36

Presented for consideration is a letter dated February 10, 2025 from **Dr. Allan L. Laniba, General Manager, LEYECO III**, furnishing copies of Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing from ERC docketed as **ERC Case No. 2024-021 CF**, with a request for issuance of certificate of posting.

ITEM NO. 37

Presented for consideration is a letter dated March 5, 2025 from Brenda F. Ampolitod, **Acting General Manager, LEYECO IV**, furnishing copies of Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing from ERC relative to joint application of LEYECO IV and KEPCO SPC Power Corp. (KSPC) under **ERC Case No. 2025-033 RC**, with request for posting and issuance of certificate of posting.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, Item Nos. 35, 36 and 37 are all requests for posting as well in the bulletin board. I move that we approve the requests for posting of the different electric cooperatives. I so move.

HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: PROV'L LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

It has been moved to approved the request for posting, Item Nos. 35, 36 and 37.

Duly seconded.

Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2025-149**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Item No. 38, Madame Secretary please.

MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

ITEM NO. 38

Presented for consideration is a letter dated March 10, 2025, from the **Provincial Governor Carlos Jericho L. Petilla** thru Provincial Administrator Corazon M. Alvero, requesting issuance of Resolution "**GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE GOVERNOR TO NEGOTIATE, ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT WITH NORMAL HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A DEED OF SALE, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF LEYTE, RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT FORFEITED PROPERTIES COVERED BY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 32691, AND TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 32693, RESPECTIVELY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, if I may.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Yes, the Honorable Loreto.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

I move that we approve the request for authority of the Governor, subject to the ratification by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of contracts and agreements entered into by the Provincial Government. I so move.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

It has been moved by the Honorable Loreto.

The Honorable Uy is recognized.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Discussion, Mr. Chair.

With respect to this earlier motion of Honorable Loreto, as I look at the document, Mr. Chair, this particular issue or this particular document pertains to a portion of real property by the Province of Leyte. And, there was a buyer wishing to buy back the said property. I don't think, Mr. Chair, that we have an Ordinance that allows buying back foreclosed property in the province. If there is, it should follow the process. And, I wish,

994 Mr. Chair, if we could hold in abeyance particular Item 38, and discuss it with executive
995 department on how to go about this transaction. Because, I personally don't submit to the
996 idea that a property was foreclosed by the Province of Leyte, and the MRC sold the
997 property. They knew very well that said property was already foreclosed by the Province
998 of Leyte. Why did they sell it to the Normal Holdings Development Corporation? So, it is
999 disadvantageous to the Province of Leyte if we allow it to buy back the said property
1000 without giving us the contract, the agreement. Because, if you look at the letter, it was
1001 only signed by Ms. Alvero, Provincial Administrator, representing our good Governor. So,
1002 I do not want to put our Governor into a situation wherein the decision has not yet been
1003 arrived with respect to this particular issue, Mr. Chair.

1004 That is only my concern, Mr. Chair. I think this Item is not in a hurry. So, maybe we
1005 can look into the real scenario of this situation, Mr. Chair.

1006 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1007 Mr. Chair

1008 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1009 Yes, the Honorable Loreto.

1010 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1011 Mr. Chair, under the Local Government Code, properties which are foreclosed
1012 because of non-payment of taxes, maybe auctioned. And, once auctioned the original
1013 owner of the property may buy it back within a one (1) year period. After one (1) year, the
1014 title of the successful bidder in the auction gains permanent title already, Mr. Chair. So,
1015 buying back the property is available under the Local Government Code. However, with
1016 due respect to Honorable Uy for clarification purposes, I am amenable.

1017 I move that we lay on the table the motion to approve the authority of the Governor.
1018 I so move.

1019 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1020 Second.

1021 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1022 Second, Mr. Chair.

1023 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1024 So, Item No. 38 is laid on the table. Duly seconded by the Honorable Apostol and
1025 Honorable Uy.
1026 Carried unanimously. Res. No. 2025-150

1027 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

1028 **ITEM NO. 39**

1029 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1030 **Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2024** of **Santa Fe, Leyte**
1031 amounting to **Php7,192,500.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance**
1032 **No. 2024-016**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with
1033 **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter
1034 dated March 6, 2025; together with **Supplemental Investment**
1035 **Program (SIP) No. 1 CY 2024** in the amount of **Php16,118,327.54**.

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1037 **ITEM NO. 40**

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1039 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1040 **Annual Budget FY 2025** of **Tanauan, Leyte** amounting to
1041 **Php276,214,212.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-**
1042 **25**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by
1043 the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated March
1044 10, 2025; together with **Annual Investment Program (AIP) CY**
1045 **2025** in the amount of **Php409,203,341.39**.

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1047 **ITEM NO. 41**

1048 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1049 **Supplemental Budget No. 4 CY 2024** of **Dulag, Leyte** amounting
1050 to **Php10,000,000.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-**
1051 **V**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by
1052 the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated March
1053 5, 2025.

1054 **ITEM NO. 42**

1055 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1056 **Annual Budget CY 2025** of **Tabango, Leyte** amounting to
1057 **Php184,943,466.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-**
1058 **06 Series of 2024**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with
1059 **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter
1060 dated March 10, 2025; together with **Annual Investment**
1061 **Program (AIP) CY 2025** in the amount of **Php562,042,111.03**.

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1063 **ITEM NO. 43**

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1065 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1066 **Supplemental Budget No. 03 FY 2024** of **Jaro, Leyte** amounting
1067 to **Php13,995,000.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, S.**
1068 **2024**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS**
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1070 by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated
1071 March 12, 2025; together with **Supplemental Investment Plan**
1072 **(SIP) No. 03, CY 2024** of the **same amount**.
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1074 **ITEM NO. 44**
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1076 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1077 **Supplemental Budget No. 5 CY 2024** of **Babatngon, Leyte**
1078 amounting to **Php1,701,842.63** under **Appropriation Ordinance**
1079 **No. 485, S. 2024**. The Local Finance Committee per review
1080 letter dated March 13, 2025, found that upon evaluation there
1081 was deficiency of non-attachment of the SB Resolution for
1082 Reversion of Fund and the fund source, hence, above budget
1083 is **RETURNED** having no review action and without prejudice to
1084 its resubmission upon compliance.
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1086 **ITEM NO. 45**
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1088 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1089 **Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2024** of **Dagami, Leyte**
1090 amounting to **Php9,701,742.69** under **Appropriation Ordinance**
1091 **No. 03, S. 2024**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with
1092 **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter
1093 dated March 13, 2025; together with **Supplemental Investment**
1094 **Plan (SIP) No. 2, CY 2024** in the amount of **Php33,705,777.18**.
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1096 **ITEM NO. 46**
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1098 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1099 **Supplemental Budget No. 03 FY 2024** of **Dagami, Leyte**
1100 amounting to **Php4,452,000.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance**
1101 **No. 04, S. 2024**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with
1102 **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter
1103 dated March 13, 2025; together with **Supplemental Investment**
1104 **Plan (SIP) No. 2, CY 2024** in the amount of **Php33,705,777.18**.
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1106 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1107 Mr. Chair, there are several budgets, Item Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46.

1108 Will you please recognize the Honorable Uy, Chairman of the Committee on Budget and
1109 Management?

1110 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1111 The Honorable Uy is recognized.

1112 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1113 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Floor Leader.

1114 For Item No. 39, is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 for Fiscal Year
1115 2024 of Santa Fe, Leyte, together with the Supplemental Investment Program No. 1 for
1116 Calendar Year 2024; Item No. 40, is General Fund Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025
1117 of Tanauan, Leyte, together with the Annual Investment Program for Calendar Year 2025;
1118 Item No. 41, is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 4 for Calendar Year 2024 of
1119 Dulag, Leyte; Item No. 42, is General Fund Annual Budget for Calendar Year 2025 of
1120 Tabango, Leyte, together with the Annual Investment Program for Calendar Year 2025;
1121 Item No. 43, is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 03 for Fiscal Year 2024 of Jaro,
1122 Leyte, together with the Supplemental Investment Plan No. 3 for Calendar Year 2025;
1123 Item No. 44, is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 5 for Calendar Year 2024 of
1124 Babatngon, Leyte; Item No. 45, is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 for Fiscal
1125 Year 2024 of Dagami, Leyte, together with the Supplemental Investment Plan No. 2 for
1126 Calendar Year 2024; And, Item No. 46, is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 3 for
1127 Fiscal Year 2024 of Dagami, Leyte, together the with Supplemental Investment Plan No.
1128 2.

1129 If my motion is in order, Mr. Chair, I move that we approve all the Supplemental
1130 Budgets and the Annual Budgets, except for Item No. 44, Mr. Chair. I so move.

1131 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1132 Second.

1133 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1134 Second.

1135 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1136 Mr. Chair.

1137 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1138 Yes, the Honorable Apostol.

1139 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1140 If it is okay with the movant, there are certain conditions being imposed by the
1141 Local Finance Committee, so we have to take that into consideration. Thank you.

1142 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1143 Yes, Mr. Chair. We accept the suggestion, to follow the conditions set forth by the
1144 Local Finance Committee per review.

1145 Mr. Chair, corollary motion.

1146 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1147 Yes, the Honorable Uy.

1148 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1149 For Item No. 44, Mr. Chair, I move that we return the General Fund Supplemental
1150 Budget No. 5 for Calendar Year 2024 of Babatngon, Leyte, per recommendation of the
1151 Local Finance Committee, to submit the lacking documents required and to resubmit the
1152 same upon completion, Mr. Chair. I so move.

1153 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1154 Second.

1155 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1156 It has been moved by the Honorable Uy, to approve Item Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43,
1157 45 and 46. Duly seconded.

1158 Any comments?

1159 Hearing none, so, the motion is carried and approved.

1160 Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2025-151**

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1162 It has also been moved by the Honorable Uy, to return back Item No. 44 to the
1163 Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

1164 Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2025-152**

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1166 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1167 We now proceed to Item No. 47, Madame Secretary, please.

1168 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

1169 **ITEM NO. 47**

1170 Presented for consideration is a letter dated
1171 March 13, 2025 from **Hon. Atty. Carlo P. Loreto** manifesting his
1172 intention to write a publishable article entitled **"The Panarchy**

**Model of Adaptive Cycle: The Covid 19 Pandemic in the
Province of Leyte, Philippines."**

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1176 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1177 The Honorable Loreto?

1178 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1179 Considering that I am the proponent of the subject matter, I would like to excuse
1180 myself from discussion on the subject, Mr. Chair.

1181 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1182 Mr. Presiding Officer.

1183 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1184 Yes, the Honorable Rama.

1185 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1186 On Agendum 47, I would like to move that we consider the intention of our
1187 colleague who is known to be a very good writer also, and support his intention to publish
1188 an article entitle, "The Panarchy Model of Adaptive Cycle: The Covid 19 Pandemic in the
1189 Province of Leyte, Philippines".

1190 Sa title pa lang, Mr. Presiding Officer, is already, it seems very intriguing and only
1191 a person that is very knowledgeable, high propriety will come up with something like this.
1192 So, I move, Mr. Presiding Officer.

1193 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1194 Second.

1195 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1196 Second.

1197 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1198 There's a motion by the Honorable Rama. Duly seconded.

1199 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1200 Mr. Chair.

1201 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1202 Yes, the Honorable Uy.

1203 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1204 Mr. Chair, I would like to request the publisher, Atty. Carlo Loreto, to give us what
1205 is the highlight or the gist of this publication. Because baga yana pa man la ak hini paka,
1206 halarom nga English, Mr. Chair.

1207 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1208 Yes, Mr. Chair. I think there's no exception 'no. All of us here in this August Hall
1209 has experienced the COVID-19 pandemic. And, in the Provincial Government all we
1210 did was react to the pandemic, because it was something novel, something new,
1211 something we don't know about. Everything was experiment, guin reaksiyonan, Mr. Chair.
1212 Kinsa ba to nag ingon nga "the greatest threat to human race is not a nuclear war or
1213 politics or genocide, it is only a virus, like the COVID-19 virus". And, I would wish that we
1214 have learned but sadly, after all these years, the human race has not yet learned, Mr.
1215 Chair. And to answer that, there's a need to further study the pandemic, what we did and
1216 how it has contributed to the recipients in the sustainability of our efforts, Mr. Chair. That
1217 is why, we drafted the Panarchy Model.

1218 Panarchy Model was drafted by a scientist. There was an evolution, there's the
1219 destruction and then there's an adjustment. If we succeed in writing this paper and
1220 document everything, we will be able to see what we have done, how it has helped
1221 bounce back the problems, and what other things we can do to better prepare for what's
1222 coming because it's the new normal, Mr. Chair. I hope that helps the Honorable Uy. In
1223 essence, that's what we were trying to do. Seeing our efforts, and what can be done more
1224 through the lens of the Panarchy Model.

1225 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1226 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1227 We will wait for the final draft of the book, Mr. Chair.

1228 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1229 Okay.

1230 Anymore comments?

1231 Hearing none, the motion is carried and approved.

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Approved unanimously.

Res. No. 2025-153

Res. No. 2025-153

1233 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1234 We now proceed to Item No. 48, Madame Secretary please.

1235 MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

1236 ITEM NO. 48

Presented for consideration is a letter dated March 3, 2025 from the **Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Tacloban-Leyte Inc.** raising concerns relative to Municipal Ordinance No. 428 of Babatngon, Leyte under Chapter III, Article A- Mayor's Permit Fee on Business: Inspection Fees, with prayer for review and re-evaluation of the subject ordinance.

1245 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1246 If I may, Mr. Chair.

1247 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1248 Yes, the Honorable Loreto.

1249 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1250 This delves into the wisdom of the ordinance, Ordinance No. 428 of Babatngon,
1251 Leyte. Something which we cannot delve into. It's a political question. Our review power
1252 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is limited to the justiciable questions, whether or not
1253 there's a lawful subject, lawful means, whether or not it entails national law or local law. I
1254 think we are limited in that respect. As to the wisdom and the liability of the ordinance, fall
1255 within the mandate of the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Mr. Chair.

1256 On that note, I move that we endorse this concern to the Sangguniang Bayan of
1257 Babatngon, Leyte. I so move.

1258 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1259 Second.

1260 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1261 It has been moved by the Honorable Loreto, duly seconded.

1262 Any comments? Questions? Corrections?

1263 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1264 Mr. Chair.

1265 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1266 Yes, the Honorable Uy.

1267 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1268 Before we endorse the said complaint maybe we can assign one of our
1269 committees, Committee on Trade and Investment, and Economic Affairs, to look into the
1270 subject ordinance being complained by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and
1271 Industry Tacloban-Leyte, Inc. (PCCI), Mr. Chair, so that we can properly dispose the said
1272 item ones we receive the answer of the LGU of Babatngon, Leyte. Because I think, if we
1273 look at the said ordinance, we cannot understand the said ordinance by mere looking at
1274 Section 428, Chapter 3 of particular article without the implementing rules being
1275 implemented by the LGU. So, I think a proper committee should handle this complaint so
1276 that we can get some information or data because this said ordinance, Mr. Chair, passes
1277 through my committee, the Committee on Finance. So, has been approved by this August
1278 Body, and this ordinance being implemented by Babatngon, Leyte. We received several
1279 complaints, the answer of the LGU-Babatngon is that, guin aprobaran eton han
1280 Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Guin aprobaran han board members, so we cannot do
1281 otherwise. This is their Comprehensive Tax Code of Babatngon, Leyte. This is a
1282 voluminous ordinance that we cannot really identify when it comes to the implementation.
1283 We will just know the effect once it is being implemented.

1284 So, that is why, Mr. Chair, that I go for the suggestion of Honorable Loreto to
1285 forward this said complaint to request the LGU-Babatngon to answer the complaint. At
1286 the same time, a proper committee should handle this particular complaint, Mr. Chair.

1287 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1288 Mr. Chair.

1289 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1290 Yes, the Honorable Loreto.

1291 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1292 This representation gladly accepts the suggestion of Honorable Uy. So, I modified
1293 the motion now. The motion is to refer to the Committee on Trade and Investment, and
1294 to endorse the same as well to the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte. I so move.

1295 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1296 Mr. Chair.

1297 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1298 Yes, the Honorable Reposar.

1299 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1300 I think the issue in relation to the subject ordinance refers to, if I understand the
1301 complaint or letter of the Philippine Chambers of Commerce and Industry Tacloban, is
1302 actually, the reasonableness of the regulatory fees being imposed or under said
1303 ordinance, it's actually an Environmental Fee imposition which is an exercise of the police
1304 power of the Local Government Unit of Babatngon.

1305 We also received information that several complaints have already been filed to
1306 the Sangguniang Bayan of origin. I think it would be wise that we study first the complaint
1307 particularly referring to the sections being complained about, which is, I think, yes, a
1308 portion of the ordinance. And, I think, it is just one (1) section of the ordinance as
1309 mentioned in the complaint. So, this is just a counter-proposal or at least a suggestion if
1310 we could defer of endorsing this complaint to the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon.
1311 Instead, we study it first by referring this to the proper committee, Mr. Chair. Because,
1312 under Section 187 of the Local Government Code, there's actually a remedy provided for
1313 under such section, that if any questions regarding the constitutionality, validity,
1314 reasonableness, and fairness of an ordinance, within thirty (30) days after its effectivity
1315 the said ordinance can actually be questioned before the Secretary of Justice in a form
1316 of an appeal. So, we might want also to study the available remedies and other options
1317 that we could avail to be of assistance to both, the Municipality of Babatngon and the
1318 complainant. That's just a suggestion, Mr. Chair, if we could study it first by referring to a
1319 proper committee.

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1321 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1322 So, Honorable Loreto and Honorable Uy?

1323 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1324 Mr. Chair, I thank the Honorable Reposar for calling attention to the fact that once
1325 approved by Sangguniang Panlalawigan, ordinances may only be reviewed on appeal to
1326 the Department of Justice, or, in the case of the questions of constitutionality, to the
1327 Regional Trial Court, Mr. Chair. It is beyond the purview of our mandates to review
1328 ordinances which have already been approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Mr.
1329 Chair. However, for purposes of enriching our knowledge on the subject matter but not
1330 necessarily to nullify the ordinance or to question the validity of the ordinance, I am
1331 amenable to the suggestion that we refer this to the Committee on Trade and Investment
1332 and Economic Affairs.

1333 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1334 Mr. Chair.

1335 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1336 Yes, the Honorable Kabigting.

1337 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1338 Considering that we've already approved the said ordinance, can I also include the
1339 Committee on Rules to look at this ordinance? So, it's not just the Committee on Trade
1340 and Investment and Economic Affairs.

1341 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1342 I have no objection, Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader.

1343 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1344 The suggestion of the Honorable Kabigting is most welcomed. I therefore amend
1345 my motion, to include joint referral to the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges and
1346 to the Committee on Trade and Investment and Economic Affairs, Mr. Chair.

1347 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1348 So, the motion of the Honorable Loreto stands.

1349 Any questions?

1350 Hearing none, the motion is carried.

1351 Carried unanimously. **Res. No. 2025-154**

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1353 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1354 Mr. Presiding Officer.

1355 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1356 Yes, the Honorable Rama.

1357 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1358 This is just a point of clarification lang on Agendum 38 before we adjourn.

1359 Will this Sanggunian be inviting resource persons on the part of the concern of

1360 Honorable Uy, for the enlightenment of the entire body? Or this will be handled by a

1361 committee level?

1362 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1363 No. We will discuss this with the Executive Department before we pass a

1364 resolution.

1365 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1366 Okay. Understood.

1367 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1368 Mr. Chair, I have one other matters.

1369 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1370 Yes, the Honorable Uy.

1371 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1372 Mr. Chair, we have one Councilor from Alangalang, Leyte who just passed away,

1373 Honorable Sheila Antoni-Rebato. So, I would like to request this August Body to pass a

1374 Resolution of condolences to the bereaved family. May be our secretary will just draft the

1375 said Resolution, Mr. Chair. I so move.

1376 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: PROV'L SANG. KABATAAN FEDERATION PRESIDENT

1377 Second.

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1379 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1380 Second.

1381 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1382 Second.

1383 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1384 It has been moved, and duly seconded.

1385 The motion is carried and approved.

1386 Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2025-155**

1387 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1388 Mr. Chair, I'd like to join the motion of Honorable Uy.

1389 And, if I maybe allowed also, Mr. Chair. I'd like to pass a similar Resolution jointly

1390 with Honorable Uy, in relation to the death one of our Punong Barangays of Tolosa, Leyte,

1391 Kapitan Manny. I'll just give an information, has just passed away after attending the

1392 Provincial Liga ng Mga Barangay Convention in Cebu City, Mr. Chair. I so move.

1393 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: PROV'L LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

1394 Mr. Chair, may I join the motion in passing the Resolution?

1395 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1396 So, it's a joint motion of Honorable Uy, Honorable Reposar and Honorable

1397 Gimenez, Mr. Chair.

1398 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1399 The motion is carried and approved.

1400 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2025-156**

1401 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1402 Before we end the session, I would like also to pass a Resolution condoling the

1403 family Vice-Mayor Mar Aralan, from Mahapalg, Leyte.

1404 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1405 I move to pass a Resolution to convey condolences to the bereaved family of Mar

1406 Aralan, former Vice-Mayor of Mahaplag, Leyte, Mr. Chair. I so move.

1407 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: PROV'L SANG. KABATAAN FEDERATION PRESIDENT

1408 Second.

1409 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1410 Theres' a motion, duly seconded.

1411 Approved unanimously. Res. No. 2025-156-A

1412 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1413 Mr. Chair.

1414 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1415 Yes, the Honorable Apostol.

1416 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1417 We have no more issues for today's session, so I move for the adjournment. Thank

1418 you.

1419 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: PROV'L SANG, KABATAAN FEDERATION PRESIDENT

1420 Second.

1421 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1422 Second.

1423 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1424 There's a motion of the Honorable Apostol, to adjourn this good session.

1425 No objection?

1426 Hearing none, so, the session is adjourned.

1427 (The regular session is adjourned at 11:25 o'clock in the morning. A closing prayer

1428 was led by the Honorable Apostol).

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

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Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Date Approved: _____