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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

MINUTES OF THE 36th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON 14 APRIL 2026.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Michael L. Cari | 5 th District Board Member
Temp. Presiding Officer |
| 2. Hon. Carlo P. Loreto | 5 th District Board Member
Floor Leader |
| 3. Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar | 1 st District Board Member |
| 4. Hon. Wilson S. Uy | 1 st District Board Member |
| 5. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 6. Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 7. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 8. Hon. Alan P. Ang | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 9. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr. | 4 th District Board Member |
| 10. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen | SK Federation President
Ex-Officio Member |

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Carmen L. Cari | PCL President/Ex-Officio Member |
| 2. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez | Liga ng mga Barangay President
Ex-Officio Member |

ABSENT:

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| 1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. | Vice-Governor
(On Leave) |
| 2. Hon. Elmer Frederico N. Codilla | 4 th District Board Member
(On Travel) |

The 36th Regular Session opened at 11:05 o'clock in the morning presided over by the Honorable Michael L. Cari, 5th District Board Member

Opening Prayer was led by the Honorable Raissa J. Villasin, 2nd District Board Member and 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

50 Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded by the Honorable Alan P. Ang: 3rd District Board Member and
51 Honorable Raissa J. Villasin; 2nd District Board Member

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

53 The Honorable Presiding Officer requested the SP Secretary Mrs. Florinda Jill S.
54 Uyvico, to call the roll in order to determine the presence of quorum.

55 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SP SECRETARY

56 The following Members are in attendance:

57 PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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59 Hon. Michael L. Cari - Temp. Presiding Officer
60 Hon. Carlo P. Loreto - Floor Leader
61 Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
62 Hon. Wilson S. Uy
63 Hon. Raissa J. Villasin
64 Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que
65 Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting
66 Hon. Alan P. Ang
67 Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr.
68 Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen

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70 VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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72 Hon. Carmen L. Cari
73 Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez

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75 Twelve (12) Members are present, Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader.

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

77 We have a quorum, Mr. Chair.

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

79 Okay, we have a quorum to do business.

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

81 We now proceed to our consideration of the minutes of the previous session of April 7,
82 2026. Unless there are any corrections, I move that we approve the minutes of the previous
83 session of April 7, 2026.

84 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

85 Second.

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

88 It's been seconded.

89 Motion is approved.

90 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-796

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

92 Mr. Chair, we have committee report listed in the Secretariat, Madam Secretary please.

93 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 09, SERIES OF 2026

10 APRIL 2026

**Chairperson, Blue Ribbon Committee – Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que
Administrative Case No. K-ADM-2023-002 (On Appeal)**

Sabeniano Bignay, Complainant vs. Leah O. Empleo, Emerita P.
Lacno and Jerry P. Empleo, Respondents

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

102 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Que, Chairperson of Blue Ribbon

103 Committee for the Committee Report?

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

105 Honorable Que, you are recognized.

106 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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

108 May I please request our secretariat to show the slides of the Committee Report?

109 This is actually a Blue Ribbon Committee Report in the case of Sabeniano Bignay
110 vs. Leah O. Empleo.

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BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE REPORT No. 9 S. 2026
APRIL 10, 2026

SABENIANO BIGNAY

Complainant,

ADMIN CASE No. K-ADM-2023-002

(On Appeal)

-versus-

FOR: Dishonesty, Oppression

Misconduct in Office, etc.

LEAH O. EMPLEO, EMERITA P.

LACNO and JERRY P. EMPLEO

Respondents,

I. PREFATORY STATEMENT

This is a Committee Report submitted by the Blue Ribbon Committee of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte pursuant to its authority under the **Revised Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte**, particularly **Rule XVI (Administrative Disciplinary Proceedings)** and **Rule on Appealed Administrative Cases (Sections 41–55)**, in relation to **Section 67 of Republic Act No. 7160**.

This case stems from a **Notice of Appeal** filed by respondents Leah O. Empleo, Emerita P. Lacno, and Jerry P. Empleo assailing the decision of the Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte.

II. NATURE OF THE CASE

The instant case is an **appealed administrative disciplinary case** arising from a complaint for:

- Dishonesty
- Oppression
- Misconduct in Office
- Gross Negligence
- Dereliction of Duty

The Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte, through its Ad Hoc Committee, rendered **Final Resolution No. 003 dated 2 January 2025**, later adopted through **SB Resolution No. 23R.25-795**, imposing the penalty of **six (6) months suspension without pay**.

Respondents elevated the case to this Honorable Body via Notice of Appeal.

III. FACTUAL ANTECEDENTS

Based on the Notice of Appeal and records available, the Committee finds:

1. Respondents received the assailed Resolution on **9 January 2025**.
2. Under the law and rules, respondents had **thirty (30) days** within which to appeal.

- 163 3. The last day to appeal fell on **8 February 2025 (Saturday)**.
164 4. Respondents filed their Notice of Appeal on **10 February 2025 (next working day)**.
165 5. The Notice of Appeal was subsequently received by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on **4**
166 **February 2025**.
167 6. The appeal seeks reversal of the findings of liability and penalty imposed by the Sangguniang
168 Bayan.
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170 **IV. SUMMARY OF PLEADINGS AND RECORDS**

171 For the Respondents-Appellants:

- 172 • Notice of Appeal;
173 • Assailed Ad Hoc Final Resolution No. 003;
174 • SB Resolution adopting the same;
175 • Arguments on timeliness and legal issues.

176 For the Complainant-Appellee:

- 177 • (To be determined upon transmittal of full records pursuant to Section 44 of the Rules)
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179 **V. ISSUES FOR RESOLUTION**

- 180 1. Whether the Notice of Appeal was filed within the reglementary period;
181 2. Whether the appeal should be given due course;
182 3. Whether the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has jurisdiction over the appeal;
183 4. Whether the case is ripe for decision on the merits;
184 5. Whether compliance with procedural requirements under Sections 41–47 of the Rules has been
185 met.

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187 **VI. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

188 **A. On Timeliness of Appeal (Section 41)**

189 Section 41 provides that the appeal must be filed within **thirty (30) calendar days from notice of**
190 **decision**.

191 Applying the rules:

- 192 • Receipt: 9 January 2025
193 • Deadline: 8 February 2025 (Saturday)
194 • Filing: 10 February 2025

195 Consistent with procedural rules, when the last day falls on a **non-working day**, filing on the **next**
196 **working day is valid**.

197 📌 **The appeal was timely filed.**

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199 **B. On Perfection of Appeal and Non-Interruption (Section 41)**

200 The Notice of Appeal was filed directly with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

201 There is **no showing that the appeal was filed out of time**, nor any defect on its face.

202 📁 Grounds for dismissal under **Section 50** are **not present**.

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204 **C. On Transmittal of Records (Section 44)**

205 Under Section 44:

206 The records must be transmitted within thirty (30) days from notice of appeal.

207 At present:

- 208 • The complete records have **not yet been elevated**;
- 209 • The Committee is thus **procedurally barred from resolving the case on the merits**.

210 📁 Elevation of records is **mandatory before adjudication**.

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212 **D. On Briefing Stage (Sections 47–48)**

213 The Rules require:

- 214 • Filing of **Appellant’s Brief**
- 215 • Filing of **Appellee’s Brief**

216 There is **no showing yet of compliance with briefing requirements**.

217 📁 The appeal is still in the **pre-adjudicative stage**.

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219 **E. On Ripeness for Decision (Section 53)**

220 Section 53 requires:

- 221 • Full consideration of the appeal;
- 222 • Clear statement of facts and reasons in decision.

223 Without:

- 224 • Complete records;
- 225 • Briefs of the parties;

226 📁 Any ruling would be **premature and violative of due process**.

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228 **F. On Grounds for Dismissal (Section 50)**

229 None of the following are present:

- 230 • Late filing
- 231 • Failure to file notice

- 232 • Failure to prosecute
233 • Defective brief
234 • Failure to reproduce records

235 🖱 **Dismissal is not warranted.**

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237 **VII. CONCLUSION**

238 The Committee finds that:

- 239 1. The appeal was **timely and properly filed**;
240 2. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan has **jurisdiction**;
241 3. The appeal is **procedurally sufficient**;
242 4. The case is **not yet ripe for decision on the merits**;
243 5. Compliance with **Sections 44, 47, and 48** must first be completed.

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245 **VIII. RECOMMENDATION**

246 WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Blue Ribbon Committee hereby **RECOMMENDS** to:

- 247 1. **GIVE DUE COURSE** to the Notice of Appeal;
248 2. **DIRECT** the Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte to **TRANSMIT** the **COMPLETE**
249 **RECORDS** within a non-extendible period pursuant to Section 44;
250 3. **REQUIRE** the Appellants to file their **APPELLANT'S BRIEF** pursuant to Section 47;
251 4. **REQUIRE** the Appellee to file **APPELLEE'S BRIEF** pursuant to Section 48;
252 5. **DEFER RESOLUTION** of the case on the merits pending full compliance with
253 **procedural requirements**;
254 6. **CALENDAR** the case for consideration only after completion of briefing and transmittal
255 **of records** pursuant to Section 52.

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257 **IX. RESPECTFUL SUBMISSION**

258 Submitted to the **Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte** for appropriate deliberation and final action.

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260 **ATTY. MILDRED JOY QUE, CPA**
261 Chairperson, Blue Ribbon Committee
262 Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte

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264 With our concurrence:

(originally signed)

HON. ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Vice- Chairperson

(originally signed)

HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Member

(originally signed)

HON. ALAN P. ANG
Member

(originally signed)

HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.
Member

265 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

266 Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor, I move that this administrative case be given due course
267 considering that the appeal was properly and timely filed that this honorable body have
268 exercised the jurisdiction and that no grounds for dismissal exists. Furthermore, that the
269 Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga be directed to transmit the complete records within a none
270 extendable period and that the parties be required to file their respective appellants and
271 appellees' brief in accordance to the rules and that resolution of the case on the merits be
272 differed and the same calendared only upon compliance with all procedural requirements. I so
273 move, Mr. Chair.

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

275 Second.

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

277 Second.

278 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

279 Second.

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

281 It's been seconded.

282 Motion is approved.

283 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-797

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

285 Mr. Chair?

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

287 Yes, Honorable Reposar?

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

289 Mr. Chair, I move that we adopt and approve the Committee Report. I so move.

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

291 Second.

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

294 It's been seconded.

295 Motion is approved.

296 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-797-A

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

298 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

299 Mr. Chair, we have an item for first reading and reference of business, Madam Secretary
300 please.

301 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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303 **PROPOSED Provincial Ordinance No. __, Series of 2026**

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305 **“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE YOUTH ENCOUNTER FORMATION**
306 **TRAINING (YEFT) PROGRAM IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COMPONENT CITY**
307 **IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, DEFINING ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND**
308 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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310 **Authored by:**

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312 **HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN**

313 President

314 Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan

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

317 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the author, Honorable MJ Lumen?

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

319 Honorable Lumen, you are recognized.

320 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

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

322 This proposed ordinance seeks to institutionalize the Youth Encounter Formation Training
323 (YEFT) Program in All Municipalities and The Component City in The Province of Leyte as a
324 continuing intervention for youth development. Recognizing that the youth are vital partners in
325 nation building, this measure aligns Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the
326 Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 which mandates local government units to support
327 programs that promote youth leadership development, civic participation, and overall well-

328 being and Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.
329 While the Sangguniang Kabataan mandatory trainings provide foundational knowledge on
330 governance and public service, there remains a need for sustained formation programs that
331 focuses on well used formation, personal growth and self-awareness. YEFT program
332 addresses these needs by providing or offering a structured and progressive formation
333 processes that allows young people to deepen their understanding of themselves, strengthen
334 their character and embrace the role as a responsible member of the society through guided
335 encounter methodology, the program facilitates meaningful reflection, dialogue and sharing
336 among the participants. These approach fosters not only leadership competence but also
337 emotional maturity, social responsibility and ethical decision making which are essential
338 qualities for effective and transformative leadership. This ordinance also recognizes the
339 capability and experience of SADE Leyte Inc. as the partner organization in delivering wellness
340 formation programs ensuring that the implementation of admins quality, integrity and
341 consistency. Furthermore, the active involvement of local youth development offices and SK
342 units at all level ensures proper coordination, monitoring and sustainability of the program.
343 Ultimately, institutionalizing the YEFT program will ensure its continuity expand reach to more
344 young people across the province and strengthen the Province of Leyte's commitment to
345 developing empowered youth, values driven and socially responsible youth leader.

346 With this Mr. Chair, I move that we approve this proposed ordinance for First Reading.
347 I so move.

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

349 Second.

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

351 Second.

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

353 It's been seconded.

354 Motion is approved.

355 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-798

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357 HON. MJ LUNLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

358 Mr. Chair, I also move that this Proposed Ordinance be referred to the Committee on
359 Rules. I so move.

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

361 Second.

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

363 Second.

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

365 Second.

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

367 It's been seconded.

368 Motion is approved.

369 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-799

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

371 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

372 Mr. Chair, before we proceed, today I have a meeting with our "Resident James Bond"
373 in region", Regional Director Joseph Gideon A. Garcio of National Intelligence Coordinating
374 Agency (NICA). Thank you for coming RD and I will be joining you later after this session.

375 We now proceed to the Business of the Day. Item No. 1, Madam Secretary, please.

376 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

BUSINESS OF THE DAY:

ITEM NO. 01

381 Presented for consideration is a letter dated April 1,
382 2026 from the **Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office**
383 **VIII** in **RESPONSE** to SP Resolution No. 2026-700-A requesting the
384 Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), the Department of
385 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Local
386 Government Unit of MacArthur to suspend any activities in
387 relation to the black sand mining in MacArthur, Leyte pending
388 compliance review.

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

391 Mr. Chair, I move that we refer this to the Quad Com. I so move.

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

393 Second.

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

395 It's been seconded.

396 Motion is approved.

397 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-780

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

399 Mr. Chair, may I be recognized please?

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

401 Yes, Honorable Reposar.

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

403 Actually, the letter is just informing us that they cannot grant the suspension because
404 it's currently suspended. I think no work plan has been issued to no work permit has been
405 issued yet by the MGB R8. Anyhow, I subscribe to the motion of Honorable Loreto that the
406 same be referred to the QUAD Com since other matters related to this has been already
407 referred. Thank you.

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

409 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

410 We now proceed to the next item, Item No. 2, Madam Secretary, please.

411 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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ITEM NO. 02

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 04 FY 2025** of the **Municipality of Bato, Leyte** amounting to **Php3,452,900.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-06**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated April 13, 2026.

ITEM NO. 03

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 5 FY 2025** of the **Municipality of Kananga, Leyte** amounting to **Php18,863,220.41** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 24L.25-013, Series of 2025**. Same is

recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated April 13, 2026.

ITEM NO. 04

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Annual Budget FY 2026** of the **Municipality of Kananga, Leyte** amounting to **Php404,092,237.76** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 24L.25-010, Series of 2025 together with Annual Investment Program CY 2026 (AIP)** in the amount of **Php2,284,789,767.78**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated April 13, 2026.

ITEM NO. 05

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 2 FY 2025** of the **Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte** amounting to **Php7,192,384.59** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2025**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated April 13, 2026.

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

Mr. Chair, there are several supplemental and annual budgets from Item no. 2-5. Will you please recognize the Honorable Uy?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Honorable Uy, you are recognized.

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

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

Item No. 1 Is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 04 FY 2025 Of the Municipality of Bato, Leyte

Item No. 2 Is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 5 FY 2025 Of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte

Item No. 3 Is General Fund Annual Budget FY 2026 Of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte

Item No. 4 Is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 2 FY 2025 Of the Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte

466 Mr. Chair, all the Supplemental and Annual Budget were recommended for approval
467 with some conditions set forth by the Local Finance Committee per review. If my motion is
468 order, I move that we approve Item no. 2-5. I so move.

469 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

470 Second.

471 HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

472 Second.

473 HON. MJ LUNLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

474 Second.

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

476 Second.

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

478 It's been seconded.

479 Motion is approved.

480 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-781

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

482 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

483 Mr. Chair, there are no other items in our agenda. We now proceed to the other matters
484 now.

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

486 Mr. Chair, I have one for the other matters.

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

488 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Uy?

489 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

490 Honorable Uy, you are recognized.

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

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

493 Mr. Chair, as earlier discussed with the Board Members, there is an urgent call for a
494 possibility of postponing the Barangay and SK election schedule this year.

495 The Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections are vital mechanisms in
496 ensuring grassroots democracy and youth representation in governance. This nation is
497 presently facing significant uncertainty and economic strain brought about by ongoing
498 geopolitical tensions, particularly the escalating conflict in the Middle East, which has affected
499 global oil prices, supply chains, and overall economic stability. These global developments
500 have direct and indirect impacts on the Philippines, including rising inflation, increased cost of
501 basic goods and services, and heightened economic vulnerability among Filipino communities.
502 In light of these challenges, there is an urgent need for the government to prioritize resources
503 toward economic mitigation measures, social protection programs, energy security, and
504 emergency preparedness. The conduct of the Barangay and SK elections requires substantial
505 public expenditure, which could otherwise be redirected to address the immediate needs of
506 the Filipino people during this period of crisis. Postponing the said elections would allow the
507 government to focus on stabilizing the economy, ensuring public welfare, and preparing for
508 potential further impacts of the global situation.

509 So, in this light, Mr. Chair, I would like to pass a resolution for the postponement of the
510 Barangay and SK election scheduled this November 2026 and this resolution be submitted to
511 the House of Congress, Senate, Office of the President and other concerned agency such as
512 COMELEC. I so move.

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

514 Second.

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

516 Second.

517 HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

518 Second.

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

520 Second.

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

522 Mr. Chair?

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524 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

525 Yes, Honorable Floor Leader, please go ahead.

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

527 May I explain my second to the motion, Mr. Chair.

528 The Barangay and SK elections would entail billions of pesos in expenditure which is
529 why the motion of the Honorable Uy makes sense. The funds, instead of being used in political
530 exercise in elections, if ever the election will be postponed, can become savings of COMELEC
531 which can be reverted to the National Budget and be used to address the oil crisis. So, the
532 motion is very timely and we hope this will be heard in the August halls of Congress, Senate
533 and Malacañang. So, I seconded, Mr. Chair.

534 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

535 Mr. Chair?

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

537 Yes, go ahead, Atty Que.

538 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

539 Just a few additional since there is already this case of Macalintal vs COMELEC which
540 is actually very strict in postponing an election. However, when you look at the Constitution
541 there is the police power of the state, we have our General Welfare Clause and I guess some
542 of the caveats given to us by the Macalintal vs COMELEC is that the postponement should not
543 just be for budgetary reason but as well as it should not be to extend term of these barangay
544 officials. However, it is basically to address peace and order, fuel crisis and I hope that the
545 postponement we seek is also time bound, meaning it should not be indefinite so we can say
546 a postponement of 6 months, perhaps. So as not to derail and put these barangay officials in
547 perpetual term of office. Thank you.

548 HON. MJ LUNLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

549 Mr. Chair?

550 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

551 Yes, Honorable Lumen, please go ahead.

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553 HON. MJ LUIPLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

554 Mr. Presiding Officer, I would like to manifest my position regarding the resolution
555 introduced by Hon. Uy on the proposed postponement of the Barangay and Sangguniang
556 Kabataan Elections in November 2026. I would like to recall that in 2024, during our meeting
557 with the National Youth Commission Visayas representatives, I already expressed my
558 opposition to the extension of the SK term to six years. At that time, I voted 'No' because, from
559 the perspective of the federation, such an extension may appear self-serving. However, on the
560 ground, particularly among SK Chairpersons, the reality is different. Many of them may not
561 even complete an extended term, as they would seek better opportunities in education,
562 employment, or other personal endeavors. This creates a disconnect between policy and the
563 actual situation of our youth leaders. That said, my position on this current proposal is
564 conditional. If the funds intended for the postponement of the elections will be realigned and
565 utilized to address urgent national concerns such as the ongoing crisis brought about by rising
566 oil prices then I believe it may be justifiable. However, if the postponement does not translate
567 into concrete and meaningful benefits for our people, especially in addressing pressing
568 economic issues, then we must carefully reconsider its implications. Thank you.

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

570 It's been seconded.

571 Motion is approved.

572 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-782

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

574 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Lumen?

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

576 Yes, the Honorable Lumen.

577 HON. MJ LUIPLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

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

579 If there are no more other matters, I move to adjourn our first session for 2026.

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

581 Second.

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

583 Second.

584 HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

585 Second.

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

587 There's a move to adjourn the session

588 Duly seconded.

589 So, the session is adjourned.

590 (The session was adjourned at 11:54 o'clock in the morning. A closing prayer was led by the
591 Honorable Centino.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian**

APPROVED:

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Date Approved: _____

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