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PROVINCE OF LEYTE
TACLOBAN CITY
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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

MINUTES OF THE 40TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SUMMIT HOTEL, TACLOBAN, LEYTE ON 12 MAY 2026

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. | Vice-Governor/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
Deputy Floor Leader |
| 4. Hon. Wilson S. Uy | 1 st District Board Member |
| 5. Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 6. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 7. Hon. Alan P. Ang | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 8. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 9. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr. | 4 th District Board Member |
| 10. Hon. Michael L. Cari | 5 th District Board Member |
| 11. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez | Liga ng mga Barangay President
Ex-Officio Member |
| 12. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen | SK Federation President
Ex-Officio Member |

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Elmer Frederico N. Codilla | 4 th District Board Member |
| 2. Hon. Carmen L. Cari | PCL President/Ex-Officio Member |

The 40th Regular Session opened at 1:05 o'clock in the afternoon presided over by the Honorable Leonardo M. Javier, Jr., Vice-Governor of Leyte.

Opening Prayer was led by the Honorable Wilson S. Uy, 1st 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 Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded by the Honorable Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, 1st District Board Member and Honorable Raissa J. Villasin, 2nd District Board Member.

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

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

52 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SP SECRETARY

53 The following Members are in attendance:

54 PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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56 Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. - Presiding Officer
57 Hon. Carlo P. Loreto - Floor Leader
58 Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
59 Hon. Wilson S. Uy
60 Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que
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69 VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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71 Hon. Elmer Frederico N. Codilla
72 Hon. Carmen L. Cari

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75 Fourteen (14) Members are present, Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader.

76 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: TEMP. FLOOR LEADER/1ST DIST. BOARD MEMBER

77 We have a quorum, Mr. Chair.

78 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

79 Okay, we have a quorum to do business.

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

81 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the consideration of the minutes of the
82 previous session of May 5, 2026.

83 Is there any correction or proposal of amendments from the floor?

84 Hearing none, Mr. Chair, I move that we approve the minutes from our May 5, 2026
85 session. I so move.

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

87 Second.

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

90 Second.

91 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

92 Second.

93 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

94 It's been seconded.

95 Motion is approved.

96 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-849

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

98 Mr. Chair, we have one Committee Reports registered before the Secretariat. Madam
99 Secretary, please.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16, SERIES OF 2026

12, May 2026

Blue Ribbon Committee

Chairman: Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que, CPA

**A Committee Report relative to the endorsement received
from the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline concerning allegations
of possible abuse of authority and unfair trading practices
involving the Municipal Mayor of Abuyog, Leyte.**

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

113 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Chairperson of the Blue Ribbon Committee,
114 Atty. Mildred Joy Que?

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

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

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BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT No. 16, Series of 2026
12 May 2026

Subject: 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline Endorsement
Reference No. SMS-G-20260325-843-9
Concerning Alleged Irregular Acts of an Official in the Local Government Unit
of Abuyog, Leyte

I. INTRODUCTION

This Committee Report is respectfully submitted by the Blue Ribbon Committee relative to the endorsement received from the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline concerning allegations of possible abuse of authority and unfair trading practices involving the Municipal Mayor of Abuyog, Leyte.

During the 5 May 2026 Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the matter was formally referred to the Committee on Blue Ribbon for appropriate action, evaluation, and recommendation.

II. FACTUAL ANTECEDENTS

Records show that an endorsement from the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline dated 25 March 2026 was transmitted to the Provincial Government of Leyte and subsequently elevated to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for appropriate action pursuant to Executive Order No. 6, series of 2016.

The complaint, though anonymous, alleges that:

1. Certain farmers in Abuyog, Leyte intended to sell their palay to a buyer at the rate of Twenty-Two Pesos (P22.00) per kilo;
2. The alleged buyer was purportedly summoned to the office of the Municipal Mayor of Abuyog, Leyte;
3. After said meeting, the buyer allegedly ceased buying palay within the locality;
4. Farmers allegedly became constrained to sell their produce to another buyer at a lower price of Twenty Pesos (P20.00) per kilo;
5. The complaint further alleges possible suppression of other buyers and economic disadvantage to local farmers.

The endorsement likewise reminded the receiving agency of the directive under Executive Order No. 6 requiring concrete and specific action on citizens' concerns.

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III. ISSUES

The Committee identifies the following issues for consideration:

1. Whether the allegations contained in the anonymous 8888 complaint warrant fact-finding investigation by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
2. Whether the acts alleged, if substantiated, may constitute abuse of authority, oppression, misconduct, or conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service;
3. Whether sufficient factual basis presently exists for the institution of a formal administrative complaint.

IV. FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

After evaluation of the endorsement and attached narrative, the Committee makes the following findings and observations:

1. The complaint is presently anonymous and unverified in character, with no sworn affidavits or documentary evidence attached thereto;
2. Nonetheless, the allegations involve matters affecting public interest, particularly the welfare of farmers and fair economic activity within the locality;
3. The Committee finds that while the present records may not yet be sufficient for the outright institution of a formal administrative proceeding, the allegations are sufficient to justify the conduct of preliminary fact-finding and inquiry in aid of legislation and oversight functions of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
4. The acts alleged, if proven by competent evidence, may potentially constitute abuse of authority, oppression, grave misconduct, conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service, or possible violations of Republic Act No. 6713 and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
5. The Committee further recognizes the authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to conduct inquiries and committee proceedings involving matters affecting public accountability and public welfare within the Province of Leyte.

V. RECOMMENDATION

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Blue Ribbon Committee respectfully recommends for the consideration and approval of this Honorable Body to:

1. NOTE the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline endorsement concerning the alleged acts complained of;
2. CONTINUE the referral of the matter before the Committee on Blue Ribbon for fact-finding inquiry and appropriate proceedings;
3. REQUIRE the concerned officials of the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte to submit a written comment or explanation within a period to be determined by the Committee;
4. AUTHORIZE the conduct of committee hearings, meetings, and invitations to resource persons, including concerned farmers, traders, and other relevant agencies or individuals, if deemed necessary by the Committee;
5. DIRECT the Blue Ribbon Committee to submit further findings and recommendations to the Honorable Body after completion of its inquiry.

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Respectfully submitted:



ATTY. MILDRED JOY QUE, CPA
Chairperson, Committee on Boundary Disputes
Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte

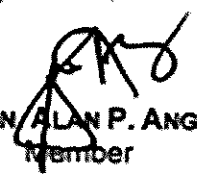
With our concurrence:



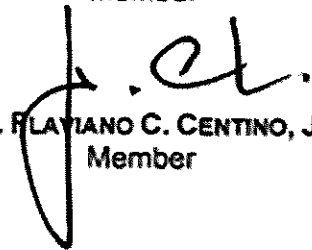
HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Vice- Chairperson



HON. ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Member



HON. ALAN P. ANG
Member



HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.
Member

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

210 Last session, one matter was referred to the Blue Ribbon Committee which is the 8888
211 Citizens Complaint against Mayor Lemuel Gin Traya of the possible abuse of authority and
212 unfair trading practices where he actually told one market palay rice buyer told him na “for 22
213 pesos, umalis kayo dito, ibebenta nyo lang for 20 pesos”. Actually, if you take a look at the
214 records, the complaint is anonymous and it's unverified. There is no sworn affidavit or
215 documentary evidence attached. It's just mere allegation. Nonetheless the allegation they
216 involve public interest, particularly, the welfare of farmers and fair economic activity. Hence,
217 the Committee recommends that we require concerned officials of the Municipal Government
218 of Abuyog to submit a written comment or explain within 10 days based on the notice and that
219 this matter be continuously referred to the Blue Ribbon Committee. And lastly, to direct the
220 Blue Ribbon to submit further findings and recommendations to this Honorable Body after
221 completion. I move that this committee report be adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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

224 Second.

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

226 Second.

227 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER JR: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE GOVERNOR

228 Duly seconded.

229 Any questions?

230 Hearing none, motion is approved.

231 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-849-A

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

233 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the Business of the Day. Item no. 1, Madam
234 Secretary, please.

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MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

BUSINESS OF THE DAY:

ITEM NO. 01

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Annual Budget FY 2026** of the **Municipality of Dagami, Leyte** in the amount of **Php246,673,270.32** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2026** together with **Amended Annual Investment Program (AIP) CY2026** in the amount of **Php2,281,665,943.00** Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review dated April 30, 2026.

ITEM NO. 02

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2025** of the **Municipality of Julita, Leyte** in the amount of **Php2,067,000.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-12**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review dated May 5, 2026.

ITEM NO. 03

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of Tunga, Leyte** in the amount of **Php8,450,883.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2026**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review dated May 5, 2026.

ITEM NO. 04

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 3 FY 2025** of the **Municipality of Matalom, Leyte** in the amount of **Php6,762,910.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2025**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review dated May 5, 2026.

ITEM NO. 05

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 1 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of Tabango, Leyte** in the amount of **Php16,507,114.43** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2026-01**, together with **Supplemental Investment Program No. 1, Series of 2026** amounting to **Php133,919,803.49**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review dated May 5, 2026.

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

292 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize illustrious learned Chairman of the Committee on
293 Budget and Management, the Honorable Uy?

294 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER JR: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE GOVERNOR

295 Honorable Uy, you are recognized.

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

297 Thank you very much Honorable Presiding Chair and Honorable Mr. Floor Leader.
298 Good afternoon colleagues.

299 We have five items under budget approvals.

300 Item No. 01 is General Fund Annual Budget Fy 2026 Of the Municipality of Dagami,
301 Leyte

302 Item No. 02 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 Fy 2025 Of the Municipality
303 of Julita, Leyte

304 Item No. 03 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 Fy 2026 Of the Municipality
305 of Tunga, Leyte

306 Item No. 04 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 3 Fy 2025 Of the Municipality of
307 Matalom, Leyte

308 Item No. 05 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 1 Fy 2026 Of the Municipality of
309 Tabango, Leyte

310 Mr. Chair, all the items from 1-5 have been reviewed by the Local Finance Committee
311 with some condition set forth. If my motion is in order, I move to approve Item nos. 1-5. I so
312 move.

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

314 Second.

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

316 Second.

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

318 Second.

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

320 Second.

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

322 Mr. Chair, there are also Annual Investment Programs and conditions stated by the
323 Local Finance Committee. Are they included in the motion?

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

325 Yes, of course, Mr. Chair.

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

327 On that note, Mr. Chair, I would like to reiterate my second.

328 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER JR: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE GOVERNOR

329 Duly seconded.

330 Any questions?

331 Hearing none, motion is approved.

332 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-850

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

334 Mr. Chair, there are no more items in the agenda.

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

336 Mr. Chair.

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

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

339 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

340 Go ahead please.

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

342 Thank you so much, Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader.

343 If there are no other matters to be discussed, I move to adjourn this session

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

345 Second.

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

347 Second.

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

349 Second.

350 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

351 The session is now adjourned.

352 Thank you, everybody

353 (The regular session was adjourned at 1:10 o'clock in the afternoon)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:

WILSON S. UY
1ST District Board Member

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CARLO P. LORETO
5TH District Board Member
(Floor Leader)

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CARMEN L. CARI
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LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer

Date Approved: _____

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