

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 45TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL, ALBUERA, LEYTE ON MAY 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 131

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY ENDORSING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE THE WRITTEN EXPLANATION TOGETHER WITH THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THIS MUNICIPALITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLUTION NO. 2026-842, DATED MAY 5, 2026

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Albuera, Leyte has received **SP Resolution No. 2026-842**, dated May 5, 2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte, entitled: **“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE STRICT MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO ANTE IN THE DISPUTED AREA INVOLVING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN, AND THE CITY OF BAYBAY, REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF A SIGNAGE ASSERTING TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, REQUIRING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF ALBUERA TO EXPLAIN THE INSTALLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

WHEREAS, Hon. Mayor Rolan E. Espinosa has recently called a meeting which was attended by the Sangguniang Bayan Members, local department heads, functionaries, technical representatives and the two (2) SP members representing the 4th Congressional District of Leyte and exhaustively deliberated the different issues and concerns involved in the aforestated SP resolution and have agreed with the details of the written explanation.

WHEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Carl Kevin E. Batistis unanimously seconded by all of the members present, be it

RESOLVED, to respectfully endorse to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte the written explanation together with the supporting documents of the Local Government Unit of this Municipality in compliance with Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 2026-842, dated May 5, 2026.”

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte, Palo, Leyte, for their information and appropriate action.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of May 2026 during the 45th Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan held at the SB Session Hall, Albuera, Leyte.

ATTESTED:

CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS
SB Member I

On Leave
ALBERTO C. SUMALJAG
SB Member I

ANDRES C. TUDIO
SB Member I

ROLANDO M. EBCAS, JR.
SB Member I

ROBERTO C. COLASITO
SB Member I

On Official Travel
DELIA E. BATISTIS
LnB President/Ex-Officio Member

JOJE B. YBAÑEZ
SB Member I

ROMEO M. JUNCO
SB Member I

BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA
PPSK President/Ex-Officio Member

RODOLFO S. BILBAO, JR
SB Member I

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

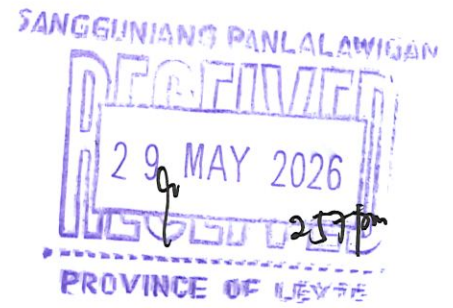
PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I

APPROVED:

MARIEL E. MARINAY
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

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Municipality of Albuera



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26 May 2026

THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
Province of Leyte

Thru: **THE COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY DISPUTES**
Leyte Provincial Capitol,
Palo, Leyte 6501

Attn: **HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

WRITTEN EXPLANATION

*(In Compliance with Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Resolution No. 2026-842 dated 05 May 2026)*

Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan:

Greetings!

The Municipality of Albuera, Leyte respectfully submits this Written Explanation in compliance with Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 2026-842, which this Municipality received on 15 May 2026. This submission is made within the fifteen (15)-day reglementary period provided under the said Resolution and is therefore timely filed.

At the outset, this Municipality deems it necessary to clarify an important factual distinction.

The pending boundary dispute case before this Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte originated from the Municipality of Albuera's Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 2025-106,¹ which concerns the southeastern disputed territory involving "MBM 27"² and its adjoining areas, which were affected by the revised political map of the City of Baybay.


¹ A copy of which is found on Page 85 of Albuera's Position Paper, filed before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte on 30 October 2025.

² *Id.* at Page 15. Copy of the Political Boundary Map of the disputed territory; "MBM 27 is the Disputed Territory."

The location of the signage at “PANAN-AWAN PEAK” is **separate and distinct** from the above-mentioned disputed territory. It is not part of the area that is the subject of the pending boundary dispute case. The Panan-awan Peak site lies near the common boundary monuments “**MBM 28**” and “**MBM 29**”, which have historically been recognized as part of Albuera’s territorial jurisdiction.

The specific site where the signage was installed is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Albuera, based on the following:

1. The installed signage is located approximately one (1) kilometer west of MBM 28 and MBM 29,³ which are among the established common Municipal Boundary Monuments (MBM) of Albuera and Burauen as indicated in the official maps of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).⁴ This positioning places the site within Albuera’s territorial jurisdiction and outside the disputed territory that is subject to the pending boundary dispute case.
2. The said signage is situated within the ongoing road construction project being implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) under the Albuera-Burauen Road Section. This necessarily places the site outside the Burauen-Albuera Road Section under Burauen’s jurisdiction.
3. Prior to the installation, the Local Government Unit of Albuera conducted an actual site inspection and validation using the official maps from the DENR and NAMRIA to ensure the legitimacy of the site.⁵ These maps have long served as the historical basis for this Municipality’s territorial boundaries since 28 March 1941.



The installation of the signage was undertaken in good faith, after proper validation, in an area that this Municipality has consistently considered to be clearly within its territorial jurisdiction and outside the subject matter of the pending boundary dispute. This Municipality has no intention of preempting the authority of this Honorable Body or altering the status quo of the disputed territory that is properly before it.

This Municipality fully respects Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 2026-842 and the principle of maintaining the *status quo ante* in matters properly under litigation before this Body.

³ *Id.* at Page 12. Copy of the old LGU Map showing the location of “MBM 28 and MBM 29.”

⁴ *Id.* at Pages 16 to 21. Copies of NAMRIA and DENR Maps.

⁵ *Id.*

REQUEST FOR JOINT TECHNICAL VERIFICATION

To conclusively settle any remaining doubt and to facilitate the prompt resolution of this matter, this Municipality most respectfully and earnestly requests the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan to direct the immediate conduct of a joint ocular/onsite inspection and validation of MBM 28 and MBM 29 and their adjoining areas, with the participation of:

- a. Authorized representatives from the Local Government Units of Albuera and Burauen;
- b. Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte Province;
- c. Technical representatives from the DENR and NAMRIA; and
- d. Other concerned offices.

It would be most convenient and practical if the joint inspection could be conducted during the summer season, when weather conditions are favorable, to ensure the safety of all participants and to expedite the resolution of the issue.

This Municipality is fully prepared to provide all necessary assistance and cooperation for the successful conduct of the said joint inspection and technical verification.

RELIEF

WHEREFORE, this Municipality most respectfully prays that the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte:

- a. Note and consider this Written Explanation as full compliance with Resolution No. 2026-842;
- b. Take cognizance of the clarification that the Panan-awan Peak signage site is separate, distinct from, and not part of the disputed territory that is the subject of the pending boundary dispute case; and
- c. Favorably act on the request for the immediate conduct of a joint ocular inspection and technical validation of MBM 28 and MBM 29 and their adjoining areas, with the participation of all concerned parties and technical agencies.

This Municipality remains fully committed to the peaceful, orderly, and evidence-based resolution of all boundary matters before this Honorable Body.

Most respectfully submitted.

Albuera, Leyte, Philippines. This 26th day of May 2026.



ROLAN E. ESPINOSA

Municipal Mayor

Municipality of Albuera, Leyte

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THE HONORABLE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

Office of the Municipal Mayor

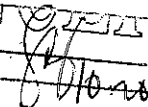
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	BARANGAY BOUNDARY OF BAYBAY LETYE
	BARANGAY BOUNDARY OF BURAUEN LETYE
	BARANGAY BOUNDARY OF ALBUERA LETYE APPROVED PLS 131(05-14-1926)
	APPROVED CAD 953 (1985-1991)
	PANN-AWAN PEAK AS SURVEYED
	MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY LINE OF BAYBAY AND AMBER LETYE
	LOT PARCELS OF BURAUEN
	CONTROL AND POLITICAL MONUMENTS APPROVED

