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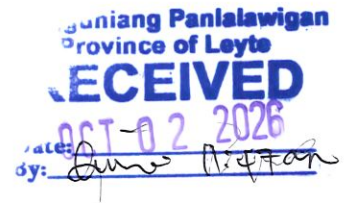
Item No. **02**

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THRU: MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of SP Resolution No. 2026-908 and Request for Schedule of Joint ocular Inspection

Dear Vice Governor Javier:

Mabuhay!

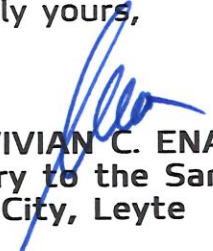
This is to formally acknowledge receipt of a copy of Resolution No. 2026-908, entitled "*A Resolution Approving and Adopting Committee Report No. 17 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Boundary Disputes...*", approved during the 45th Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Panlalawigan on June 16, 2026.

In accordance with Item No. 4 of the adopted recommendations-which directs the immediate conduct of a joint ocular inspection and technical verification of MBM 27, MBM 28, MBM 29, Panan-awan Peak, and adjoining areas – the City Government of Baybay confirms its full readiness to participate in the said activity alongside the designated government agencies and local government units.

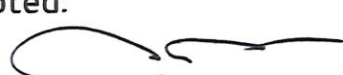
In this regard, may we respectfully request your good office or the Committee on Boundary Disputes to provide us with the target schedule, itinerary, and administrative details for the joint ocular inspection and technical verification, so that our technical team and representatives can prepare accordingly.

Thank you for your leadership in guiding this matter toward a fair and amicable technical resolution.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. VIVIAN C. ENARIO-VIDALLON
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Baybay City, Leyte

Noted:


ATTY. ERNESTO M. BUTAWAN
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 45th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO LEYTE ON JUNE 16, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-908

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17 OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY DISPUTES ON THE WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA LEYTE IN COMPLIANCE WITH PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-842 RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE "WELCOME PANAN-AWAN PEAK" – MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA" SIGNAGE.

WHEREAS, received by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is Resolution No. 2026-131 of Albueria, Leyte, entitled: "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, on June 2, 2026, said written explanation was referred to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Boundary Disputes per SP Res. No. 2026-884;

WHEREAS, submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is the Committee Report of the Committee on Boundary Disputes , to wit:

**"COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17
June 8, 2026**

RE: WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA IN COMPLIANCE WITH PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-842 RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE "WELCOME PANAN-AWAN PEAK – MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA" SIGNAGE

I. ANTECEDENTS

On May 5, 2026, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan adopted Provincial Resolution No. 2026-842 entitled:

"A Resolution Directing the Strict Maintenance of the Status Quo Ante in the Disputed Area Involving the Municipality of Albueria, the Municipality of Burauen, and the City of Baybay, Requiring the Removal of a Signage Asserting Territorial Jurisdiction, Requiring the Municipal Government of Albueria to Explain the Installation Thereof, and for Other Purposes."

Pursuant thereto, the Municipal Government of Albueria submitted a Written Explanation dated May 26, 2026, which was endorsed through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 2026-131.

The matter was thereafter referred to the Committee on Boundary Disputes for evaluation and recommendation.

II. SUMMARY OF THE EXPLANATION

In its Written Explanation, the Municipal Government of Albueria contends that:

1. The pending boundary dispute before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan concerns the territory involving MBM 27 and adjoining areas;
2. The Panan-awan Peak signage is allegedly located outside the disputed territory subject of the pending case;
3. The signage is allegedly situated near MBM 28 and MBM 29, which Albueria claims have historically been recognized as part of its territorial jurisdiction;
4. The location was validated using official maps from NAMRIA and DENR;
5. The installation was allegedly undertaken in good faith and without intent to alter the status quo in the area presently under litigation; and
6. A joint technical verification and ocular inspection involving the concerned local government units, NAMRIA, and DENR-LMB is requested.

III. ISSUES

The Committee resolves the following issues:

1. Whether the Written Explanation substantially complies with Provincial Resolution No. 2026-842;
2. Whether the Committee may presently determine that the Panan-awan Peak signage is located within or outside the disputed territory;
3. Whether technical verification is necessary prior to the resolution of the issue concerning the continued existence or removal of the signage.

IV. DISCUSSION

The Committee finds that the Municipal Government of Albueria has substantially complied with Provincial Resolution No. 2026-842 by submitting its Written Explanation together with supporting documents.

The Committee likewise notes that the explanation raises factual and technical matters which cannot be conclusively resolved from the pleadings and documents presently submitted.

While the Municipal Government of Burauen asserts that the area is within Barangay Villa Corazon and therefore forms part of its territorial jurisdiction, the Municipal Government of Albueria contends that the signage is located outside the disputed territory and within an area historically recognized as belonging to Albueria.

The Committee observes that neither party has yet presented an independent technical determination by NAMRIA or DENR-LMB specifically identifying the precise location of the signage relative to MBM 27, MBM 28, MBM 29, and the territorial boundaries presently under consideration.

The Committee further finds that the map and technical references cited by the Municipal Government of Albura require validation and interpretation by competent technical agencies before the Committee may properly determine their evidentiary value.

Accordingly, the Committee finds that it would be premature to make a definitive ruling on the issue of territorial jurisdiction over the specific site where the signage is presently located.

The Committee further finds merit in the request for a joint ocular inspection and technical verification to establish the precise location of the signage and its relationship to the disputed territory.

V. FINDINGS

After evaluation of the records, the Committee finds that:

1. The Municipal Government of Albura has substantially complied with Provincial Resolution No. 2026-842 by submitting its Written Explanation and supporting documents;
2. The explanation raises substantial factual and technical issues concerning the location of the signage relative to the disputed territory;
3. The present records are insufficient to conclusively establish whether the signage is located within or outside the area affected by the pending boundary dispute;
4. Independent technical verification by competent government agencies is necessary before a definitive determination may be made;
5. The preservation of the status quo ante remains necessary pending final determination of the boundary dispute and the completion of technical verification.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Committee respectfully recommends that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan:

1. TAKE COGNIZANCE of the Written Explanation submitted by the Municipal Government of Albura and consider the same as substantial compliance with Provincial Resolution No. 2026-842;
2. MAINTAIN the directive preserving the status quo ante pending final determination of the boundary dispute;
3. HOLD IN ABEYANCE the implementation of the directive concerning the removal of the Panan-awan Peak signage until after the completion of an independent technical verification;

4. DIRECT the immediate conduct of a joint ocular inspection and technical verification of MBM 27, MBM 28, MBM 29, Panan-awan Peak, and adjoining areas, with the participation of:
 - a. The Municipality of Albura;
 - b. The Municipality of Burauen;
 - c. The City of Baybay;
 - d. NAMRIA;
 - e. DENR-LMB; and
 - f. DPWH;
 - g. Other concerned government agencies as may be necessary
5. REQUIRE the submission of a joint technical report indicating:
 - a. The exact coordinates of the signage;
 - b. The exact locations of MBM 27, MBM 28, and MBM 29;
 - c. The relationship of the signage to the disputed territory; and
 - d. Such other findings as may assist the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in resolving the controversy;
6. DIRECT all parties to refrain from installing additional signages, markers, structures, improvements, or other manifestations of territorial jurisdiction within the disputed area and adjoining areas pending final determination of the matter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
ATTY. MILDRED JOY P. QUE
CHAIRMAN

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
VICE CHAIRMAN

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
MEMBER

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
HON. ALAN P. ANG
MEMBER

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA
MEMBER

WHEREAS, the August Body, deemed it proper to approve and adopt the said committee report.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion presented by Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que, duly seconded by Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, Atty. Carlo P. Loreto, Honorable Raissa J. Villasin, Honorable MJ Luinly D. Lumen and Honorable Flaviano C. Centino, Jr., be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, **TO APPROVE AND ADOPT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17, SERIES OF 2026 OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARY DISPUTES.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER, TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE, TO WIT:**

1. TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE WRITTEN EXPLANATION SUBMITTED BY THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF ALBUERA AND CONSIDER THE SAME AS SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-842;
2. MAINTAIN THE DIRECTIVE PRESERVING THE STATUS QUO ANTE PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE
3. HOLD IN ABEYANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIRECTIVE CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF THE PANAN-AWAN PEAK SIGNAGE UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF AN INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL VERIFICATION
4. DIRECT THE IMMEDIATE CONDUCT OF A JOINT OCULAR INSPECTION AND TECHNICAL VERIFICATION OF MBM 27, MBM 28, MBM 29, PANAN-AWAN PEAK AND ADJOINING AREAS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF:
 - A. The Municipal Government of Albuera;
 - B. The Municipal Government of Burauen;
 - C. The City Government of Baybay;
 - D. NAMRIA;
 - E. DENR – LMB;
 - F. DPWH; and
 - G. Other concerned government agencies as may be necessary;
5. REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF A JOINT TECHNICAL REPORT INDICATING:
 - A. The exact coordinates of the signage
 - B. The exact locations of MBM 27, MBM 28, and MBM 29;
 - C. The relationship of the signage to the disputed territory; and
 - D. Such other findings as may assist the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in resolving the controversy;
6. DIRECT ALL PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM INSTALLING ADDITIONAL SIGNAGES, MARKERS, STRUCTURES, IMPROVEMENTS, OR OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITHIN THE DISPUTED AREA AND ADJOINING AREAS PENDING DETERMINATION OF THE MATTER.

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

ATTESTED:



HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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approving and adopting the Committee Report No. 17
of the SP Committee on Boundary Disputes on the
Written Explanation of the Municipality of Albura in
Compliance with Provincial Resolution No. 2026-842*

Copy furnished:

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