



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

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**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 19, 2026
Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom
Guam Judicial Center**

Hon. Katherine A. Maraman
Chair

Hon. F. Philip Carbullido
Member

Hon. Robert J. Torres
Member

Hon. Alberto C. Lamorena, III
Member

Hon. Maria T. Cenzone
Member

Advisory Committee Members:

Hon. Arthur R. Barcinas

Hon. Vernon P. Perez

Hon. Elyze M. Iriarte

Hon. Dana A. Gutierrez

Hon. Alberto E. Tolentino

Hon. John C. Terlaje

Atty. Jacqueline T. Terlaje

Atty. Dean A. Manglona

Administrator of the Courts:
Danielle T. Rosete

Judicial Council Secretary:
Shelterihna Alokua

Judicial Council Asst. Secretary:
Jessica J. Perez-Jackson

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Judicial Council was called to order by the Chair, Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman, at the hour of 12:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman
Justice F. Philip Carbullido (appeared via Zoom from Piti)
Justice Robert J. Torres (appeared via Zoom from Japan)
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III
Judge Maria T. Cenzone

Present in the Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:

Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts
Ms. Hannah Gutierrez Arroyo, Clerk of Court, Supreme Court
Ms. Janice Camacho-Perez, Clerk of Court, Superior Court
Ms. Dianne O. Gudmalin, Finance Administrator
Ms. Geraldine Cepeda, Compiler of Laws/GLL Executive Director
Mr. Leo S. Diaz, Marshal of the Court
Ms. Trisha T. Suzuki, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Ms. Grace Lapid Rosadino, Court Programs Administrator
Ms. Maria Erica Eschbach, Staff Attorney, Supreme Court
Ms. Suzane Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney
Mr. Nathan Tennyson, Staff Attorney
Mr. Carl V. Dominguez, Procurement & Facilities Maintenance Administrator
Ms. Lisa V. Baza, Judicial Educator
Mr. Robert Rabago, Management Information Systems Administrator
Mr. Baldwin Quibuyen, MIS Planning & System Design Supervisor
Mr. Andrew Perez, Public Guardian
Ms. Joleen F. Respicio, MIS Program Coordinator IV
Ms. Shelterihna Alokua, Judicial Assistant & Supreme Court Technical Bailiff
Ms. Jessica Perez-Jackson, Judicial Council Executive Secretary

Present via Zoom:

Ms. Sophia Santos Diaz, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Jesse Franquez, IFIK President
Mardave Toledo
Dean Manglona

II. PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF MEETING

Due publication of the five-day Notices of Meeting of the Judicial Council, as required under the Open Government Law, was published in the Guam Daily Post. Acknowledgments are on file.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman began the roll call. Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Justice Robert J. Torres, and Judge Maria T. Cenzone identified themselves. A quorum was established, with four (4) of the members present. Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III later joined the meeting around 12:15 p.m.

IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: February 19, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes.

The minutes of the February 19, 2026 Judicial Council meeting were presented for approval. Chief Justice Maraman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Justice Torres moved to approve February 19, 2026 minutes which was seconded by Justice Torres. With no objections, the minutes were approved subject to correction.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Judiciary FY 2026 Remittances Pursuant to Applicable Law

Ms. Dianne Gudmalin reported to the Council on the FY2026 Allotment Report, stating that she has received approximately 46% of the total appropriated amount for general operations to date, totaling \$20,197,000. She recalled her prior report regarding delays in February collections and informed the Council that she has since confirmed the matter was fully reconciled with the Department of Administration. Ms. Gudmalin noted that, as a result, bi-weekly allotments are now current and up to date. She further stated that the most recent allotment was deposited on March 16, and she expects the next allotment to be received on March 31. She concluded by confirming that all amounts scheduled to be collected to date have been received.

B. Status on FY2027 Budget Preparation

Administrator Danielle T. Rosete provided an update on the status of the FY27 budget presentation. She reported that the Chief Financial Officer, the Deputy Administrator of the Courts, and she met and continue to meet with each division to review and discuss budget submissions related to their operational needs. She explained that, following these meetings, they are currently working to compile the full budget presentation and submission for the Judicial Council.

Ms. Rosete noted that the budget will generally reflect operational needs as well as certain below-the-line items previously requested in the FY26 budget, including electronic monitoring, drug courts, and the Criminal Law Review Commission. She stated that the team is preparing to present the budget at the April Judicial Council meeting, with the goal of having it finalized and approved for submission to the Speaker of the Legislature by May 1.

C. eCourt and eSupervision Transition

Ms. Sophia Santos Diaz reported that both eCourt and e Supervision systems have successfully gone live and that the project is currently in a 90-day post-go-live support and transition period with the implementation team. She explained that the team is actively addressing issues that have arisen since go-live, including workflow concerns and user feedback from across divisions and the Guam Bar Association.

Ms. Diaz noted that feedback continues to be collected from end users regarding system functionality, and that targeted training sessions are being scheduled for chamber staff and clerks who regularly support courtroom operations. She stated that the Administrative Office of the Courts has approved conducting these training sessions on a Saturday to allow for continuing legal education credit. She encouraged divisions with specific training needs to coordinate with their assigned subject matter experts (SME) and reiterated that SMEs have been deployed across all divisions as the primary point of contact for troubleshooting. Ms. Diaz also advised that anyone who is unsure of their assigned SME should contact her or Ms. Lori Perez for clarification.

Chief Justice Maraman thanked the implementation team and acknowledged that initial concerns, including a system-wide password change on the day of go-live, were resolved without significant disruption and that the transition was successful overall.

Ms. Rosete reported that the Administrative Office of the Courts confirmed the Judiciary is in a 90-day support period with vendor Journal Technologies and continues working to complete e-filing and enhance public access tools, while refining features such as calendar search, case search, and online payment services based on user feedback. She further stated that ongoing training will be provided through the Judicial Education Center, including additional sessions for staff and a separate training for Superior Court judges, as the Judiciary continues full implementation of the new system.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution JC 26 - Relative to Proclaiming April 2026 as Second Chance Month

Presiding Judge Lamorena addressed the Council regarding a resolution to proclaim April 2026 as Second Chance Month. He explained that the initiative is tied to the Adult Reentry Court, a program developed in collaboration with the Department of Corrections parole division and the courts, which determines participant eligibility without direct attorney involvement. He highlighted the program's high success and graduation rates, noting that many participants have been able to regain custody of their children upon successful completion. **Chief Justice Maraman asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the resolution which was seconded by Judge Cenzone. With no objections, the resolution was approved subject to correction.**

B. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, March 19, 2026)

Chief Justice Maraman announced that the next Council meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026, because many of the judicial officers plan to attend a Pacific Judicial Conference in Pohnpei around the third Thursday of April.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Guam Bar Association Board (GBA) – President’s Report

Ms. Janice Camacho-Perez reported to the Chief Justice and Councilmembers that the Guam Bar Annual Meeting and continuing legal education (CLE) sessions are scheduled for April 30, with CLEs taking place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Guam Museum. She stated that coordination has been ongoing with the relevant committee to ensure planning efforts are aligned.

She noted that a reception will follow the CLE sessions, with the location still being finalized. Ms. Camacho-Perez further reported that CLE topics are being developed in line with the event theme and are expected to include subjects such as immigration and the Judiciary’s public portal and access features, with a possible presentation by the Administrator of the Courts. She concluded by stating that she had no further updates to report. Chief Justice Maraman added that Magistrate Jonathan Quan’s term has expired and the Guam Bar Association has been requested solicit interest in the position. Ms. Camacho-Perez affirmed and noted that there has not been any responses received yet.

B. Court Employees Association

IFIK President Jesse Franquez reported that IFIK officers recently attended the onboarding session for new employees and were able to register additional members, bringing the organization’s total membership to 248. He also shared that IFIK continues to hold bake sales every other Friday and encouraged support from employees, noting that those interested in helping may contact any representative or officer for more information.

Mr. Franquez further reported that the IFIK Board met on March 10 to discuss plans for the 2026 holiday party and voted to hold the event at Dusit Thani Resort on Saturday, January 9, 2027. He encouraged members to save the date for the event. He concluded by announcing that the next IFIK meeting is scheduled for April 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the second-floor employee lounge and noted that all interested employees are welcome to attend.

****Chief Justice Maraman stated that there will be a Law Month proclamation on April 01 so a resolution will need to be prepared and the Council members can review and ratify at the next Council meeting. She asked Council if there was any objection to that. There was none. Judicial Council members agreed to make the Law Month Resolution for the April 01 Proclamation event and to add it to the April Council meeting to be ratified.**

Judge Cenzone added that the Law Month Committee is accepting nominations for the Hustisia Award and the submission deadline is April 10. She stated that submissions can be sent to Staff Attorney Suzane Hinkle-Sanchez. Mr. Jesse Franquez added that IFIK will be assisting the Law Month Committee in hosting the 5k Race Judicata on May 09.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adjourn until Thursday, April 23, 2026, Judge Cenzone seconded and with no objections the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of April 2026.


SHELTERIHNA T. ALOKOA
Executive Secretary
Judicial Council of Guam

As set out above, the Minutes of the March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved by the Judicial Council at the April 22, 2026 Regular Meeting.


KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chair