



**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2026 | 12:00 PM
GUAM JUDICIAL CENTER
AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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 Guam EPA Administration Conference Room: 17-3304 Mariner Avenue Tiyan Barrigada, Guam
MEETING LINK: <https://meet.google.com/amj-cutz-tem>

AGENDA:

- Call to order
 - Determination of quorum
 - Proof of due notice of meeting
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of meeting minutes: 01/22/2026 Board Meeting
- Board Discussion / Action
 - GSWA Request for reimbursement-1st Qtr. FY2026
- Administrator's Report
- Status Reports
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NOTICE OF UOG BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING
 The University of Guam Board of Regents regular meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, February 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
 RFK Library Silent Room, UOG, Mangilao, Guam

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER; 2.0 MEETING MINUTES; 2.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2025 2.2 Special Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026 3.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS 4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT 5.0 REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES 5.1 Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree (SASARHD) Committee 5.1.1 Committee Update 5.1.2 Resolution No. 26-03, Relative to Approving the FY2027 Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) Budget 5.1.3 Resolution No. 26-04, Relative to Approving a Technical Amendment to BOR Resolution 24-28 Relative to the Marine Lab Graduate Scholarship 5.2 Academic, Personnel and Tenure (AP&T) Committee 5.2.1 Committee Update 5.2.2 Resolution No. 26-05, Relative to Updating the Webmaster Position to the Associate Director of Web Development and Strategy 5.2.3 Resolution No. 26-06, Relative to Approving the Bachelor of Science in Construction Management 5.2.4 Resolution No. 26-07, Relative to Establishing a Policy for Research Affiliate 5.2.5 Resolution No. 26-08, Relative to Expressing Appreciation to Anthony R. Camacho, Esq. for his Exemplary Service as General Counsel of the University of Guam 5.3 Physical Facilities (PF) Committee 5.3.1 Committee Update 5.3.2 Resolution No. 26-09, Relative to Accepting the Newly Constructed School of Engineering and Student Success Center 5.4 Investment Committee 5.4.1 Committee Update 5.5 Budget, Finance, and Audit (BFA) Committee 5.5.1 Financial Update 5.5.2 Collections Report 5.5.3 Procurement Transactions and Contracts Report and Other Updates 5.5.4 Resolution No. 26-10, Relative to Approving the FY2027 General Operations Budget and Special Appropriations Budgets 5.5.5 Resolution No. 26-11, Relative to Authorizing the Signing of Checks and Corporation Resolutions and Opening or Closing Bank Accounts, Investment Accounts or Credit Facilities 6.0 AD HOC REPORT: ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION UPDATE 7.0 OPEN PRESENTATION (3 Minute Limit Per Person) 8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION 8.1 Recommendation for Tenure for Dr. Melissa Taitano, Assistant Professor of Library Science & Technical Services 8.2 Recommendation for Tenure for Jesse Bamba, Extension Agent III/Assistant Professor in the College of Natural & Applied Sciences (Cooperative Extension & Outreach Office) 8.3 Recommendation for Tenure for Dr. Timmy Dela Cruz, Extension Agent III in Family & Consumer Sciences 9.0 VOTING FILE 9.1 Recommendation for Tenure for Dr. Melissa Taitano, Assistant Professor of Library Science & Technical Services 9.2 Recommendation for Tenure for Jesse Bamba, Extension Agent III/Assistant Professor in the College of Natural & Applied Sciences (Cooperative Extension & Outreach Office) 9.3 Recommendation for Tenure for Dr. Timmy Dela Cruz, Extension Agent III in Family & Consumer Sciences 10.0 ADJOURNMENT

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Fish Fest set for Feb. 21

Pacific Daily News Here's a family-friendly event that promises to hook residents of all ages with a mix of culture, compe-

tion and cuisine centered around one of Guam's most important resources—fish. The University of Guam Center for Is-

land Sustainability and Sea Grant's Guihan for Guåhan program, in a media release, are inviting the community to celebrate Guam's rich fishing traditions and local seafood at Fish Fest 2026.

It is set for Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the CHamoru Village in Hagåtña.

Festivalgoers can look forward to a keleguen guihan competition, a lively talaya (cast net) throwing contest, and oppor-

tunities to purchase fresh local catch.

The event will also feature partner displays, local vendors, hands-on activities, live music, and giveaways throughout the day.


"Last year's Fish Fest was a great opportunity for the community to come out and learn about the fishing culture on our island," UOG CIS and Sea Grant Director Austin

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Along with the keleguen guihan competition, talaya throwing and static displays will all be on hand with vendors during the second Fish Fest to be held at the CHamoru Village in Hagåtña. The event is being produced by the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability and Sea Grant's Guihan for Guåhan program.



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FY2024 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA)
GRANT PROGRAM**


The Office of the Attorney General of Guam is hereby providing public notice of funding availability under the FY 2024 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program, Grant Award No.: 15POVC-24-GG-00633-ASSI

Interested parties may review the FY2024 VOCA Call for Proposals and required forms at <https://guamattorneygeneral.org/voca-grant/>.

An original plus an electronic copy of the completed grant proposals and required forms must be received by the Office of the Attorney General of Guam at the address above by Friday, March 27, 2026 at 4:00pm.

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/s/ **DOUGLAS B. MOYLAN**
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GPA-025-26	03/03/2026	10:00 A.M.	Pole, Concrete, 45 Ft., Class B (Revenue)
GPA-029-26	03/05/2026	10:00 A.M.	Type V Group Disconnect Switch Set (CIP)
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WEDNESDAY, January 14, 2026
Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom
Guam Judicial Center**

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Hon. Robert J. Torres
Chairman

Hon. Katherine A. Maraman
Member

Hon. F. Philip Carbullido
Member

Hon. Alberto C. Lamorena, III.
Member

Hon. Maria T. Cenzone
Member

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Advisory Committee Members:

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Hon. Elyze M. Iriarte

Hon. Dana A. Gutierrez

Hon. Alberto E. Tolentino

Hon. John C. Terlaje

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Administrator of the Courts:
Danielle T. Rosete

Judicial Council Secretary:
Jessica J. Perez-Jackson

Judicial Council Asst. Secretary:
Petrina M. Ula

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Judicial Council was called to order by the Chairman, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, at the hour of 12:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres
Justice F. Philip Carbullido
Justice Katherine A. Maraman
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III
Judge Maria T. Cenzone

Present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:

Magistrate Judge Jonathan Quan
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. Sarah Elmore-Hernandez, Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations
Ms. Dianne O. Gudmalin, Finance Administrator
Ms. Rhonda Calvo, Deputy Human Resources 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
Mr. Jesse Franquez, IFIK President
Ms. Sonda L. Yatar, Deputy Marshal Supervisor
Mr. Kennedy G. Robinson, Deputy Marshal Supervisor
Mr. Gregory J. Cruz, Deputy Marshal III
Mr. Matthew A. Topasna, Deputy Marshal III
Mr. Dodd Siegfred Mortera, Deputy Marshal II

ROLL CALL: (cont.)

Ms. Christina M. Duenas, Management Officer
Ms. Gemma-Lisa Raigelig, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Curtis Aulerio, Deputy Clerk
Ms. Shelterihna Alokoa, Judicial Assistant & Supreme Court Technical Bailiff
Ms. Jessica Perez-Jackson, Judicial Council Executive Secretary

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 Robert J. Torres began the roll call. Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Justice Katherine A. Maraman, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, and Judge Maria T. Cenzone identified themselves. A quorum was established, with all five (5) of the members present.

Chief Justice Torres announced that this would be his final meeting presiding as Chairman of the Judicial Council, as his term as Chief Justice concludes on Tuesday. He further announced that the Supreme Court unanimously elected Justice Katherine A. Merriman to serve as Chief Justice for the next three-year term.

IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.

The minutes of the December 18, 2025 Judicial Council meeting were presented for approval. Chief Justice Torres asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by Judge Cenzone. With no objections, the minutes were approved subject to correction.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Judiciary FY 2026 Remittances Pursuant to Applicable Law

Under the FY2026 budget update, Ms. Dianne Gudmalin reported that the Judiciary continues to receive its scheduled bi-weekly allotment of \$1,683,000 for general operations for the current fiscal year. According to Ms. Gudmalin, to date, approximately 27% of the total appropriated amount has been received, totaling about \$11,781,000, with the most recent allotment deposited on January 8, and the next allotment expected on January 20. No further questions were raised.

B. eCourt and eSupervision Transition

The Administrator of the Courts (AOC), Danielle Rosete, provided an update on the transition from JustWare to the new E-Series platform, which includes eCourt and e-Supervision. Ms. Rosete shared that all data has been successfully converted from JustWare to eCourt and data conversion testing for

the e-supervision platform is currently underway and will continue through next week. She further explained that the anticipated go-live date has been adjusted to March 2 due to conversion issues, primarily involving legacy financial data originating from the AS400 system and carried forward into JustWare and now into eCourt. According to Ms. Rosete, in addition to resolving data issues, the Judiciary is prioritizing comprehensive training for staff and judicial officers. She assured that managers have been notified, and the Deputy AOC is coordinating with managers, the judicial educator, project lead Lori Perez, and vendor Journal Technologies to develop role-specific training for end users. Ms. Rosete concluded with the news that the Judiciary aims to launch eCourt, e-supervision, and the public electronic filing portal concurrently on March 2. No further questions were raised.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Projects Update (For Informational Purposes only)

Under new business, the Administrator of the Courts provided an update on the generator replacement project:

- Based on the current project schedule with the vendor and architect, completion is anticipated between June and July of this year.
- The underground fuel tank has been removed, and work is underway to remove the existing generator, which is expected to be taken out later this month. Renovation work will begin thereafter.
- The new generator is scheduled to arrive on island in late May. And Ms. Rosete is coordinating closely with Procurement and the Facilities Administrator to ensure adequate notice of any potential operational disruptions affecting court proceedings.
- The project remains on schedule, with completion anticipated by July.

Ms. Rosete further reported that the skylight replacement project is on a similar completion timeline as the generator project:

- The contractor has received the permit and submitted materials for architectural review.
- Work will begin with Skylight No. 2 outside the Justice Monessa Lujan Appellate Courtroom and will occur after hours and on weekends.
- Temporary barricades will be installed, but courtroom access will be maintained.
- Scheduling will account for upcoming appellate sessions.
- Preliminary planning has also begun for the basement renovation and Marshals Division holding cells project.
- New lighting, consistent with existing fixtures, will be installed as part of the skylight replacement.

No further questions were raised.

B. Public Law 38-60, Chapter XII, Section 38 relative to Payment of Indigent Services (For Informational Purposes only)

Ms. Gudmalin provided an update regarding payments for indigent defense services pursuant to Public Law 38-60, which requires the Judiciary to fund Private Attorney Panel services and related expenses incurred before October 1, 2025, provided invoices were submitted by December 31, 2025.

According to Ms. Gudmalin, while initial projections estimated approximately \$500,000 to close out outstanding billings, a significant volume of invoices was submitted in late December, increasing the projected total to approximately \$750,000 to \$800,000. She shared that invoices from the CNMI Division are still under review to confirm eligibility and compliance with statutory deadlines.

Ms. Gudmalin explained that payments will be made from the Client Services Fund and will satisfy the Judiciary's remaining obligations for the prior fiscal year. She anticipates that reconciliation and payment processing will be completed by March, with a follow-up report to be provided at the March meeting.

Per Ms. Gudmalin, going forward, responsibility for indigent defense funding has been appropriated directly to the Public Defender Service Corporation, and these payments represent the Judiciary's final set of related obligations.

C. Certificate of Condolence for Palé Michael Crisostomo

Chief Justice Torres spoke on the certificate of condolence for the late Palé Michael Crisostomo. Chief Justice explained that although such certificates are not typically issued for individuals outside the Judiciary, Palé Mike was a valued partner and strong supporter of judicial initiatives. According to Chief Justice Torres:

- Palé Mike was instrumental in supporting Erica's House, the Judiciary's supervised visitation center established in memory of his sister, who was a victim of domestic violence.
- He also advanced suicide prevention efforts, assisted individuals experiencing homelessness, and supported individuals in crisis, while consistently partnering with the Judiciary on community programs.

Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the certificate of condolence and its presentation to Palé Mike's family; the motion was seconded by Judge Cenzone. With no objections, the motion carried, and arrangements will be made to present the certificate to his family.

- D. Notice of the Next Meeting (Wednesday, January 14, 2026)** Chief Justice Torres announced that the next Council meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 19, subject to confirmation due to scheduling considerations, and that a revised notice would be issued.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Under communications, the Council was informed of an unforeseen medical emergency that occurred on December 29 in Magistrate Judge Jonathan Kwan's courtroom. Court staff and marshals responded immediately and administered life-saving measures. Although the individual could not be revived, their actions reflected preparedness and strong commitment to public service.

Certificates of commendation were presented to Magistrate Judge Jonathan Quan; Deputy Marshals Dodd Mortera, Jonathan Damian, and Greg Cruz; and Deputy Clerks Gemma-Lisa Raigelig and Curtis Aulerio for their bravery and decisive response. The Guam Fire Department commended the team's actions, noting that all appropriate measures were taken.

The family of the court patron was contacted, and the circumstances were explained. No Council action was required, as the commendations were issued by the Judiciary.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No report.

B. Court Employees Association

IFIK President, Jesse Franquez, provided two announcements:


- He thanked the Council and staff for their support throughout 2025, noting it was a banner year, and requested continued support for the newly formed 2026 board.
- IFIK will begin its 2026 activities with a bake sale this Friday in the second-floor Employees’ Lounge and encouraged staff participation.
- Planning is underway for the annual 5K event in May

In response to a question regarding a recent prize drawing, Mr. Franquez stated that he would confirm the details but indicated that a marshal, believed to be Christian, won the \$500 grand prize at the IFIK holiday party.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adjourn until Thursday, February 19, 2026. Judge Cenzone seconded and with no objections the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of February 2026.


SHELTERIHNA T. ALOKOA
Executive Secretary
Judicial Council of Guam

As set out above, the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved by the Judicial Council at the February 19, 2026 Regular Meeting.


KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chair



BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC26-001

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM

- WHEREAS, Justice Robert J. Torres was appointed as Chief Justice of Guam on January 5, 2023, under Promulgation Order PRM 23-001, and served as Chairman of the Judicial Council of Guam pursuant to 7 GCA 5101;
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 7 GCA § 3103(i), the Honorable Robert J. Torres's third term as Chief Justice expired on January 20, 2026; and
- WHEREAS, as Chief Justice and Chairman of the Judicial Council, the Honorable Robert J. Torres will be best remembered as a visionary leader who guided the Judiciary of Guam into a new era of technological innovation and distinctive recognition; and
- WHEREAS, as Chief Justice and Chairman of the Judicial Council, the Honorable Robert J. Torres led the Judiciary in many important projects and undertakings, including the following:

Distinct Projects and Initiatives:

- Reconvene Juvenile Justice Reform Collaborative to strengthen collaboration and advance juvenile justice reform for our island's youth.
- Led the 50th Anniversary of the Court Reorganization Act celebrating the 1974 landmark legislation that created the island's first Supreme Court and Superior Court.
- Modernization of Guam's Public Defender System establishing an independent board to oversee legal services.
- Codifying the Criminal Justice Automation Commission legislation officially establishing the Commission as a permanent entity to improve data sharing among law enforcement agencies.
- Maintained court operations throughout Typhoon Mawar recovery despite significant damage across Guam.
- Partnered with the National Center for State Courts to develop and implement strategic initiatives for 2024 to 2027.
- Election as President for Pacific Judicial Council leading the organization to improving judicial administration and education across Pacific Islands courts.

Improving Court Operations/Services:

- Restoration and renovation of the Guam Historic Courthouse including the development of its museum and exhibit space and preservation of historic areas and display.
- Modernization of employees' workspace and common/public areas to improve functionality.
- Adoption of Amended Special Process Server Regulations to improve administration of the program.
- Adoption of Training Program for Special Deputy Marshals, tailored to their responsibilities and special appointments.
- Implementation of the Court Navigator Program.
- Upgrade the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) WebID to enable access and query to the FBI CJIS Repository for Individuals of Special Concern (RISC) using BlueCheck devices. Access to RISC allows officers on patrol to instantly search the federal repository to assess the threat level of an individual.
- Implementation of Court Visitor Project and Civil Law Center referrals to enhance services by the Public Guardian.
- Enhance the juror experience with upgrades to Juror Notification System.

Increasing Public Trust and Confidence:

- Publication of Performance Report such as the Pretrial Release Snapshot.
- Implementation of Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshop and Facilitator Training to address critical gaps in Guam's criminal justice and behavioral health systems.
- Implementation of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for first responders and community members.
- Continued generous donations to community organizations such as Catholic Social Services, Office of the Public Guardian, Be Heartfelt, Harvest House and American Cancer Society.
- Resume Guam High School Mock Trial Program and launched the inaugural Courtroom Artist and Journalist Contests.

Promoting Wellness Driven Culture:

- Adoption of several measures to ensure competitive and pay parity for recruitment and retention of court employees.
- Initiate strengthening of probation practices and services beginning with a comprehensive assessment of the island's probation system.
- Partnered with the Arizona Supreme Court to provide Probation Officer Training including representatives from Guam, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Palau, and the FSM Supreme Court.
- Partnered with National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Judicial Education Development initiative on Domestic Violence.
- Adoption of Amended Judiciary's Law Enforcement Physical Fitness Qualifications Test to ensure operational effectiveness and prepare officers for real-world challenges.
- Creation critical positions to enhance court operations and judicial performance, including the positions of Data Analyst and Chief Financial Officer.

Embracing and Enhancing Technology:

- Transition from a sunseting case management system to the eSeries platform, enabling public portal access and expanded electronic filing capabilities.
- Become one of the first jurisdictions to adopt and administer the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam.
- Expansion of access to protection orders and launched an online tool allowing individuals to prepare and file civil protection orders from any computer or mobile device.
- Expansion of electronic monitoring program to post-conviction case.
- Improved and enhanced tools available to guardians, including the launch of the Guardianship Educational Video Series, to better support their work and serve those in their care.
- Adoption of Digital Evidence Management System.
- Adoption of Amended Judicial Council Rule 1.07, establishing a permanent measure for council members to participate and vote via teleconference or video conference meetings.
- Adoption of the Judiciary of Guam Policy on Artificial Intelligence.
- Implementation of an Electronic Timekeeping System.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Judicial Council recognizes the efforts of the Honorable Robert J. Torres and for his service to the Judiciary of Guam as Chairman of the Judicial Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judicial Council hereby extends heartfelt Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase' to Justice Robert J. Torres for his service as Chief Justice and Chairman of the Judicial Council to the Judiciary and people of Guam from January 17, 2023 to January 20, 2026.

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of February 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Guam
Member, Judicial Council of Guam

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chief Justice of Guam
Chair, Judicial Council of Guam

ALBERTO C. LAMORENA, III
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Judge, Superior Court of Guam
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Judge, Superior Court of Guam

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Judge, Superior Court of Guam

ALBERTO E. TOLENTINO
Judge, Superior Court of Guam

JOHN C. TERLAJE
Judge, Superior Court of Guam



BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC26-002

RELATIVE TO APPOINTING AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Judicial Council requires the services of an Executive Secretary and Assistant Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Executive Secretary and Assistant Secretary include attending Judicial Council meetings and preparing minutes, resolutions, and orders of the Judicial Council; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Secretary or Assistant Secretary may also be called upon to serve as administrative support to the Administrative Hearings Officers in all Judiciary appeals or any other matter that may be delegated by the Judicial Council to an Administrative Hearings Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Judicial Council appoints Shelterihna Alokoa, as the Executive Secretary, and Jessica Perez-Jackson, as the Assistant Secretary of the Judicial Council, to serve in their respective capacity until further order of the Judicial Council.

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of February 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.


KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Chair

Dated: Feb. 19, 2026

ATTEST:


Shelterihna T. Alokoa, Executive Secretary

Dated: February 19, 2026



**BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC26-003**

RELATIVE TO UPDATING SIGNATURE CARDS FOR JUDICIARY ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, this Council, in its Resolution No. JC13-016 authorized the Administrator of the Courts and Controller to secure a debit/check card from a banking institution in Guam to be utilized in accordance with the Administrator of Court's Procurement Policy for Debit Cards; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary opened debit/checking accounts at various Guam banks, on behalf of the Judiciary for this authorized purpose; and

WHEREAS, this Council in its Resolution No. JC 25-002 updated the names of authorized signatures for the debit/check card account; and

WHEREAS, some of the individuals whose signatures were denominated for the account in Judicial Council Resolution JC25-002 have since either ceased employment with the Judiciary or transitioned to a different role in the Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the banking institutions, First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Bank of Guam, and Bank Pacific, require that this Council specifically authorize, in the form of this Resolution, any updates to the signatory cards for accounts held by the Judiciary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes and replaces in their entirety any and all prior Judicial Council Resolutions that approved bank card signatories and the signatory authorizations are no longer authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judicial Council hereby authorizes the following individuals to serve as authorized signers for the Judiciary's accounts at First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Bank of Guam, and Bank Pacific:

Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts
Sophia Santos Diaz, Deputy Administrator of the Courts
Ma. Dianne O. Gudmalin, Chief Financial Officer
Mardave Jose Toledo, Deputy Administrator, Financial Affairs
Andrew Thomas Perez, Public Guardian

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of February 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.


KATHERINE MARAMAN, Chair

Dated: Feb. 19, 2026

ATTEST:


Shelterihna Alokoa, Executive Secretary

Dated: February 19, 2026