



Regular Monthly Meeting
10 a.m. Thursday, September 4, 2025
Mayors' Council Conference Room
Hagåtña, Guam

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: *President* Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
ALVAREZ, Dale C. P.	Mayor	Santa Rita-Sumai
ARROYO, Richard B.	Mayor	Agana Heights
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
V BENAVENTE, Peter John S.	Mayor	Dededo
O BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
BLAS, PEDRO	Vice Mayor	Yigo
O CHAMPACO, Franklin J. Q.	Mayor	Malesso'
CHARGUALAF, Anthony P.	Mayor	Inalåhan
O FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Hågat
V GUMATAOTAO, Michael T.	Mayor	Hagåtña
V HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
V LEON GUERRERO, Ann S. SA	Vice Mayor	Dededo
V LIZAMA, Frances S.	Mayor	Yigo
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	Mongmong-Toto-Maite
O QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Humåtak
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning
O SALAS, Frankie	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SANTOS, Wayne SN	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
V SUSUICO, Kevin J.T.	Mayor	Hågat
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talo'fo'fo'
V TERLAJE, Brian J.	Mayor	Yaña
O TOSCO, Edward J. D.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
TOVES, Albert M.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning
O UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao

O = ABSENT * = LATE ** = OFF ISLAND R = REPRESENTATIVE V = VIRTUAL
Thirteen (13) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was not established.

IV. 001-25	GUEST SPEAKERS –
B.	Commander Doug Bowling from Guam High School's NJ ROTC program introduces himself and his team. Commander Bowling emphasizes the importance of community service and the ROTC's efforts in various villages. He shares photos and details of past community service projects, including coastal cleanups, street cleanups, and memorial events. Commander Bowling invites the mayors to reach out for future community service opportunities. Mayor Alig asks about the students' enthusiasm for community service projects. Commander Doug Bowling from Guam High School's NJ ROTC program confirms that students are generally excited about community service, and shares that students find community cleanups fun, especially when done with friends. Mayor Alig appreciates the students' efforts and the positive impact on the community.
C.	Mayor Alig introduces Mary Rhodes from GHRA and discusses the importance of equity in tourism recovery. Mary Rhodes talks about GHRA's role in supporting mayors and developing festivals. She mentions past training sessions and the creation of the Guam Island Fiesta Tour (GIFT) program. Mary Rhodes proposes a new workshop to help mayors develop work plans and apply for grants. She emphasizes the importance of compliance with government regulations for grant applications. Mary Rhodes suggests revisiting the GIFT program and developing signature events for each village. She discusses the need for better coordination of village events and the potential for marketing these events to tourists. Mayor Alig and other mayors discuss the Tourism Works program and its potential to showcase Guam's landmarks and villages. Mary Rhodes introduces the Guam Brand Training program, which aims to educate residents and employees about Guam's culture and history. The training modules cover various aspects of Guam's heritage, including flora, fauna, and landmarks. Mary Rhodes plans to expand the training to schools and workplaces to promote cultural awareness. Mayor Alig and other mayors discuss the potential for sports tourism and partnerships with organizations like Leo Palace. Mary Rhodes explains GBB's sports tourism program and the importance of cooperative agreements. The discussion highlights the need for maintaining sports facilities and finding ways to sustain them. Mary Rhodes suggests that mayors explore partnerships with local sports organizations to enhance sports tourism.

Mayor Alig recognized Mayor Louise to verify a quorum. Mayor Louise notes 16 members present. A quorum was established. Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM / GUAM HYMN

V. 002-25	APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES – Motion to approve the meeting minutes by the Mayor of Talo'fo'fo', Vicente Taitague and a second motion by the Mayor of Yigo, Frances Lizama. The meeting minutes from the previous
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	meeting are approved with subject to corrections on 006-25, the funding source is the revolving funds and that the motion was approved. Motion passed.
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VI. 003-25	APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by the Mayor of Yigo, Frances Lizama and a second by Vice Mayor of Yigo, Pedro Blas.
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VII. 004-25	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – <i>Joy Jean R. Arceo</i>
	Executive Director informs the Mayors and Vice Mayors the 4 th Quarter Report is due on October 15.
	Executive Director notes that two reporting requirements for the non-appropriated are pending and was due since July.
	Executive Director provides updates on procurement statuses, as of August 25, 2025 deadline, the Council received a total of 197 procurement request forms and has successfully procured 30 and a total of 4 PRF have been submitted.
	Executive Director provides an update on the abandoned vehicle bid and protested, and with the Office of the OPA.
	Executive Director announced the white goods and electronics bid has been re advertised on September 10 and the disposal of the tires bid will be advertised on September 9, the Green Waste is on Phase 1, market research.
	Executive Director informs the council of the long awaited procurement for the automated system for the council is on Phase 1. Executive Director asks the council if a bid for the metal scrap is needed and will look into it. The council discusses the recycling revolving fund and the need for a clear timeline for spending the allocated funds.
	Executive Director informs the council has 5 new hires to include recreational leaders, community maintenance works and one administrative assistant.
	Mayor Alig emphasizes the need for a clear timeline for the recycling revolving fund activities.
	Executive Director explains the current status of procurement requests and the need for certification of funding.
	The council discusses the possibility of transitioning the recycling program back to EPA control.
	A separate meeting is scheduled to discuss the operations plan for the recycling revolving fund on September 24, 2025.

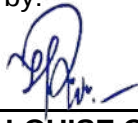
VIII. 005-25	COMMITTEE REPORTS
A.	Boards and Commissions –
	Various committee reports are provided, including updates on the Commission on Decolonization and the Guam Invasive Species Council.
	The council discusses the potential for the Mayor's Council to participate in the Sunday Night Market.

	Mayor BJ suggests hosting the Sunday Night Market in different villages to highlight local culture and attract tourists.
	The council considers the logistics and costs of participating in the Sunday Night Market and the need for better planning.
	The council discusses the need for better coordination and planning for village events and the Sunday Night Market.
	Mayor Alig emphasizes the importance of the Mayor's Council's involvement in promoting local culture and tourism.

IX. 006-25	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A.	MCOG By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures
	Mayor Alig discusses the need to coordinate the quarterly inventory list of the Mayor's Council of Guam admin office.
	Emphasizes the importance of having a property person on the admin side to work with.
	Highlights the need to change "general election" to "primary election" in the SOP to reflect the timeline better.
	Suggests scheduling a work session to review the document line by line. Mayor Chargualaf requests a work session to review the document and make necessary changes. Mayor Alig agrees to the work session and emphasizes the need for consensus from the body. Mayor Santos raises concerns about the current manual inventory control system and the need for an updated system. Mayor Alig acknowledges the need for an updated system and supports the request for a separate meeting.
	Mayor Louise suggests scheduling the meeting on the 24th to review the recycling plan and SOP. Mayor Alig agrees but requests members to prepare their thoughts and send them in writing before the meeting. Discussion on the possibility of having both subjects discussed in a special meeting on the 24th. Mayor Alig emphasizes the importance of thorough review and preparation for the meeting.
X. 007-25	NEW BUSINESS
A.	MCOG FY2026 Budget
	Mayor Alig moves on to discuss the budget, noting that the governor has not yet acted on the bill.
	Mayor Chargualaf questions whether the budget submission included the 1.5 million from EPA. Mayor Alig clarifies that the 1.5 million is not part of the overall budget but is a separate allocation.
	Discussion on the budget process and the disappointment among members due to the lack of sufficient funding. Members express frustration with the budget process and the lack of support from senators. Mayor Alig acknowledges the challenges and emphasizes the need for unity among mayors. Recognition of senators who made amendments to benefit the council. Discussion on the importance of standing together to achieve better outcomes in future budget discussions.

XI. 008-25	ANNOUNCEMENTS
	Mayor Alig announces the need for committees to submit their closeouts, especially for the liberation closeouts. Announcement of a Hunger Action Month activity in September, organized by Be Heartfelt and Tower for Humanity. Members are asked to participate in canned food collections for students. Final announcements include a reminder of the final viewing and mass for Mayor McDonald.
XII. 009-25	ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Attested by:



MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA
Council Executive Secretary
18th Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:



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