



CABINET MEETING

Office of the President

Meyuns Satellite Office | 9:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Monday, March 12, 2018

In Attendance:

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| 1. President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. | 10. Director Sherrilyn Madraisau | 19. NDBP Norbert Villanueva |
| 2. Vice President Raynold B. Oilouch | 11. Director Eunice Akiwo | 20. PNCC Chair Norman Ngiratecheboet |
| 3. Minister Baklai Temengil | 12. Director Melson Miko | 21. PNCC AGM LeoBen Teriong |
| 4. Minister Faustina Rehuher-Marugg | 13. Director Sterlina Gabriel | 22. Press Secretary Olkeriil Kazuo |
| 5. Minister Emais Roberts | 14. Acting Director Aloysius Alonz | 23. Hadden Seklii, MCCA |
| 6. Minister Sinton Soalablai | 15. Exec. Director Roxanne Blesam | 24. Foober Skebong, MNRET |
| 7. Director Darnelle Worswick | 16. Chief Klouldil Singeo | 25. Nace Soalablai, Legis. Liaison Officer |
| 8. Director Naomi Ngiramekerang | 17. Grants Coordinator Judy Dean | 26. Legal Counsel Austin Gaylord |
| 9. Director Hayes Moses | 18. Deputy Chief Rebluud Kesolei | |

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| AGENDA | DISCUSSION |
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| Ministry Briefings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Justice: Vice President reports meeting with Russia concerning their candidacy to host the 2025 World Expo. Japan has yet to approach Palau officially in about their candidacy to host the World Expo. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) representatives recently called a meeting with senior officers of the National Government and the private sector. The consultation meeting was for the upcoming Pacific Islands Forum to be held in September 2018. Vice President reports meeting with Japanese students who visited Palau last week. Their overnight trip in Ngaraard was successful. European assistance to Palau through REMY grant for water tank trucks agreed. The Vice President further reports of incident that involving Chinese tourists who were robbed by locals in Babeldaob. The locals also damaged the rental car the tourists were driving. The police has since recovered all of their personal belongings, including passport, wallet and money. • Ministry of State: Minister Rehuher-Marugg is set to travel to Japan to attend meetings in preparation for PALM8 Summit in May. Minister Rehuher-Marugg requested to reiterate road pavement as well as partnership and sponsorship for “Our Oceans” 2020. The President shares the Solid Waste Management Project in Aimeliik is expected to be announced during PALM8. The President reiterated many nations and friends of Palau seek for Palau’s vote. Palau’s vote must have value. Minister Rehuher-Marugg and the Cabinet are reminded that Palau’s vote should not be given out without any negotiations. All Directors is reminded of the importance of their involvement of Palau’s voting process. The President instructed for a letter of condolence to PNG of mudslide and earthquake disaster. • Ministry of Health: Minister Roberts reports of seven member delegation to Cuba, which included Minister Soalablai and Ambassador Uludong. The delegation received a warm welcome from Cuba. Palauan students in Cuba are fluent in Spanish. The first student is scheduled to graduate in June. Minister Roberts looking into students to enroll in the program this year. The program is a 6-year medical education program followed by 3-years of internship. Minister Roberts suggested for one-year internship training in Palau. Minister Roberts hand carried funding assistance to four students. Cuba reported facilitating the two baseball coaches to Palau once Ambassador Uludong’s credentials is formally accepted. Minister Roberts reports the Kebeas Eradication Project is part of the Year of Good Health |

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| | <p>activities. Schedule of events and activities for the year has been completed. Kebeas eradication is included in the Men’s Health Clinic that commenced in Ngardmau. This past Saturday, MOH completed kebeas project in Ngardmau. Discussion was made with the Governor of Ngeremlengui and Ngirturong who said the State will be addressing kebeas in the state level. MOH is moving on with Ngatpang and Aimeliik in partnership with the Ministry of Education. Minister Sengebau reports the Bureau of Agriculture is prepared to mobilize and coordinate efforts with Ministries. MNRET is working on identifying local force as instructed by the President.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs: MCCA is prepared and ready to host the Youth Day on Thursday, March 15th. MCCA hosted the women’s meeting with C-WEB on International Women’s Day on March 8th. The meeting engaged women legislators. Sessions identified priorities of state and national governments. Security within communities in the State discussed. MNRET requested for BOT to take a lead in discussion of matters relating to safety and security with state governments. Outcome resolution of women meeting to be shared with Ministries. Minister Temengil-Chilton reports of initial meeting and discussion made with Governor Shmull of kebeas efforts in Peleliu. MCCA is assigned to Peleliu and Angaur. The U.S. is looking into Palau as a hub for elite U.S. Olympic athletes to take a break following Olympic Games. Olympic athlete recently visited Palau for 5-days following Winter Games in Korea. Minister Temengil-Chilton instructed to formally express Palau’s interest to host U.S. athletes. Yap facilities for Micronesia Games ready and completed. Yap is requesting for assistance from Palau for food and security. MOE suggests utilizing the existing 48 school cooks. Report of recovery of U.S. soldiers not yet received. • Ministry of Education: Education Awareness Week this week. PCC, PHS, private and public schools ongoing activities. MOE requests for support from Ministries of releasing parents to assist schools and children in programs. Kayangel to school to tour Babeldaob and then return. MOE and MCCA to host press conference on Wednesday. • Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism: Sengebau and Obichang hosted the press conference last week. MNRET shared information of Micronesian Presidents’ Summit. Minister Sengebau reports Palau to host PNA Ministerial Meeting in 2019. MRENT participated in the International Women’s Day Conference and informed of programs women can participate in. Participants expressed interest and excitement of the slaughterhouse. Legislation completed. |
| <p>Agency Briefings and Other Updates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNCC Update: PNCC is looking into extending services to Yap, such as using excess capacity of O3b to Yap to cover the Micronesian Games. Looking into long-term contract with Yap following the Games in June. PNCC continues to work with each Ministry to optimize high speed internet services. PNCC continues efforts to cover blind spots. Ngesaol anticipated for completion this week. Efforts ongoing in topside and Tiull, Ngerbeched and other areas. PNCC continue to working into increasing roaming services. Outreach to Ngchesar completed. PNCC plans to address coverage challenges in Ngkekklau, Ngaraard to be followed by Ollei, Ngarchelong to cover Ollei and Todai. • EQPB Update: EQPB laboratory has been re-certified until 2020 enabling the agency to continue testing. Equipment and technicians are qualified and certified under the U.S. EQPB reports water testing scheduled every months. Results are shared with states and PPUC. EQPB instructed to conduct testing of Peleliu water as well as follow up testing of Angaur water. • NDBP Update: NDBP continues to accept applications for agri/aquaculture loans and has since approved more than \$1.3 million. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants Office: Judy reports USAID is extending assistance to Palau to access green climate and adaptation fund. Secured two consultants to visit Palau – one consultant is an expert on gender to help finalize gender policy. The other is a former board member of adaptation fund who is anticipated to help Palau on how to successfully get accredited. The President is to call a meeting with Judy, Joe Aitaro, other grant officers and finance officers this week. • Update on Shipping Registry: Director Moses reports working on regulations and ensure there are no more violations of UN sanctions. Response from Shipping Registry received about two weeks ago. The shipping registry made a counter offer, different from what we asked. |
| Reminders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Ministers and Directors are reminded to “follow up” and “think outside the box” on all initiatives. • All Ministers are reminded of upcoming national holidays and related events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education Awareness Week: All this week - National Youth Day: Thursday, March 15th |

***Minutes subjected to change and approval**