



CABINET MEETING

Office of the President | 9:05 AM – 10:05 AM
Monday, April 16, 2018

In Attendance:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. 2. Minister Elbuchel Sadang 3. Minister Faustina Rehuher-Marugg 4. Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton 5. Minister Charles Obichang 6. Minister Umiih Sengebau 7. Director Darnelle Worswick 8. Director Brian Melairei 9. Exec. Director Nick Ngwal 10. Grants Coordinator Judy Dean 11. Deputy Chief of Staff Rebluud Kesolei | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Press Secretary Olkeriil Kazuo 13. PNCC Chair Norman Ngiratecheboet 14. PNCC Board Bradley Kumangai 15. Myers Techitonng, PNCC HR Mgr. 16. Pamela Anastacio, PNCC PIO 17. Nace Soalablai, Spec. Asst. on Legislative 18. Legal Counsel Austin Gaylord 19. Legal Counsel Daniel Klopper 20. Mike Blesam, EQPB 21. MOS COS Jeffrey Antol |
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AGENDA	DISCUSSION
Ministry Briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs: Walk and pick launched this morning at the JP Koror Side of the Bridge. Minister Temengil-Chilton suggests for developing signs concerning littering. Adopt-a-Highway program suggested. The President suggests it may be time to look into agencies, groups, companies and individuals and assign them to a specific area. Director Melairei suggests for legislation to be made in regards to provide incentives. Minister Temengil-Chilton and Director Melairei instructed to look into the possibility of the Adopt-a-Highway program. MCCA on April 13th awarded its Employee of the Quarter. Ministry plans for next clean-up to take place in Choll. Ministry of Finance: Minister Sadang requests for the use of Ministers' vehicles for the upcoming Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting. Communication in regards was sent to all Ministers. Assistance on climate change and renewable from ADB has been approved. Minister Sadang is working with ADB in regards. Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce: Skymark Air meeting conducted. Met with all hotel management and tour operators and observed Delta operation at the airport. Yesterday, met with ground handlers. Airlines expressed some concerns of fees. The officials to present to heads before responding back to Palau. Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism: MNRET partnering up with Earth Day Committee of coastal cleaning and planting activity. In terms of kebeas project, to date 13 hectors cleared. Map to be developed in regards. Ministry of State: Minister Rehuher-Marugg reports of meeting with Honorary Consul to Belgium Stefan Claes. PP2018 closing ceremony success. Discussion of Mainland China in particular to its interests to conduct annual marine research. Minister Rehuher-Marugg suggests for Palau to reach out to U.S. for assistance. Austin instructed to assist Minister Rehuher-Marugg in communicating with the U.S. Embassy concerning Mainland China.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health: Ngarchelong April 19 outreach program in Ngarchelong on kebeas scheduled. 368 Palauan residents were seen throughout all of its medical services. Director Worswick instructed to work with Press Secretary Kazuo to develop a video to highlight all activities conducted.
<p>Project Updates, Agency Briefings and Other Matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNCC Update: Reports of SORA to conduct final live broadcast testing this afternoon. Friday conducted meeting in Kayangel. June 30 deadline for TV cable service connection. Homenet service system crashed. Engineers brought in part last night to resolve issues. Service should be restored in 24 hours. • EQPB Update: Senior of High Schools to participate in rock island clean-up. Two aquaculture and one piggery projects were submitted by the Bureau of Agriculture and are under the review process. • Sasakawa Visit: The President reports of Chairman Sasakawa’s appreciation of receiving the Honorary Citizenship from Palau during his visit and address before the OEK Joint Session on Friday, April 13th. • SORA: Following the SORA, the President to sign the Energy Act and moratorium of Hawksbill Turtle. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Energy Bill: President Remengesau reiterates the Energy Act will not hinder PPUC’s authority. The agency will remain as a semi-autonomous agency. The President emphasizes the Republic’s policy decision to achieve 45% renewable energy by 2025. With the clean energy direction, amendments to energy laws are required. PPUC must be regulated as an Independent Power Producers (IPP) of renewable energy. PPUC cannot serve as both implementer and regulator of renewable energy production. The President seeks for everyone’s efforts in clearing up any public misunderstanding. Minister Obichang shares PPUC has not expressed any concerns during any meetings concerning this proposed legislation. • Tom Shannon, Jr. Undersecretary State of Political Affairs Phone Call Made: Statement made of thanking Palau of its patience and cooperation of the COFA II, extended apologies of the delay and recognizes the value of Palau. Ambassador Hyatt to communicate with Palau in the coming days. Also thanked Palau of NK matter, correcting situation of ship registry concerning NK. Palau’s response to U.S. expressed appreciation and that Palau did not lose faith. Palau continues to consider the U.S. as a close friend and ally. Expressed efforts to reconcile numbers in the COFA, including lost funds that could be invested in the money market. Official position of Palau. Ambassador Hyatt informed of authorities from US DOS and DOD to attend MIF in Saipan. Minister Sadang is instructed to ensure personnel available to work with U.S. officials. Ministers are reminded of improvement process contained in the Compact Agreement and recommended to review their respective sections. Deputy Chief instructed to distribute a copy of the new COFA to all Ministers. • Update on Ship Registry: President announces renewing agreement with the company. Palau expressed concerns of its integrity and reputation as a result of this operation. A mutual agreement was made. Palau have discussed with the U.S. in which PISR will consult with the U.S. of ship backgrounds who wish to register with Palau on vetting, the screening process. Last the PISR gave Palau \$1 million share. Initial agreement is Palau receives 30%, PISR 70%. New agreement is 40% to increase in January 2020 as 50%. New revenue sharing formula entered is now 40% - Palau, PISR – 60% to increase to 50/50 in January 2020. • PPUC Standing on PEA: PPUC did not submit concerns during the initial public hearing,

	<p>but submitted list of concerns on the 11th hour listing matters relating to PEA taking over PPUC’s control. House of Delegates main concern is of PEA is exclusive to energy and not water and ensures tighter language in the bill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with PPUC Board and Management: 11:00 AM, PPUC Board and Management Meeting in Ngerulmud with President on Monday, April 16th. Director Melairei reports the meeting has been cancelled at the instruction of the Board Chairman. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngeremlengui Compact Road Section: President instructs for Director Melairei to look into it. \$1.8 million value of project. Bid closed. This includes repainting marker, signage and road work to address dip in roads. Director Melairei instructed to look into it. • One Stop Shop: Director Melairei reports project is ready. Pending dialogue with KSG Governor in regards. Communication made by Minister Sadang. Minister to meet with KSG Governor on Tuesday. • Pacific Partnership: Admiral Chatfield, captain and all partners – Minister Rehuher-Marugg instructed to develop communication from the President to thank PP2018. • Executive Check-Up: All Ministers, including all Boards, Commissions and Authorities instructed to develop list of all employees and whom have conducted medical check-up. Director Worswick to report of costs of executive check-up.
<p>Upcoming Events and Reminders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Ministers are reminded to “think outside the box” and “follow up” on all initiatives. • All Ministers and Directors are reminded of the upcoming event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State of the Republic Address: Tuesday, April 17th at the Senate Chamber, Capitol

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