



**CABINET MEETING**  
Office of the President  
National Capitol | 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM  
Monday, August 20, 2018

In Attendance:

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| 1. President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. | 11. NDBP President Claire Harvey        |
| 2. Vice President Raynold B. Oilouch  | 12. Norbert Villanueva                  |
| 3. Minister Elbuchel Sadang           | 13. PNCC AGM LeoBen Teriong             |
| 4. Minister Faustina Rehuher-Marugg   | 14. Press Secretary Olkeriil Kazuo      |
| 5. Minister Charles Obichang          | 15. Legal Counsel Austin Gaylord        |
| 6. Minister Baklai Temengil Chilton   | 16. Legal Counsel Daniel Kloppe         |
| 7. Minister Sinton Soalablai          | 17. Grants Coordinator Judy Dean        |
| 8. Minister Emais Roberts             | 18. Fermin Meriang, Spc. Asst. on Media |
| 9. Deputy Chief Rebluud Kesolei       | 19. Anthony Rudimch, PPUC Prj Mgr.      |
| 10. Nick Ngwal, Spc. Adv.             | 20. Torual Gibbons, PPUC PRO            |

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AGENDA	DISCUSSION
<b>Ministry Briefings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ministry of Justice: (1) Independence Day Organizing Committee:</b> Vice President Oilouch reports of completed proposed budget for hosting the upcoming Independence Day program. The proposal has yet to be transmitted to the OEK. Seeking for the President and Minister Sadang’s direction in regards. MOF to discuss budget proposal with the OEK. President Remengesau recommends \$50,000 proposal to the OEK with remaining funds to be fundraised. The Independence Day Organizing Committee is scheduled to meet with the Governors’ Associati</li> <li>• on of their roles in the program. The President instructs for \$1,000 to be disbursed to each State to support transportation and other needs in celebration of the Independence Day, and for the Vice President to encourage each state to invite and transport at least 100 state residents to the program. The Committee is instructed to assess logistical arrangements and explore other options for the best set up. Ministry of Finance is instructed to arrange good raffle prizes and ensure that winners must be present to win. Additionally, the grand prize drawing winner must be announced prior to the fireworks display. <b>(2) Traffic:</b> Suggestion made for a Committee to be established to explore and develop short-term plans to address traffic congestion. <b>(3) PPEF Refund Process:</b> Immigration refund process for the Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee (PPEF) at the Airport is shifted to focus on issuance upon arrival and to eventually transition to close refund processing upon departure at the end of the year. <b>(4) Senate Hearing:</b> MOJ is scheduled to appear before the Senate on Wednesday, Aug. 22. Discussion to include actions to be taken concerning recent jailbreak as well as the progress of the new jail.</li> <li>• <b>Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs: (1) Association of NGOs:</b> Minister Temengil-Chilton reports of establishment of the Belau Association of NGOs, which comprises of local NGOs and civil societies. A ceremony is set to be held at the Civic Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 21. <b>(2) Senate Hearing with Old Age:</b> A hearing is set with the Old Age Center on Thurs., Aug. 23 at the request of Senator Kuartei. <b>(3) Community Meeting in Peleliu:</b> MCCA is set to host a community meeting in Peleliu on the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 22. <b>(4) Piggery Assistance:</b> Minister Temengil-Chilton reports of request made for assistance in establishing a piggery in Angaur as well as access to the NDBP agriculture and aquaculture loan program in regards. Minister is to follow-up on the request.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce:</b> (1) <b>Annual Airport Managers Conference:</b> Minister Obichang reports of attendance at the recent Annual Conference of Airport Managers with FFA in Pohnpei, FSM. MPIIC continues to seek for possibility to reinstate prior FAA assistance. Palau is confirmed to host the next meeting in 2019. (2) <b>Micronesian Shipping Commission:</b> Minister Obichang reports of discussion regarding a proposed fuel increase for ships at the Micronesian Shipping Commission meeting. (3) <b>Airport Terminal Project:</b> Meeting with Sojitz representatives is scheduled today at 11 AM to discuss the approval of the detailed design and to determine the contractor. Request made for project completion by 2022. (4) <b>YGH Program:</b> The MPIIC hosted a softball tournament and a walk and run event as part of the Year of Good Health. BMI and health screening provided. The tournament to close by the end of the month.</li> <li>• <b>Ministry of Finance:</b> (1) <b>2019 National Budget:</b> Minister Sadang reports of budget hearing scheduled for Tues, Aug. 21 at 10:00 am. (2) <b>Stimulus Delay:</b> Minister Sadang reports of delay in stimulus projects and further requests for Director Remengesau and Director Melairei to review projects and award. Minister Obichang, Minister Sadang, Director Remengesau and Director Melairei are to arrange a meeting immediately to address the matter with the report to the President. Suggestion made for hiring of new engineers.</li> <li>• <b>Minister of State:</b> Minister Rehuher-Marugg requests for budget for the Compact Review Office. The Minister is instructed to develop an internal memo to Ambassador Olkeriil.</li> <li>• <b>Ministry of Health:</b> (1) <b>Budget for Uninsured Citizens:</b> Minister Roberts reports of working with the OEK of budget request to assist citizens without insurance. (2) <b>Screening and Medical Services:</b> Taiwan doctor is scheduled to provide health screening and medical services at all health dispensaries. (3) <b>Study of Kebeas:</b> Taiwan scientist to visit Palau from Sept. 1-5 to study and examine kebeas for possible use. (4) <b>Pacific Basin Medical Group:</b> The Group is set to hold its next meeting in Palau on October.</li> <li>• <b>Ministry of Education:</b> Minister Soalablai reports of a new 66-seater school bus to serve despedall area. The bus is due to ship to Palau following required refabricating of engine. Low diesel quality in Palau is a result as it does not meet current U.S. standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agency Briefings and Other Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grants Office:</b> Grants Coordinator Judy Dean reports of approval of \$158,000 supplemental funding to the Bureau of Lands and Survey from the U.S. (2) <b>India Grants Awarding:</b> India Grants awarding as part of the Year of Good Health is scheduled for Weds, Aug. 22, which include projects for yoga in school, worksite wellness program, program for Old Age Center and posters.</li> <li>• <b>PPUC Update:</b> (1) <b>Road Restoration:</b> PPUC reports of ongoing effort to restore roads. Road restoration from CIP office to PVA to commence today, Aug. 20 with schedule to begin restoration work at Bai ra Meketii to CIP office thereafter. All work anticipated to complete by the end of the year. Proposed cost to overlay Koror and Airai is about \$12 million. (2) <b>Malakal Treatment Plant:</b> Discussion made regarding the relocation of the sewage pump at PPR. PPUC Board is working on exploring options to address issue of waste discharge at Malakal Treatment Plant. The project was issued a conditional permit allowing for construction, but included conditions to address discharge issue. (3) <b>Meeting with EarthX:</b> PPUC to work with Nick Ngwal to arrange meeting with EarthX and GridMarket officials.</li> <li>• <b>PNCC Update:</b> (1) <b>Kayangel Cable Service:</b> PPUC reports of installation of new dish in Kayangel in Sept. In the interim, Kayangel residents are receiving 17 channels until</li> </ul>

	<p>installation. <b>(2) Cell Service Coverage:</b> PNCC is preparing for installation of new towers at Koksai and on top of Ngchesar to increase cell service coverage with anticipation for full coverage complete by October. PNCC continues to look into identifying suitable solar power source to enable the installation of cell towers in the Rock Islands. PNCC is scheduled to meet with a potential partner from California on cell services. <b>(3) Internet Services:</b> PNCC reports working with Softball to roll out pocket WiFi 3G/4G service that eliminates the need to procure a local sim card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NDBP Update:</b> As of Aug. 13, NDBP reports of a total of \$1.79 million loans approved. The Bank is instructed to explore large scale projects, including joint ventures. Suggestion made for potential partnership between locals and investors in the area of agriculture, aquaculture and animal production.</li> <li>• <b>Proposed Bill:</b> Legal Counsels are instructed to develop a draft bill or regulation for a Post-Graduate Program, and to authorize PNSB to administer such program, including providing assistance to medical students in Cuba. Minister Soalablai and Minister Roberts instructed to work with Legal Counsels in regards.</li> <li>• <b>Our Ocean Committee:</b> The Committee is set to meet this week to finalize the delegation list to Our Oceans in Bali.</li> <li>• <b>Reporting of Programs:</b> (1) Ministers instructed to submit full report of the programs organized over the summer. (2) Ministers instructed to submit reports of the Adopt-A-Road Program.</li> <li>• <b>Labor Day Program:</b> To organize job fair program in observance of Labor Day, including raffle prizes for the public participating in the program. Large scale kebeas eradication project to be organized by MOH over the Labor Day weekend.</li> </ul>
<b>Reminders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Ministers are reminded to “think outside the box” and to “follow up” on all matters.</li> <li>• All Ministers are reminded of the following meetings and events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PIF Preparation Meeting: 10:00 am, Mon., Aug. 20 @ the Capitol</li> <li>2. EarthX &amp; GridMarket Exit Meeting: 6:30 PM, Weds., Aug. 22 @ Palasia</li> <li>3. 2<sup>nd</sup> National Environmental Symposium: Tues., Aug. 28 @ Ngarachamayong</li> <li>4. 25<sup>th</sup> Mechesil Belau: Sept. 18-21 @ Ngarachamayong</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

**\*Meeting minutes is subject to change and approval**