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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS  
OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 4TH DAY OF  
MARCH 2025**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Temporary Presiding Officer
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK Rep.

**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor/ Presiding Officer
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 0303**  
Series of 2025

**RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR THE  
LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER ON THE MATTER  
OF THE PENALTY AMOUNTING TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND  
PESOS (P250,000.00) AGAINST HON. MARILYN ERA, MAYOR OF CALATRAVA,  
AND PAYABLE TO DR. LEWYN C. TORRES AND DR. KRISTINE URETA  
REGARDING THE DECISION OF SP ADMIN CASE NO. 003-2024OC**

**WHEREAS**, SP Admin Case No. 003-2024OC, as docketed under the jurisdiction of the Committee of the Whole, acting as a Quasi-Judicial Body, pertains to an Administrative case between the Complainant and the Respondent;

**WHEREAS**, a series of hearings and submissions of necessary documents were complied with by both the Plaintiff and the Defendant regarding the aforementioned accusation in the said administrative case;

**WHEREAS**, after a thorough review and evaluation, as a result of the investigation hearing, a final decision was concluded based on the Committee Report, consisting of thirty-one (31) pages, and the Resolution, consisting of nine (9) pages, which gave rise to the Administrative Legal decision contained thereto;



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**WHEREAS**, under the Administrative decision expressed in the nine (9) pages, a two (2) months' suspension with the equivalent of two (2) months' salary was imposed on the accused, Hon. Marilyn A. Era, who was also obligated to pay the sum to Dr. Lewyn C. Torres and Dr. Kristine Ureta;

**WHEREAS**, this Uniform ruling stands as a Landmark Legislation based on a jurisprudence decision, as per Civil Service Commission through Resolution No. 99-1936 dated August 31, 1999 and implemented by CSC Memorandum Circular No. 19, Series of 1999, wherein the payment of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000) as a penalty, representing the two (2) months' salary of the respondent, is payable to the complainant;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has received a copy furnished of the letter from Atty. Ariel Malunes, Counsel for Mayor Marilyn Era of Calatrava, Negros Occidental, in relation to SP Admin Case No. 003-2024OC, on February 18, 2025, expressing willingness to endorse the amount to the Provincial Treasurer;

**WHEREAS**, appropriate action is required on the part of the Provincial Government to establish the proper mechanism for the depository as well as disbursement of the amount to the rightful payee, in accordance with pertinent rules and regulations, without jeopardizing the Commission on Audit (COA) procedures;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Laws recommends approval of the same;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr., unanimously seconded by all the members present;

**THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves, to refer to the Office of the Governor the letter addressed to the Provincial Treasurer on the matter of the penalty amounting to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) against Hon. Marilyn Era, Mayor of Calatrava, Negros Occidental and payable to Dr. Lewyn C. Torres and Dr. Kristine Ureta regarding the Decision of SP Admin Case No. 003-2024OC.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

**HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO**  
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

**ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON**  
Provincial Secretary