

**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
22-38 (COR)	Frank F. Blas, Jr.	Relative to creating the Special Legislative Committee on the Guam Experience pursuant to Section 2.01(e) Rule II of the <i>I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guáhan Orden Areklamento</i> (Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature Standing Rules).	2/21/25 10:13 a.m.		2/25/25	2/25/25	Committee on Rules			

*I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

**Resolution No. 22-38 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Frank F. Blas, Jr.   
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**Relative to creating the Special Legislative Committee on the Guam Experience pursuant to Section 2.01(e) of Rule II of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Otden Areklamento* (the Thirty-eighth Guam Legislature Standing Rules).**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***  
2        ***MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

3        **WHEREAS**, Guam's tourism industry is a vital component to our island's  
4        economy that in years past contributed significantly to its gross domestic product,  
5        generated substantial revenue, and provided a stable economic foundation; and

6        **WHEREAS**, prior to the increased military buildup activities and the COVID-  
7        19 pandemic, the tourism industry was a cornerstone of the island's economy  
8        representing sixty percent (60%) of the annual business revenue, supporting over  
9        twenty-three thousand (23,000) jobs, and generating \$2.4 Billion Dollars in tourism  
10       dollars while welcoming up to 1.6 million visitors a year; and

11       **WHEREAS**, in 2023, the number of jobs on Guam related to the tourism industry  
12       decreased to around twelve thousand (12,000), only around \$700 Million Dollars was  
13       generated in tourism dollars, and only five hundred eighty-two thousand seven hundred  
14       ninety-seven (582,797) individuals visited the island; and

1           **WHEREAS**, while the decline of our island’s tourism industry can be attributed  
2 to factors relating to the COVID-19 pandemic such as travel restrictions and business  
3 closures, other key reasons include weakened currency rates and reduced flights in  
4 source markets like Japan and Korea, making it less attractive for tourists from these  
5 countries to visit, infrastructure deterioration and the lack of improvements and new  
6 developments, and marketing challenges that included ineffective efforts and the lack  
7 of new strategies; and

8           **WHEREAS**, as our island embarks on the journey to rebuild our tourism  
9 industry, we must also take the opportunity to help in addressing the morale and welfare  
10 concerns that will arise from the stationing of up to forty thousand (40,000) military  
11 personnel, along with their dependents and support staff on the island. The integration  
12 of these new residents will require thoughtful planning and the provision of resources  
13 and activities to ensure the well-being of all residents; and

14           **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslatura* recognizes that there are at least two (2) plans focused  
15 on Guam’s tourism recovery: the Guam Tourism Situation Report & Draft Short-Term  
16 Recovery Plan produced in October 2024, and the Tourism Recovery Plan for the  
17 Government of Guam produced in December 2024; and while both plans concentrate  
18 on product improvement, the two (2) plans acknowledge that providing a unique and  
19 enjoyable visitor experience is essential in differentiating a destination from  
20 competitors by offering travelers distinct reasons to visit. These experiences can provide  
21 the foundation for our marketing efforts by creating a distinct identity that appeals to  
22 travelers seeking more meaningful journeys. As such, there needs to be a plan that  
23 focuses on the collaboration of existing offerings to enhance and improve the visitors’  
24 experience and community engagement; and

1           **WHEREAS**, a collaborative plan would involve strengthening partnerships  
2 between the government, private sector, and the community; creating packages that  
3 combine various attractions, accommodations, and activities; actively seeking and  
4 incorporating feedback to continuously improve services; and engaging the community  
5 in tourism development to ensure authentic and enriching experiences; and

6           **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslatura* believes that the collaboration that is necessary to  
7 create and enhance the experience that needs to be embraced by the community and  
8 shared with Guam’s visitors and soon to be stationed military personnel can be  
9 accomplished with the creation of a Special Legislative Committee on the Guam  
10 Experience; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Section 7.04(c) of Rule VII of *I Mina’trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan*  
12 *Guåhan Otden Areklamento* (the Thirty-eighth Guam Legislature Standing Rules)  
13 allows the Standing Rules to be amended by a Rules Resolution adopted by the  
14 affirmative vote of at least seven (7) members of the Committee on Rules; and

15           **WHEREAS**, Section 2.01(e) of Rule II of *I Mina’trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan*  
16 *Guåhan Otden Areklamento* (the Thirty-eighth Guam Legislature Standing Rules) states  
17 that the Speaker “may appoint Special Committees to assist the Speaker in the  
18 performance of the Speaker’s duties”; now therefore, be it

19           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’trentai Ocho Na*  
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, authorize and  
21 create a Special Legislative Committee on the Guam Experience to be presided over by  
22 the Speaker of *I Mina’trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and be it further

23           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

- 1 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Members of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
- 2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to the Clerk of the Legislature; and to the Legislative Counsel.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
FEBRUARY 2025.**



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**FRANK F. BLAS, JR.**  
Speaker



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**V. ANTHONY ADA**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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**SABRINA SALAS MATANANE**  
Legislative Secretary



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

*I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

38<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Resolution No. 22-38 (COR)** – Frank F. Blas, Jr.- “Relative to creating the Special Legislative Committee on the Guam Experience pursuant to Section 2.01(e) Rule II of the *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Otden Areklamento* (Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature Standing Rules).”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
<b>Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada</b> Chairperson	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b> Vice Chairperson	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.</b> Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane</b> Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>Senator Vincent A.V. Borja</b> Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>Senator Shelly Calvo</b> Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao</b> Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>Senator Jesse Anderson Lujan</b> Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>Senator Telo Teresa Taitague</b> Member					
<b>Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Minority Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
<b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>					
Sponsor Signature: <i>CP-L N N</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Kamarin Nelson					
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Name: Jennalyn-Rose Aflague					
Date: March 26, 2025 at 12:09 p.m.					
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