



Republic of the Philippines
City Of Pagadian

Sangguniang Panlungsod
(15th City Council)

**MINUTES OF THE 48TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(15th CITY COUNCIL) OF PAGADIAN CITY HELD ON 02 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT THE SP
SESSION HALL, 4th FLOOR CITY COMMERCIAL CENTER (C3) BUILDING, PAGADIAN
CITY**

CALL TO ORDER:

Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Chairman Pro-Tempore, convened and officially called to order the 48th Regular Session of the 15th City Council at 9:35 in the morning.

INVOCATION, SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND RECITATION OF THE “PANUNUMPA SA WATAWAT NG PILIPINAS:

At the request of the Floor Leader, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, the session, accompanied by a prepared audio recording, commenced with the invocation, followed thereafter by the mass singing of the Philippine National Anthem, the recitation of the “Panunumpa sa Watawat ng Pilipinas,” the singing of both the “Zamboanga del Sur March” and the “Pagadian City Hymn.”

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

A roll call was made at the direction of the Chair and quorum was then declared with the attendance of ten (10) Council Members, namely: Honorable Roger L. Acedillo, Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr., Honorable Ma. Alicia Elena V. Ariosa, Honorable Ann Marjorie N. Revelo, Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, Honorable Ronald Christopher Glenn L. Ariosa, and Honorable Joan Szanne S. Pulmones.

Sometime later on during the course of the proceeding, the presence of Honorable Marylynn U. Tan and Honorable Patrisha Kaye N. Asugas were recorded as acknowledged by the Chair. The body also noted that Honorable Vice Mayor Monique Shaira Y. To was out on Official Business.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 47th REGULAR AND 4TH SPECIAL SESSIONS:

At the instance of the Floor Leader, the body dispensed with the Reading of the Minutes of the 47th Regular Session held on August 19, and the 4th Special Session held on August 20, 2026 respectively. Thereafter, with the presentation of separate formal motions for adoption and there being no comments or discussions from the floor, the minutes were approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

With the presence of the invited guests in the Session Hall in the person of the representatives from DepEd, SCC, HCA, and SMC in the city, the body then suspended the sequential treatment of the agenda to consider first the matter under Unfinished Business, Item H-1.1, pertaining to the concern of the Honorable Members of the 15th City Council regarding the safety and security of all schools in the city, as well as the safety, welfare and future of every child, in light of the series of incidents involving violence in various schools across the country. It is to be noted that invitations were sent to the Pagadian City Schools Division Superintendent–DepEd; the Chief of Police of Pagadian City; the President of the Federated School Parent-Teacher Association–Pagadian City; Philippine Association of Detective and Protective Agency Operators (PADPAO)–Zamboanga del Sur Chapter; PNP Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies (SOSIA); and the management of Southern Mindanao Colleges, Holy Child Academy, and Saint Columban College.

Following the suspension of the rules, Mr. Richel P. Reducto, Project Development Officer V, Pagadian City Schools Division Office, was recognized who then requested for the indulgence of this august body as he requested to be given another time to render their report through visual presentation due to the limited time available to prepare the various concerns sought by the Sangguniang Panlungsod. At this point, Honorable Revelo, upon recognition, intimated that she understood their situation and she suggested that the presentation will be reset on September 9, 2026.

To take advantage of the presence of the invited resource persons in the Session Hall, the Presiding Officer sought clarifications on what is currently being done by the City Schools Division Office in relation to the highly concerning violent incidents in various schools in the country, to which Mr. Reducto stressed that their office is taking the matter seriously and they are instituting appropriate measures to prevent this from happening in any of the schools in Pagadian City such as, among others, strict policy on the entry of visitors, and have also augmented security personnel by hiring additional private security and JO personnel. Having implemented this security measures, they have prevented and even confiscated sharp objects and bullets brought by some students and these were usually acted on by the school authorities and, if necessary, were only referred to the proper authorities, either the PNP or CSWDO. In addition to his revelation, Ms. Teodora Ortiz, the focal person for the DepEd on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), gave an overview on the matters pertaining to the action undertaken by the DepEd on the foregoing matter, as she shared DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026, on the subject: Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE) on prohibited acts, cellphone regulations, and ordered strict preventive measures, coordination with the barangay tanods for mandatory bag checks and tighter monitoring of school gates using no contact, no stop and frisk, and no pat down method with either metal detector or sticks. Recalcitrant learners are brought to the guidance office. Accordingly, she disclosed that based on the indicators specified in the foregoing DepEd Order No. 006, they had surveyed the eighty-one (81) public schools in the city, elementary, secondary and senior high, where it revealed that only 41 have operational CCTVs, 76 are using metal detectors, 61 are completely enclosed by perimeter fence, 76 have security personnel manning the area, and all 81 are conducting bag inspections. Because of these active shootings, the installation of CCTVs is now required, and she is hopeful that despite the MOOE of the schools not being substantial, they will be able to include a budget for CCTVs under school improvements. The DRRMS in schools has a contingency plan but there is now a need to prepare another for active attack incidents and the PNP is scheduling orientations, including a simultaneous safety drill tomorrow.

At this point, Honorable Lim, Jr. shared his observation that while stick detector is important, however, it is not appropriate on vehicles entering the school premises. He then suggested the use of door-like detectors. He also brought out the matter pertaining to the security guard-student ratio, to which Ms. Ortiz replied that currently they have no data on the required guard-student ratio, while the use of mounted door-like detectors is not in the guidelines. On his recommendation for the barangay tanod to conduct roving inside the school premises, and to station security guard in every floor of the school building, Ms. Ortiz explained that it is really up to the school head on what protocols to use before the DepEd can make recommendations. At present, DepEd is experiencing an overlapping of activities so they can only get down to the monitoring for the moment. Furthermore, as for the safe practices in the private schools, she disclosed that DepEd can only encourage them to do so.

For the query of Honorable Lim, Jr. on cases of bullying or the presence of dangerous weapons, are preventive measures in place, and who is responsible to approach, Mr. Reducto disclosed that it is the Class Adviser or the Learner Formation Officer. After the Honorable Samuel Lance F. Co shared that the proper guard-student ratio is 1 guard for every 250 students regardless of size of the school, number of entrances or exits, the representative from Saint Columban College, Ms. Maryjane Omandam, upon recognition, clarified that they have their own security guidelines although for the periodic assessment she had not received any. Honorable Co then pointed out that for the schools' security providers their assessment protocols should lean toward active shootings and the like.

Following the disclosure of Honorable Revelo that the hybrid campus security framework combines school guards, barangay watchmen, police patrols, and digital surveillance to overcome staff shortages, based on DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2026-037 or the Safer School Zones, Honorable Obaob observed that the schools should enter into a MOA with the barangay officials. On the part of the Liga ng mga Barangay, Honorable Pulmones, upon recognition, shared that the barangays are now mandated to deploy barangay tanods to public schools although they are not really equipped or trained like the PNP. The Honorable Lim, Jr. pointed out their training is a responsibility of DepEd as the requesting party, adding that there should also be a registration since there is a constant change of tanods.

At this juncture, the Presiding Officer then requested the representatives of the City Schools Division Office to submit the list of schools lacking CCTVs, fences, etc. for information of the body and possible inclusion in the budget preparation for Calendar Year 2027. Honorable Culve, who is currently the PTA President for Pagadian Junior college, shared his experienced that PJC had secured the services of the off-duty tanods of Barangay Santo Niño on a rotation basis where the PTA have been providing an allowance coursed through the barangay. Based on this manifestation, the Presiding Officer clarified that the DepEd Memorandum Circular does not provide that only public schools will only be served by barangay tanods.

Further into the discussion, Ms. Maryjane Omandam, the representative from Saint Columban College, was again recognized to give information on the policies of the private schools regarding anti-bullying, security of the students on campus, which was already upgraded for their 5,000 students with 21 security guards with metal detectors and guns. Though their guidelines are reactive, they do have drills for the colleges but not for the younger grades.

Lastly, Mr. Melvin Salud of the Holy Child Academy, informed the body that HCA as a sister school of SCC is also implementing the guidelines in maintaining the safety and security of their students in the 16 Diocesan schools in the province.

Before the discussion was terminated, Honorable Pulmones informed the City Schools Division Office relative to their forthcoming barangay assembly where they will be sending an invitation to DepEd relative to the purpose to attend the said assembly, to which it was noted by the representative of the City DepEd. With no further discussion, the matter was recalendared as Unfinished Business in the next session, September 09, 2026.

A brief recess was declared for the visitors to have a photo-op with the SP Members.

FIRST READING & REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES:

Upon resumption, the herein items calendared for First Reading and Referral to Committees were then taken up and acted upon accordingly, to wit:

1. The endorsed request of Mr. Jose Raul A. Saniel, General Manager and CEO, Zamboanga del Sur Electric Cooperative (ZAMSURECO-1) relative to the Joint Application for Approval of the Emergency Power Supply Agreement between Zamboanga del Sur 1 Electric Cooperative, Incorporated and Malita Power Incorporated, with motion for confidential treatment of information, under ERC Case No. 2026-114 RC, and his request that the Notice of Virtual Hearing be posted at the Bulletin Board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, after a brief recess, was deemed noted. Along with this action, the Secretary to the Sanggunian was directed to post the matter on the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.
2. Resolution No. 12-1209-2026 from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Sur, entitled: “Enjoining all component cities and municipalities of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur with critical road descents to approve ordinances, thereby establishing road safety checkpoints at least one hundred (100) meters before the point of descent to prevent road accidents and protect human lives was deemed noted and filed.
3. The endorsed Amended Appeal filed by Prince Joy I. Gerona, Appellant versus John M. Cajote, et. al., for SP Admin Case No. 003-2025, for Dereliction Of Duty, Gross Negligence, Misconduct, And Abuse Of Authority In Violation Of Section 60 Of The Local Government Code Or R.A. 6713 Or The Code Of Conduct And Ethical Standards For Public Officials And Employees was deemed noted. A copy is to be furnished to the Chairperson of the Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

At this point, the body unanimously approved the consideration of the herein Committee Reports, and the recommendations contained therein were acted upon as recorded herein, as follows:

1. Committee Report No. 247 from the Committee on Environmental Protection, Ecological Prevention and Sanitation, as reported by Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, for Referral No. 15cc-0403, led to the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-0516**, authorizing Honorable City Mayor Samuel S. Co to enter and sign, for and in behalf of the City Government of Pagadian, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)—Regional Office IX for the establishment and implementation of the Pagadian City Urban Biodiversity Program under the Urban Biodiversity Program for Calendar Year 2026.
2. Committee Report No. 248 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations, as presented by Honorable Jackielyn Krystyl C. Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0409 facilitated the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0517**, declaring Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, s. 2026, (CY—2026 Annual Budget) of the Sangguniang Barangay of Santa Lucia, this city, to be operative and in full force and effect.
3. Joint Committee Report No. 249 from the Committee on Laws, Rules and Policy Formulation; and on Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, Communications & Franchising, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0143, pertaining to the letter from Ms. Cristina Castillo-Lim, Corporate Attorney of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management (PSALM) Corporation, in relation to their application filed before the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) under Case No. 2025-182-RC, entitled: “In the Matter of the 15th Application for True-Up Adjustment of Fuel and Purchased Power Costs (TAFPPC) and Foreign Exchange Related Costs (TAFxA) under the Rules for the Automatic Recovery of Monthly Fuel and Purchased Power Costs and foreign exchange-

related costs by the National Power Corporation, as amended, and its request for the issuance of a certificate of posting, was deemed noted and to be put on file. Along with this action, the Secretary to the Sanggunian was directed to issue a Certificate of Posting.

4. Joint Committee Report No. 250 from the Committee on Laws, Rules and Policy Formulation and Committee on Barangay Affairs, as presented by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0304, led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0518**, confirming the validity of Barangay Ordinance No. 2, series of 2026, of Barangay Dao, Pagadian City, entitled: “An Ordinance Prohibiting the Act of Being Half-Naked in Public Places Within Barangay Dao, Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur.”

OTHER MATTERS:

At this point, the following matters, concerns and/or documents were considered under Other Matters, and the herein actions were recorded as unanimously adopted by the body to officially dispose of the items, to wit:

1. Joint Committee Report No. 251 from the Committee on Finance and Appropriations; and Committee on Good Government, Ethics & Civil Service, as reported by Honorable Bana, for Referral No. 15cc-0220, on the concern raised by Honorable Ariel J. Lim, Jr. on the matter pertaining to whether it reflects the approved minimum wage for Region IX. Based on the findings of the Committee that the authority to assess, determine, and implement wage adjustments rest with the Regional Tripartite Waged and Productivity Board (RTWPB) and the National Wages and Productivity Commission (NWPC), which limits the jurisdiction of the Committee, the matter was deemed noted and to be placed on file.
2. Committee Report No. 252 from the Committee on Education, Science and Technology and Accreditation of NGOs and POs, as reported by Honorable Bienvenido C. Culve, for Referral Nos. 15cc-0346,0347,0348,0349, & 0350, led to the passage of the following resolutions, viz:
 - ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0519**, accrediting and recognizing the Tulawas Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (TULFAMULCO) as non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0520**, accrediting and recognizing the Provincial Agrarian Reform Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PAREMCO), as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian.
 - ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0521**, accrediting and recognizing the Pagadian City Himbis Fish Dealer and Retailer Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PAHIMBISCO), as a Non-Government Organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0522**, accrediting and recognizing the Feminist Movements Banale Association as non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
 - ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0523**, accrediting and recognizing the Women’s Initiative Growth and Success as non-government organization existing and operating in the City of Pagadian;
3. Committee Report No. 253 from the Committee on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology, as presented by Honorable Culve, for Referral No. 15cc-0389, facilitated the approval of the same through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0524**, confirming the validity of Barangay Ordinance No. 3, s. 2026, of the Barangay Council of Bulatok, entitled: “An Ordinance Establishing the Digital Barangay Governance System of Barangay Bulatok, Providing for the

Digitalization of Barangay Records, Online Public Services, Electronic Document Management, Digital Transparency Mechanisms, and Other Related Purposes.”

4. Committee Report No. 254 from the Committee on Public Utilities and Communication/Information Technology, as reported by Honorable Culve, for Referral No. 15cc-0388, led to the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0525**, confirming the validity of Barangay Ordinance No. 2, s. 2026, of the Barangay Council of Bulatok, entitled: “An Ordinance Promoting Responsible Use of Social Media, Protecting the Community Against False Public Safety Information, Establishing a Barangay Online Dispute Assistance Mechanism, and for Other Purposes.
5. Committee Report No. 255 from the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management and Franchising, as presented by Honorable Culve, for Referral No. 15cc-0407. The recommendations of the Committee were supported by the body with the passage of the following resolutions, to wit:
 - ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0526**, urging the management of the Our Lady of Triumph Institute of Technology (OLT)—Pagadian City, to help secure and observe proper parking of vehicles including four-wheeled vehicles, tricycles and motorcycles, and to strictly observe existing road markings, traffic signs, and other traffic management measures, in order to help alleviate traffic congestion and promote road safety; and
 - ❖ **Resolution No. 2026-0527**, strongly requesting the Honorable City Mayor to include in the CY 2027 Annual Budget of the City Government of Pagadian appropriate funds for the construction of a sidewalk along the area fronting the Our Lady of Triumph Institute of Technology (OLT), Barangay Balangasan, Pagadian City, to improve pedestrian safety and help alleviate traffic congestion thereat.
6. For Joint Committee Report No. 256 from the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management & Franchising; Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation; and Committee on Police, Fire, Public Safety and Illegal Drug Prevention, as reported by Honorable Culve, for Referral No. 15cc-0201, the body resolved to forward to the City Legal Office and the Land Transportation Office–Pagadian District Office copies of the draft Memorandum of Agreement to be entered into by and between the City Government of Pagadian and the Land Transportation Office–Pagadian District Office relative to the joint implementation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 4316, otherwise known as the “Land Transportation and Traffic Code of the Philippines.
7. The proposed resolution authored by Honorable Maphilindo Q. Obaob, as presented by Honorable Revelo, entitled: “A Resolution conferring to the late Police Major Aiman Khuzaimah P. Pantaran, Deputy Chief of Police, Pagadian City Police Station, Philippine National Police, a posthumous award of commendation for his bravery, gallantry and relentless dedication to service above and beyond the call of duty,” was approved by acclamation through the passage of **Resolution No. 2026-0528**.
8. As for the concern presented by Honorable Lim, Jr. on the dismal condition of portion of the road at Barangay Santa Lucia as well as the sad state of the canal along New Tudela, Barangay San Pedro, both of this city, the body, upon his motion and duly seconded, adopt **Resolution No. 2026-0529**, earnestly requesting the Honorable City Mayor to direct the City Engineer to immediately inspect, assess, and undertake the necessary repair and rehabilitation of the deteriorated portion of the road at Barangay Santa Lucia and the poor condition of the canal along New Tudela, Barangay San Pedro, both of this city, in the interest safety, accessibility, and the general welfare of the public.

9. The following concerns presented by Honorable Co were taken up which led to the herein actions, viz:

- ❖ Draft Ordinance No. 046, sponsored by Honorable Lance Samuel F. Co, entitled: “An Ordinance approving the temporary closure to vehicular traffic of a portion of the Western Lane of F.S. Pajares Avenue from the corners of V. Sagun Street and P. L. Urro Street as well as the sidewalk and parking area of a portion of P. L. Urro street (particularly fronting the San Jose Parish Church) from the corners of B. Aquino Street And F. S. Pajares Avenue, for a specific period from December 1, 2026 to January 18, 2027, in connection with the city’s celebration of the “Paskuhan 2026” and the forthcoming “Pasalamat Festival 2027” was approved on First Reading and the matter was referred jointly to the Committee on Transportation, Road Traffic Management & Franchising and Committee on Laws, Rules & Policy Formulation.
 - ❖ The invitation extended by the Honorable City Mayor for the presence and attendance of the Council Members during the scheduled blessing of the Banana Tissue Culture Laboratory at Barangay Macasing, this city, today September 2, 2026 at 3:00 o’clock in the afternoon was deemed noted.
 - ❖ Likewise, the letter from the Office of the President addressed to the Honorable City Mayor which, in gist, approved the request of the City Government of Pagadian for authority to purchase one (1) unit of seacraft specifically a Containerized Sea Cargo Vessel was noted by the body, with a further direction to the Secretary to the Sanggunian to provide the Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means with a copy of the same.
10. Lastly, the endorsed letter-request from the Honorable City Mayor for authority to donate one (1) unit motorized boat to the 53rd Infantry (Matapat) Battalion, Philippine Army, AFP, for use in their seaborne patrol and enhancement of their maritime deployment operations was next considered. Following the suspension of the rules to urgently consider the same, the body, after a short deliberation and, upon motion of the Honorable Floor Leader and duly seconded, resolved to approve the same through **Resolution No. 2026-0530**, approving the donation of one (1) unit motorized boat to the 53rd Infantry (Matapat) Battalion, Philippine Army, Armed Forces of the Philippines for use in the operation of the seaborne patrol and, for the purpose, authorizing the Honorable City Mayor to sign, for and in behalf of the City Government of Pagadian, the Deed of Donation relative thereto, more particularly described hereunder, viz:

Dimension : 470 x 192 x 50 cm
Capacity : 6-8 persons
Boat Type : A430
Boat S/N : CNHHPFA43072121
Engine Brand : Huangjie
Engine No. : 20230327000169
Color : Black

ADJOURNMENT:

With no more matters to discuss, the session was declared adjourned on motion of Honorable Bana, following the closing prayer led by Honorable Asugas.

Time of adjournment: 12:02 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

ELKID P. NACUA

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Verified:

ROGER L. ACEDILLO

SP Member

JACKIELYN KRYSTYL C. BANA

SP Member/Floor Leader

PATRISHA KAYE N. ASUGAS

SP Member

ARIEL J. LIM, JR.

SP Member

MA. ALICIA ELENA V. ARIOS

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ANN MARJORIE N. REVELO

SP Member

LANCE SAMUEL F. CO

SP Member

BIENVENIDO C. CULVE

SP Member

RONALD CHRISTOPHER GLENN L. ARIOS

SP Member

JOAN SZANNE S. PULMONES

SP Member (LB)

MARYLYNN U. TAN

SP Member (SK)

Approved:

(Official Business)

MONIQUE SHAIRA Y. TO

City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

MAPHILINDO Q. OBAOB

Chairman Pro-Tempore, Presiding