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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

Bangsamoro Government Center, Governor Gutierrez Avenue, Rosary Heights VII, Cotabato City 9600

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 001
Series of 2024

CREATING THE *AD HOC* SCREENING AND REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR APPLICANTS TO MUNICIPAL POSITIONS IN THE EIGHT (8) NEWLY-CREATED MUNICIPALITIES OF THE SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA, BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2023, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament enacted Bangsamoro Autonomy Act (BAA) Nos. 41¹, 42², 43³, 44⁴, 45⁵, 46⁶, 47⁷, and 48⁸ creating eight (8) new municipalities in the Special Geographic Area (SGA) of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2024, simultaneous plebiscites to ratify the creation of the new municipalities were conducted by the Commission on Elections, where a total of 72,658 out of 89,594 registered voters of the SGA actually voted, with 76,358 voting YES and only 273 voting NO;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Chapter II, Title I, Book I of BAA No. 49, also known as "*the Bangsamoro Local Governance Code of 2023*" provides for the beginning of corporate existence of newly-created local government units, *viz*: "When a new local government unit is created, its corporate existence shall commence upon the election and qualification of its chief executive and a majority of the members of its *Sanggunian* or upon their appointments made by the Chief Minister, unless some other time is fixed by the law or ordinance creating the same;"

WHEREAS, under BAA Nos. 41 to 48, appointment of municipal officials of the new municipalities shall be made by the Chief Minister of the BARMM with due regard to representation of women of the Bangsamoro. They shall continue to hold office until their successors shall have been elected in the next general elections for local officials, and shall have qualified; *Provided*, That the incumbent elective members of the *Sangguniang Bayan* of the Municipalities of Pigcawayan⁹, Midsayap¹⁰, Aleosan¹¹, Kabacan¹², Carmen¹³,

¹ "An Act Creating the Municipality of Pahamuddin, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"

² "An Act Creating the Municipality of Kadayangan, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"

³ "An Act Creating the Municipality of Nabalawag, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"

⁴ "An Act Creating the Municipality of Old Kaabakan, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"

⁵ "An Act Creating the Municipality of Kapalawan, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"

⁶ "An Act Creating the Municipality of Malidegao, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"

⁷ "An Act Creating the Municipality of Tugunan, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"

⁸ "An Act Creating the Municipality of Ligawasan, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"

⁹ Section 7, BAA No. 41

¹⁰ Section 7, BAA No. 42; Section 7, BAA No. 43

¹¹ Section 7, BAA No. 43; Section 7, BAA No. 47

¹² Section 7, BAA No. 44

¹³ Section 7, BAA No. 45

Pikit¹⁴ shall serve the remaining terms of their elective offices in said mother municipality;

WHEREAS, upon enactment of the laws creating the new municipalities, the Office of the Chief Minister (OCM) received several applications to municipal positions thereat;

WHEREAS, under Section 3, Article XVI of Republic Act (RA) No. 11054, otherwise known as "*An Act Providing for the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao*," the *interim* Chief Minister of the BTA shall exercise executive authority over the Bangsamoro Government during the transition period;

WHEREAS, Section 32(e), Article VII of R.A. 11054 provides that the Chief Minister has the power to issue executive orders and other policies of the Bangsamoro Government;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of efficient and effective local governance, there is an urgent need to appoint municipal officials as Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the eight (8) new municipalities of the SGA to avoid a vacuum and to ensure immediate delivery of government services;

WHEREAS, to achieve this end, and in view of the voluminous applications received by the OCM, the creation of an *Ad Hoc* Screening and Review Committee for applicants to municipal positions in the eight (8) new municipalities of the SGA is necessary to facilitate the screening and review process, and to provide recommendations to the Chief Minister;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AHOD B. EBRAHIM, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation and Purpose. The *Ad Hoc* Screening and Review Committee for Applicants to Municipal Positions in the Eight (8) Newly-Created Municipalities of the Special Geographic Area of the BARMM is hereby created to screen, review, and facilitate vetting of applications received from interested and qualified individuals for the local positions, for consideration of the Chief Minister.

SECTION 2. Composition. The *Ad Hoc* Screening and Review Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. ATTY. SHA ELIJAH B. DUMAMA-ALBA, *MILG* - Chairperson
2. MOHD ASNIN K. PENDATUN, *Cabinet Secretary* - Member
3. ALVIN-YASHER K. ABDULGAFAR, *Chief of Staff* - Member
4. ATTY. MARY ANN ARNADO, *Deputy Floor Leader* - Member
5. BAILENG S. MANTAWIL, *Member of the Parliament* - Member
6. TOMANDA ANTOK, PhD, *MdN Provincial Administrator* - Member

¹⁴ Section 7, BAA No. 46; Section 7, BAA No. 47; Section 7, BAA No. 48

SECTION 3. Secretariat. The Office of the Cabinet Secretariat (OCS) and Office of the Chief of Staff (OCOS) of the OCM shall be the Secretariat of the *Ad Hoc* Committee. The Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG) shall provide assistance to the Secretariat as may be required.

SECTION 4. Tasks and Functions. The *Ad Hoc* Committee shall screen and review received applications for appointment to the municipal positions in the newly-created municipalities of the SGA. It may, if necessary, conduct interviews and background checks on the applicants.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee shall, within 45 days from issuance hereof, submit to the Chief Minister a shortlist of at least three (3) nominees for every vacancy in the municipal positions in each of the eight (8) new municipalities of the SGA.

SECTION 5. Qualifications of Applicant. No person shall be recommended as OIC unless he/she possesses the qualifications required under Section 42, Chapter V, Title II, Book I of BAA No. 49. In the determination of the qualifications of the applicant, the *Ad Hoc* Committee shall consider educational preparation, experience, performance, accomplishments, reputation for honesty, integrity, incorruptibility, irreproachable conduct, and fidelity to moral governance and ethical standards.

SECTION 6. Internal Rules. The *Ad Hoc* Committee may, if necessary, promulgate its own rules and regulations in the screening of applicants to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order and applicable laws.

SECTION 7. Funding. The funding requirements of the *Ad Hoc* Committee shall be provided by the OCM.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All orders, proclamations, rules, regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Cotabato, this 30 th day of April 2024 at the Office of the Chief Minister, Bangsamoro Government, Governor Gutierrez Avenue, RH VII, Cotabato City.


AHOD B. EBRAHIM
Chief Minister



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