



Office of the Public Auditor

Boards and Commissions Flash Report

February 18, 2022

The Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) compiled a summary of the various Boards and Commissions within the CNMI Government.

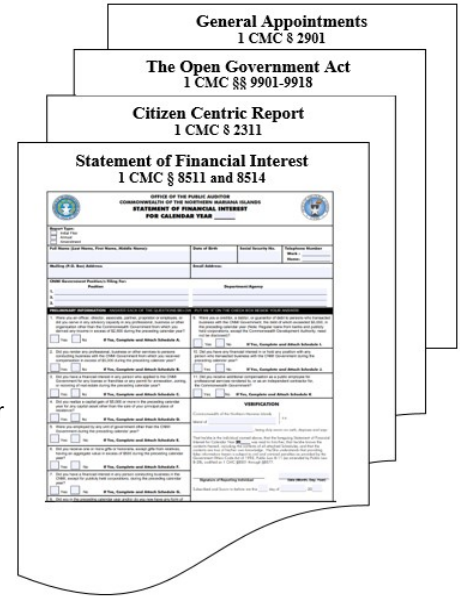
To monitor and ensure compliance with the required filing of a Statement of Financial Interest (SFI) and submission of the Citizen-Centric Report (CCR), OPA focused on compiling a comprehensive list of the active and inactive boards and commissions within the CNMI Government.

The data presented in this report was based on the Office of the Governor's Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review's (SAPLR) listing of boards and commissions for calendar years 2020 and 2021 and the listings provided by the Tinian and Rota Mayors Offices, respectively. A board or commission that has fulfilled its assigned task or mandate is defined by the SAPLR as inactive. This report does not include inactive boards and commissions on Rota as the listing was still being compiled at the time of our report date.

Section 21 of the CNMI Constitution states that boards and commissions are appointed by the Governor to perform a regulatory or administrative function or direct the activities of an agency, authority, or public or quasi-public corporation. Memberships in these boards and commissions are discussed below.

As of September 30, 2021, there were a total of 52 boards and commissions within the CNMI Government that consists of about 430 member positions in total. Of the 52 boards and commissions:

- 9 were considered inactive;
- 30 of the 43 active boards and commissions grant its members some form of compensation with certain restrictions; and
- Of the 43, membership for one requires an election for its voting members, 22 require confirmation from either the Senate or the applicable Senatorial District Legislative Delegation, and the remaining are appointed by the Governor.



Statutory Requirements

Pursuant to 1 CMC §§ 2311, 2901, 8511, and 8514, board and commission members are required to file specific documentation with the Legislature or OPA. The Secretary of Finance and OPA also have designated statutory requirements to help ensure compliance with certain requirements. These responsibilities are discussed below. Furthermore, in accordance with the Open Government Act, 1 CMC §§ 9901-9918, all meetings of public boards and commissions shall be open to the public with certain narrow exceptions and all public records shall be available for inspection upon request.

Board and Commissions:

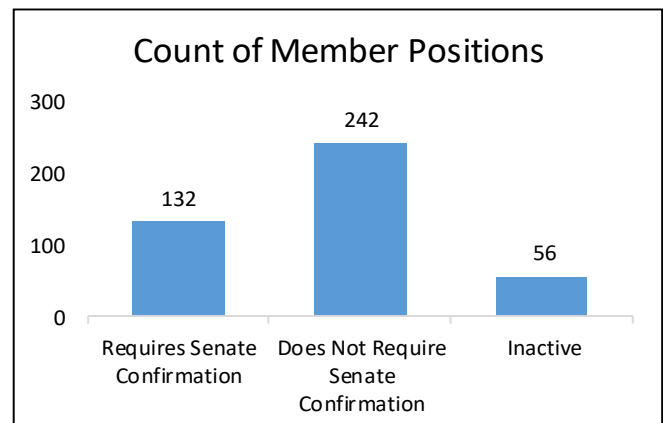
- Every board and commission shall submit an annual CCR in electronic format to the Public Auditor and the presiding officers of the Legislature no later than 30 calendar days after each fiscal year.
- The Citizen-Centric Report shall be posted on the entity's website and the websites of the Office of the Governor, the CNMI Legislature, and Office of the Public Auditor.
- Each board, commission or public corporation shall prepare a written annual report summarizing its activities and furnish a copy of the report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and to the Governor.
- Every Commonwealth official appointed to a board or commission must file a verified written SFI by May 1st of each year.

Secretary of Finance:

- Certify to the Public Auditor a list (current as of the prior January 1) of the names and mailing addresses of the persons as described in 1 CMC § 8511 who are required to file an SFI, no later than February 1 of each year.
- Certify to the Public Auditor, not less than 30 days before the due date for filing an SFI, a supplemental list of those persons as described in 1 CMC § 8511 who, since the February 1st certification, are required to file an SFI in the same form and manner as the original list certified to the Public Auditor.

Office of the Public Auditor:

- Notify all persons required to file an SFI in writing by personal delivery or mail not later than March 1 of each year. For public employees, the Public Auditor may effect delivery of the notices to the various departments and public corporation heads for distribution to the public employee(s). Should the public employee(s) not be served with such notice by April 1st, the Public Auditor shall take appropriate steps to notify such persons by mail of the filing requirements at the last known address for them appearing in Commonwealth records.
- Deliver a receipt to each person who files a statement under this chapter indicating that the person has filed such statement and the date of such filing.
- Strictly keep confidential all SFI unless the person required to file an SFI has given the Public Auditor prior written approval to make such information available to the general public.
- Make the SFI available upon written request to (1) the Board of Elections of those persons seeking elective government office and (2) the legislative body responsible for such matters of those persons whose appointments require legislative approval.
- Promptly notify each person required to file an SFI of each examination or duplication of his statement by sending to such person a copy of the written request.





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Name	Status	Confirmation Required	Members Compensated	Member Positions
Advisory Commission on the Compensation of Commonwealth Executive, Legislative & Judicial Officers	Inactive	No	No	5
Aging and Disability Advisory Board (ADRC or Resource Center)	Inactive	No	①	7
Behavioral Health Planning Council ²	Active	No	Yes	17
Board of Education	Active	No	Yes	8
Board of Nurse Examiners	Active	No	Yes	7
Board of Parole	Active	No	Yes	8
Board of Professional Licensing	Active	Yes	No	5
Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission	Active	No	No	8
Civil Service Commission ¹	Active	Yes	Yes	7
CJPA Youth Advisory Council ²	Active	No	No	16
CNMI Accountancy Board	Inactive	No	No	5
CNMI Cannabis Commission	Active	Yes	Yes	5
CNMI Developmental Disabilities Council (DDCouncil) ²	Active	No	Yes	25
CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors ¹	Active	Yes	No	5
Commonwealth Casino Commission	Active	Yes	Yes	5
Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture	Active	No	No	7
Commonwealth Economic Development Authority	Active	Yes	Yes	7
Commonwealth Election Commission	Active	Yes	Yes	9
Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority Board	Inactive	Yes	No	9
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Board	Active	Yes	Yes	5
Commonwealth Library Council ²	Active	No	Yes	7
Commonwealth Ports Authority ¹	Active	Yes	Yes	7
Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board	Active	No	No	6
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	Active	Yes	Yes	8
Council for Humanities	Active	No	Yes	11
Council for the Improvement of Criminal Justice System (CJPA Supervisory Council) ²	Active	No	No	15
Credit Union Board	Inactive	No	①	5
Department of Public Lands Advisory Board	Active	No	No	5
Healthcare Professions Licensing Board	Active	Yes	No	5
Historic Preservation Review Board	Active	No	No	9
Interagency Coordinating Council ²	Active	No	Yes	20
Lottery Commission	Active	No	Yes	4
Marianas Public Land Trust ¹	Active	Yes	Yes	5
Marianas Visitors Authority	Active	Yes	No	9
Museum Board of Governors	Active	No	Yes	9
Northern Marianas College Board of Regents	Active	Yes	Yes	7
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Board of Directors	Active	Yes	No	5
Northern Marianas Technical Institute Board of Trustees	Active	Yes	Yes	7
Public Utilities Commission	Active	Yes	Yes	5
Retirement Fund Board of Trustees	Inactive	Yes	Yes	7
Scholarship Advisory Board	Inactive	No	①	5
Second Marianas Political Status	Active	No	Yes	9
Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Board	Inactive	No	①	10
State Rehabilitation Council (Vocational Rehab)	Active	No	Yes	21
State Workforce Development Board ¹	Active	No	No	14
Statewide Independent Living Council ²	Active	No	Yes	16
Zoning Board	Active	Yes	Yes	7
Tinian				
Cockfight Board Members ³	Inactive	Yes	No	3
Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC)	Active	Yes	Yes	5
Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board	Active	Yes	Yes	5
Rota				
Rota Casino Gaming Commission	Active	Yes	Yes	5
Rota Municipal Scholarship	Active	Yes	Yes	4

① None stated in the listing provided by the SAPLR or applicable laws.

¹ Compensation information obtained directly from the board or commission.

² *CNMI v. Manglona*, 1997 MP 28

³ Animal Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. 2156