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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan



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MINUTES OF THE 1ST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 21ST SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL HILLS, TELAJE, TANDAG CITY, THIS PROVINCE ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr. - Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

District I

Hon. Ruel D. Momo
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.

District II

Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Raul K. Salazar

Ex-Officio Members:

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod - Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative, Surigao del Sur
Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel - President, Philippine Councilors' League, Surigao del Sur Chapter
Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno - President, Provincial Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas

ON VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

Hon. Henrich M. Pimentel - Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. -do-
Hon. Joey S. Pama -do-
Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr. -do-
Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo -do-
Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez - President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

ABSENT :

None

I - Call to Order

The session was called to order by the Honorable Presiding Officer at 9:44 in the morning.

II - Invocation/Prayer

To invoke God's presence, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon led the Prayer.



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III - Pambansang Awit
- Surigao del Sur Hymn

The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan directed the attention of the August Body to the multi-media presentation for the singing of the Pambansang Awit and the Surigao del Sur Hymn.

IV - Roll Call

The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan called the roll to determine the presence of quorum. Fourteen (14) Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members responded to the call including the Honorable Presiding Officer. Thus, Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Presiding Officer declared the session in quorum.

Hon. Joey S. Pama joined the zoom session at 10:32 in the morning.

V - Approval and Adoption of the Order of Business

Order of Business of the 1st Special Session of the 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur dated February 9, 2026.

After a thorough review of the Order of Business page by page and there having no corrections, comments and objections raised by the Body, said Order of Business was approved and adopted on motion of Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and unanimously seconded by all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present. It was assigned as Resolution No. 761-26.

VI - Calendar of Business

Letter from Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province, addressed to the Honorable Members of the Provincial Council thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Provincial Vice Governor and Presiding Officer, all of this Province dated February 9, 2026, requesting for the conduct of a Special Session in relation to Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) Resolution No. 01, Series of 2026, entitled "A Resolution Recommending to the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan the Declaration of the Province of Surigao del Sur Under a State of Calamity Due to the Impact of Tropical Storm 'Basyang'". Further, the Honorable Governor would like to request for the urgent passage of a Resolution Declaring Surigao del Sur Under State of Calamity Due to Typhoon "Basyang", for the Body's information and appropriate action.

At this juncture, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Floor Leader of the 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan informed the Body that the only agenda in today's Special Session was the of the declaration Province under a State of Calamity after Tropical Storm Basyang. It was proper that the entire Membership of this Body be informed of its effects. They were fortunate to have the distinguished Provincial Administrator, Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel, who was then given the floor to present reports from the respective LGUs after Tropical Storm Basyang devastated the province.

Before Mr. Pimentel was recognized, the Honorable Presiding Officer informed the Body that the declaration is needed as required by the Local Government Code to enable the utilization of the Disaster Risk Reduction Management Fund, particularly the Quick Response Fund. The Provincial Governor's Office, represented by the Provincial Administrator John Vincent C. Pimentel, and provided information on the situation following Typhoon Basyang as the basis for the declaration.

This time, Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel was given the floor and he greeted one and all a pleasant morning. He then proceeded to his report that on February 5, 2026, at 11:15 P.M., Surigao del Sur experienced the landfall of a tropical depression with winds of 75 kph and gusts up to 90 kph.



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Despite earlier pre-emptive and forced evacuations, the storm brought an average of 200 mm of rain over four to five hours, causing widespread flooding. Tandag City and surrounding municipalities including Tago, San Miguel, Bayabas, Cortes, Lanuza, San Agustin, and parts of Barobo were worst hit. A total of 89,816 families (336,670 individuals) across 249 barangays, or 80% of the province, were affected equivalent to 52% of the population. By February 8, 28,558 families (101,324 individuals) had been displaced, with 25,000 families (77,000 individuals) evacuated into 461 centers. Barobo registered the highest number at 13,500 families, followed by Tandag City (9,809), San Miguel (9,800), Tago (9,500), Carrascal (8,860), and Cantilan (6,900). Due to congestion, over 6,000 families stayed with relatives or in private vehicles at higher ground. Priority treatment was provided to vulnerable sectors, including Indigenous Peoples (39% inside evacuation centers), pregnant women, more than 500 Persons with Disabilities, solo parents, and unaccompanied minors. Gender profiling was nearly equal at 50% male and 49.95% female. Adults (18–59 years old) were the most affected, followed by infants and children (20%), teenagers (8%), and Senior Citizens. The Province recorded severe flooding and landslides, most acute along the 8-kilometer stretch between Barangay Nurcia, Lanuza, and Catupgas, affecting the Cortes National Road. Through continuous operations with DPWH and the Provincial Engineering Office under Engr. Jun-Jun Cubero, the affected stretch was reduced to 2 kilometers. As of the latest assessment, repairs were expected to take 3–7 days, weather permitting. A total of 620 houses were documented as damaged: 121 totally and 495 partially, with estimated losses of ₱3.3 million. Additionally, 20 critical provincial roads and bridges, valued at ₱200 million, were damaged, though half were cleared following Governor Jhonny's directive. Notably, the 40-year-old Purok 6 Bridge in Barangay Poblacion, Cortes, was severed from the mainland due to age and design flaws. The Council expressed gratitude to Mayor Eric Yu and the Disaster Council for their collaboration. As of February 15, timber bridging had been completed, allowing light vehicles, motorcycles, and pedestrians to pass. However, due to unpredictable weather conditions, a State of Calamity was requested. Critical roads, bridges, and transport infrastructure were compromised. Electrical lines sustained ₱750,000 in damages, causing power outages in six municipalities (Cagwait, Cantilan, Carrascal, Marihatag, San Miguel, and Tago). The water systems in Barobo and Tandag City required ₱110,000 in rehabilitation. Sea dikes and sea walls suffered major damage: Bayabas (₱38M), Carmen (₱20M), and Lingig (₱25M), totaling ₱83M. School buildings were weakened, with ₱12M in repairs needed, including Tandag City, Barangay Calatgan in San Miguel (₱4M), and Salvacion Elementary School in San Agustin (₱5.5M). The Council expressed gratitude to Honorable Mayor Eric Yu and the Disaster Council for their collaboration. As of February 15, timber bridging allowed light vehicles, motorcycles, and pedestrians to pass. However, due to unpredictable weather conditions, a State of Calamity was requested. Government facilities in Tandag City, the capital and seat of power, sustained approximately ₱816 million in damages within 36–72 hours. The most severely affected sector was the livelihood of residents, with nearly ₱590 million in losses to high-value crops, rice, machinery, and irrigation infrastructure. Tandag City alone recorded ₱144 million in concentrated damage. The Fishery Sectors sustained damages amounting to approximately ₱50 million, including pump boats, fish nets, and Norwegian fish cages. Overall, the Province recorded damages exceeding ₱1.4 Billion, with projections nearing ₱2 Billion pending full assessment. Within 24 hours, the report was transmitted to the Office of the President. The Honorable Governor was unable to deliver the statement as he was escorted by the Office of Civil Defense for the National Government's rapid damage assessment. The Surigao del Sur sustained rainfall equivalent to 100 years within less than 24 hours. A red warning was issued, prompting the highest level of disaster response within 4–5 hours. The DSWD Region pre-positioned 4,000 food packs per municipality, though this was insufficient. Deployment to badly hit areas began at 1:00 PM, February 7. The Provincial Government called for donations and resources, noting stretched capacity. Cortes required 20 hoses for a temporary pumping facility across 12 barangays while Nurcia requested reinforcement. The Provincial Government lobbied the DILG to lift aerial rescue restrictions following the Loreto helicopter accident, citing the need for faster food pack distribution. Two casualties and one injury were reported: A 10-year-old died from brain trauma and asphyxiation after a landslide struck a house in a no-build zone. A 53-year-old woman was swept away during evacuation from a hazardous low-lying area. The Provincial



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Government emphasized that development plans must be guided by scientific data, particularly in selecting tree species with strong root systems to prevent landslides. As seen in Lanuza where toppled falcatas contributed to damage. It was clarified that the issue was not related to mining. The government committed to providing assistance: ₱20,000 to each bereaved family of the two victims, ₱10,000 to owners of 121 partially damaged houses, and ₱5,000 to 495 household owners with partial damage. The Coordinating Focal emphasized the need to recalibrate policies and mindsets on disaster preparedness, noting that natural forces could not be stopped and must be accepted as imminent. He highlighted recurring disasters from late November to February, including typhoons, shearlines, and earthquakes, and urged political leaders to heed the call for stronger preparedness. He stressed the urgent need to upgrade and refurbish evacuation centers to encourage full compliance with forced evacuations. He concluded that the Office, together with the Governor's Office, had sufficiently established the rationale for declaring an immediate and urgent State of Calamity.

This time, Hon. J.V. Pimentel requested the Body to divert their attention to the video presentation on the screen. To visualize the extent of damage, they conducted a quick aerial drone survey of the 8 km stretch at Lanuza, Nurcia, and Cortes Junction. He informed the Body that augmentation for DPWH had been deployed using a device clustering method for Fleet deployment. Four clusters were sent out. After preventive clearing in Lianga, the Fleet proceeded to the Nurcia site. In the Catupgas-Nurcia Road Section, equipment was deployed as directed by the Honorable Governor, one loader, one backhoe, one grader, two dump trucks, plus two backhoes, two loaders, and three dump trucks from both sides. At Panubigan Water Pipeline, the Fleet assisted Tandag City Water District in reconnecting a burst pipe, restoring water to affected areas. Reinforcements were also dispatched to Poblacion Purok 6-A. The Provincial Government's proactive efforts were noted, and the Body was reminded that the province remained under a State of Calamity.

After Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel presented his report, Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod asked the Provincial Administrator if those in far-flung areas, especially within the Ancestral Domain, who had not yet submitted reports to the MDRMO, could still be included for the Province of Surigao del Sur.

In response, Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel relied that the report was not yet a terminal report; it was an ongoing consolidation. Cortes, San Miguel, and Lanuza were still consolidating their directly isolated areas. When the landslide struck, communications were immediately cut off on all fronts, including power lines and telecommunication. The Provincial Administrator stated that they needed to augment the fleet of rescue operations. Individual efforts using pump boats had been risky due to waves, so advanced speed boats were necessary. A helicopter was also needed, and although restrictions existed, lobbying for their lifting was feasible. The committee noted the urgent need to ramp up equipment and infrastructure for disaster preparedness, especially for Indigenous Peoples in hinterland areas. It was emphasized that aerial support would ease clearing operations. Accordingly, the Governor had issued direct orders to urgently procure 10,000 food packs for the most badly hit areas, given limited QRF resources. The province would provide augmentation only, not the full 89,000 packs. Assistance from Hon. Guinsod was requested to identify priority areas, as the Municipal Social Welfare and Disaster teams were already stretched in field operations.

On the same topic, Hon. Canedo just want to emphasized that the Hinatuan Radar Station detected the tropical depression/typhoon, and the Municipality of Hinatuan was identified as having a high probability of being hit. However, when the typhoon landed, the municipality, particularly the southern part of the Second District, did not experience heavy rainfall as expected. This incident highlighted the need for an extensive feasibility study on establishing additional radar towers in the northern part of Surigao del Sur, possibly in Carrascal, Cantilan, or Madrid, to improve accuracy of weather monitoring. It was suggested that the Provincial Governor's Office, through the PDRRM, craft a plan or study to be submitted to the National Government for assistance in setting up new towers in the First District.



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Mr. Vincent C. Pimentel responded that Hinatuan PAG-ASA Station was located, he acknowledged the concerns raised. He noted that the sudden shift in typhoon trajectory was a stark reminder of the limitations of both modern and past forecasting technologies. He confirmed that the Board had already drafted an action plan as early as Friday, which included CLUP enforcement, DENR coordination for forestry management, and procurement of modern technology. The PDRMO technical team reported that sixteen of nineteen municipalities were coastal, making them highly vulnerable to rainfall and flooding. CARCANMADCARLAN remained a hazard area due to cliffside risks, while Hinatuan's low-lying coastal communities were particularly exposed. He emphasized that virtually all municipalities faced hazards and that this would be included in the scientific study. The plan aimed to establish a five- to ten-year baseline dataset, referencing past typhoons such as Auring and Pablo (2012), to strengthen future recommendations.

In the continuance of the discussion, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Canedo inquired if assistance from the National Government had been provided in terms of funding for the incident in Surigao del Sur.

Mr. Vincent C. Pimentel responded that the actual amount of damage was still being verified. By 5:00 p.m. on February 6, the Office of the President had issued its commitment, and other Cabinet Secretaries, including Secretary Galvez, had reached out to assess immediate needs such as rescue vehicles, contingent on the PDRMC's urgent submission of requirements. Coordination was also made with Superintendent Lorenzo Macasucol of Surigao del Sur regarding a Memorandum of Agreement for collaboration on school repairs, reconstruction, and rehabilitation, with the deadline set for February 7, 2026. The body remained in constant coordination while awaiting the Office of the President's issuance and declaration of the final amount. As reference, during the October 10 earthquake, the Office of the President extended donations ranging from ₱5 Million for partially damaged LGUs to ₱10 Million for severely affected LGUs. The Body expressed hope for greater support.

On the same topic, Hon. Pimentel previously discussed the matter with Hon. Cañedo the need for a satellite PDR Office in District II, noting that it is at least 100 kilometers from the Provincial Capital, Tandag City. He suggested that establishing such an office would improve response time in case of emergencies in District II. The proposal was raised for consideration by the Provincial Administrator.

In response, Mr. J.V. C. Pimentel noted, that the idea had already been explored and included in the previous six-year development plan, which remains partially unimplemented. The Governor approved recalibration of the plan with the PDRMC, and discussions with Sir Lot Garrido confirmed additional projects in the pipeline. While immediate construction was not promised, creative alternatives such as office designation or coordination with the National Secretariat NDRMC/MO were considered. Current best practice was highlighted: the Provincial Engineering Office, under Engineer Cubero, clustered all 19 municipalities into four groups so one fleet could respond to three to four municipalities. The Body was reminded that Surigao del Sur spans 5,000 square kilometers, with municipalities 20–30 kilometers apart, often requiring an hour's travel. The Body agreed to explore recalibration of the plan without firm commitments.

At this time, Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon sought clarification on the impact of Tropical Storm Basyang. He noted the Provincial Administrator's report of two confirmed deaths and inquired whether additional reports were still expected.

Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel responded that a verbal report was received of a possible death due to a cobra snake bite in Bioto, pending verification through the death certificate. Hon. Azarcon, noted the probability of fatalities from the 23 landslides and continued lobbying with the National



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Government for air support and water-based rescue vehicles. Flooding reached 1.6 meters, a significant event, though it was hoped the worst had passed. The verification of the snake bite incident was emphasized, as sightings of snakes during nighttime flooding had been reported.

Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon noted that he had heard from Mr. J. V. C. Pimentel's report that the estimated amount was P1.4 billion, while the actual report showed P900 million. He inquired whether the P1.4 billion would stand as the final estimate or if additional figures would still be included as reports were collated.

In response to the query of Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, Mr. J.V. C. Pimentel replied that they still awaited the final damage assessment from the Office of Civil Defense National Office, who were with Acting PDRMO Chief Lot Garrido and possibly coordinating with Governor Johnny T. Pimentel. The immediate goal was to clear the 8-kilometer stretch of landslide they had identified, as they suspected residents below at Cliffside were affected. The updated consolidated report amounted to P1.4 billion as of 6 p.m., February 8, Sunday.

Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon inquired again if this a comprehensive report that would include public structures and private structures?

Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel replied that it was noted that limitations remained in reporting private structures. Households with totally damaged homes often did not immediately report due to shock. Another factor was the speed of national government response; some households delayed reporting, recalling past calamities when assistance did not arrive promptly. Stress discouraged immediate reporting. It was suspected that figures could rise if the public were encouraged to make their own estimations, as many lost appliances and furniture. The private sector impact was therefore qualified as potentially high.

Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon informed that Villia Azarcon was badly hit, with damages estimated at P5 to P10 Million. The focus remained on the Private Sector, particularly tourism, as the incident significantly affected the industry.

Thereafter, Mr. J. V. C. Pimentel informed that the team coordinated with Provincial Tourism Officer Mrs. Mary Vil Cruz-Chan. Previously, tourism enterprises were cooperative in providing estimates, being business-oriented and skilled with numbers. However, consensus emerged that enterprises no longer wished to give estimates, assuming resort owners had sufficient capital. This created challenges for Mrs. Chan. Despite this, estimates were gathered: Villa Azarcon and Hubason reported almost P20 Million. The coordination was also made with the LGU Tourism Officer in Cagwait and Enchanted River for public tourism enterprises.

In relation to the suggestion of Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel, Hon. Cañedo said that during his second term as Ex-Officio Member, previously raised the proposal to establish a PDRMO Satellite Office in the Second District. The matter was discussed in the first term, considering the greater distances between municipalities in the Second District (20–30 km compared to 5–10 km in the first district). It was noted that during calamities, residents sometimes questioned the level of provincial government support. The Body agreed it was timely to conduct a study and urged the Provincial Administrator to consider the establishment of a Satellite Office.

Afterward, Mr. J.V. C. Pimentel explained that they acknowledged that the recommendation was long-term in nature but welcomed it as a temporary measure. Rescue operations had relied on the fleet of the provincial engineer's office, though dump trucks were unsuitable for vulnerable groups such as senior citizens and pregnant women. The Body admitted the need for appropriate rescue vehicles, procurement, and greater funding. The Governor's Office exerted effort to attract investors,



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recognizing that reliance on the ERA was insufficient, as only 5% could be allocated to the Development Fund. The Council emphasized the need to increase tax revenues to reallocate funds for development, noting the difficulty of depending on national budget extensions. In the meantime, the clustering system was implemented, while the council acknowledged the critical need for a satellite facility.

This time, Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr. said that the presence of the Provincial Administrator was sufficient, other officials should also attend to address questions, particularly on the Quick Response Fund (QRF). Clarifications were sought on the remaining balance for 2025, the accumulated fund carried over to 2026, and the planned expenditures. It was emphasized that 70% of the fund should be planned by the PDRRMC, with some provincial council members also serving on the council, including Board Member Tony Boy Azarcon and Committee Chair on Disaster Preparedness, Board Member Hon. Dumagan, Jr.. The Body requested the Local Finance Committee, especially the Budget and Accounting offices, to provide figures not only on the extent of damages but also on the remaining funds. Although the session was intended for the declaration of a state of calamity, members stressed the importance of knowing the financial aspect of QRF spending. Hon. Sayawan, Sr. raised his second concern regarding the 70% allocation of the disaster fund for prevention, mitigation, and control, emphasizing the need for council planning. He noted that after quick response, planning for 2026 utilization and 2027 allocation should be prioritized in the first quarter. He cited the COA comment on fund utilization and urged that the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, including Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, convene as called by the Honorable Governor through the Provincial Administrator. He further stressed the presence of the Provincial Finance Committee and the PDRRMO in such meetings.

Similarly, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. expressed agreement with the views of the gentleman from the 2nd District regarding the need to discuss the identification and utilization of QRF funds. However, it was emphasized that the immediate priority was the passage of the Resolution declaring a State of Calamity. The Body suggested that details on QRF utilization be taken up in the next session and referred to the Office of the Provincial Governor. With no further questions or clarifications raised, the Body deemed it necessary to pass the Resolution for transmittal to the National Government.

On the same note, Hon. Sayawan, Sr concurred with Hon. Dumagan, Jr. to immediately declare. During planning, it was noted that if the Provincial Finance Committee could not report the following day, the Provincial Administrator should convene a PDRRMC meeting within the week or the next to resolve the matter. Members agreed to participate in planning and discussions, including fund disbursement.

Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel noted that the Quick Response Fund amounted to ₱45 million, representing 30% of the ₱150 million calamity allocation, which itself comprised 5% of the Development Fund. A retention policy was implemented to avoid full depletion, with a ceiling of ₱5 million per quarter. Market scoping was conducted to secure affordable rice supplies, and procurement was pursued under emergency provisions, bypassing regular bidding. The Council emphasized austerity, reserving funds for potential future calamities within the year. Immediate relief packs were prioritized, with an estimated ₱3–4 million to be expended from the quarterly allocation. Plans for the remaining 70% of the fund were acknowledged, pending refinement and recalibration based on updated rainfall intelligence.

On the same note, Hon. Sayawan, Sr. asked the Provincial Administrator if they can set a possible time for a meeting with PDRRMC. Mr. J.V. C. Pimentel replied that in the afternoon, after their procurement conference with MIADTI regarding the FMR of the provincial government, they set the meeting at 5 p.m. He sent a link so the Body could participate and be appraised of the current



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relief efforts. He also provided substantial time for other matters, focusing on the planning and scrutiny of the remaining 70%. The team prepared accordingly.

At this time, the Honorable Presiding Officer manifested that before they will passed the Resolution declaring the entire province under a State of Calamity, he then asked Mr. J.V. C. Pimentel whether an arrangement had been established between the provincial government and the lower LGUs. Since both cities and municipalities, as well as the province, had proprietary functions and Disaster Risk Reduction Management funds to address victims, the inquired if coordination had already been set in place.

Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel replied that in terms of arrangement, he noted that disaster response was implemented in line with the mandate and existing laws, including the LGU Code of 1991. Quick Response Funds (QRF) were requested by the Honorable Mayors, with allocations and plans subject to their discretion. Governor Johnny's principle was to allow LGUs self-autonomy, with provincial augmentation where needed. Initial food packs, relief, and water distribution were handled by the LGUs, while the province provided augmentation once local resources were insufficient. Rescue operations were completed, with remaining efforts focused on food packs, relief, and water. Infrastructure support was coordinated with Municipal and City Engineers. Arrangements were applied flexibly on a case-to-case basis, as illustrated by Tandag City, which required provincial fleet support when its 28 rescue vehicles did not return. Protocols were followed in accordance with Law and Memorandum Circulars.

At this point in time, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. requested that the Body will proceed with the passage of the Resolution declaring the Province of Surigao del Sur under a state of calamity. He noted that Typhoon Basyang made landfall at 11:50 p.m. on February 5, 2026, over the coastal municipality of Bayabas, with maximum sustained winds of 75 kph. The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council had earlier passed a Resolution urging the Sanggunian to act. Pursuant to NDRRMC Memorandum No. 60, Series of 2019, the conditions for declaration were met. Initial reports from the PDRMO indicated heavy flooding in 19 local governments, particularly in remote barangays near rivers and streams, with water rising up to 1.6 meters. At least 73,682 families, or 292,886 individuals across 299 barangays—equivalent to 45.62% of the province's population—were affected. Consequently, the Sanggunian passed the Resolution placing Surigao del Sur under a state of calamity. The Body noted that motorists, commercial trucks, and vehicles in Cantilan, Madrid, Lanuza, Cortes, Tandag, Tago, San Miguel, and Bayabas were affected by falling trees and thick deposits of mud and debris. A total of 434 houses were reported damaged, 37 of which were totally destroyed. Damage to provincial logging was estimated at ₱211 million, while national road damage was placed at ₱100 million. Approximately 111,324 individuals were displaced inside and outside evacuation centers. In view of these circumstances, the Members moved for the passage of a Resolution declaring the entire Province of Surigao del Sur under a State of Calamity following Typhoon Basyang on February 5, 2026. It was resolved that copies of the Resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, the Acting Provincial Disaster Risk Management Office, the GSIS Extension Office, the SSS Officer in Charge, and the Pag-IBIG Branch Head in San Francisco. The staff was authorized to make necessary corrections should further details be submitted by local government units. Hon. Dumagan, Jr. manifested to pass a Resolution entitled "Declaring the Entire Province of Surigao del sur Under the State of Calamity Due to the Aftermath of "Tropical Storm Basyang" that Struck the Province on February 5, 2026". It was assigned as Resolution No. 762-26 and unanimously seconded by all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members.



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VII- Other Matters

For the Other Matters, Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel invited all the Board Members and the Vice Governor to the PCL Convention on February 19-21, 2026 at Century Park Hotel, Manila. He informed the Body that the check-in will be on Thursday, Feb 19, 2026 and check-out on Saturday, Feb 21, 2026.

Likewise, Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno invited everyone to the Provincial Liga Congress on February 25-27, 2026 at Century Park Hotel, Manila.

This time, Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, Former Regional Chairman of NMYL invited everyone especially the Young Legislators to join them for the National and Local Election of the National Executive Committee of the National Movement of Young Legislators on February 23, 2026 at Manila Hotel, Ermita, Manila.

IX - Announcement

The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan announced that the 29th Regular Session of the 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan, this Province will be held on February 10, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Legislative Building, Capitol of the South, Kahayag, Bislig City, this Province.

IX- Adjournment

There having no more business to be taken up by the Body, Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr. moved to adjourn the session and same was jointly seconded by Hon. Margarita G. Garay and Hon. Joey S. Pama. The Honorable Presiding Officer then declared the session adjourned.

Session adjourned at 11:04 in the morning.

SUBMITTED BY:

EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

NOTED BY:

MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)



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