



# Sangguniang Panlalawigan

BATAAN CAPITOL, BALANGA CITY



## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, THE BUNKER, CAPITOL COMPOUND, BALANGA CITY, BATAAN

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Ma. Cristina M. Garcia, Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

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Hon. Jovy Z. Banzon, Board Member (PCL President)  
Hon. Doroteo M. Austria, Board Member (FABC President)  
Hon. Precious D. Manuel, Board Member (SKF President)

**ABSENT:**

None

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### PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 19 Series of 2022

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS ENGLISH COMPETENCY WEEK IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN.**

**AUTHOR AND SPONSOR:  
HON. ANTONINO B. ROMAN, III, J.D., LL.M.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7, Article XIV, of the Philippine Constitution recognizes English as an official language;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is globally recognized as one of the largest English-speaking nations, where about two-thirds of the population have some degree of fluency in English;

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**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is regarded to have a competitive advantage in certain businesses and industries, for example, the Business Process Outsourcing industry, due to our good command of English;

**WHEREAS**, English is globally considered a business language;

**WHEREAS**, in the last 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment, 15-year-old Filipino students ranked last in Reading Comprehension, revealing lack of proficiency in English;

**WHEREAS**, in the Education First English Proficiency Index, the Philippines's rank dropped from 20th in 2019 to 27th in 2020;

**WHEREAS**, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., in his State of the Nation Address, pointed out the need to improve our English proficiency;

**WHEREAS**, with the impending construction of the bridge linking Cavite to Bataan, Bataan is positioned to be an investment haven for foreign investors, underscoring the need for increased English proficiency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:**

**Section 1. Short Title.** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "English Competency Ordinance."

**Section 2. Purpose.** - This Ordinance aims to raise awareness of the importance of attaining or improving English proficiency; grow interest in the use of English; and promote further use of English.

**Section 3. English Competency Week Program.** - The first week of September is hereby declared as English Competency Week. In this regard, The Provincial Government of Bataan shall formulate a program and plan of activities, such as but not limited to staging debates, declamation and essay-writing contests, public speaking and writing workshops, and discussion forums in English, to celebrate the English Competency Week. The Provincial Government of Bataan shall collaborate with local government units, government agencies and instrumentalities, and the private sector - as needed.

**Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Provincial Government of Bataan, is directed to formulate Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to enforce this Ordinance. The IRR shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for approval not later than thirty (30) days from passage of this Ordinance.

**Section 5. Appropriations.** - The Provincial Government of Bataan, shall subject to the availability of funds, cause the appropriation or allocation of funds necessary to efficiently and effectively carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, and to include therein all necessary operational or program support expenditures.

**Section 6. Repealing Clause.** - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders, Memoranda, and Other Issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby altered, amended, or repealed accordingly.

**Section 7. Separability Clause.** - In case any provision of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions not affected thereof shall remain in force and effect.

**Section 8. Effectivity Clause.** - This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the relevant requirements under the Local Government Code of 1991.

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JOSE ENRIQUE S. GARCIA III  
Provincial Governor

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**UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.



ATTY. MARK LORENZ C. QUEZON  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan



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Date: 9-30-2022 