



# Sangguniang Panlalawigan

BATAAN CAPITOL, BALANGA CITY



## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 80<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, THE BUNKER, CAPITOL COMPOUND, BALANGA CITY, BATAAN

### PRESENT:

Hon. Antonino B. Roman III, J.D., LL.M., Acting Vice Governor and Temporary Presiding Officer

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Hon. Jomar L. Gaza J.D., Board Member

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Hon. Romeo A. Austria, Board Member (FABC President)

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Hon. Feliciano G. Magay, Jr., Board Member (IPMR)

### ABSENT:

Hon. Benjamin C. Serrano, Jr., Board Member (On Leave)

### PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 04 Series of 2024

#### ORDINANCE CREATING AN AD HOC BODY FOR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES.

#### AUTHORED BY:

HON. JOMAR L. GAZA J.D.

#### SPONSORED BY:

HON. MARIA MARGARITA R. ROQUE

HON. JOMAR L. GAZA J.D.

**WHEREAS**, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives have become an increasingly important aspect of corporate activities, demonstrating a commitment to social, environmental welfare and other concerns;

**WHEREAS**, many corporations have expressed an interest in engaging in CSR activities to benefit local communities, environment, and society at large;

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**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a dedicated body within the provincial government to actively solicit, receive, process, and monitor CSR initiatives and contributions from corporations, ensuring its maximization, transparency and accountability;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Province of Bataan to have an established body and structured mechanism to facilitate and support CSR initiatives, thereby promoting sustainable development and community well-being;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of an ad hoc body with the powers and functions outlined in this ordinance will help streamline the solicitation and processing of CSR proposals, resulting in more effective and impactful outcomes;

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

**Section 1. Short Title.** - This shall be known as "Bataan CSR Initiatives Ordinance".

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy and Objectives.** - The Provincial Government of Bataan (PGB) hereby declares the following policy and objectives:

- a. It is the policy of the PGB to uphold a comprehensive framework for CSR initiatives that strategically align with local development objectives and prioritize community well-being. With a commitment to transparency and inclusivity, this policy encourages active collaboration with businesses, non-profit organizations, and community stakeholders.
- b. The PGB aims to foster partnerships that amplify the positive impact of CSR efforts, emphasizing initiatives that contribute to social inclusion, equal opportunities, fostering sustainable development, local environmental stewardship, health and sports promotion, education, cultural preservation, and the overall well-being of its communities.
- c. Through regular needs assessments, stakeholder engagement, and a robust monitoring and evaluation framework, the PGB seeks to ensure the effective and ethical utilization of CSR resources, reflecting the province's dedication to sustainable development and addressing the diverse needs of the local population.

**Section 3. Creation of CSR Initiatives Ad Hoc Body.** - There is hereby created and organized a CSR Initiatives *Ad Hoc* Body under the Office of the Governor, which shall be responsible for all the CSR initiatives of the PGB. The creation of the same is without prejudice to any subsequent creation and organizational set-up of a formal independent office for the same purpose.

**Section 4. Composition.** - The CSR Initiatives *Ad Hoc* Body shall be headed by the Head of the PGB Public Private Partnership and Investment Center.

Its staffing complement, upon the request and recommendation of the head of the CSR Initiatives *Ad Hoc* Body, shall be assigned, designated and/or seconded by the Governor from the existing employees of the PGB.

  
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Volunteers coming from potential beneficiary communities, groups or causes shall be welcomed under the strict supervision of the head of the CSR Initiatives *Ad Hoc* Body.

The coordination and cooperation of the heads of other departments and offices, as may be relevant and necessary, are hereby enjoined.

**Section 5. Functions and Responsibilities.** – The CSR Initiatives *Ad Hoc* Body shall have the following powers and functions:

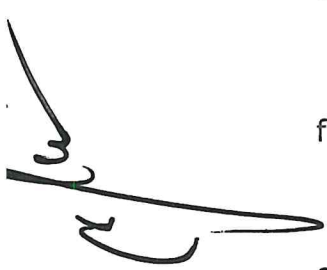


- a. Align CSR initiatives with the PGB's developmental goals and priorities, focusing on areas such as social inclusion, equal opportunities, sustainable development, local environmental stewardship, health and sports promotion, education, indigenous people, cultural preservation, and the overall well-being of its communities;
- b. Foster active collaboration and consultation with local communities, groups or causes to identify their needs, preferences, and priorities, ensuring that CSR initiatives reflect the genuine requirements of the people;
- c. Act as a central coordinating entity, responsible for soliciting CSR grants, aligning community needs with suitable initiatives, and providing assistance in the preparation and processing of requirements to ensure a streamlined and transparent approach to CSR implementation;
- d. Facilitate partnerships between corporations, local businesses, non-profits, and government agencies to maximize the impact of CSR initiatives. Encourage collaboration to pool resources and expertise for larger, more sustainable projects;
- e. Promote CSR initiatives that foster inclusivity, diversity, and equal opportunities, ensuring that benefits are accessible to all segments of the local population;
- f. Encourage transparency in the utilization of CSR funds and resources. Establish clear mechanisms for reporting and accountability to ensure the effective and ethical use of corporate contributions;
- g. Submit annual reports along with pertinent documents to the Office of the Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan as to CSR projects and initiatives implemented.

**Section 6. Prohibition.** – No CSR initiatives shall be pursued from entities belonging to the tobacco industry, regardless of the intended beneficiary, cause, or grantee. Additionally, for initiatives directly benefiting the PGB, none shall be pursued from entities with existing or pending applications or proposals.

**Section 7. Funding.** – The initial funding for the operations of the CSR Initiatives *Ad Hoc* Body, subject to realignment or supplementation, shall be taken from the budget of the Office of the Governor. For subsequent years, the budgetary requirement for the same shall be considered in the adoption of the annual appropriation ordinance.

**Section 8. Review.** – At least once every year, a periodic evaluation of the performance and accomplishments of the CSR Initiatives *Ad Hoc* Body shall be

  
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conducted to assess its effectiveness and functionality. The results of this review will be used to determine whether to establish a dedicated, formal, and organic office for CSR Initiatives or to disband the existing *Ad Hoc* Body. The assessment will consider the overall effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the *Ad Hoc* Body, providing insights for informed decision-making on the establishment of a permanent organizational structure or the implementation of alternative measures.

**Section 9. Separability.** - If for any reason any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 10. Repealing Clause.** - All any ordinances, rules and regulations found inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and amended accordingly.


**Section 11. Effectivity.** - This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Code on posting.

**UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.


**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the enactment of the foregoing Ordinance.



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



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