

NINETEENTH DAY

Saturday, February 29, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Killion called the Fourth FSM Constitutional Convention to order at 10:45 a.m., Saturday, February 29, 2020.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

President Killion: I now call our session to order. May we stand for a moment of silent prayer.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

ROLL CALL

Chief Clerk Reyes called the roll, all 24 delegates are present.

President Killion: Thank you very much. So, we have a full house, we can transact business. So, we can now move on. Adoption of Journal.

ADOPTION OF JOURNAL

Floor Leader Yatilman: Mr. President. I move that we defer the adoption of Journal.

Delegate Martin: Second.

President Killion: It's been moved and seconded that we defer the adoption of the Journal. Discussion? If there's no discussion, all those in favor of the motion say Aye? All those opposed say Nay? Motion carried.

The motion carried by voice vote of Delegates.

President Killion: Item No. 5, Communications.

Delegate Martin: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Delegate Martin.

Delegate Martin: Thank you, Mr. President. With all due respect and recognition to this Body, I wish to move that we suspend our Calendar of the Day and move down to Item No. 12.

Delegate Fritz: I second.

President Killion: Okay, it's been moved and seconded that we suspend the other items and move all the way to Item No. 12 on the Order. Any discussion? If none, all those in favor of the motion say Aye? All those opposed say Nay? Motion carried. So we're now on Item 12. Thank you very much, Delegate Martin.

The motion carried by voice vote of Delegates.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

FIRST READING OF COMMITTEE PROPOSALS.

None

SECOND READING OF COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

None

FINAL READING OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

None

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

None

INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL OF DELEGATE PROPOSALS AND
RESOLUTIONS

President Killion: Item 12, Introduction and Referral of Delegate Proposals and Resolutions.

Chief Clerk Reyes: None, Mr. President.

SPECIAL ORDERS

President Killion: Special Orders.

Chief Clerk Reyes: None also, Mr. President.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President Killion: Miscellaneous Business, Item 14. Any Miscellaneous Business by any Delegates?

Delegate Fritz: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Delegate Fritz.

Delegate Fritz: Thank you, Mr. President. My fellow Delegates, I merely wish to express on behalf of the people of Southern Namoneas our sincere appreciation to our President for his bold decision to extend the declaration to ensure that the welfare and the livelihood of our people are adequately protected. So once again, I know as I said yesterday that even the U.S., the richest country in the world is very much concerned about the spread of the Corona virus. And we, as a small nation particularly in Chuuk, we're the first point that comes from Guam. We should be extra careful to ensure that this terrible disease does not reach our shores. So, I commend our President, and I wish him to continue to protect the welfare and interest of our people. Thank you very much.

President Killion: Thank you very much, Delegate Fritz. On that note of course, in addition the whole nation including us, we are very appreciative of the effort that President Panuelo and his administration, of course, including Congress,

are taking to safeguard us from this very dangerous disease. So, thank you. Any other comments on Miscellaneous Business? Yes, Chairman Sitan?

Delegate Sitan: Yes, can I ask for a short recess?

President Killion: Short recess.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 10:50 a.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

RECESS

The Convention reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

President Killion: Our session is now back to order. We are on Miscellaneous Business and any other matters that any members, Chairman or Chairperson wish to bring forth for discussion? Okay, if none, we come down to Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Killion: Any of the Chairman or Chairperson of the Committees wants to make announcements for your Committee meetings? I guess it was as per yesterday's session that certain Committees have already made their schedules for their meetings. I don't know if there are some for this afternoon, but tomorrow is Sunday. Monday is, of course set for Plenary. There is one Committee that is scheduled in the morning then in the afternoon for Monday as per the schedule that has already been provided. Yes, Chairman Sitan.

Delegate Sitan: Yes, Mr. President. Your Committee on Public Finance will meet on Monday at one o'clock to do what we were supposed to do yesterday which did not happen. It's too embarrassing to say the reason why it didn't happen. Thank you very much.

President Killion: Well, nothing is embarrassing. We appreciate your willingness to reschedule the meeting from yesterday to Monday, and we still have a few days. Okay, one o'clock on Monday, the Committee on Public Finance and Revenue shall meet here. The venue will be here or Committee Hearing Room?

Delegate Sitan: Here.

President Killion: Okay, one o'clock. Yes, Chairman Nabeyan.

Delegate Nabeyan: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a reminder to the members of the Committee on Government Structure and Functions. I've sent out an email and all the attachments for materials to be reviewed in preparation for that meeting on Monday at 2:30 in this chamber. Thank you.

President Killion: Thank you, Chairman Nabeyan. So, the Committee on Government Structure and Functions is scheduled on Monday at 2:30, I guess after the Committee on Public Finance and Revenue the same day, 2:30. Okay, and other announcements?

Floor Leader Yatilman: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Mr. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Yatilman: Do we intend to have a meeting on Monday, Plenary or should we give the Committees time to meet?

President Killion: As we had discussed earlier, we're scheduled to have Plenary on Monday, Tuesday and then we start the recess on Wednesday the following Monday or Tuesday for Committee work unless that decision has changed.

Floor Leader Yatilman: I am asking because if we are going to have Plenary on Monday and we are going to have an Agenda similar to this, we might as well have Committees.

Delegate Susaia: Short recess so we can discuss this.

President Killion: Short recess.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 11:05 a.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

RECESS

The Convention reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

President Killion: Our session is now back to order. We're on Announcements, any more other...Yes, Delegate Naich.

Delegate Naich: Thank you, Mr. President and all the Delegates. I have the pleasure of introducing one of our former Presidents who is observing the transaction of this Convention today, His Excellency, Manny Mori.

(Applause from Delegates).

President Killion: Thank you very much. Welcome, President Mori to our session this morning.

Delegate Fritz: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Delegate Fritz.

Delegate Fritz: If I may follow suit to rise on a point of privilege. Also, in the gallery is one of our young staff from the Chuuk Delegation, Mr. Mori also. He is not a former President, but he's a young, very energetic man. And may I ask that we recognize him please?

(Applause from Delegates).

President Killion: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Mori, another Mori. Okay, and of course our own staff, other staff, Mymy. Myjoleen (Mymy) Kim, she is there. Welcome.

(Applause from Delegates).

Okay, we're still on Announcements.

Delegate Naich: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Delegate Naich.

Delegate Naich: Thank you, Mr. President. In introducing President Mori, I overlooked to also introduce his granddaughter. May I ask the Convention to also recognize his granddaughter? Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause from Delegates).

President Killion: Okay, thank you very much for that introduction. Continuing on to Announcements for the other Chairs and Chairperson, if they have Committee Meetings. Chairperson Sigrah?

Delegate Sigrah: Thank you very much, Mr. President. If the Committee on Civil Liberties and Traditions are going to meet Monday at 8:30 a.m. then, because some of our members are also on the Committee on General Provisions, we can have our meeting immediately after the meeting on the Committee of Civil Liberties. So, we will call it at 10 o'clock a.m. Monday.

President Killion: 10 o'clock a.m. Monday?

Delegate Sigrah: Yes.

President Killion: Okay, so 10 o'clock on Monday, since we don't have session.

Delegate Albert: I think the understanding was, we will take our time up to 11 o'clock and then Committee on General Provision will continue on. But if we recess early, she's more than welcome to take up the rest of the time.

President Killion: So, the Committee on Civil Liberties on Monday, starting at 9:00 a.m. all the way up to possibly 11:00 a.m., after which the Committee on General Provisions will have, your Committee meeting, is that correct?

Delegate Sigrah: Yes, that's correct. I am a member of their Committee.

President Killion: Yes, so you don't have conflicts. Okay, if no objections that shall be the plan on those two Committees. Okay, any other Announcements?

Delegate Albert: May I request something, Mr. President?

President Killion: Yes, Chairman Albert?

Delegate Albert: Since we will be meeting during lunch, may I ask on behalf of the Committee on General Provision that you provide lunch for the group? Thank you.

President Killion: So, you provide breakfast and she provides lunch? Okay, thank you. All right, you work that out. If no other Announcements, Mr. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Yatilman: Mr. President. I move that the Convention stands in recess until 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Delegate Bossy: Second.

President Killion: It's been moved and seconded that we stand in recess until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. If no objection, that shall be it.

The motion carried by voice vote of Delegates.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 11:57 a.m., until Tuesday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Atarino A. Helieisar
Journal Clerk