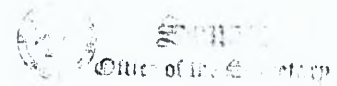


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RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CONDUCT THE VETTING PROCESS OF THE NOMINEES THAT WILL COMPOSE THE MARAWI COMPENSATION BOARD FOR PURPOSES OF THEIR APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT AS PROVIDED UNDER R.A. 11696 OR THE MARAWI SIEGE VICTIMS COMPENSATION ACT OF 2022

WHEREAS, in 2017, the armed conflict known as Marawi Siege, perpetrated by terrorist groups against the Philippine Government security forces wrought havoc in Marawi City, claimed innocent lives, destroyed properties, and displaced hundreds of thousands of persons;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State, under Republic Act (R.A.) 11696 otherwise known as the Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2022 (MSVCA), to provide reparation and compensation to the victims of the siege on the damage, demolition, or destruction of their properties and possessions in the twenty-four (24) main affected areas and eight (8) other barangays in Marawi City;

WHEREAS, the law provides for, among others, the creation and composition of an independent and quasi-judicial body to be known as the Marawi Compensation Board (MCB), which powers and functions are as follows (Chapter II, Section 9):

- a. Receive, evaluate, process and investigate applications for claims under this Act;
- b. Issue subpoenas ad testificandum and subpoenas duces tecum;
- c. Conduct independent administrative proceedings and resolve disputes over claims;
- d. Approve with finality all eligible claims under this Act;

- e. Disburse any and all compensation to qualified claimants at the earliest possible time;
- f. Promulgate such rules as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, including rules of procedure in the conduct of its proceedings, with the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines having supplementary application;
- g. Exercise administrative control and supervision over its Secretariat;
- h. At its discretion, may consult the organizations mentioned in Section 8 herein; and
- i. Perform such other duties, functions, and responsibilities as may be necessary to effectively attain the objectives of this Act.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Act states that "The President shall appoint the Chairperson and the other eight (8) members of the Board xxx" and shall be composed of (Section 7):

(c) At least three (3) of them must be members of the Philippine Bar, preferably Maranao lawyers, who have been engaged in the practice of law for at least five (5) years; and

(d) Two (2) representatives of civil society organizations at least one of whom is either a Sharia lawyer or a Muslim traditional leader.

There should be one (1) licensed physician, one (1) certified public accountant, one (1) educator and one (1) licensed civil engineer.

The Board shall organize itself within thirty (30) days from the completion of appointment of its members and shall thereafter organize its Secretariat.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Executive Secretary, acting as the alter ego of the President, has the mandate to directly assist the President in the management of affairs of the government as well as to direct the operations of the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, since the passage of R.A. 11696 on 13 April 2022, victims of the Marawi Siege have been clamoring for the organization of the MCB, which will take place upon the appointment of its Chairperson and Members, so that it can forthwith perform its functions, organize, and promulgate the implementing rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, R.A. 11696 has a five-year sunset clause which will render the MCB dissolved after the lapse of that period following the effectivity of said implementing rules and regulations of said Law;

WHEREAS, it has been five (5) years since the Marawi Siege transpired and the victims are still awaiting the implementation of R.A. 11696 in the hopes that they can finally return to and rebuild their homes after suffering as internally displaced persons for half a decade; *Now, therefore, be it resolved,*

AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge the Office of the Executive Secretary to conduct the vetting process of the nominees that will compose the Marawi Compensation Board for purposes of their appointment by the President as provided under R.A. 11696 or the Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2022.

Adopted,



ROBINHOOD PADILLA
Senator