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# GEC closed-door meeting fuels questions

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The Guam Election Commission held a regular board meeting Thursday to discuss election-related matters, but a mystery issue was discussed behind closed doors and out of the media spotlight.

The commissioners held a closed meeting to discuss an unspecified concern filed with the commission.

The Guam Daily Post and other media present tried to learn the outcome of the executive session, but GEC Executive Director Maria Pangelinan said she couldn't release specifics, for now.

"We cannot comment. Everything has to be confidential," Pangelinan said. Once the commission is prepared, it will issue a statement, she added.

According to Pangelinan, the commissioners and their legal counsel are guiding the agency through the process.

Without revealing the issue, Chairwoman Alice Taijeron referred to the matter during the meeting, asking whether it warrants going into executive session.

"If the commission feels that it should be something that needs to be reviewed, under Guam election

law, the commission is required to conduct such reviews in confidence," said Vincent Camacho, GEC legal counsel.

Before the commissioners went into executive session, Camacho informed those attending the meeting of the legal basis for keeping confidential the topic of the session.

"The citation is pretty clear - until the determination of probable cause by the election commission, all proceedings, including complaints and investigations, shall be confidential," he said, adding after the meeting, "Unless the person being investigated wants to. Until such time, the election commission has to keep it confidential."

GEC has made headlines recently due to the issue of potential violations of rules governing campaign contributions.

**Campaign contributions**  
Last month, elected Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks received a letter from the election commission concerning a campaign contribution issue.

Brooks said at the time that the letter was very broad, and she is seeking clarification from the election commission. Until she officially responds to the letter, the public auditor said, she would not comment on the matter.



Maria Pangelinan

# Officials: Impact of airport overhaul minimal

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With the A.B. Won Pat International Airport in the midst of a major overhaul to its international arrivals corridor, impacts of the construction process will be minimal to business and daily operations, airport authorities assured concessionaires and other stakeholders.

The \$110 million international arrivals corridor is part of the Vision Hulo campaign, which includes several capital improvement projects to boost services and operations.

The separate corridor will put the airport in compliance with federal regulations set by the Transportation Security Administration in 2005. Arriving passengers will be separated from departing passengers and the new corridor will allow the airport to reclaim full use of the concourse, and remove temporary walls.

During a meeting with stakeholders last week, concessionaires raised concerns about the planned changes to the airport facility.

These temporary changes include the closure of airport stairwells that lead from the ground floor to the second floor in the coming weeks. The closure is necessary to allow for construction preparation of the third-floor international arrivals corridor, according to airport management.

Airport officials said the east-side stairwell on the side of the east ticket

lobby will be closed first and covered with hoarding walls. After that stairwell is prepped and opened up, the west-side stairwell toward the center ticket lobby will be closed and hoarded up. This is where the Jeju and United Airlines ticket counters are located.

The entire process affecting the stairwell is expected to last until midsummer, according to airport officials.

Frederick Tupaz, consultant with Transportation Management Group, said officials are focusing on minimizing operational impacts of the construction process as the work currently in phase one.

Tupaz said that while the ongoing construction would be a "little bit inconvenient," the endgame would provide a facility that could maximize revenue potential.

From curb to cabin, the infrastructure upgrades also would improve passenger experience.

Phase 2 of the project will impact some tenant areas, but airport managers assured stakeholders they will mitigate as many of the issues possible and find suitable facilities to keep areas operational.

"One of the challenges that we have is our operational challenges. This is 24/7 operation. We can't shut down for any reason whatsoever. It will hinder some of our partners. Again, looking at the phasing program for this particular project is critical," Tupaz said.

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