



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – ILOCOS REGION

April 9, 2026

SHIRLEY C. AGRUPIS, Ph.D.

Chairperson

Commission on Higher Education

HEDC Building, C.P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila

Dear **Chairperson Agrupis**:

Warmest greetings from the Regional Development Council-1!

We are pleased to provide a copy of the Regional Development Council 1 (RDC-1) Resolution No. 23, s. 2026, “**Endorsing to the Honorable Shirley C. Agrupis, Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, the FY 2027 Proposed Budget for Priority Programs and Projects of the Pangasinan State University, for Further Endorsement to the Department of Budget and Management**”, for appropriate action. The resolution was passed during the 1st Quarter RDC-1 Full Council Meeting CY 2026 held on March 30, 2026, at Vista la Vita, San Fernando City, La Union.

The RDC-1 finds that the identified priority programs and projects of the Pangasinan State University are consistent with the provisions of National Budget Memorandum No. 156 and are supportive of and in conformity with the regional development thrusts and priorities of promoting human capital and social development, and increasing income-earning ability as contained in the Ilocos Regional Development Plan 2023-2028.

As part of our monitoring efforts, we would appreciate it if your Office could share any updates on actions taken regarding the resolution. For this purpose, we would be grateful if the attached reply and update form be accomplished by your staff. For related queries, our RDC-1 Secretariat, Engr. Maria Evic Panganiban-Quigao or Ms. Juvy Anne Tadiarca-Mariñas of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) Region 1, may be contacted through telephone number (072) 888-2679 or (072) 888-2680 or email at dro1@depdev.gov.ph copy furnished to rdcregion01@gmail.com.

Thank you and I send you my best regards.

Pudno nga agserbi,



MARIO EDUARDO C. ORTEGA, MDA

Chairperson, RDC-1

(Governor, Province of La Union)

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1st QUARTER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-1 (RDC-1) FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR CY 2026 HELD ON MARCH 30, 2026 AT THE VISTA LA VITA, SAN FERNANDO CITY, LA UNION

RDC-1 Full Council Resolution No. 23, Series 2026

ENDORING TO THE HONORABLE SHIRLEY C. AGRUPIS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF THE PANGASINAN STATE UNIVERSITY, FOR FURTHER ENDORSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 82, s. 2025, which reconstitutes and strengthens the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) to accelerate development in all regions, and Memorandum Circular No. 54, s. 2004, which reinforces the RDCs' role in the review and endorsement of the national government budget, the RDCs are mandated to review and endorse to the national government the annual budgets of agency regional offices (AROs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and special development authorities to ensure that priority programs and projects are consistent with and supportive of the regional thrusts and priorities as contained in the Regional Development Plan (RDP) and its results matrices, and the Regional Development Investment Program;

WHEREAS, National Budget Memorandum No. 156 dated January 5, 2026, provides for the policy guidelines and procedures in the preparation of the FY 2027 Budget Proposals and calls for the conduct of consultations with the RDCs, and with other concerned stakeholders to strengthen the vertical linkage between national and regional/local government development plans and budgets;

WHEREAS, RDC-1 issued the Regional Budgeting Guidelines on February 13, 2026 to aid in the preparation, review and endorsement of the priority programs and projects of AROs, SUCs and Government-owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) for inclusion in the FY 2027 Agency Budget Proposals;

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Budget Coordination Committee-1 (RDBCC-1) reviewed the FY 2027 proposed budgets for priority programs and projects during the FY 2027 Regional Budget Review and Consultation held last 4-6 March 2026;

WHEREAS, the identified priority programs and projects of the Pangasinan State University (PSU) are consistent with the requirements of NBM No. 156;

WHEREAS, the identified priority programs and projects of PSU are supportive of and in conformity with the regional development thrust and priority of promoting human capital and social development, and increasing income-earning ability as contained in the RDP 2023-2028;

WHEREAS, the final FY 2027 Proposed Budget of PSU integrated the agency's project listed under the Key Priority Projects for FY 2027 and likewise, considered the comments, suggestions and recommendations raised during the FY 2027 Regional Budget Review and Consultation;

WHEREAS, the Regional Social Development Committee-1 (RSDC-1) has approved the endorsement of the FY 2027 budget proposal of PSU to the RDC-1 through RSDC Resolution No. 2, s. 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to endorse to the Honorable Shirley C. Agrupis, Chairperson of CHED the FY 2027 Proposed Budget for priority programs and projects of PSU integral to this resolution as Attachment A for further endorsement to the Department of Budget and Management, amounting **PhP 3,596,504,000.00** which is broken down as follows:

Tier 1	PhP	42,211,000.00
Tier 2		<u>3,554,293,000.00</u>
Total Budget Proposal	PhP	<u>3,596,504,000.00</u>

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the PSU and the RDBCC-1 to provide feedback on actions taken on the matter to RDC-1;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to request PSU to enroll its priority programs and projects, which will be funded under the GAA 2027, in the Online Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (eRPMES) managed by the DEPDev Regional Office 1.

APPROVED, this 30th day of March 2026 at the Vista La Vita, San Fernando City, La Union.

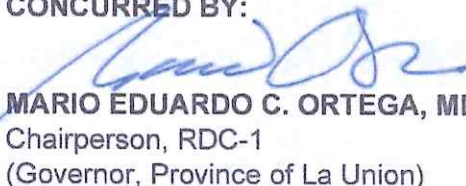
CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


RACQUEL T. ATAWE
Acting Secretary, RDC-1
(OIC-Assistant Regional Director, DEPDev RO1)

ATTESTED BY:


STEPHANIE F. CHRISTIANSEN, CESO III
Vice-Chairperson, RDC-1
(Regional Director, DEPDev RO1)

CONCURRED BY:


MARIO EDUARDO C. ORTEGA, MDA
Chairperson, RDC-1
(Governor, Province of La Union)

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