



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Sandiganbayan

Quezon City

Seventh Division

MINUTES of the proceedings held on July 21, 2023.

Present:

Justice MA. THERESA DOLORES C. GOMEZ-ESTOESTA --- Chairperson

Justice ZALDY V. TRESPESES ----- Member

Justice GEORGINA D. HIDALGO----- Member

The following resolution was adopted:

SB-19-CRM-0153 – People of the Philippines vs. Concepcion Ong Lim, et al.

This resolves the following:

1. **“FORMAL OFFER OF PROSECUTION’S DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITS ON REBUTTAL”**¹ dated July 7, 2023 and filed on July 10, 2023;
2. Accused Frances Bobbith D. Cajes-Auza’s (“Auza”) **“COMMENT/OBJECTION TO THE PROSECUTION’S REBUTTAL EVIDENCE”**² dated July 10, 2023 and filed on July 11, 2023;
3. **“COMMENT/OBJECTION (To: Prosecution’s Rebuttal Formal Offer of Evidence)”**³ dated July 12, 2023 and electronically filed on July 13, 2023 of Accused Handel T. Lagunay, Edwin T. Vallejos, Abraham D. Clarin, Greta A. Mende, Laura S. Boloyos, and Felix M. Mejorada (“Lagunay, et al.”);
4. **“COMMENT/OPPOSITION (Re: Formal Offer of Prosecution’s Documentary Exhibits on Rebuttal dated 07 July 2023)”**⁴ dated July 14, 2023 and filed on July 18, 2023 of Accused Jose E. Veloso, Felix R. Uy, Amalia R. Tirol, Ester Corazon J. Galbreath, and Godofreda Tirol (“Veloso, et al.”); and

¹ Records, Vol. 7, pp. 364-369

² Records, Vol. 7, pp. 408-411

³ Records, Vol. 7, pp. 417-420

⁴ Records, Vol. 7, pp. 432-435

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5. Accused Dionisio D. Balite’s (“Balite”) “**COMMENT/OPPOSITION AD CAUTELAM (To: Formal Offer of Prosecution’s Documentary Exhibits on Rebuttal dated 07 July 2023)**”⁵ dated July 17, 2023 and filed on July 18, 2023.

HIDALGO, J.:

After due consideration of the Formal Offer of Prosecution’s Documentary Exhibits on Rebuttal, and the herein accused respective Comments/Objections or Oppositions thereto, the court resolves to **ADMIT:**

EXHIBITS	DESCRIPTION
“B-Rebuttal” to “B-11-Rebuttal”	Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Session of the <i>Sangguniang Panlalawigan</i> of Bohol held on 26 June 2006 at the Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Session Hall, New Capitol Complex, Tagbilaran City
“B-13-Rebuttal”	Voting Sheet Resolution No. 2006-350 dated 26 June 2006
“B-14-Rebuttal”	Voting Sheet Resolution No. 2006-351 dated 26 June 2006
“B-15-Rebuttal”	Voting Sheet Resolution No. 2006-354 dated 26 June 2006
“B-16-Rebuttal”	Voting Sheet Resolution No. 2006-356 dated 26 June 2006
“B-17-Rebuttal” to “B 36-Rebuttal”	Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Session of the <i>Sangguniang Panlalawigan</i> of Bohol held on 06 July 2006 at the Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Session Hall, New Capitol Complex, Tagbilaran City
“B 37-Rebuttal”	Voting Sheet Resolution No. 2006-357 dated 6 July 2006

The authenticity, due execution, and genuineness of these exhibits having been stipulated upon by the parties at the hearing held on July 4, 2023.⁶ Per stipulation, the parties agreed that the current *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* Secretary of the Province of Bohol, Mr. Bonifacio Quirog, Jr, has custody of these documents, and that he issued certified true copies thereof, which were lifted from the records of the said *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*.⁷

Nonetheless, the admission of these exhibits does not equate to evidentiary weight. The admissibility of evidence is not the same as its probative value.⁸ Thus, the court firmly states that the materiality/relevancy of the exhibits which pertains to its evidenciary and/or probative value will still depend on the determination of the court in the final disposition of the case.

⁵ Records, Vol. 7, pp. 459-470

⁶ Records, Vol. 7, pp. 346-347

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Ma. Melissa Villanueva Magsino vs. Rolando N. Magsino (G. R. No. 205333, February 18, 2019)

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The court reiterates its order to grant defense counsels five (5) days from receipt hereof within which to manifest their intention to present sur-rebuttal evidence.⁹ **The presentation of sur-rebuttal evidence is tentatively set on August 22, 2023 at 8:30 in the morning.**¹⁰

SO ORDERED.


GEORGINA D. HIDALGO

Associate Justice

WE CONCUR:


MA. THERESA DOLORES C. GOMEZ-ESTOESTA

Associate Justice

Chairperson


ZALDY V. TRESPESES

Associate Justice

⁹ Records, Vol. 7, pp. 346-347 (See Order dated July 4, 2023)

¹⁰ *Id.*