

Commission on Elections

RESOLUTION NO. 032, SERIES OF 2023

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE CASTING OF VOTES

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) stands as the highest policy making body of all election matters in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) – Main Campus;

WHEREAS, the prescribed Election Calendar by the Student Council Assembly (SCA) was defined under SCA Resolution No. 014 series of A.Y. 2022-2023, also known as "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CALENDAR FOR THE PUP STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023";

May 8-July 15 PUP SC COMELEC en banc

May 8 onward Period of Verification for Bonafide Student-Voters

July 1 Release of PUP SC COMELEC Implementing Rules and Regulations

July 17–21 Filing of COC

July 22–28 Deliberation of COC and Verification of Candidates' Financial Liability

July 29 Release of Official List of Candidates

July 30-August 8 Campaign Period and LSC Miting De Avance

August 8 University-Wide Miting De Avance

August 9–13 Casting of Votes

August 14-August 18 Canvassing of Votes

August 19–23 Post-Electoral Protest



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August 25 Proclamation of Elected Officials and Oath-Taking

WHEREAS, the Calendar for the Period of Election was defined under Article III Section 5 of the PUP Student Council Election Code:

Section 5. Calendar for the Period of Election. – the calendar or timeframe of the PUP Student Council Election Period shall be prescribed by SCA through a resolution. The start of the Period of Election shall commence at least forty-five (45) days before the start of a new academic year. The COMELEC can adjust the calendar given there is a possibility of Force Majeure or Failure of Election.

WHEREAS, the Commission released the Election Calendar publicly online on June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2023, the Sandigan ng Mag-aaral para sa Sambayanan (SAMASA PUP) filed a petition to adjust the PUP Student Council Election Calendar and the Commission granted the petition with reservation;

WHEREAS, the Commission released Decision No. 01 series of 2023, mentioning that the Commission En Banc GRANTS THE PETITION WITH RESERVATION;

WHEREAS, the Commission decided to adjust the Election Calendar and adopt the following dates:

July 17-28 - Filing of Certificate of Candidacy

July 29-Aug 4 - Deliberation of COC and Verification of Candidate's Financial Liability



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Aug 5 - Release of Official List of Candidates

Aug 6-15 - Campaign Period

Aug 15 - University-Wide Miting de Avance

Aug 17-20 - Casting of Votes

Aug 21-25 - Canvassing of Votes

Aug 26-30 - Post-Electoral Protest

Sept 1 - Proclamation of Elected Officials and Oath-Taking

WHEREAS, the Commission released Resolution No. 024 s. of 2023 entitled "A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 009, SERIES OF 2023 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE PUP STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023";

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 024 s. of 2023, the Commission amends the Election Calendar to the following;

July 17-28 - Filing of Certificate of Candidacy

July 29-Aug 4 - Deliberation of COC and Verification of Candidate's Financial Liability

Aug 5 - Release of Official List of Candidates

Aug 6-15 - Campaign Period

Aug 15 - University-Wide Miting de Avance

Aug 16-20 - Casting of Votes

Aug 22-25 - Canvassing of Votes



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Aug 26-30 - Post-Electoral Protest

Sept 1 - Proclamation of Elected Officials and Oath-Taking"

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2023, Working Towards Improved Student Engagement, Leadership, & Youth Development (WISELY) filed a petition to hold the canvassing of votes despite of the holiday in or to release security measures of the Commission in regards to the holiday pause for the canvassing of votes in the Election 2023, wherein they referenced Article XII Section 1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations;

As soon as the voting is finished, the canvassing of votes shall commence immediately through physical or virtual means. The Commission shall decide whether the canvassing of votes shall be broadcasted live only on its official social media platforms or shall be conducted in a private, online meeting, with the designated poll watchers of each political party or candidate, and student publications only. (Article VII Section 46 of the Election Code).

WHEREAS, the Commission and Working Towards Improved Student Engagement, Leadership, & Youth Development (WISELY) conducted an online hearing on August 20, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Commission convened online on August 20, 2023 for the decision;

WHEREAS, the Commission released Decision No. 04 s. of 2023 mentioning that the Commission En Banc DENIES THE PETITION WITH RESERVATION;



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WHEREAS, the Commission decided to extend the Casting of Votes until August 21, 2023, 11:59 PM;

WHEREAS, no objections/contentions were raised;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power vested in the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) being the highest electoral policy-making body hereby extends the casting of votes period for the PUP Student Council Elections 2023, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES:**

THAT, the Casting of Votes will be extended until August 21, 2023, 11:59 PM;

THAT, the Commission shall inform all the candidates, their campaign officials, and the registered student publications regarding the extension of the casting of votes period.

THAT, this will continue being implemented until another contradicting resolution is created.

THAT, there shall be a furnished copy of this resolution, including any changes made hereto, to the official addresses of the Student Council Assembly, Sentral na Konseho ng Mag-aaral, Local Student Councils, Student Tribunal and Constitutional Commissions, and Student Publications residing in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines - Main Campus.



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SO, ORDERED.

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