

POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

**MOTION TO HOLD THE CANVASSING OF VOTES DESPITE OF THE HOLIDAY IN
CONSIDERATION TO THE**

Or

**MOTION TO RELEASE SECURITY MEASURES OF THE COMMISSION IN REGARDS TO
THE HOLIDAY PAUSE FOR THE CANVASSING OF VOTES IN THE ELECTION 2023**

COME NOW, the **Petitioner** mentioned in the above-titled motion and unto this Honorable Commission respectfully states:

- That on July 13, 2023, the PUP Commission on Elections released, through their Facebook Page, Resolution No. 09 otherwise known as “A Resolution Amending the Election Calendar for the PUP Student Council Elections 2023”. The amended calendar presents the following:

Amended Election Calendar

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| 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 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 |

- That on August 11, 2023, the PUP Commission on Elections has again released, through their Facebook Page, Resolution No. 024 entitled as “A Resolution Amending the Election Calendar for the PUP Student Council Elections 2023”. Wherein, the amended election calendar are as follows:

Amended Election Calendar

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| 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 |
| Aug 26-30 | - Post-Electoral Protest |
| Sept 1 | - Proclamation of Elected Officials and Oath-Taking |

- That the **Petitioner** respectfully recognizes the decision of the Commission to not hold the first day of the canvassing of votes on August 21, 2023, a non-working holiday in the Philippines. However, the **Petitioner** also believes that certain security measures from the PUP Commission on Elections during this holiday pause shall be made public so that the safety and reliability of the Election will not be questioned.

Furthermore, the PUP Commission on Elections being the highest policy making body of all election matters should calm any concern in the safety of the voting process this year. Many things could happen in one day and the confidence in the election of all the parties involved must be assured by releasing a definite and comprehensive security plan by the Commission.

- That the **Petitioner** raises concern regarding the procedure of canvassing of votes where in Article XII Section 1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations, it is stated that;

Section 1. *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).*

As the canvassing of votes will commence on August 22, 2023, there is no latest resolution regarding the canvassing of votes so the procedure stays unclear. The **Petitioner** respectfully request for a detailed procedure of the canvassing of votes and their cause as this is to uphold clean and just student council election of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) – Main Campus.

- That the **Petitioner** respectfully ask for the commission to uphold Article 12 Section 11 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the PUP Student Council election which states that the canvassing of votes would commence immediately after the voting period has ended.
- That the **Petitioner** believes that student-voters shall be given a guarantee that their votes will be safe, unopened, and untampered in the whole process of this election amidst having a holiday pause to the canvassing of votes in this PUP Student Council Election.
- That the **Petitioner** also believes that all student-voters and slates shall be given an assurance that the procedure in canvassing and counting of votes will uphold order and transparency during its whole procedure until the proclamation of winning candidates of the PUP Student Council Election.

- WITH THE ABOVE-STATED, the **Petitioner** move to release security measures of the Commission in regards to the Holiday pause and the request to release the final procedure for the Canvassing of Votes in the Election.


PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission to immediately issue a notice of hearing for this motion. Please take notice that the movants, invoking their right to due process and upholding fair elections, have requested to be heard on 20/08/23 at exactly 7:30pm

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission to release security measures concerning the Holiday pause for the Canvassing of Votes in the Election.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission to grant the petition as early as they could.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission to render an immediate judgment on this motion.


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