

# Republic of the Philippines - Province of Laguna Municipality of Cavinti

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 5th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (2025-2028) OF CAVINTI, LAGUNA, HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, ABC BUILDING CAVINTI, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

HON. MILBERT L. OLIVEROS, VICE MAYOR/ PRESIDING OFFICER

Hon. Jose Mari L. Esguerra, SB Member; Hon. Joseph P. Baltazar, SB Member; Hon. Dr. Jovenil T. Gordula, SB Member

Hon. Habshan Dave D. Blastique, SB Member;

Hon. Godfrey L. Lubuguin, SB Member; Hon. Glenn Haze M. Cabuhat, SB Member;

Hon. Melandro B. Lope, SB Member Hon. Romel J. Villanueva, SB Member;

Hon. Manuel A. Dela Roca, ABC President; and

Hon. Limron O. Sanchez, SKF President

ABSENT:

"NONE"

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 029-2025**

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE LIVE STREAMING OF ALL REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CAVINTI, LAGUNA TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AND PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION IN REAL TIME TO THE PUBLIC

Authored by: HON. JOSE MARI L. ESGUERRA, SB Member Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation and Committee on Public Utilities and Facilities, Energy and Communications

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution Article XI Section 1 states that: Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the people's right to public information on matters of public concern. The citizen shall be afforded access to official records and documents and papers about official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as a basis for policy development, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law.

WHEREAS, The Republic Act 7160, An Act Providing for a Local Government Code of 1991 Chapter III Section 52 (c) states that: All sanggunian sessions shall be open to the public unless a closed-door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, there being a quorum, in the public interest or for reasons of security, decency, or morality.

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WHEREAS, However, Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, does not explicitly provide for the utilization of online streaming platforms to make local legislative sessions, particularly for Sangguniang Bayan, accessible to all citizens. The advent of digital technology offers unprecedented opportunities to enhance public access to government proceedings and strengthen citizen engagement;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan recognizes the importance of utilization and accessibility of digital technology for effective public service and acknowledges the current practice of other Sanggunian providing real-time online access to the deliberation on measures affecting the town, making local governance more accessible, providing citizens the opportunity to actively contribute to improving governance and providing valuable feedback to local leaders, and empowering citizens fully engage in participatory democracy;

WHEREAS, all local leaders have a duty to the people who entrusted them with their votes to demonstrate competence, integrity, and dedication in public service. The public has the right to know whether they made the right choice in electing their public officials, and livestreaming the sessions of the Sangguniang Bayan via online platforms provides citizens with the opportunity to witness firsthand how their leaders deliberate on critical issues;

WHEREAS, open government policy refers to a governance approach that emphasizes transparency, accountability, and public participation in government operation. It's based on the idea that citizens should have access to information about government actions, be able to participate in decision-making processes, and hold public officials accountable. This approach is often facilitated by technology and aims to strengthen democratic institutions and public trust;

WHEREAS, live streaming of the Sangguniang Bayan proceedings will encourage greater participation from the public and will allow a more dynamic link to the public at all times. The live streaming provides equal opportunity to all since the gallery in the session hall cannot accommodate each and every person who wants to witness the Sangguniang Bayan sessions. It will also be educational and informative to all;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units and Sangguniang Bayan shall continuously adopt technology-based measures, such as livestreaming and digital archiving, to facilitate wider public participation and accessibility in local governance;

NOW THEREFORE, given the foregoing, after mature deliberation on the matter, to provide citizens with unprecedented access to the legislative process, allowing them to observe how policies are formulated, debated, and decided upon, to foster transparency and ensures that public officials are held accountable for their actions, upon motion of SB Jose Mari L. Esguerra, and by unanimous consent of all other SB Members herein present, there being a quorum, it was

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**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby RESOLVED to LIVE STREAM ALL REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CAVINTI, LAGUNA TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION IN REAL TIME TO THE PUBLIC by all possible convenient means as soon as possible, following all applicable laws, rules, and regulations;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** to include livestreaming of all regular sessions of the Sangguniang Bayan and amend accordingly the Internal Rules and Procedures (IRP) of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Cavinti, Laguna;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, live streaming of regular sessions in the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall be implemented immediately upon the procurement of the following necessities for basic live streaming (Low cost, fast to deploy) on Facebook Live:

- Dedicated AV technician and streaming operator
- Redundant internet (Ethernet + Cellular failover)
- At least 1 high-quality USB webcam (Logitech C920/ C922 or alike)
- At least 1 smartphone
- Tripods/ monopods
- USB Conference omnidirectional microphone/s
- At least 2 Boya BY-M1 Lavalier or alike for Presiding Officer & Sanggunian Secretary
- Laptop running OBS Studio:
  - o At least i7/ Ryzen 7
  - o Minimum 16GB RAM o Discrete NVIDIA GPU
  - o 1 TB SSD hard drive
  - o USB-C/ Thunderbolt
  - o HDMI
  - OBS Studio Free, open-source streaming, recording with scene switching;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Cavinti, Laguna shall also ensure the real-time livestreaming of its sessions using official government-sanctioned online platforms, and copies of this resolution shall be furnished to the Departments and Agencies concerned, for their immediate information and implementation;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that such livestreams shall be archived and made available to the public upon request, ensuring transparency and accountability;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all Sangguniang Barangays and Sangguniang Kabataan councils in Cavinti, Laguna, to encourage all public officials, depending on their capacity and discretion, to institutionalize the livestreaming of sessions further, bridging the gap between the government and the people and fostering a more informed, engaged, and empowered citizenry, which will enhance accessibility, inclusivity, and openness of governmental processes.

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APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above-quoted resolution is an excerpt from the Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan (2025-2028) of Cavinti, Laguna, held on August 11, 2025.

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ATTESTED:

HON. MILBERT L. OLIVEROS VICE MAYOR & PRESIDING OFFICER

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