



# Sangguniang Panlalawigan

BATAAN CAPITOL, BALANGA CITY



## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, THE BUNKER @ THE CAPITOL COMPOUND, TENEJERO, BALANGA CITY, BATAAN 2100

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Hon. Ma. Cristina M. Garcia, Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

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Hon. Romeo A. Austria, Board Member (FABC President)  
Hon. Lovely Joy A. Poblete, Board Member (SKF President)  
Hon. Feliciano G. Magay, Jr., Board Member (IPMR)

**ABSENT:**

None

### PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 19 Series of 2025

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BATAÑO ACHIEVERS YEARLY AWARD AS NATIONAL INSPIRATIONS (BAYANI) OF THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

**AUTHORED BY:**

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**SPONSORED BY:**

HON. ROMAN HAROLD R. ESPELETA, OP

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Bataan (PGB) upholds the importance of recognizing and honoring outstanding individuals whose exemplary achievements, leadership, and service have significantly contributed to the progress, honor, and development of the Province of Bataan and the nation;

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**"EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICE TOWARDS A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL"**

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of the BAYANI aims to inspire, encourage and acknowledge exceptional Bataeños who exemplify excellence, civic duty, and nation-building;

**WHEREAS**, the BAYANI shall adopt principles of transparency, meritocracy, and inclusiveness, drawing from the best practices of reputable national recognition programs such as The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) and The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Bataan, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "BAYANI Ordinance of Bataan."

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the PGB to institutionalize a system of recognition for citizens who embody and demonstrate excellence, integrity, leadership, and civic responsibility, and who have rendered outstanding service or made significant contributions to the Province of Bataan and Bataeños.

**SECTION 3. CREATION OF THE AWARD.** - There is hereby created the BAYANI, which shall be conferred by the PGB in collaboration with a duly recognized institution, foundation, or accredited Civil Society Organization (CSO), as may be determined by the Provincial Governor.

**SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES.** - The BAYANI shall aim to:

1. Recognize exemplary Bataeños who have made meaningful impacts to society;
2. Inspire a culture of excellence, service, leadership, and patriotism among Bataeños and fellow Filipinos;
3. Promote public appreciation and recognition of individual achievements and civic contributions; and
4. Strengthen public-private partnerships through collaborative efforts in the nomination, selection and conferment processes.

**SECTION 5. AWARD CATEGORIES.** - The BAYANI may be conferred in, but is not limited to, the following categories:

1. Public Service and Governance
2. Education and Academia
3. Science and Technology
4. Health and Medicine
5. Arts, Culture, and Heritage
6. Business and Entrepreneurship
7. Agriculture and Food Security
8. Climate Change and Environmental Protection
9. Youth
10. Community Development
11. Sports and Athletics
12. Peace, Order and Public Safety
13. Indigenous Peoples' (IPs) Empowerment
14. Lifetime Achievement or Special Citation (as may be determined by the Selection Committee)

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**SECTION 6. ELIGIBILITY.** - Awardees must:

1. Be a Bataeño, either by birth, residence, or as a direct descendant—such as a grandchild through either the paternal or maternal line—whose immediate ancestral lineage can be traced to a person born or raised in Bataan, and who has made significant contributions to society;
2. Have demonstrated exemplary achievement, leadership, or service in their respective field/community that have significantly enhanced general welfare, prosperity, and sustainable development of society;
3. Possess good moral character and not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude; and
4. Be nominated by an individual, a municipal or city local government unit, an accredited CSO, an educational institution, or a private organization operating within the Province of Bataan.

Awards may be given posthumously to honor Bataeños whose exemplary service or contributions had a lasting impact on society.

**SECTION 7. SELECTION COMMITTEE.** - A BAYANI Award Committee (BAC) shall be created to oversee the nomination, screening, and final selection of awardees.

The BAC shall be composed of:

Chairperson:	Provincial Governor
Vice Chairperson:	Vice Governor or his/her duly authorized representative
Members:	Chair, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Education and Culture
	Provincial Director of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
	Provincial Administrator or his/her duly authorized representative
	Representative from the Academe (appointed by the Provincial Governor)
	Representative from the Private Sector (appointed by the Provincial Governor)

The BAC may convene technical panels or invite subject-matter experts as evaluators depending on the nature of the awards and categories for each year.

**SECTION 8. PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION.** - The PGB may enter into partnerships with nationally recognized institutions, accredited CSOs, or legally established foundations to:

1. Organize the ceremonies and forums; and
2. Promote the award and encourage broader civic engagement.

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**SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** - The BAC shall draft the Implementing Rules and Regulations and furnish a copy to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for guidance and information within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 10. FUNDING.** - The PGB shall allocate annual funding to fund the operational requirements of the BAYANI, including but not limited to:

1. Plaques, and certificates;
2. Event management, media coverage, and promotional activities;
3. Logistics, documentation, and incidental expenses;
4. Honoraria and allowances for evaluators, technical panels, and resource persons.

The PGB may also receive donations, sponsorships, or grants from its partner institutions to augment the fund requirements of the BAYANI.

All funds (PGB allocation, donations, grants, sponsorships) shall be deposited into a separate and designated Trust Fund Account intended for BAYANI and a report shall be prepared to ensure transparency, accountability, and public information.

All expenditures shall be made in accordance with existing government accounting, auditing, and procurement rules.


**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE.** - All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY.** - This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2025.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the enactment of the foregoing ordinance.

  
ATTY. MARK LORENZ C. QUEZON  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ENACTED:

  
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Vice Governor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
JOSE ENRIQUE S. GARCIA III  
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Date: 9-08-2025





