



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

PSA Resolution No. 05 Series of 2015

ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL STATISTICS COMMITTEES (RSCs)

WHEREAS, the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), thru Resolution No. 1, s. 1992, created the Regional Statistical Coordination Committees (RSCCs) to provide direction and guidance to regional/local statistical development activities in support to the decentralization thrust of the government;

WHEREAS, the RSCC was chaired by the Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and co-chaired by the Regional Director of the National Statistics Office (NSO) and its members included the Regional Director of the Department of Budget and Management, Regional Agricultural Statistical Officer of the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS), Representatives from the NSCB, Regional Director of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Regional Director of the Department of Labor and Employment, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, City/Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator and two Representatives from the Private Sector while the NSCB Regional Statistical Coordination Units provided technical and secretariat services in regions with NSCB offices, and other offices designated by the NSCB in regions without NSCB offices;

WHEREAS, the RSCC was tasked, among others, to oversee the implementation in the regions of policy decisions by the NSCB and the adoption of prescribed statistical standard methodologies and classification systems;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 135, "Providing for the Establishment of a Well-Coordinated Local Level Statistical System," issued on November 6, 1993, provided that in each region, the RSCC which was created by the NSCB, shall serve as the link between the NSCB and local government units on statistical matters, and all statistical activities of the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall be planned and implemented in coordination with the RSCCs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10625, otherwise known as the "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013" was signed into law by President Benigno Simeon Aquino III on 12 September 2013;

WHEREAS, Sections 3 and 5 of RA 10625 mandated the reorganization of the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) and the creation of the PSA which shall merge the major statistical agencies engaged in primary data collection and compilation of secondary data, namely: NSO, NSCB, BAS, and Bureau of Labor and

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Employment Statistics (BLES), thereby affecting the composition and technical secretariat of the RSCC;

WHEREAS, one objective of the said Act is to support decentralization through the establishment of the statistical infrastructure necessary to service the statistical needs of local development planning;

WHEREAS, RA No. 10625 also created the PSA Board as the highest policy-making body on statistical matters and one of its functions is to prescribe appropriate frameworks for the improvement of statistical coordination and establish mechanisms for statistical coordination at the regional and LGU levels;

WHEREAS, the demand for data to support development planning, implementation and monitoring of programs and projects at the local level has increased in view of the decentralization thrust of the government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance the subnational statistical system to address more effectively the statistical requirements, and take into account the peculiarities of each region and local government unit, and those of the policy makers and the private sector at the local levels;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board approves the following scheme in establishing the Regional Statistics Committees (RSCs), its composition, powers and functions.

Article I

SCHEME OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RSC

The RSC shall be established in the regions by the PSA Board to provide direction and guidance to regional/local statistical development activities. It shall serve as the policymaking body on statistical matters and shall serve as the venue for discussion and resolution of statistical issues at the local level. The PSA Board can create a RSC should there be new regional groupings.

The RSCs shall supersede any statistical committees/subcommittees in the regions. Existing provincial statistical committees shall be recognized by the RSCs.

Funds that may be needed for the operations of the RSC shall be sourced from the PSA.

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Article II COMPOSITION OF THE RSC

The composition of the RSC is as follows:

Chair

Regional Director, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) / Executive Director, Regional Planning and Development Office, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

Vice Chair

Regional Director, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Members:

1. Division Chiefs from the regional offices of:
 - 1.1. Department of Agriculture (DA)
 - 1.2. Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
 - 1.3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
 - 1.4. Department of Education (DepED)
 - 1.5. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
 - 1.6. Department of Health (DOH)
 - 1.7. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
 - 1.8. Department of Tourism (DOT)
 - 1.9. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
 - 1.10. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
 - 1.11. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
 - 1.12. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
 - 1.13. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
 - 1.14. Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

2. Representative from the:
 - 2.1. Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO)
 - 2.2. Academe/State Universities/Colleges (SUCs)
 - 2.3. Private Sector

The PPDO, Academe/SUCs and Private Sector shall be appointed by the RSC Chair for a term of three (3) years, with possible reappointment, from a list of nominees submitted by the other members of the Committee.

The RSC may modify its composition to provide flexibility in its operations. Depending on the statistical problem areas and issues to be resolved, other agencies may be invited to attend RSC meetings as resource persons.

The PSA Regional Office shall provide the necessary technical secretariat services and administrative support to the RSC, except in ARMM where the Regional Planning and Development Office shall act as the secretariat.


Article III
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE RSC

The RSC shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Oversee the implementation in the regions of policy decisions made by the PSA Board and the adoption of prescribed statistical standard methodologies and classification systems;
- b. Formulate statistical policies designed to resolve local statistical issues and recommend workable schemes towards the improvement of local level statistics;
- c. Institute measures to strengthen the statistical capability of the local statistical system including the personnel thereof;
- d. Elevate to the PSA Board, statistical matters which cannot be resolved at the local level;
- e. Create interagency statistical working groups, as the need arises, that could attend to technical issues and problems and supervise the activities of these working groups;
- f. Meet at least once a quarter at such date, time and place it may decide; and,
- g. Submit periodic reports to the PSA.

The RSC shall act on and decide matters before it through a Committee Resolution by a majority vote of all its members. A majority of the members of the RSC shall constitute a quorum in the conduct of its day to day affairs and business.

Approved this 20th day of March 2015, in Pasig City.


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