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**RESOLUTION NO. 15275-2025**

**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING VEHEMENTLY THE ACTION OF THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION (LWUA) OF EXTENDING ITS TAKEOVER OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CAGAYAN DE ORO WATER DISTRICT (COWD), WHICH IS TANTAMOUNT TO GRAVE ABUSE OF AUTHORITY, THEREBY INSTIGATING CONFUSION AND CONTROVERSY THEREAT, AND UNDERMINING LOCAL OFFICIALS AND THE RESIDENTS OF CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO**

*Whereas*, the ongoing controversy between the LWUA-appointed Interim Board of Directors and with the regular Board of Directors of the Cagayan de Oro Water District (COWD) is already troubling the officials and residents of the City because it seems to be becoming an eternal conflict with no end in sight. This will eventually adversely impact the efficient management of COWD, putting at risk Cagayan de Oro residents' access to potable water;

*Whereas*, the interim BOD is insisting on continuing their management of COWD claiming their appointment has been further extended by LWUA for another six (6) months, while the regular City Mayor-appointed BOD claims otherwise, prompting the latter to re-assume their functions, and appoint Engr. Edna C. Najéal as Acting COWD General Manager;

*Whereas*, interim COWD officials have been given temporary management powers over COWD's operations to provide solutions to alleged management problems, but nothing changed even after their 12 months of takeover;

*Whereas*, the continuing LWUA oversight of the COWD operations without consulting the city government is not only a grave abuse of authority but also undermines the authority of the city mayor who appoints the regular BOD;

*Whereas*, moreover, such LWUA takeover has been shrouded with more controversy in view of the several Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM) of the Commission on Audit (COA) on the reported millions of pesos financial transactions involving the interim COWD management;

*Wherefore*, on motion by Councilor Edgar S. Cabanlas, severally seconded by the members present, be it

*Resolved*, to condemn vehemently the action of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) of extending its takeover of the management of the Cagayan de Oro Water District (COWD), which is tantamount to grave abuse of authority, thereby instigating confusion and controversy thereat, and undermining local officials and the residents of City of Cagayan de Oro;

*Resolved further*, to forward this Resolution to **Mr. Ronnie Ong**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and **Atty. Jose Moises Salonga**, Administrator, both of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), Metro Manila, for their information;

*Resolved furthermore*, to furnish copies of this Resolution to **His Honor, City Mayor Rolando A. Uy**, **Mr. Fermin Jarales** and **Engr. Edna C. Najéal**, all of this City, for their information;

**APPROVED BY MAJORITY.**

Proponent: Councilor Edgar S. Cabanlas

<u>In Favor:</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> District: - Councilor Roger G. Abaday - Councilor George S. Goking	- Councilor Malvern A. Esparcia
	2 <sup>nd</sup> District: - Councilor Joyleen Mercedes L. Balaba - Councilor Edgar S. Cabanlas - Councilor Suzette G. Magtajas-Daba	- Councilor Maria Lourdes S. Gaane - Councilor James K. Judith II
	Ex-Officio: - Councilor Yan Lam S. Lim - Councilor Datu Roberto P. Cabaring	- Councilor Kenneth John D. Sacala
<u>Against:</u>	- Councilor Agapito Eriberto G. Suan - Councilor Yevonna Yacine B. Emano	- Councilor Jose Pepe S. Abbu, Jr. - Councilor Christian Rustico M. Achas
<u>Acting City Mayor:</u>	- City Vice Mayor Jocelyn B. Rodriguez	
<u>On Official Business:</u>	- Councilor Jay R. Pascual	
<u>On Leave:</u>	- Councilor Imee Rose P. Moreno	
<u>Out of the Session Hall:</u>	- Councilor Ian Mark Q. Nacaya	



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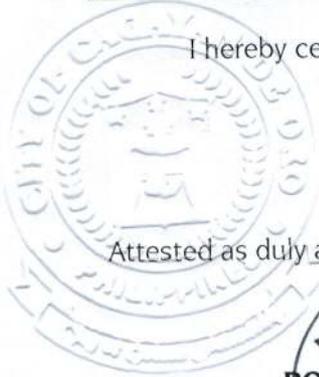
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**ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2025 in the City of Cagayan de Oro.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.



Attested as duly adopted:

**ROMEO V. CALIZO**  
CITY COUNCILOR  
PRESIDING OFFICER PRO TEMPORE

**ARTURO S. DE SAN MIGUEL**  
CITY COUNCIL SECRETARY