

Likewise, Atty. JUAN V. TALLION, JR. of the Legal Service is hereby designated as the FDM who shall, among other responsibilities set forth under the FOI Manual, conduct evaluations of FOI requests, and grant or deny the same based on the grounds set forth in the FOI Manual and pertinent laws, rules, and regulations. Decisions of the FDM shall be in written form and shall clearly state the facts of requests, and the basis for the grant or denial thereof.

Also, the CARC, which shall, along with other duties provided under the FOI Manual, evaluate and review decisions of the FDM on FOI requests, as well as provide expert advice to the Secretary, is hereby constituted and shall be composed of the following:

Designation	Designee
Chair	Director ESTRELLA T. DECENA-ZALDIVAR, Legal Service
Vice-Chair	Director ELIZABETH P. PILORIN, Stakeholder Relations Service
Members	Director MA. NIEVA S. DELA PAZ, Information Management Service Assistant Director REYNALDO P. FAUSTINO, Bureau of Research and Standards Engr. MELROSE I. PAILMA, Bureau of Construction Engr. JESUS I. OBA, Bureau of Design Engr. MADELYN B. LOYOLA, Planning Service Engr. MARY GRACE N. OBJA-AN, Procurement Service Ms. MARILOU M. CAMUA, Public-Private Partnership Service Mr. JOSE A. AGUINALDO, Unified Project Management Office

The presence of the Chair or the Vice-Chair, along with six (6) members, shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of those present is required to render a decision.

Within six (6) months from its constitution, the CARC shall promulgate its rules of procedure. In the interim, the CARC shall proceed with the disposition of FOI appeals following such processes as the Chair may determine, with due regard to the objects, spirit, and intents of the FOI Manual, all relevant laws, rules, and regulations, the rights of any person which may be involved, especially those pertaining to privacy and confidentiality, universally accepted practices, and such other considerations that may aid in the judicious resolution of FOI appeals.

The FRO, the FDM, and the Chair of the CARC are hereby directed to coordinate with the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs and Priority Projects regarding the DPWH's participation in the eFOI platform being administered by the Presidential Communications Operations Office, transitional matters, and all other FOI concerns as may be necessary or desirable for the Department's full compliance with policies on full public disclosure.

In case any FOI officer or CARC member, at any time, determines or encounters any issue or concern not covered by the FOI Manual or other pertinent Department issuances, or any impediment which works against the progressive realization of a full and meaningful FOI culture, the said officer or member shall immediately inform the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs and Priority Projects of the matter for appropriate action, including the revision of the FOI Manual and the promulgation of supplemental or amendatory issuances.

Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the duties and responsibilities of FOI officials to the above-mentioned functions according to the objectives of E.O. No. 2, Series of 2016, the FOI Manual, and all other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations on full public disclosure.

The foregoing FOI officials shall exercise their duties and responsibilities until their respective replacements are designated by the Secretary through the issuance of the appropriate memoranda or letters of appointment.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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