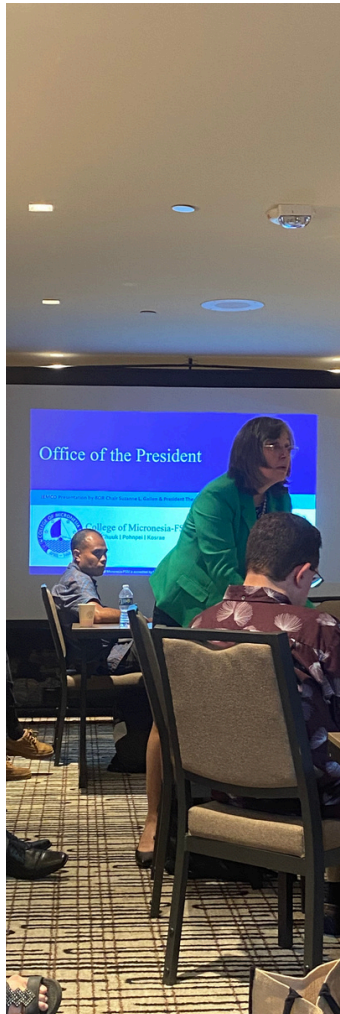


2024 JOINT ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (JEMCO) MEETING IN HONOLULU

The 2024 JEMCO meeting, held in Honolulu, Hawaii, was the first-in-person gathering since the adoption of the 2023 amendments to the Compact of Free Association. It marked the first time the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia would sit in the same room to address plans for implementing the new compact agreement, with particular focus on the recently submitted 2025 FSM Annual Implementation Plan (AIP).

The meeting took place on September 04, 2024, consisting of the FSM JEMCO members, which was led by Chief Leo Falcam Jr., representatives of the FSM and States Primary Governments, financial advisors, and key representatives from the U.S. side led by Carmen Cantor. Notably, Jimmy Ponapart represented the Office of the National Public Auditor during the discussions.



Prior to the JEMCO meeting, there were two internal preparation meetings among the FSM JEMCO members, representatives of the National and State Governments, and financial advisors. The two-day internal meetings were productive with considerable discussion of the FSM Strategic Development Plan, past JEMCO decisions on Resolutions, Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Implementation Plan, Monitoring the Use of Development Assistance, Review of Audits, Annual Trust Fund Investment Report, and other issues.

During the main meeting, there were in depth discussions and sharing on the formulated agenda on FSM SDP and other issues. Lastly, Chief Falcam requested on behalf of the FSM members to extend the date of obligation of FY2024 grants to March 31, 2025, given the late approval of the new Compact-related agreements, the FY2024 AIP, and the six sector. Unfortunately, the resolution did not pass after all the discussions among the US and FSM JEMCO members.