



Corporate Governance Committee 2025 Accomplishment Report

In 2025, the Corporate Governance Committee, composed of all Members of the Social Security Commission, received the briefing it had required on Republic Act No. 12009 or the New Government Procurement Act (NGPA) — signed on 20 July 2024, published on 29 July 2024, and effective on 13 August 2024; with its IRR approved on 04 February 2025, published on 10 February 2025, and effective on 25 February 2025; and with a three-year transition period from 14 May 2025 (approval of the Standard Form) to 13 May 2028. The NGPA comprehensively replaces R.A. No. 9184 through more than twenty substantial revisions, including the expansion of governing principles to eight (e.g., enhanced transparency, improved competitiveness including agency-to-agency procurement, increased efficiency through digitalization, and proportionality or fit-for-purpose decision-making); the requirement for strategic planning (market scoping and life-cycle analysis) prior to APP preparation; the introduction of quality-sensitive evaluation methods (MEARB/MARB) in addition to LCRB/HRRB; and the addition of new procurement modes (Direct Acquisition, Unsolicited Offer with Bid Matching, Direct Sales, Competitive Dialogue, Direct Procurement for Science and Technology) while retaining strict post-qualification verification from original sources (with non-response not being disqualifying). The briefing also highlighted the misalignment of the existing APCPI scorecard; clarified the roles of the HoPE/Commission (e.g., subcontracting approvals, delegated authority for extensions, audit-first submissions with IASG checklists, and Legal participation at the contract-review stage); emphasized timeline requirements (45 days per bidder for post-qualification within a 90-day award window); and discussed Small Value Procurement up to ₱2 million and possible decentralization of low-value procurements, as well as the deletion of “shopping” as a procurement mode. Thus, the Committee directed Management to craft the necessary internal policies and conduct briefings and seminars to operationalize the new framework.

Also, in 2025, the Committee endorsed to the Commission the Gender and Development (GAD) 3-Year Roadmap (2026–2028) for presentation.