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23 May 2025

#### Securities and Exchange Commission

SEC Headquarters, 7907 Makati Avenue, Bel-Air Makati City 1209

Attention:

Atty. Rachel Esther J. Gumtang-Remalante

Director, Corporate Governance and Finance Department

### Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc.

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Attention:

Atty. Johanne Daniel M. Negre

Officer-In-Charge, Disclosure Department

#### Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp.

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Attention:

Atty. Suzy Claire R. Selleza

Head, Market Regulatory Services Group

Subject:

Submission of Bank of Commerce's Integrated Annual Corporate Governance

Report (I-ACGR) for the year 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

In compliance with SEC Memorandum Circular 15 Series of 2017, we hereby submit to your good office Bank of Commerce's Integrated Annual Corporate Governance Report (I-ACGR) for the year 2024.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

ATTY. GREGORIO M. YARANON, JR.

Chief Compliance Officer

Cc:

Mr. Oliver O. Leonardo

Director, Markets & Securities Regulation Department Securities and Exchange Commission

Ms. Iza Marie P. Castillo-Espiritu

Assistant Director, Corporate Governance Division Securities and Exchange Commission



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#### INTEGRATED ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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   Province, Country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization
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   Mandaluyong City
   Address of principal office
   SEC Use Only)
   Industry Classification Code:
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	COMPLIANT/ NON- COMPLIANT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	EXPLANATION
Ī	he Board's Gov	ernance Responsibilities	
		working board to foster the long- term success of the corporate objectives and the long- term best interests of	
<ol> <li>Board is composed of directors with collective working knowledge, experience or expertise that is relevant to the company's industry/sector.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	Qualification of the Board of Directors is embodied in the Manual on Corporate Governance of Bank of Commerce as amended in January 2025, specifically on "Qualification of Board of Directors" pages 12-13. The Manual may be downloaded from the website of the Company.	
2. Board has an appropriate mix of competence and expertise.	The academic qualification professional experience, and	The academic qualifications, industry knowledge, professional experience, and expertise of directors are also set forth in the Definitive Information Statement of	
3. Directors remain qualified for their positions individually and collectively to enable them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities and respond to the needs of the organization.	COMPLIANT	the Bank filed on 30 April 2025 (the "Definitive Information Statement"), specifically pages 12-22 thereof, and Annual Report (SEC Form 17-A) for the fiscal year 31 December 2025, specifically pages 44-58.	
		The Definitive Information Statement and SEC Form 17-A, respectively, may be downloaded from the website of the Company.	
		The qualification standards for directors to facilitate the election of potential nominees and to serve as benchmark for the evaluation of their performance are specified in pages 12-13 of the Corporate Governance Manual and Article III, Section 1 of the Amended By-Laws of the Company as approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on October 2024 (the "By-laws").	

Recommendation 1.2		Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Qualification of Board of Directors pp. 12-13) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  2024 BankCom By-laws https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024- BankCom-Amended-By-laws.pdf  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Executive Officers pp. 12-22 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of- Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025- signed Redacted.pdf  SEC Form 17-A (for the year ended 31 December 2024) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/05/SEC-17A-2024- BANKCOM.pdf
Board is composed of a majority of non-executive directors.	COMPLIANT	Embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 1 are the Composition of the Board Members.  (a) Mr. Michelangelo R. Aguilar (President and Chief Executive Officer) is an Executive Director (b) Fourteen (14) of the fifteen (15) members of the Board of Directors of the Bank are Non-Executive Directors.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Corporate Governance Manual (Composition of the Board page 10)

		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Recommendation 1.3			
Company provides in its Board Charter and Manual on Corporate Governance a policy on training of directors.	COMPLIANT	Embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 11 "Orientation and Training" are the provisions on the required continuous training for the Directors.	
		Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Orientation and Training page 34)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Company has an orientation program for first time directors.	COMPLIANT	BankCom provides orientation program for the new Directors of the Bank to brief them of the Bank's history, structure, business, and duties and responsibilities of a director among others.	
Company has relevant annual continuing training for all directors.	COMPLIANT	Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Corporate Governance Manual (Orientation and Training page 34) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Recommendation 1.4			
Board has a policy on board diversity.	COMPLIANT	The members of the Board come from diverse background such as legal, finance, business and policy advocates.  The Board has four (4) female members:  1. Ms. Benedicta A. Du-Baladad  2. Ms. Fe B. Barin  3. Ms. Melinda Gonzales Manto  4. Ms. Rebecca Maria A. Ynares	

		The gender composition of the Board is set out on page 6 of the latest available General Information Sheet of the Company as of 25 June 2024 (the "GIS"), which can be downloaded from the website of the Company.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • General Information Sheet (as of 25 June 2024)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/04/FINAL-BankCom- Amended-2024-GIS-June-25-2024-redacted- without-UBO.pdf	
Optional: Recommendation 1.4			
Company has a policy on and discloses measurable objectives for implementing its board diversity and reports on progress in achieving its objectives.			
Recommendation 1.5			
Board is assisted by a Corporate Secretary.	COMPLIANT	The qualifications, duties and functions of the Corporate Secretary are set out in Article VI, Section 4 of the Amended By-laws.	
Corporate Secretary is a separate individual from the Compliance Officer.	COMPLIANT	Atty. Evita C. Caballa is the Corporate Secretary of the Bank. She is not a director of the Bank. Pages 12-13 of the Definitive Information Statement lists the members	
3. Corporate Secretary is not a member of the Board of Directors.	COMPLIANT	of the Board of Directors of the Bank, which list does not include Atty. Caballa.  Meanwhile, the Bank's Chief Compliance Officer is Atty. Gregorio M. Yaranon, Jr.  Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website     2024 BankCom By-laws <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024-BankCom-Amended-By-laws.pdf">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024-BankCom-Amended-By-laws.pdf</a>	

Corporate Secretary attends training/s on corporate governance.	COMPLIANT	Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Executive Officers pp. 12-13 <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce_20-IS-Definitive_30APRIL2025-signed_Redacted.pdf">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce_20-IS-Definitive_30APRIL2025-signed_Redacted.pdf</a> In compliance with SEC Memorandum Circular No. 20, Series of 2013, the Corporate Secretary and Assistant Corporate Secretary attend training/s on Corporate Governance with SEC accredited training service providers.	
Optional: Recommendation 1.5			
Corporate Secretary distributes materials for board meetings at least five business days before scheduled meeting.	NON- COMPLIANT	The Board Meeting materials are distributed at least three (3) calendar days before the scheduled meeting	The items in the agenda are thoroughly discussed in the respective Board committees before the same are endorsed to the Board of Directors for their consideration. It must be noted that the board-level committees are composed of the Board of Directors themselves; hence, the Board members take active roles in the deliberations at the committee level prior to the Board of Directors reaching any decision as a body.  Nonetheless, the agenda and materials for the board meetings are distributed to the members of the Board of Directors at least 3 days before each scheduled board meeting, which

Re	commendation 1.6			gives the directors ample time to peruse the materials for their comments, if any, during the board meeting.  Further, the items on the agenda are presented in a concise and comprehensive manner to ensure that all salient points are communicated to the directors to assist in their decision of these matters.
	Board is assisted by a Compliance Officer.	COMPLIANT	The Compliance function is carried out by the Compliance Office headed out by the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) designated by the Board.	
2.	Compliance Officer has a rank of Senior Vice President or an equivalent position with adequate stature and authority in the corporation.	COMPLIANT	Atty. Gregorio M. Yaranon, Jr. is the Chief Compliance Officer of the bank with a rank of Senior Vice President. Professional experiences of Atty. Yaranon are indicated in the BankCom's Definitive Information Statement on page 24.	
3.	Compliance Officer is not a member of the board.	COMPLIANT	Atty. Yaranon, Jr. is not a director of the bank. In pages 12-13 of the Definitive Information Statement lists the BankCom's members of the Board of Directors, which list does not include Atty. Yaranon, Jr.	
			Embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 22.2 "The Chief Compliance Officer" pages 54-55 are the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of the Chief Compliance Officer.	
			Reference documents/links BankCom Website	

		<ul> <li>Corporate Governance Manual (The Chief Compliance Officer pp. 54-55)         https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf     </li> <li>Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Executive Officers pp. 12-13         https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf     </li> </ul>	
1 Compliance Officer attends training/s on	COMPLIANT	In compliance with SEC Memorandum Circular No. 20,	
<ol> <li>Compliance Officer attends training/s on Corporate Governance.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	Series of 2013, the Chief Compliance Officer attends training/s on Corporate Governance with SEC accredited training service providers.	
		es of the Board as provided under the law, the company's articles and ade known to all directors as well as to stockholders and other stakehol	
Recommendation 2.1			
Directors act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the company.	COMPLIANT	Embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 7 "Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board" is the provision on Board of Directors conduct of their duties and responsibilities with highest standard of honesty and integrity.  The undersigned Corporate Secretary attests that the Board, during its meetings, acts on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and always in the best interest of the Company through active deliberations during said Board meetings when the topics and matters for approval so warrant.	
		Reference documents/links  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board pp. 16-30)	

		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Recommendation 2.2			
1. Board oversees the development, review and approval of the company's business objectives and strategy.  2. Board oversees and monitors the implementation of the company's business objectives and strategy.	COMPLIANT	The undersigned Corporate Secretary attest that:  (a) The Board of Directors approves the annual budget of the Company which includes the approval of the Company's objectives and strategy for the upcoming year, which approval is made on an annual basis;  (b) Management reports to the Board of Directors on monthly basis the implementation of the Company's business objectives and strategy.  It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 7 "Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board".  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board pp. 16-30) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
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Supplement to Recommendation 2.2		<u></u>	
Board has a clearly defined and updated vision, mission and core values.	COMPLIANT	In accordance with the Company's Manual on Corporate Governance, the Board of Directors reviews the vision and mission statement of the Company on a periodic basis.  It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 7.1 "General Responsibility of the Board" page 16, the Board's responsibility in defining the Bank's mission and vision.	

		Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Corporate Governance Manual (General Responsibility of the Board page 16) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023- AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
2. Board has a strategy execution process that facilitates effective management performance and is attuned to the company's business environment, and culture.	COMPLIANT	The Company's corporate objectives and strategy execution process are contained in its Annual Report and SEC Form 17-A. See discussion on Business and General Information on pages 5-31 of the latest SEC Form 17-A.  The undersigned President and CEO, and Corporate Secretary attest that:  (a) The Board of Directors approves the annual budget of the Company which includes the approval of the Company's objectives and strategy for the upcoming year, which approval is made on an annual basis;  (b) Management reports to the Board of Directors on monthly basis the implementation of the Company's business objectives and strategy.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  SEC Form 17-A (for the year ended 31 December 2024)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wpcontent/uploads/2025/05/SEC-17A-2024-BANKCOM.pdf	

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Recommendation 2.3  1. Board is headed by a competent and qualified Chairperson.	COMPLIANT	The Manual of Regulations for Bank requires Monetary Board confirmation of the elected/appointed Board of Director including the Chairman of the Board. In the process, the elected/appointed Board of Director is required to submit certifications and documentary proof of qualification. The Bangko Sentral requires that the Director or Chairman of the Board's integrity/probity/education/training, and position of competencies relevant to the function such as knowledge and experience, skills and diligence be assessed to determine that the person is fit and proper for the position.  Chairman Francis C. Chua's academic qualifications and professional experience are set out on page 13 of the Definitive Information Statement and pages 49-50 of the SEC Form 17-A.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Executive Officers page 13 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wpcontent/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf  SEC Form 17-A (for the year ended 31 December 2024) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wpcontent/uploads/2025/05/SEC-17A-2024-BANKCOM.pdf	

1. Board ensures and adopts an effective succession planning program for directors, key officers and management.  2. Board adopts a policy on the retirement for	COMPLIANT	Embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 7.2.4.3 of 7. "Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board", that the BankCom adopts a policy on retirement for directors and officers, as part of the succession plan, to	
	COMI LIMI	promote dynamism and avoid perpetuation in power.	
directors and key officers.		Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 7.2.4.3 page 21)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Recommendation 2.5			
Board aligns the remuneration of key officers and board members with long-term interests of the company.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under V. Corporate Governance item 7.2.4.2 of 7. "Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board" – Develop remuneration and other incentives policy for directors that shall be submitted for approval of the	
2. Board adopts a policy specifying the relationship between remuneration and performance.	COMPLIANT	stockholders. The board of directors shall ensure that the policy is consistent with the long-term interest of the Bank, does not encourage excessive risk-taking, and is not in conflict with the director's fiduciary responsibilities; and	
3. Directors do not participate in discussions or deliberations involving his/her own remuneration.  Output  Directors do not participate in discussions or deliberations involving his/her own remuneration.	COMPLIANT	Item 15.2 of 15. "Remuneration of Board of Directors and Officers" - A portion of the remuneration of executive directors may be structured or be based on the Bank's and individual performance.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 7.2.4.2 page 21; item 15.2 page 36)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	

Optional: Recommendation 2.5					
Board approves the remuneration of senior executives.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 15.2 of 15. "Remuneration of Board of Directors and Officers" - A portion of the remuneration of executive directors may be structured or be based on the Bank's and individual performance.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 15.2 page 36)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf			
2. Company has measurable standards to align the performance-based remuneration of the executive directors and senior executives with long-term interest, such as claw back provision and deferred bonuses.	COMPLIANT	Directors are entitled to compensation the amount of which shall be fixed by the stockholders from time to time but in no case shall their total yearly compensation, as such directors, exceeds ten (10%) percent of the net income before income tax of BankCom during the preceding year.  The members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, other Committees and the Corporate Secretary are entitled to per diem for every attendance in meetings the amount of which shall be fixed by the stockholders from time to time.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • 2024 BankCom By-laws  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024-BankCom-Amended-By-laws.pdf			
Recommendation 2.6	COMPUMANT	It is the a December of the interest of the second			
Board has a formal and transparent board nomination and election policy.	COMPLIANT	It is the Board's responsibility to nominate directors, who will, in turn, be elected by the shareholders. The Board will nominate a slate, which will include individuals who have diverse talents, backgrounds and perspectives,			

3	Board nomination and election policy is disclosed in the company's Manual on Corporate Governance.  Board nomination and election policy	COMPLIANT	and who can work effectively as a team, with each one able and willing to add value and contribute meaningfully to board decisions.  The Nomination Compensation and Remuneration	
	includes how the company accepted nominations from minority shareholders.		Committee (NCRC) shall conduct a detailed evaluation of the nominees for Directorship prior to their nomination; A re-assessment shall be done upon their	
4	Board nomination and election policy includes how the board shortlists candidates.	COMPLIANT	re-election giving consideration to the result of annual Board, Peer and Self-Assessments.  Each director should represent the interest of the	
5	Board nomination and election policy includes an assessment of the effectiveness of the Board's processes in the nomination, election or replacement of a director.	COMPLIANT	company as a whole and should be in a position to participate independently and objectively.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website	
6	Board has a process for identifying the quality of directors that is aligned with the strategic direction of the company.	COMPLIANT	Corporate Governance Manual (item 15.2 page 36)     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-     content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-     Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
	ptional: Recommendation to 2.6			
1	Company uses professional search firms or other external sources of candidates (such as director databases set up by director or shareholder bodies) when searching for candidates to the board of directors.	NON- COMPLIANT		Not Applicable. The Bank does not use professional search firms in sourcing candidate for Board of Director.  Candidates for the Board of Directors are usually referrals from other directors or senior officers who understand the bank's requirement and culture, resulting in candidates who are vouched for by the

			referrer and who are likely to fit well in the bank.
Recommendation 2.7			
Board has overall responsibility in ensuring that there is a group-wide policy and system governing related party transactions (RPTs) and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a Board approved Policy on Related Party Transactions. This provides for the process and procedures in handling related party transactions. It encompasses all entities within the conglomerate.  The Board has the overall responsibility in approving the	
<ol> <li>RPT policy includes appropriate review and approval of material RPTs, which guarantee fairness and transparency of the transactions.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	related party transactions vetted and endorsed by the Related Party Transactions Committee.  The Related Party Transactions Policy requires for the regular updating of the Related Parties (RP) database	
<ol> <li>RPT policy encompasses all entities within the group, taking into account their size, structure, risk profile and complexity of operations.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	covering all entities within the conglomerate.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Related Party Transactions Policy <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/RPT-Policy_2023_final-v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/RPT-Policy_2023_final-v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf</a>	
Supplement to Recommendations 2.7			
1. Board clearly defines the threshold for disclosure and approval of RPTs and categorizes such transactions according to those that are considered de minimis or transactions that need not be reported or announced, those that need to be disclosed, and those that need prior shareholder approval. The aggregate amount of RPTs within any twelve (12) month period should be considered for purposes of applying the thresholds for disclosure and approval.	COMPLIANT	<ul> <li>BankCom has a Board approved Policy on Related Party Transactions which provides for the following:</li> <li>The threshold for the SEC – Material Related Party Transactions is set at ten percent (10%) or higher of the Bank's total assets based on its latest Audited Financial Statement</li> <li>Adjusted materiality thresholds include the aggregated transactions over a twelve (12) – month period with the same Related Party that meets and exceeds the SEC – materiality threshold of ten percent (10%) of the Bank's total assets.</li> <li>SEC – Material RPTs shall be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of Board of Directors, with at</li> </ul>	

2. Board establishes a voting system whereby a majority of non-related party shareholders approve specific types of related party transactions during shareholders' meetings.	COMPLIANT	least a majority of the independent directors voting to approve the material RPT.  In case that a majority of the independent directors' vote is not secured, the material RPT may be ratified by the vote of the stockholders representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Related Party Transactions Policy (Section 10 page 24)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/RPT-Policy_2023_final-v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf  The Policy on Related Party Transactions provides that material RPTs shall be confirmed by the Stockholders during the Annual Stockholders Meeting.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Related Party Transactions Policy (Section 9.12 page 23)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/RPT-Policy_2023_final-v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf	
Recommendation 2.8			
<ol> <li>Board is primarily responsible for approving the selection of Management led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the heads of the other control functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Audit Executive).</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 7.2.3 of 7. "Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board" – The Board shall oversee the selection of the CEO and other key personnel, including members of senior management and heads of control functions based on the application of fit and proper standards. Integrity, technical expertise, and experience in the Bank's business, either current or planned, shall be the key considerations in the selection process.	
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2. Board is primarily responsible for assessing the performance of Management led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the heads of the other control functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Audit Executive).	COMPLIANT	Corporate Governance Manual (item 7.2.3 pp. 18-19)     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-     content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-     Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 7.2.3  "Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board" – The Board shall regularly monitor and assess the performance of the management team and heads of control functions.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 7.2.3 pp. 18-19)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Recommendation 2.9			
<ol> <li>Board establishes an effective performance management framework that ensures that Management's performance is at par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management.</li> <li>Board establishes an effective performance management framework that ensures that personnel's performance is at par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 7.2.3.2 "Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board" – The Board shall approve and oversee the implementation of performance standards as well as remuneration and other incentive policy. The policy should be consistent with the long term strategic objectives and financial soundness of the Bank.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 7.2.3.2 page 18)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	

Recommendation 2.10			
Board oversees that an appropriate internal control system is in place.	COMPLIANT	Pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter, the Audit Committee was created by the Board of Directors to assist in the oversight of the Bank's internal control system.	
		Further, in accordance with the Internal Audit Charter, the Internal Audit conducts examination and evaluation of the adequacy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the organization's governance, risk management, and internal controls, as well as the quality of performance in carrying out assigned responsibilities to achieve the organization's stated goals and objectives. The results of internal audit engagements are periodically reported by the Internal Audit to the Audit Committee.	
		Reference documents/links: BankCom Website	
		Audit Committee Charter <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/AUDITCOM-Charter_30-May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/AUDITCOM-Charter_30-May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf</a>	
		Internal Audit Charter	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/5 5/IA-Charter-as-of-May- 2024_revised.pdf	
<ol> <li>The internal control system includes a mechanism for monitoring and managing potential conflict of interest of the Management, members and shareholders.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	The Bank's internal control system includes mechanism for monitoring and managing potential conflict of interest as evident in the Banks' Code of Discipline and the various bankwide policies. The Board's oversight responsibility includes review of the Bank's conflict of interest situations.	
		Reference documents/links: BankCom Website Corporate Governance Manual	

		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  • Policy on Related Party Transactions	
3. Board approves the Internal Audit Charter.	COMPLIANT	https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4 4/RPT-Policy 2023 final- v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf  • Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2023/5 5/Policy-on-Interlocking- Positions-and-Secondment.pdf  The latest iteration of the Internal Audit Charter was endorsed by the Audit Committee and duly approved by the Board on May 28, 2024.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Internal Audit Charter https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/5 5/IA-Charter-as-of-May-	
D		2024_revised.pdf	
Recommendation 2.11			
Board oversees that the company has in place a sound enterprise risk management (ERM) framework to effectively identify, monitor, assess and manage key business risks.	COMPLIANT	BankCom pursues best practices in enterprise risk management across its businesses and processes. It espouses a comprehensive risk management and capital management framework, which integrates the identification, measurement, monitoring, and controlling of risk exposures. It works to ensure that it has	
2. The risk management framework guides the board in identifying units/business lines and enterprise-level risk exposures, as well as the effectiveness of risk management strategies.	COMPLIAN	adequate liquidity and capital at all times in order to mitigate risks, as well as robust business continuity and crisis resiliency plans that are regularly tested.  Information on Risk Management principles, structure, and strategies are found in the Bank's website.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Risk Management Section pp. 76-86)	

Recommendation 2.12		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-AR-Final-Draft.pdf  • Risk Management Philosophy Section https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/	
Board has a Board Charter that formalizes and clearly states its roles, responsibilities and accountabilities in carrying out its fiduciary role.	NON- COMPLIANT		The roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of the Board in carrying out its fiduciary role are contained in Article III Section 8 of the Amended
<ol><li>Board Charter serves as a guide to the directors in the performance of their functions.</li></ol>	NON- COMPLIANT		By-laws.  The purpose of the Board Charter is accomplished through the observance
Board Charter is publicly available and posted on the company's website.	NON- COMPLIANT		by the Board of the principles and policies Embodied in the Company's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and the Manual of Corporate Governance of the Company, which provisions are sufficient and achieves the objectives of having a Charter for this purpose.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  2024 BankCom By-laws https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024-

			BankCom-Amended-By-
Additional December and the Addition to Drive State O			<u>laws.pdf</u>
Additional Recommendation to Principle 2  1. Board has a clear insider trading policy.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a Policy which prohibits its covered persons or directors, employees, and other parties who are considered to have knowledge of material facts that have not been disclosed to the public, including any information that will likely affect the market price of securities, from buying or selling these securities.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Company Policies Section	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/company-policies/	
Optional: Principle 2			
Company has a policy on granting loans to directors, either forbidding the practice or ensuring that the transaction is conducted at arm's length basis and at market rates.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has an approved Policy on Related Party Transactions which provides for the processes and procedures in handling loans to directors in so far as ensuring that transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Related Party Transactions Policy https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4 4/RPT-Policy 2023 final- v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf	
Company discloses the types of decision requiring board of directors' approval.	COMPLIANT	The By-laws of the Company specify the transactions subject to the approval of the Board, including, among others, Article III, Sections 8 and 9 thereof.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • 2024 BankCom By-laws  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024- BankCom-Amended-By-laws.pdf	

**Principle 3:** Board committees should be set up to the extent possible to support the effective performance of the Board's functions, particularly with respect to audit, risk management, related party transactions, and other key corporate governance concerns, such as nomination and remuneration. The composition, functions and responsibilities of all committees established should be contained in a publicly available Committee Charter.

	the composition, functions and responsibilities of all committees established should be contained in a publicly available Committee Charler.				
Recommendation 3.1					
Board establishes board committees that focus on specific board functions to aid in the optimal performance of its roles and responsibilities.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual, the Board Committees established by the Board and the composition and duties and responsibilities of each Board Committee. The Committees and their respective members are likewise published on the website of the Bank.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Board Committees pp. 38-45)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  Board Committees Section			
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/			
Recommendation 3.2		<u>directors/</u>			
1. Board establishes an Audit Committee to enhance its oversight capability over the company's financial reporting, internal control system, internal and external audit processes, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has an established Audit Committee (AuditCom) that assists the Board of Directors (BOD) in its oversight capability.  As stated in the Responsibility Statement of the Audit Committee Charter:  "The Audit Committee is a committee created by the Board of Directors (BOD) of Bank of Commerce to assist in the oversight of the Bank's financial reporting policies, practices and internal controls system, audit process, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This is to emphasize that the Audit Committee (AC), as with other board committees, has oversight responsibilities and should not perform the role of			

		management who should provide the committee with the necessary information and analyses for their additional insights and comments. These oversight responsibilities are set out in this charter."  The Audit Committee Charter also states the Committee's duties and responsibilities on the following areas of concern:  Financial Reporting Oversight  Internal Controls  Internal Audit  External Audit  Internal Audit Service Providers  Other Oversight Responsibilities  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Audit Committee Charter  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4 4/AUDITCOM-Charter 30- May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf	
Audit Committee is composed of at least three appropriately qualified non-executive directors, the majority of whom, including the Chairman is independent.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance, item 17.2 "Audit Committee".  The Audit Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the board of directors, who shall all be non-executive directors, majority of whom shall be independent directors, including the Chairperson.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (17.2.2 Composition page 39)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  Audit Committee Charter	

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		https://www.bankcom	.com.pn/wp- /4 4/AUDITCOM-Charter 30-	
		May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf	74 4/AUDITCOM-Charlet 30-	
3. All the members of the committee have	COMPLIANT		porate Governance Manual	
relevant background, knowledge, skills,	COMILIAN		rnance, item 17.2 "Audit	
and/or experience in the areas of		Committee".	mance, nem 17.2 Adam	
accounting, auditing and finance.		Commince .		
accoming, acaming and infance.		The Audit Committee shall	I have accounting, auditing,	
			nanagement expertise or	
			e with the size, complexity of	
			e of the Bank. It shall have	
		access to independent exp	perts to assist them in carrying	
		out its responsibilities.		
		Reference documents/link	s:	
		BankCom Website		
		Corporate Governance	<b>Manual</b> (17.2.2 Composition	
		page 39)		
		https://www.bankcom		
			/02/Manual-on-Corporate-	
		<ul><li>Governance_as-of-Jan</li><li>Audit Committee Chart</li></ul>		
		https://www.bankcom		
			/4_4/AUDITCOM-Charter_30-	
		May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf	74_4//(ODITCOM-CHARICI_50-	
4. The Chairman of the Audit Committee is not	COMPLIANT		ardo J. Matignas, Jr. is not the	
the Chairman of the Board or of any other			or any other committee. As	
committee.		published in the BankCon	m Website, the Chairman of	
		the Board and other comm	mittees are:	
		Name	Chairman	
		Francis C. Chua	Board of Directors	
		Benedicta A. Du- Baladad	Executive Committee	
		Francis C. Chua	Trust And Investment Committee	
		Daniel Gabriel M.	Corporate Governance	
		Montecillo	Committee	

		Rebecca Maria A. Ynares  Simon R. Paterno  Ricardo D. Fernandez	Nomination, Compensation And Remuneration Committee Board Risk Oversight Committee Related Party Transaction Committee	
		Roberto C. Benares  Daniel Gabriel M.  Montecillo	Information Technology Steering Committee  Underwriting Committee	
		2024) Board and Compp. 26-28 https://www.bankcomcontent/uploads/2025 Commerce 20-IS-Defining signed Redacted.pdf  Board Committees Sections	tatement (as of 31 December mittee Meeting Attendance .com.ph/wp- /05/0-Bank-of- itive_30APRIL2025-	
Supplement to Recommendation 3.2  1. Audit Committee approves all non-audit	COMPLIANT	Based on SEC Memorand	dum Circular No. 2 Series of	
services conducted by the external auditor.		the external auditor to directly related to its statu include accounting, reconciliation, computer processing or informatic services, internal auditing	rs to other services offered by a corporation that are not tory audit function. Examples payroll, bookkeeping, project management, data on technology outsourcing g, and services that may dence and objectivity of the	

Audit Committee conducts regular meetings and dialogues with the external audit team without anyone from management present.	COMPLIANT	services per services per services per services per services per services presence of committee	SEC, the Bar bes not have that may co y in conducti sual reporting ittee, in ac harter, Audit ( s with the ex inyone from A cuments/links bsite mittee Charter w.bankcom.	er	KPMG ement dence to the Audit reracts ut the	
Optional: Recommendation 3.2						
Audit Committee meet at least four times during the year.	COMPLIANT	meetings on to 2024 Education January February March April 2 May 2 June 2 July 26 Augus Septem Octob	he following of the fol	mittee held a total dates:  Type Regular Regular Special Regular	of 13	

		December 13 Regular
		Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Board and Committee Meeting Attendance page 26 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf
Audit Committee approves the appointment and removal of the internal auditor.      Audit Committee approves the appointment and removal of the internal auditor.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance, item 17.2 "Audit Committee".  The Audit Committee represents and assists the Board in its general oversight of the Bank's financial reporting policies, practices and control and internal and external audit functions. It shall be responsible for the setting up of the internal audit department and for the appointment, removal and remuneration of the Chief Audit Executive as well as the appointment of the independent external auditor who shall both report directly to the Audit Committee.  Reference documents/links  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (17.2.1 Purpose and Objective page 39)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf
Recommendation 3.3		
Board establishes a Corporate     Governance Committee tasked to assist     the Board in the performance of its	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a Corporate Governance Committee that meets monthly.
corporate governance responsibilities, including the functions that were formerly		The Corporate Governance Committee shall assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its corporate governance

assigned to a Nomination and Remuneration Committee.		responsibilities and in providing oversight in the implementation of the Bank's Compliance System.  Reference documents/links BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Committee Charter https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2023/5_5/CorpGov%20Charter%2 0as%20of%20April%202023.pdf	
Corporate Governance Committee is composed of at least three members, all of whom should be independent directors.	COMPLIANT	The members of the Corporate Governance Committee are appointed annually by the Board. It shall be composed of at least five (5) members of the board of directors who are all non-executive directors, and majority of whom shall be independent directors, including the chairman. All decisions or resolutions of the Committee shall have the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members of the Committee.  Reference documents/links  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Committee Charter  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2023/5 5/CorpGov%20Charter%2 0as%20of%20April%202023.pdf	
3. Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee is an independent director.	COMPLIANT	Corporate Governance Committee Chairman Daniel Gabriel M. Montecillo is an independent director, it can be found in the Bank's Definitive Information Statement and the members of the board can also be viewed at the bank's website.  Reference documents/links BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Committee Charter https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/5_5/CorpGov%20Charter%2_0as%20of%20April%202023.pdf	

Optional: Recommendation 3.3.					
Corporate Governance Committee meet at least twice during the year.	COMPLIANT	In 2024, the Corporate C total of 12 meetings on	Governance Committee the following dates:	held a	
		2024 Dates	Туре		
		January 23	Regular		
		February 22	Regular		
		March 21	Regular		
		April 25	Regular		
		May 23	Regular		
		June 20	Regular		
		July 25	Regular		
		August 22	Regular		
		September 19	Regular		
		October 24	Regular		
		November 18	Regular		
		December 12	Regular		
			Statement (as of 31 Decommittee Meeting Attendant) m.com.ph/wp- 25/05/0-Bank-of- finitive 30APRIL2025-		
Recommendation 3.4					
<ol> <li>Board establishes a separate Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC) that should be responsible for the oversight of a company's Enterprise Risk Management</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	Oversight Committee (I Division (RSK) are respor	of Directors (BOD), Boa BROC), and Risk Manag nsible for setting the over tk and risk appetite of the	gement rall risk-	
system to ensure its functionality and		_	biter of the risks taken I		
effectiveness.		organization, with the	sole discretion of deter	rmining	

		what manner (strategic direction) and magnitude (risk appetite) of risk are suitable for the organization. It is indicated under Section on Risk Management of Annual report and section on Risk Management Oversight found in the Bank's website.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Risk Management Section pp. 76-86)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023- AR-Final-Draft.pdf  Risk Management Philosophy Section  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/	
2. BROC is composed of at least three members, the majority of whom should be independent directors, including the Chairman.  A second of the majority of whom should be independent directors, including the Chairman.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance, item 17.3 "Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC)".  The BROC shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the board of directors, majority of whom shall be independent directors, including the Chairperson.  Profiles of holdover members, including the Committee's Chairman, can be found in the Bank's Definitive Information Statement and also the summary of each committee members can be viewed at the bank's website.  Reference documents/links  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (17.3.2 Composition page 41)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	

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		<ul> <li>Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Board and Committee Meeting Attendance pp. 26-28     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf     </li> <li>Board Committees Section     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/     </li> </ul>	
3. The Chairman of the BROC is not the Chairman of the Board or of any other committee.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance, item 17.3 "Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC)".  The BROC shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the board of directors, majority of whom shall be independent directors, including the Chairperson.  The Chairman of the BROC is not the Chairman of the Board  Reference documents/links  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (17.3.2 Composition page 41)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Board and Committee Meeting Attendance pp. 26-28  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf  Board Committees Section  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/	

4. At least one member of the BROC has relevant thorough knowledge and experience on risk and risk management.  Output  Description:	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 17.3 "Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC)".  The Risk Oversight Committee shall possess a range of expertise and adequate knowledge on risk management issues and practices. It shall have access to independent experts to assist it in discharging its responsibilities.  • Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2004). Provided the control of the	
		2024) Board and Committee Meeting Attendance pp. 26-28 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of- Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025- signed Redacted.pdf  • Board Committees Section https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of- directors/	
Recommendation 3.5			
1. Board establishes a Related Party Transactions (RPT) Committee, which is tasked with reviewing all material related party transactions of the company.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 17.7 "Related Party Transactions Committee (RPTCom)".	
party fransactions of the company.		The Related Party Transactions Committee shall assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its corporate governance responsibility related to the safety and soundness of the Bank's transaction/s with Related Parties, and ensure that such are conducted at arm's-length terms and conditions pursuant to relevant laws, regulations and Bank policies.	
		BankCom has in place a Related Party Transactions Committee which meets monthly.	
		Reference documents/links BankCom Website	

2. RPT Committee is composed of at least three non-executive directors, two of whom should be independent, including the Chairman.  Chairman.	COMPLIANT	Corporate Governance Manual (17.7.1 Purpose and Objective page 44)     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-     content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-     Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 17.7 "Related Party Transactions Committee (RPTCom)".  The RPTCom shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors, two (2) of whom shall be independent directors including the Chairperson.  Reference documents/links  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (17.7.2 Composition page 44)     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
1. All established committees have a Committee Charter stating in plain terms their respective purposes, memberships, structures, operations, reporting process, resources and other relevant information.  2. Committee Charters provide standards for evaluating the performance of the Committees.	COMPLIANT	BankCom's Board has Nine (9) Committee Charters. The Charter contains the following information, among others:  • Purpose • Membership • Composition, Qualifications and Voting • Duties and Responsibilities  The Charters of the Nine (9) Board Committees are provided in the Bank's website, as follows:  1. Executive Committee Charter 2. Audit Committee Charter 3. Board Risk Oversight Committee Charter 4. Corporate Governance Committee Charter 5. Nominations, Compensation, and Remuneration	

		Committee Charter  6. Trust and Investments Committee Charter  7. Related Party Transactions Committee Charter  8. Information Technology Steering Committee Charter  9. Underwriting Committee Charter  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • Board Committees Section	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/  The Board Committees Charters are also embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 17 "Board Committees".  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website	
	COMPLIANT	Corporate Governance Manual (items 17.1 to 17.8 pp. 38-46)     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Committee Charters were fully disclosed on the company's website.	COMPLIANT	<ol> <li>The Charters of the nine (9) Board Committees are provided in the Bank's website, as follows:</li> <li>Executive Committee Charter</li> <li>Audit Committee Charter</li> <li>Board Risk Oversight Committee Charter</li> <li>Corporate Governance Committee Charter</li> <li>Nominations, Compensation, and Remuneration Committee Charter</li> <li>Trust and Investments Committee Charter</li> <li>Related Party Transactions Committee Charter</li> <li>Information Technology Steering Committee Charter</li> <li>Underwriting Committee Charter</li> </ol>	

Reference documents/links:

BankCom Website

• Board Committees Section

https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/

**Principle 4:** To show full commitment to the company, the directors should devote the time and attention necessary to properly and effectively perform their duties and responsibilities, including sufficient time to be familiar with the corporation's business.

## Recommendation 4.1

1. The Directors attend and actively participate in all meetings of the Board, Committees and shareholders in person or through tele-/videoconferencing conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

### COMPLIANT

It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance, item 13 "Board Meetings and Quorum Requirement"

"The members of the Board should attend its regular and special meetings in person or through teleconferencing conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of SEC"; and

"Directors shall rigorously prepare for board meetings so that they can devote their undivided attention and actively participate in meetings"

The record of attendance of the meetings of the Board of Directors and stockholders held in 2024 is available on pages 26-28 of the Bank's Definitive Information Statement.

Reference documents/links:

### **BankCom Website**

- Corporate Governance Manual (Board Meetings and Quorum Requirement items 13.2 & 13.4 page 35) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wpcontent/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf
- **Definitive Information Statement** (as of 31 December 2024) Board and Committee Meeting Attendance pp. 26-28

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2. The directors review meeting materials for	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual	
all Board and Committee meetings.	COMILIMIN	under Corporate Governance, item 13 "Board	
an Board and Commings.		Meetings and Quorum Requirement"	
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		Directors shall rigorously prepare for board meetings so	
		that they can devote their undivided attention and	
		actively participate in meetings.	
		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Corporate Governance Manual (Board Meetings)	
		and Quorum Requirement page 35)	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		<u>content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-</u> Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
3. The directors ask the necessary questions or	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual	
seek clarifications and explanations during	COMILIAN	under Corporate Governance, item 13 "Board	
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		Directors shall rigorously prepare for board meetings so	
		that they can devote their undivided attention and	
		actively participate in meetings. Prior Board and	
		Committee meetings, the director should review	
		meeting materials and if called for, ask the necessary	
		questions or seek clarifications and explanations.	
		Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website	
		Corporate Governance Manual (Board Meetings)	
		and Quorum Requirement page 35)	
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Recommendation 4.2			
Non-executive directors concurrently serve in a maximum of five publicly-listed companies to ensure that they have sufficient time to fully prepare for minutes, challenge Management's proposals/views, and oversee the long-term strategy of the company.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment under Section VII.C.c.1.2.  "A non-executive director may concurrently serve as a director in a maximum of five (5) publicly listed companies".  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/5 5/Policy-on-Interlocking-Positions-and-Secondment.pdf	
Recommendation 4.3		<u>i esmons ana eccenamem.par</u>	
The directors notify the company's board before accepting a directorship in another company.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment under Section VII.C.c.4.  "Upon onboarding, the Directors/Officers will be required to accomplish an Undertaking to notify BankCom through HRMDD of a prospective new/additional interlocking position/s and request for approval of the BankCom's BOD prior to accepting the additional interlock/s. HRMDD shall update its database on interlocking positions of Director/Officers."  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/5_5/Policy-on-Interlocking-Positions-and-Secondment.pdf	
Optional: Principle 4			
<ol> <li>Company does not have any executive directors who serve in more than two boards of listed companies outside of the group.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	Mr. Michelangelo R. Aguilar, President and CEO is the Bank's only executive director. He does not serve in more than two boards of listed companies outside of the group.	

		Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website	
		Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Executive Officers page 12 <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed_Redacted.pdf">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed_Redacted.pdf</a>	
Company schedules board of directors' meetings before the start of the financial year.	COMPLIANT	The Board of Directors' meetings are scheduled and approved by the Board of Directors before the beginning of the year, on the last meeting of the Board for the prior year. For the 2024 board meetings, the Board of Directors approved the proposed schedule of meetings on December 19, 2023.	
Board of directors meet at least six times during the year.	COMPLIANT	For the year 2024, there were 12 regular meetings and 1 special meeting, or a total of 13 meetings.  The attendance of the Board at the said meetings is available in pages 26-28 of the Bank's Definitive Information Statement.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Board and Committee Meeting Attendance pp. 26-28  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf	
4. Company requires as minimum quorum of at least 2/3 for board decisions.	COMPLIANT		Section 7 of Article III of the Bank's By-laws provide, to wit:  "Quorum. – A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum to do business, and every decision of the majority of

		the directors present, whether physically or through remote communication, constituting a quorum shall be valid as an act of the entire Board."
		The Company complies with the provisions of the Revised Philippine Corporation Code in determining the quorum for the Board of Directors. There is no basis for the Board to adopt a different quorum as the current practice which is in accordance with law, is effective for the purpose of approving corporate actions.
SEC. Form - I-ACGR * Updated 21Dec 2017		Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  2024 BankCom By- laws https://www.bankco m.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025 /04/000-October- 2024-BankCom- Amended-By-laws.pdf

Principle 5: The board should endeavor to exercise an objective and independent judgment on all corporate affairs				
Recommendation 5.1				
The Board has at least 3 independent directors or such number as to constitute one-third of the board, whichever is higher.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 1 "Composition of the Board"  The Board shall consist of at least five (5) and maximum of fifteen (15) members and at least one-third (1/3) shall be Independent Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected annually by the		
		stockholders entitled to vote and to serve until the election and qualification of their successors.  As of December 31, 2024, five (5) out of the fifteen (15) directors of the Bank are independent directors which		
		is indicated on the Bank's Definitive Information Statement.  Reference documents/links:		
		BankCom Website     Corporate Governance Manual (Composition of the Board page 10) <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance</a> as-of-January-2025-final.pdf		
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The independent directors possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to hold the positions.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 5 "Qualification of Board Directors"		

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LIANT BankCom has no shareholders holding any Voting Trust Agreement for shares constituting 5.0% or more of the outstanding capital stock, or any such similar agreement.  Reference documents/links:

		Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors; Key Officers; Voting trust holders of 5% or more pp. 10-11 <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-signed Redacted.pdf</a> 2024 BankCom By-laws <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024-BankCom-Amended-By-laws.pdf">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024-BankCom-Amended-By-laws.pdf</a>	
Recommendation 5.3			
The independent directors serve for a cumulative term of nine years (reckoned from 2012).      The independent directors serve for a cumulative term of nine years (reckoned from 2012).      The independent directors serve for a cumulative term of nine years (reckoned from 2012).	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 2 "Independent and Non-Executive Directors" provides that the independent directors shall serve for a maximum cumulative term of nine (9) years.  The years of service of the Company's independent directors since their first election as such are specified on pages 12-13 of the Definitive Information Statement and pages 48-49 of SEC Form 17-A.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Independent and Non-Executive Directors page 10)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Executive Officers pp. 12-13  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4 4/00-FINAL-SCANNED-Bank-of-Commerce Definitive-Information-Statement 01APRIL2024 3rd-Pass.pdf  SEC Form 17-A (for the year ended 31 December 2024) pp. 48-49	

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2. The company bars an independent	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual	
director from serving in such capacity after		under Corporate Governance item 2 "Independent	
the term limit of nine years.		and Non-Executive Directors".	
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		"An independent director may only serve as such for a	
		maximum of cumulative term of nine (9) years. After	
		which, the independent director shall be perpetually	
		barred from serving as independent director in the	
		same Bank, but may continue to serve as regular	
		director"	
		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Corporate Governance Manual (Independent and	
		Non-Executive Directors page 10)	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-	
		Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
3. In the instance that the company retains an	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual	
independent director in the same capacity		under Corporate Governance item 2 "Independent	
after nine years, the board provides		and Non-Executive Directors".	
meritorious justification and seeks			
shareholders' approval during the annual		"An independent director may only serve as such for a	
shareholders' meeting.		maximum of cumulative term of nine (9) years. After	
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		which, the independent director shall be perpetually	
		barred from serving as independent director in the	
		same Bank, but may continue to serve as regular	
		director"	
		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Corporate Governance Manual (Independent and	
		Non-Executive Directors page 10)	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-	
		Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	

Recommendation 5.4			
The positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are held by separate individuals.	COMPLIANT	The chairman of the Board is Mr. Francis C. Chua. Meanwhile, the Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer is Mr. Michelangelo R. Aguilar.	
		Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Executive Officers pp. 12-13 <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4</a> 4/00-FINAL-SCANNED-Bank-of-Commerce Definitive-Information-Statement_01APRIL2024_3rd-Pass.pdf	
		Board of Directors Section <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/board-of-directors/</a>	
The Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer have clearly defined responsibilities.	COMPLIANT	The responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 4 "The Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer".  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (items 4.1 to 4.7 pp.	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Recommendation 5.5  1. If the Chairman of the Board is not an independent director, the board designates a lead director among the independent directors.	COMPLIANT	While the Chairman of the Board is not an Independent Director, the Board, designated a Lead Independent Director (LID). The LID have the following duties and responsibilities among others:	
		<ul> <li>Serves as an intermediary between the Chairman and the other directors when necessary;</li> </ul>	

Decomposition 5.4		<ul> <li>Convenes and chairs meetings of the non-executive directors; and</li> <li>Contributes to the performance evaluation of the Chairman, as required.</li> <li>Reference documents/links:         <ul> <li>BankCom Website</li> <li>Corporate Governance Manual (Independent and Non-Executive Directors – Lead Independent Director page 11)</li> <li>https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Recommendation 5.6	001101111		
Directors with material interest in a transaction affecting the corporation abstain from taking part in the deliberations on the transaction.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a Related Party Transaction Committee chaired by an independent director. The committee's primary responsibility is to vet the arm's length terms of any related party transaction including those of directors, if there's any. In case a member has conflict of interest in a particular RPT, he should refrain from evaluating that particular transaction.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Related Party Transactions Policy https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4 4/RPT-Policy 2023 final- v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf	
Recommendation 5.7			
<ol> <li>The non-executive directors (NEDs) have separate periodic meetings with the external auditor and heads of the internal audit, compliance and risk functions, without any executive present.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	The members of the Audit Committee, Board Risk Oversight Committee and Corporate Governance Committee who are all non-executive directors have period meetings with Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance, respectively.	
The meetings are chaired by the lead independent director.	COMPLIANT		

Optional: Principle 5			
None of the directors is a former CEO of	COMPLIANT	Mr. Roberto C. Benares, a Non-Executive Director last	
the company in the past 2 years.		held the position of BankCom CEO in July 2018.	
-	-	gh an assessment process. The Board should regularly carry	out evaluations to appraise
its performance as a body, and assess whether	it possesses the ri	ght mix of backgrounds and competencies.	
Recommendation 6.1	001101111		
Board conducts an annual self-assessment     of its performance as a whole	COMPLIANT	The conduct of annual self, peer, Board and Board	
of its performance as a whole.		Committee assessments is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance	
2. The Chairman conducts a self-assessment	COMPLIANT	item 16 "Performance Evaluation".	
of his performance.	COMPLIANT	lien to Tendinance Evaluation .	
or his performance.		On an annual basis the members Board and Board	
3. The individual members conduct a self-	COMPLIANT	Committees conduct the following assessments. Result	
assessment of their performance.	00//11/21/11/11	thereof is reported to the Corporate Governance	
'		Committee and the Board.	
4. Each committee conducts a self-	COMPLIANT		
assessment of its performance.		1. Board Assessment	
		2. Self-Assessment	
		3. Peer Assessment	
		4. Board Committee Assessment	
		5. Board Advisers Assessment	
		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Corporate Governance Manual (Performance)	
		Evaluation page 37)	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-	
		Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
5. Every three years, the assessments are	COMPLIANT	Currently, the Annual Performance Evaluation of the	
supported by an external facilitator.		Board Is internally developed and facilitated by	
		BankCom's Compliance Office.	
		In pursuit of best practices, Bank of Commerce will	
		engage a third-party external facilitator, to conduct	
		Board Assessment in year 2026.	
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Recommendation 6.2			
1. Board has in place a system that provides, at the minimum, criteria and process to determine the performance of the Board, individual directors and committees.  2. The system allows for a feedback mechanism from the shareholders.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 16 "Performance Evaluation".  The Board shall institute an internal self-rating system that can measure the performance of the Board and Management. It shall conduct an annual review of performance, measuring results against target and other appropriate criteria defined by the Board.  The Annual Performance Evaluation of the Board Is internally developed and facilitated by BankCom's Compliance Office.  Results of the annual performance assessment is reported to the Corporate Governance Committee and the Board.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Performance Evaluation page 37)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-	
		Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Recommendation 7.1		ethical standards, taking into account the interests of all s	takeholders.
<ol> <li>Board adopts a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which provide standards for professional and ethical behavior, as well as articulate acceptable and unacceptable conduct and practices in internal and external dealings of the company.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a board approved Code of Discipline which provide standards for professional and ethical behavior, as well as articulate acceptable and unacceptable conduct and practices in internal and external dealings of the company.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Code of Discipline	

The Code is properly disseminated to the Board, senior management and employees.	COMPLIANT	https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2021/11/BankCom-Code-of- Discipline.pdf  • Corporate Governance Manual (Bank'S Code of Discipline pp. 56-58) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  BankCom's Code of Discipline has been provided to employees and senior management including the newly hired employees. This Code is also posted in the company website.	
3. The Code is disclosed and made available to the public through the company website.  3. The Code is disclosed and made available to the public through the company website.	COMPLIANT	Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Code of Discipline https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2021/11/BankCom-Code-of- Discipline.pdf  • Corporate Governance Manual (Bank'S Code of Discipline pp. 56-58) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
1. Company has clear and stringent policies and procedures on curbing and penalizing company involvement in offering, paying and receiving bribes.	COMPLIANT	Covered by the Code of Discipline on soliciting or receiving money, gifts or benefits in consideration of unduly favoring a private party in the performance of one's duties and in the whistleblowing policy.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Code of Discipline  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2021/11/BankCom-Code-of- Discipline.pdf  Whistleblowing Policy	

		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2021/11/OPPM-Issue-No20-034- re-Guidelines-on-Whistleblowing.pdf  Corporate Governance Manual (Bank'S Code of Discipline pp. 56-58)	
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Recommendation 7.2			
Board ensures the proper and efficient implementation and monitoring of compliance with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.	COMPLIANT	Bankcom is committed to a high standard of transparency, openness, probity and accountability. It is the Bank's principle that Reporting Persons who have acted in good faith in reporting legitimate concerns shall be protected from reprisal or retaliatory action or	
Board ensures the proper and efficient implementation and monitoring of compliance with company internal policies.	COMPLIANT	not subject to disciplinary action, in case the Reporting Person is an employee, for making such disclosures. The Board has approved the reporting matrix of cases.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Whistleblowing Policy  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2021/11/OPPM-Issue-No20-034- re-Guidelines-on-Whistleblowing.pdf	
	Disc	losure and Transparency	

Principle 8: The company should establish corporate disclosure policies and procedures that are practical and in accordance with best practices and regulatory expectations.

Recommendation 8		1	
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Recommendation 6.1			
1. Board establishes corporate disclosure	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual	
policies and procedures to ensure a		under Corporate Governance item 26 "Accountability	
comprehensive, accurate, reliable and		and Audit".	
timely report to shareholders and other			
stakeholders that gives a fair and complete		The Board shall accurately disclose to its acknowledged	
picture of a company's financial condition,		publics all material information, to include its financial	
results and business operations.		situation, performance ownership, and the Bank'	
		governance practices.	

			The company's disclosure of policies and procedures are available in the Corporate Website.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 26.1 Financial Reporting and Transparency pp. 58-59)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
	pplement to Recommendations 8.1  Company distributes or makes available	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual	
	annual and quarterly consolidated reports, cash flow statements, and special audit revisions. Consolidated financial statements are published within ninety (90) days from the end of the fiscal year, while interim reports are published within forty-five (45) days from the end of the reporting period.		under Corporate Governance item 26 "Accountability and Audit", that the Board shall therefore commit at all times to full disclosure of material information dealings. It shall cause the filing of all required information through the appropriate Exchange mechanisms for listed companies and submissions to the Commission for the interest of its stockholders and other stakeholders.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 26.1 Financial Reporting and Transparency pp. 58-59)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  Company Disclosures Section (SEC Filings)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/disclosures/	
2.	Company discloses in its annual report the principal risks associated with the identity of the company's controlling shareholders; the degree of ownership concentration; cross-holdings among company affiliates; and any imbalances between the controlling shareholders' voting power and overall equity position in the company.	COMPLIANT	The Annual Report shows the Ownership Structure under Corporate Governance Section.  The risk of an imbalance between the controlling shareholders' voting power and overall equity position in the company is mitigated through an existing shareholder voting mechanism that respects the rights of shareholders and minority interests.	

		Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Corporate Governance Section page 45)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023- AR-Final-Draft.pdf  • SEC Form 17-A (for the year ended 31 December 2024)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/05/SEC-17A-2024- BANKCOM.pdf	
Recommendation 8.2			
<ol> <li>Company has a policy requiring all directors to disclose/report to the company any dealings in the company's shares within three business days.</li> <li>Company has a policy requiring all officers to disclose/report to the company any dealings in the company's shares within three business days.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 8 "Duties and Responsibilities".  A director must not deal in the Bank's securities during the period within which a material non-public information is obtained and up to two (2) full Trading Days after the price sensitive information is disclosed.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 8.2.4 Disclosure and Transparency of Directors page 31 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Supplement to Recommendation 8.2			
1. Company discloses the trading of the corporation's shares by directors, officers (or persons performing similar functions) and controlling shareholders. This includes the disclosure of the company's purchase of its shares from the market (e.g. share buy-back program).	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 8 "Duties and Responsibilities".  In relation to Securities issuance by the Bank, a director should immediately disclose to the Bank his/her direct and indirect ownership in the Securities of the Bank.	

		Any acquisition, disposal, or change in the shareholdings of the director/s should be immediately disclosed to the Bank without a need for demand from the Bank.  As soon as is practicable and within the mandated reporting period, the Company discloses through the Philippine Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission any such acquisition, disposal, or change in the shareholdings of directors.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 8.2.4 Disclosure and Transparency of Directors page 31 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wpcontent/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  PSE Edge Website  Bank of Commerce https://edge.pse.com.ph/companyPage/stockData.do?cmpy id=692	
Recommendation 8.3  1. Board fully discloses all relevant and material information on individual board members to evaluate their experience and qualifications, and assess any potential conflicts of interest that might affect their judgment.	COMPLIANT	The Directors' academic qualifications, share ownership in the Company, membership in other boards, other executive positions, Professional experiences, and expertise are set out on Bank's Preliminary Information Statement.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website	
Board fully discloses all relevant and material information on key executives to  SEC Form = LACGR * Undated 21 Dec 2017  SEC Form = LACGR * Undated 21 Dec 2017  SEC Form = LACGR * Undated 21 Dec 2017	COMPLIANT	Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Executive Officers pp. 12-22 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/00-FINAL-SCANNED-Bank-of-Commerce Definitive-Information-Statement_01APRIL2024_3rd-Pass.pdf  It is embodied in the Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment under Section VII.E, that of whenever a	

evaluate their experience and qualifications, and assess any potential conflicts of interest that might affect their judgment.		new Director or Officer has interlocking position/s in any other entity/ies, the NCRC must assess the Director's/Officer's capability to appropriately perform his/her responsibility with BankCom given his/her responsibilities with other institutions.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/5_5/Policy-on-Interlocking-Positions-and-Secondment.pdf	
Recommendation 8.4			
<ol> <li>Company provides a clear disclosure of its policies and procedure for setting Board remuneration, including the level and mix of the same.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	Item 15 of the Corporate Governance Manual provides for the guidelines on setting the remuneration and compensation of the members of the Board and the Officers of the Bank.	
2. Company provides a clear disclosure of its policies and procedure for setting executive remuneration, including the level and mix of the same.	COMPLIANT	Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 15 page 36)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
<ol> <li>Company discloses the remuneration on an individual basis, including termination and retirement provisions.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT		
Recommendation 8.5			
Company discloses its policies governing Related Party Transactions (RPTs) and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions in their Manual on Corporate Governance.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has adopted an overarching policy on handling related party transactions which included the creation of a Board Level Related Party Transactions Committee (RPTCom) and the crafting of the Related Party Transaction Policy (RPT Policy). The RPT policy is updated or amended as the need arises to include the requirements under relevant regulatory issuances.	

Company discloses material or significant RPTs reviewed and approved during the year.	COMPLIANT	The policy provides guidelines on handling a Related Party Transaction as well as the guidelines on the identification Related Parties of the Bank.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Related Party Transactions Policy https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4_4/RPT-Policy_2023_final- v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf  It is embodied in the Policy of Related Party Transactions, that the Bank shall comply with the disclosure and regulatory reporting requirements as prescribed by the BSP or pursuant to Section 136 of the MORB. Prior to submission of the reports to regulatory agencies, these must be presented to the Related Party Transactions Committee for notation.  BankCom discloses material or significant RPTs on the Bank's website.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Related Party Transactions Policy (section 9 item 9.1 page 20) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4_4/RPT-Policy_2023_final- v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf	
Supplement to Recommendation 8.5			
Company requires directors to disclose their interests in transactions or any other conflict of interests.	COMPLIANT	Embodied in the Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment that if an actual or potential conflict of interest should arise on the part of Director/Officer, it should be fully disclosed and the concerned director should not participate in the decision-making.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Policy on Interlocking Positions and Secondment https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	

		<u>content/uploads/2023/5_5/Policy-on-Interlocking-</u> Positions-and-Secondment.pdf	
Optional : Recommendation 8.5			
Company discloses that RPTs are conducted in such a way to ensure that they are fair and at arms' length.	COMPLIANT	Embodied in the Policy of Related Party Transactions, the Bank must ensure that all Related Party Transactions are entered into on an arm's length terms, not more favorable to the Related Party and not inimical to the interests of the Bank or any of its stakeholders.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Related Party Transactions Policy (section 4 item 4.6 & 4.7 page 6)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4_4/RPT-Policy_2023_final- v309.26.2023-FINAL.pdf	
Recommendation 8.6			
Company makes a full, fair, accurate and timely disclosure to the public of every material fact or event that occur, particularly on the acquisition or disposal of significant assets, which could adversely affect the viability or the interest of its shareholders and other stakeholders.	COMPLIANT	Embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 26 "Accountability and Audit", that the Board shall therefore commit at all times to full disclosure of material information dealings. It shall cause the filing of all required information through the appropriate Exchange mechanisms for listed companies and submissions to the Commission for the interest of its stockholders and other stakeholders.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 26.1 Financial Reporting and Transparency pp. 58-59)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  Company Disclosures Section (SEC Filings)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/disclosures/	

2. Board appoints an independent party to evaluate the fairness of the transaction price on the acquisition or disposal of assets.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has Board-approved operating policies and procedures manuals (OPPMs) on the sale / disposal of Bank's assets which requires an independent appraisal.	
1. Company discloses the existence, justification and details on shareholder agreements, voting trust agreements, confidentiality agreements, and such other agreements that may impact on the control, ownership, and strategic direction of the company.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has no shareholders holding any Voting Trust Agreement for shares constituting 5.0% or more of the outstanding capital stock, or any similar agreement.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Voting trust holders of 5% or more page 11 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/00-FINAL-SCANNED-Bank-of-Commerce_Definitive-Information-Statement_01APRIL2024_3rd-Pass.pdf  • 2024 BankCom By-laws https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/000-October-2024-	
		BankCom-Amended-By-laws.pdf	
Recommendation 8.7  1. Company's corporate governance policies, programs and procedures are contained in its Manual on Corporate Governance (MCG).	COMPLIANT	Embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual are the principles of sound corporate governance which shall be observed and complied with by all directors, officers and employees of Bank of Commerce as they discharge their respective duties and responsibilities. It emphasizes the Board of Directors' Commitment to	
Company's MCG is submitted to the SEC and PSE.	COMPLIANT	prudently manage the Bank thereby preserving the trust and confidence reposed on it by its clients and stakeholders. It shall also serve as a guide in the attainment of the Bank's mission and vision.	
3. Company's MCG is posted on its company website.	COMPLIANT	BankCom's Corporate Governance Manual posted in website has been submitted to SEC. It is also submitted to the PSE on EDGE.  Reference documents/links:	

Supplement to Recommendation 8.7  1. Company submits to the SEC and PSE an updated MCG to disclose any changes in	COMPLIANT	BankCom Website     Corporate Governance Manual (Definition of Terms item 21 Related Party Transactions page 8)     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  BankCom Corporate Governance Manual posted in website has been submitted to SEC. It is also submitted	
its corporate governance practices.		to the PSE on EDGE.	
Optional: Principle 8			
Does the company's Annual Report disclose the following information:	COMPLIANT	BankCom's Annual Report discloses the following information:  a. Vision Mission, Service Promise (page 4)	
a. Corporate Objectives	COMPLIANT	b. Financial Highlights (page 14) c. Operational Highlights (pp. 15-20)	
b. Financial performance indicators	COMPLIANT	d. Dividends (1) Page 50 "As provided for in the Bank's by-laws,	
c. Non-financial performance indicators	COMPLIANT	dividends may be declared from the surplus profits arising from the business of the Bank at	
d. Dividend Policy	COMPLIANT	such time and in such percentage as the Board of Directors may deem proper. No dividends	
e. Biographical details (at least age, academic qualifications, date of first appointment, relevant experience, and other directorships in listed companies) of all directors	COMPLIANT	may be declared that will impair the capital of the Bank and stock dividends shall be declared in accordance with the law."  (2) Section 24. "Capital", subsection "Regulatory Qualifying Capital mentions about compliance with the requirements on the declaration of	
f. Attendance details of each director in all directors meetings held during the year	COMPLIANT	dividends as provided in the MORB (page 203); (3) Section 34. "Acquisition of Selected Assets and Assumption of Certain Liabilities of TRB," subsection "FAA" mentions about declaring or	
g. Total remuneration of each member of the board of directors	COMPLIANT	paying cash dividends in par. D on page 221.  e. Board of Directors (pp. 60-69)  f. Attendance (1) Board meetings (page 45) (2) EXCOM and AUDITCOM (page 46)	

			<ul> <li>(3) BROC, CGCOM, NCRC, TIC, RPT, and ITSC (pp. 47-48)</li> <li>g. BankCom's 2023 Annual Report provides the Total Compensation of Directors, as a group unnamed, for the years 2022 and 2023 (page 50).</li> <li>Reference documents/links:         BankCom Website         Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report)         https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-AR-Final-Draft.pdf     </li> </ul>	
2.	The Annual Report contains a statement confirming the company's full compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance and where there is non-compliance, identifies and explains reason for each such issue.	COMPLIANT	The section "Manual on Corporate Governance" (page 45) states that "the Board adopted the Manual on Corporate Governance ("Manual"), which institutionalizes the principles of good corporate governance in the entire organization In adopting the Manual, the Board and its members acknowledge the responsibility in governing the conduct of the business of the Bank, in ensuring adherence to corporate principles and best practices."  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Financial Information - Annual Report (2023 Annual Report - Corporate Governance page 45)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
3.	The Annual Report/Annual CG Report discloses that the board of directors conducted a review of the company's material controls (including operational, financial and compliance controls) and risk management systems.	COMPLIANT	The Annual Report discloses that the Board of Directors through its Board committees (Audit Committee, Board Risk Oversight Committee and Corporate Governance Committee) conducted a review of BankCom's material controls (including operational, financial and compliance controls) and risk management system.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website	

		Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual	
		Report – Risk Management page 76)	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-	
		AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
4. The Annual Report/Annual CG Report	COMPLIANT	The Annual Report contains a statement, "Joint	
contains a statement from the board of	COIVII LII II II	Declaration of PCEO and CAE on the Adequacy and	
directors or Audit Committee commenting		Soundness of Internal Controls and Compliance	
on the adequacy of the company's internal		System." Details are provided in the Internal Audit	
controls/risk management systems.		Division Report.	
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		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual	
		Report – Joint Declaration of PCEO and CAE on the	
		Adequacy and Soundness of Internal Controls and	
		Compliance System page 93; and Internal Audit	
		Division Report pp. 91-93)	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-	
		AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
5. The company discloses in the Annual	COMPLIANT	The Annual Report contains the key risks to which	
Report the key risks to which the company		BankCom is materially exposed i.e. financial risk,	
is materially exposed to (i.e. financial,		operational risk including IT, environmental, social and	
operational including IT, environmental,		economic risks.	
social, economic).			
		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual	
		Report – Risk Management pp. 77-86)	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-	
		AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
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**Principle 9:** The company should establish standards for the appropriate selection of an external auditor, and exercise effective oversight of the same to strengthen the external auditor's independence and enhance audit quality.

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	and fees of t	he exte	ernal auditors		

## **COMPLIANT**

The BankCom's Audit Committee Charter includes the following:

- Evaluate and endorse for Board approval the appointment, re-appointment, fees and replacement of External Auditor. This shall be further ratified in a shareholders' meeting. Audit fees shall be disclosed in the Annual Report.
- 2. Ensure that the reason for removal or change of External Auditor is fully disclosed to regulators and the public.
- 3. Evaluate the External Auditor's professional qualifications and ensure that External Auditor:
  - a. shall be chosen from SEC List of Accredited External Auditors and BSP's List of Selected External Auditors for BSP-Supervised Financial Institutions according to the Bank's classification.
  - b. rotates lead audit partner every five (5) years.
  - c. is credible, competent and has the ability to understand complex related party transactions, its counterparties, and valuations of such transactions.
  - d. has adequate quality control procedures.
- 4. Review and endorse for board approval the engagement contract and ensure that the External Auditor's proposed audit scope and approach cover areas specifically prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and other regulators.

Reference documents/links:

# **BankCom Website**

• Audit Committee Charter

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2. The appointment, reappointment, removal,	COMPLIANT	Stockholders representing at least 78.01% of the total	
and fees of the external auditor is		issued and outstanding common shares of the Bank	
recommended by the Audit Committee,		approve the engagement of KPMG – R.G. Manabat &	
approved by the Board and ratified by the		Co. (KPMG Philippines) as the external auditor of the	
shareholders.  3. For removal of the external auditor, the	COMPLIANT	Corporation for 2024.	
·	COMPLIANT	There has been no removal or change of the external auditor. The Bank has retained for this 2024 its external	
reasons for removal or change are disclosed to the regulators and the public		auditor, KPMG Philippines, from the previous year.	
through the company website and		dualior, krivio friiippines, itom the previous year.	
required disclosures.			
Supplement to Recommendation 9.1			
1. Company has a policy of rotating the lead	COMPLIANT	The BankCom's Audit Committee Charter indicates that	
audit partner every five years.		it is part of the Committee's responsibility to ensure that	
, ,		External Audit Lead Partner is rotated every five (5)	
		years.	
		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Audit Committee Charter	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2024/4 4/AUDITCOM-Charter 30-	
		<u>May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf</u>	
Recommendation 9.2			
1. Audit Committee Charter includes the	COMPLIANT	The BankCom's Audit Committee Charter includes its	
Audit Committee's responsibility on:		responsibilities on external audit.	
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i. assessing the integrity and		Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website	
independence of external auditors; ii. exercising effective oversight to		Audit Committee Charter	
ii. exercising effective oversight to review and monitor the external		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
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objectivity; and		May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf	
iii. exercising effective oversight to		1410 y -2020-1114/ L-1.pai	
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effectiveness of the audit process,			
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taking into consideration relevant Philippine professional and regulatory requirements.  2. Audit Committee Charter contains the Committee's responsibility on reviewing and monitoring the external auditor's suitability and effectiveness on an annual basis.	COMPLIANT	The BankCom's Audit Committee Charter includes responsibility to review the performance of the External Auditor, including External Auditor's suitability, effectiveness and coordination of audit effort with Internal Audit, on an annual basis.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • Audit Committee Charter  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4 4/AUDITCOM-Charter 30- May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf	
Supplement to Recommendations 9.2			
Audit Committee ensures that the external auditor is credible, competent and has the ability to understand complex related party transactions, its counterparties, and valuations of such transactions.	COMPLIANT	The BankCom's Audit Committee Charter includes a responsibility to "ensure that External Auditor is credible, competent and has the ability to understand complex related party transactions, its counterparties, and valuations of such transactions.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • Audit Committee Charter (Duties and Responsibilities – External Audit item 3.c page 5)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4 4/AUDITCOM-Charter 30- May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf	
Audit Committee ensures that the external auditor has adequate quality control procedures.	COMPLIANT	The BankCom's Audit Committee Charter includes a responsibility to "ensure that External Auditor has adequate quality control procedures."  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website	

		Audit Committee Charter (Duties and Responsibilities – External Audit item 3.d page 5) <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/AUDITCOM-Charter_30-May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/4_4/AUDITCOM-Charter_30-May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf</a>	
Recommendation 9.3			
Company discloses the nature of non-audit services performed by its external auditor in the Annual Report to deal with the potential conflict of interest.	COMPLIANT	Based on the definition and examples on non-audit services per SEC, the Bank's external auditor KPMG Philippines does not have a non-audit engagement with the Bank that may compromise its independence and objectivity in conducting the external audit.	
Audit Committee stays alert for any potential conflict of interest situations, given the guidelines or policies on non-audit services, which could be viewed as impairing the external auditor's objectivity.	COMPLIANT	The BankCom's Audit Committee Charter includes responsibility to "approve non-audit services, including its fees, by the External Auditor, provided it does not pose a threat to auditor's independence and objectivity. Fees for non-audit services shall not outweigh the fees paid for audit services. Non-audit services by External Auditor shall be disclosed in the Annual Report."  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • Audit Committee Charter  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/4 4/AUDITCOM-Charter 30- May-2023-FINAL-1.pdf	
Supplement to Recommendation 9.3			
Fees paid for non-audit services do not outweigh the fees paid for audit services.	COMPLIANT	Audit Committee approved the KPMG audit engagement fee of Php 4.592M, inclusive of out-of-pocket expenses and VAT, for year 2024 Financial Statements Audit. KPMG did not provide any non-audit engagements that may possibly impair its independence as the Bank's external auditor.	

Additional Recommendation to Principle 9		
Company's external auditor is duly accredited by the SEC under Group A category.      The second of the secon	COMPLIANT	Information on BankCom's external auditor:  1. Name of the audit engagement partner:     Vanessa P. Macamos 2. Accreditation number:     SEC Accreditation No. 102309-SEC, Group A 3. Date Accredited:     Issued on August 23, 2022 4. Expiry date of accreditation:     Valid for five (5) years covering the audit of 2022 to 2026 financial statements 5. Name, address, contact number of the audit firm:     KPMG in the Philippines, R.G. Manabat & Co.,     The KPMG Center, 6/F 6787 Ayala Avenue     Makati City 1209, Philippines,     +63 2 8885 7000     Vanessa P. Macamos' additional details:
Company's external auditor agreed to be subjected to the SEC Oversight Assurance Review (SOAR) Inspection Program conducted by the SEC's Office of the General Accountant (OGA).  SEC Forms LACCR & Undertook 21 Dags 2017.	COMPLIANT	The R.G. Manabat & Co (KPMG Philippines) was subjected to SOAR inspection in 2022.  Further, none of the current engagement team members for the audit of Bank of Commerce have been subjected to SOAR inspection.

Principle 10: The company should ensure that the	Principle 10: The company should ensure that the material and reportable non-financial and sustainability issues are disclosed.				
Recommendation 10.1					
Board has a clear and focused policy on the disclosure of non-financial information, with emphasis on the management of economic, environmental, social and governance (EESG) issues of its business, which underpin sustainability.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has board approved ESG and Sustainability Framework Manual which embodies the bank's policies and approaches on ESG and Sustainability.  BankCom's 2023 Annual Report includes a new section, "Environmental, Social and Governance Report" based on the BSP's disclosure requirements under BSP Circular 1085.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • ESG, Sustainability and CSR Section https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/esg-sustainability-csr/  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-AR-Final-Draft.pdf			
Company adopts a globally recognized standard/framework in reporting sustainability and non-financial issues.	COMPLIANT	BankCom's standard or framework in reporting sustainability and non-financial issues are already integrated in the SEC 17-A report.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • SEC Form 17-A (for the year ended 31 December 2024) Sustainability Report pp. 240-281 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/SEC-17A-2024-BANKCOM.pdf			

Principle 11: The company should maintain a comprehensive and cost-efficient communication channel for disseminating relevant information. This channel is crucial for informed decision-making by investors, stakeholders and other interested users. **Recommendation 11.1** 1. Company has media and analysts' Material public information relevant to its shareholders COMPLIANT briefings as channels of communication to and other investors can be found in the "About Us" and ensure the timely and accurate "Press Releases" sections of the Bank's website. dissemination of public, material and relevant information to its shareholders and Reference documents/links: other investors. **BankCom Website**  About Us https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/ • Press Releases https://www.bankcom.com.ph/news/ Supplemental to Principle 11 1. Company has a website disclosing up-to-COMPLIANT Reference documents/links: date information on the following: **BankCom Website** a) Financial Information Section https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/financiala. Financial statements/reports (latest COMPLIANT information/ auarterly) **Company Disclosures Section** b. Materials provided in briefings to https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-COMPLIANT us/disclosures/ analysts and media b) About Us Section c. Downloadable annual report COMPLIANT https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/ d. Notice of ASM and/or SSM COMPLIANT c) Financial Information Section https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/financiale. Minutes of ASM and/or SSM COMPLIANT information/ d) Financial Information Section f. Company's Articles of Incorporation COMPLIANT https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/financialand By-Laws information/ **Company Disclosures Section** https://www.bankcom.com.ph/aboutus/disclosures/

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Company complies with SEC-prescribed	COMPLIANT	BankCom maintains an official company website that
website template.		adheres to the SEC's prescribed format and template.
		Sections found in the "About Us" part of the website are based on the template provided to the Bank during the
		IPO.
		Reference documents/links:
		BankCom Website     https://www.bankcom.com.ph/
		stem and Risk Management Framework
<b>Principle 12:</b> To ensure the integrity, transparency internal control system and enterprise risk management.		vernance in the conduct of its affairs, the company should have a strong and effective
Recommendation 12.1		
Company has an adequate and effective internal control system in the conduct of its business.	COMPLIANT	The Internal Audit function undergoes an annual Internal Quality Assurance Review (QAR) and an External QAR every five years. Based on latest Internal QAR and External QAR, Internal Audit obtained a 'Generally Conforms' rating, which is the highest rating.
		The review of the internal control system is done in various audit engagements executed throughout the year in accordance with the approved Audit Plan for the year. The assessment of the Bank's internal control system is annually issued by the CAE.
		For 2024, "Based on the results of the audit and other assurance activities performed in 2024, the CAE declared that the Bank's system of internal controls, compliance and risk management, along with its

2. Company has an adequate and effective enterprise risk management framework in the conduct of its business.   Output  Description:	COMPLIANT	governance, is reasonably sound and adequate to address strategic, financial, regulatory, compliance (including AMLA), operational, and fraud-related risks."  The BankCom's risk management framework was formed using principles derived from BSP regulations, BASEL, and COSO.  Risk management processes are reviewed on an annual basis  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023- AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
Supplement to Recommendations 12.1		7 RC THICK BIGHT CO.	
1. Company has a formal comprehensive enterprise-wide compliance program covering compliance with laws and relevant regulations that is annually reviewed. The program includes appropriate training and awareness initiatives to facilitate understanding, acceptance and compliance with the said issuances.	COMPLIANT	BankCom's Compliance system is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 22 "The Bank's Compliance System".  BankCom has in place a Board approved Compliance Program which shall serve as guide in implementing the Bank's Compliance System in a logical, sequential, riskoriented order and in an effective and efficient manner. It is designed to specifically identify and mitigate business risks which may erode the franchise value of the bank.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (The Compliance Function pp. 53-54)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	

Optional: Recommendation 12.1			
1. Company has a governance process on IT issues including disruption, cyber security, and disaster recovery, to ensure that all key risks are identified, managed and reported to the board.	COMPLIANT	BankCom manages its operational and IT risks by ensuring such risks are thoroughly identified, assessed, monitored, reported, and mitigated. Some initiatives are as follows:  o Information Technology Steering Committee Charter conducts regular monthly meeting; o IT Disaster Recovery Plan and resources are approved by the Business Continuity Committee; o Compliance with BSP Circular 1019; o Cyber Security (Information Security Policies and Procedures Manual).  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Support Initiatives – Digital Services Group page 21) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
Recommendation 12.2			
Company has in place an independent internal audit function that provides an independent and objective assurance, and consulting services designed to add value and improve the company's operations.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has an established in-house Internal Audit function under Internal Audit Division.	
Recommendation 12.3			
Company has a qualified Chief Audit Executive (CAE) appointed by the Board.	COMPLIANT	The Internal Audit Division is headed by Mr. Reginald C. Nery, the Bank's duly qualified Chief Audit Executive (CAE). He exceeds the CAE qualifications per Internal Audit Charter (The CAE must be a Certified Public Accountant or a Certified Internal Auditor. He must have at least five (5) years' experience as Auditor-In-Charge, Senior Auditor or Audit Manager in the regular	

		audit of a Bank.) The CAE's responsibilities are included in the Internal Audit Charter.  Reference documents/links:  Internal Audit Charter  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/5 5/IA-Charter-as-of-May- 2024_revised.pdf	
CAE oversees and is responsible for the internal audit activity of the organization, including that portion that is outsourced to a third party service provider.	COMPLIANT	The Internal Audit Charter states that:  "The CAE oversees and is responsible for the internal audit activities of the Bank, including outsourced activities."  Reference documents/links:  Internal Audit Charter  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/5 5/IA-Charter-as-of-May- 2024_revised.pdf	
<ol> <li>In case of a fully outsourced internal audit activity, a qualified independent executive or senior management personnel is assigned the responsibility for managing the fully outsourced internal audit activity.</li> </ol>	COMPLIANT	This is not applicable to BankCom which has an inhouse Internal Audit Division and does not fully outsource activity to a third-party provider.	
Recommendation 12.4			
Company has a separate risk management function to identify, assess and monitor key risk exposures.	COMPLIANT	BankCom is committed to implementing best practices in Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) across all of its businesses and processes. It has a well-established ERM and capital management framework that allows it to identify, measure, control, and monitor its significant financial and non-financial risk exposures, ensure adequate liquidity, and set aside sufficient capital to cover and mitigate such risks.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website	
		Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Risk Management Section pp. 78-88)	

		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-	
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Company seeks external technical support in risk management when such competence is not available internally.	COMPLIANT	The Risk Management Division leverages external expertise through the engagement of consultants and third parties when specialized skills or resources are not readily available internally. This approach ensures access to the most current knowledge and best practices in risk management, thereby enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Division's processes. To ensure comprehensive and effective risk management across all areas, the Division implements tailored risk frameworks for each specific risk category. These frameworks provide a structured approach to identifying, assessing, mitigating, and monitoring risks, ensuring full compliance with all applicable regulations, especially those issued by the BSP.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Risk Management Section – Model Risk page 88)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-	
		AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
Recommendation 12.5			
1. In managing the company's Risk Management System, the company has a Chief Risk Officer (CRO), who is the ultimate champion of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM).	COMPLIANT	The Chief Risk Officer (CRO) oversees the risk management function and supports the Board of Directors in the development of risk appetite of the Bank and in further translating the risk appetite into a risk limits structure.	
CRO has adequate authority, stature, resources and support to fulfill his/her responsibilities.	COMPLIANT	The CRO likewise proposes enhancements to risk management policies, processes, and systems to ensure that the Bank's risk management capabilities	

		are sufficiently robust and effective to fully support strategic objectives and risk-taking activities.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Corporate Governance – The Chief Risk Officer page 51)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023- AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
Additional Recommendation to Principle 12			
Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Audit Executive attest in writing, at least annually, that a sound internal audit, control and compliance system is in place and working effectively.	COMPLIANT	The undersigned President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Chief Audit Executive (CAE) jointly attest that a sound internal audit, control and compliance system is in place and working effectively.  The CEO and CAE Attestation is attached as an Annex to this report.	
		Reference documents/links:  Joint Attestation of the CEO and CAE (see Annex A)	
	Cultivating a Syr	nergic Relationship with Shareholders	
		l equitably, and also recognize, protect and facilitate the	exercise of their rights.
Recommendation 13.1			
Board ensures that basic shareholder rights are disclosed in the Manual on Corporate Governance.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under V. Corporate Governance, item 27 "Stockholders' Right and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interest".  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Stockholders' Right and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interest pp. 59-61) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	

Board ensures that basic shareholder rights are disclosed on the company's website.	COMPLIANT	It is disclosed in the BankCom's Annual Report under Corporate Governance - "Stockholders' Right and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interest".  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Corporate Governance - "Stockholders' Right and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interest" page 52-53)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
Supplement to Recommendation 13.1			
Company's common share has one vote for one share.	COMPLIANT	The Company's common shares carry one vote per share. Preferred shares are not entitled to vote except in those cases expressly provided by law. The terms and	
Board ensures that all shareholders of the same class are treated equally with respect to voting rights, subscription rights and transfer rights.	COMPLIANT	features of the preferred shares of the Company are set out in Article VII of the Amended Articles of Incorporation.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Articles of Incorporation (as of August 2022)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2022/12_2/Articles-of- Incorporation-as-of-August-2022.pdf	
3. Board has an effective, secure, and efficient voting system.	COMPLIANT	A discussion of the voting procedure of the Company is found on page 50 of the latest Preliminary Information Statement, to wit:  The ballots/proxy forms are available for download on the Bank's website at <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/disclosures">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/disclosures</a> Ballots and proxies may be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:stockholders@bankcom.com.ph">stockholders@bankcom.com.ph</a> , which submission shall be duly acknowledged and validated by the Bank's	

stock transfer agent, SMC Stock Transfer Service Corporation. For an individual, the submission must be accompanied by a copy of a government-issued ID with photo, as proof of identification. For a corporation, the submission must be accompanied by a certification from its Corporate Secretary stating the corporate officer's authority to represent the corporation in the meeting. In case of an event that restricts the movement of persons and makes submission of the originally signed ballots, proxies, and notarized Secretary's Certificate difficult, these documents shall be submitted to the SMC Stock Transfer Service Corporation within a reasonable time after the Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

The deadline for submission of the proxy and ballot is on May 21, 2025. Validation of proxies and ballots will be on May 22, 2025 at 10:00AM at the SMC Stock Transfer Service Corporation Office, 2nd Floor, SMC Head Office Complex, No. 40 San Miguel Ave., Mandaluyong City, Philippines. Only stockholders who have notified the Bank of their intention to participate through remote communication as above described and have been validated by the Office of the Corporate Secretary to be stockholders of record of the Bank as of May 7, 2025 will be considered in computing stockholder attendance at the meeting together with the stockholders attending through proxies.

For the election of directors, the fifteen (15) nominees with the greatest number of votes will be elected as directors. Shareholders vote by ballot, forms for which are available at the Bank's website, and must be submitted to the Bank on or before Wednesday, May 21, 2025 for validation and counting by the Bank's stock transfer agent on May 22, 2025, as set forth above.

4. Board has an effective shareholder voting mechanisms such as supermajority or "majority of minority" requirements to protect minority shareholders against actions of controlling shareholders.  5. Board allows shareholders to call a special shareholders' meeting and submit a proposal for consideration or agenda item	COMPLIANT	In accordance with the Revised Corporation Code, matters for approval are approved by a majority of the shareholders present or represented at the meeting.  In all proposals or matters for approval except for election of directors, each share of stock entitles its registered owner (who is entitled to vote on such particular matter) to one vote. In case of election of directors, cumulative voting as set out in Item 4 of this Information Statement shall be adopted. Counting of the votes will be done by the Corporate Secretary or Assistant Corporate Secretary with the assistance of the independent auditors and the stock transfer agent of the Bank.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Voting Procedures page 54 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-Is-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf  It is disclosed in the BankCom's Annual Report under Corporate Governance - "Stockholders' Right and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interest".  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website Financial Information - Annual Report (2023 Annual Report - Corporate Governance - "Stockholders' Right and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interest" pp. 52-53)	
	COMPLIANT		
6. Board clearly articulates and enforces policies with respect to treatment of minority shareholders.	COMPLIANT		

7. Company has a transparent and specific dividend policy.	COMPLIANT	Section 27 of the Corporate Governance Manual provides for the Bank's Dividend Policy on page 60.  The Board will periodically review the amount of dividends to be paid and the frequency of dividend payment in light of the Bank's earnings, financial condition, cash flows, capital requirements and other considerations while maintaining a level of capitalization that is commercially sound and sufficient to ensure that the Bank can operate on a standalone basis. The Bank will also need to verify that it has all the required approvals from regulatory bodies before	
		issuing dividends.  Dividends shall be declared and paid out of the Bank's unrestricted retained earnings which shall be payable in cash, property, or stock to all shareholders on the basis of the outstanding capital stock held by them. Unless otherwise required by law, the Board, at its sole discretion, shall determine the amount, type and date of payment of the dividends to the shareholders, taking into account various factors, including:  • The level of the Bank's earnings, cash flow, return on equity and retained earnings;  • Its results for and its financial condition at the end of the year in respect of which the dividend is to be paid and its expected financial performance;  • The projected levels of capital expenditures and other investment programs;  • Restrictions on payments of dividends that may be imposed on it by any of its financing arrangements and current or prospective debt service requirements;  • The classes of shares held by the shareholders; and/or  • Such other factors as the Board deems appropriate.	

Optional: Recommendation 13.1		Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 27.1.5 Right to Dividends page 60)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Company appoints an independent party to count and/or validate the votes at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.	COMPLIANT	BankCom engages the services of SMC Stock Transfer Services Corporation as its stock transfer agent to count and/or validate the votes at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.	
1. Board encourages active shareholder participation by sending the Notice of Annual and Special Shareholders' Meeting with sufficient and relevant information at least 28 days before the meeting.	COMPLIANT	For the 2024 ASM (April 30, 2024), the Definitive Information Statement, which contains the Notice of Meeting and other sufficient and relevant information, was made available to the stockholders-of-record on April 1, 2024, or 29 days before the meeting. April 30  The Notice for the 2024 ASM, which includes the agenda therefor, was disclosed via PSE EDGE as early as February 28, 2024.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf  PSE Edge Website Notice of 2024 Annual Stockholders Meeting https://edge.pse.com.ph/openDiscViewer.do?edge_no=5a2063b5094a4379abca0fa0c5b4e4d0	

Supplemental to Recommendation 13.2			
Company's Notice of Annual Stockholders' Meeting contains the following information:	COMPLIANT	The following information is available in the Bank's Definitive Information Statement, as follows:	
<ul> <li>a. The profiles of directors (i.e., age, academic qualifications, date of first appointment, experience, and directorships in other listed companies)</li> </ul>	COMPLIANT	Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Directors and Key Officers pp. 12-22 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed_Redacted.pdf	
b. Auditors seeking appointment/re- appointment	COMPLIANT	Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Independent Public Accountants pp. 48-49 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce_20-IS-Definitive_30APRIL2025-signed_Redacted.pdf	
c. Proxy documents	COMPLIANT	Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024) Ballot & Proxy page 3 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce_20-IS-Definitive_30APRIL2025-signed_Redacted.pdf	
Optional: Recommendation 13.2			
Company provides rationale for the agenda items for the annual stockholders meeting	COMPLIANT	The rationale for the agenda items for the annual stockholders meeting is embodied in the Preliminary Information Statement.  Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website     Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024)	

			https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of- Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-	
D.c.			<u>signed Redacted.pdf</u>	
Red	Commendation 13.3  Board encourages active shareholder participation by making the result of the	COMPLIANT	The results of the vote taken during the 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Bank was disclosed on the	
	votes taken during the most recent Annual or Special Shareholders' Meeting publicly		same day of the meeting or on 29 April 2024.	
	available the next working day.		Reference documents/links: PSE Edge Website	
			2024 Results of Annual Stockholders Meeting <a href="https://edge.pse.com.ph/openDiscViewer.do?edge_no=1c2197ceb2c363dcabca0fa0c5b4e4d0">https://edge.pse.com.ph/openDiscViewer.do?edge_no=1c2197ceb2c363dcabca0fa0c5b4e4d0</a>	
2.	Minutes of the Annual and Special Shareholders' Meetings were available on the company website within five business	COMPLIANT	The Notice of the 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting stated, to wit:	
	days from the end of the meeting.		"During the meeting, the Bank shall entertain questions and comments from the stockholders after the presentation of the Annual Report. Questions and comments must be submitted either in advance by email to stockholders@bankcom.com.ph or during the meeting by posting the questions and comments in the feedback box that will be made available. Priority will be given to questions sent in advance. Questions which are not answered during the meeting shall be forwarded to the Office of the Corporate Secretary for the appropriate response."	
			The draft Minutes of the 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Company was published in the Bank's website in July 2024 following the mandate of the Securities and Exchange Commission per Memorandum Circular No. 11-2024 requiring publicly listed companies to upload the minutes of their meeting on the Company's website.	

The voting results for the 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting were made available to the stockholders on April 30, 2024, via the PSE EDGE, or within five (5) business days from the date of the annual meeting.

The voting results for the 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting are as follows:

- a) 78.01 % of the total issued and outstanding common shares of the Bank approved the following:
  - 1. Minutes of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on April 25, 2023
  - 2. Approval of the Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2023
  - 3. Ratification of Acts and Proceedings of the Board of Directors and Corporate Officers;
  - 4. Confirmation of the Bank's Significant Transactions with its DOSRI and Related Parties
  - 5. Approval of 2023 Performance Bonus of Directors
  - 6. Engagement of KPMG RG Manabat & Co as the external auditor of the Bank for 2024
  - 7. Approval to delegate to the Board of Directors the power to amend or repeal the by-laws, or adopt new by-laws
- b) 83.045% of the total issued and outstanding capital stock of the Bank approved the amendment to the following provisions of the Bank's by-laws:
  - 1. Section 2 of Article II
  - 2. Section 5 of Article III
  - 3. Section 2 of Article VII
  - 4. Section 1 of Article VIII
  - 5. Section 1 of Article XI

Reference documents/links:

#### **BankCom Website**

• **Definitive Information Statement** (as of 31 December 2024)

Supplement to Recommendation 13.3		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of- Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025- signed Redacted.pdf  • Minutes of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on April 30, 2024 https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about- us/disclosures/  PSE Edge Website • 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting Voting Results https://edge.pse.com.ph/openDiscViewer.do?edg e_no=1c2197ceb2c363dcabca0fa0c5b4e4d0	
	COMPLIANT	The external qualitary D.C. Marie all at 0. Co. CDA 1. and	
Board ensures the attendance of the external auditor and other relevant individuals to answer shareholders questions during the ASM and SSM.	COMPLIANT	The external auditor, R.G. Manabat & Co., CPAs, and other relevant individuals were present during the 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Company.	
Recommendation 13.4			
Board makes available, at the option of a shareholder, an alternative dispute mechanism to resolve intra-corporate disputes in an amicable and effective manner.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has put in place an Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism to resolve intra-corporate dispute in an amicable and effective manner.  Reference documents/links:	
2. The alternative dispute mechanism is included in the company's Manual on Corporate Governance.	COMPLIANT	BankCom Website     Corporate Governance Manual (item 27.3 page 61)	

IRO is present at every shareholder's meeting.	COMPLIANT	Reference documents/links: BankCom Website Investor Relations https://www.bankcom.com.ph/investor-relations/ The IRO was present during the 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Company held on April 30, 2024.	
Supplemental Recommendations to Principle 13			
Board avoids anti-takeover measures or similar devices that may entrench ineffective management or the existing controlling shareholder group	COMPLIANT	There are no antitakeover measures employed by the Company and no shareholder agreements, voting trust agreements or other agreements that may impact the control, ownership, and strategic direction of the Company are in place.	
Company has at least thirty percent (30%) public float to increase liquidity in the market.	NON- COMPLIANT		The percentage of public ownership of the Bank as of March 31, 2025 is 23.77%. The Bank complies with the current Minimum Public Ownership Requirement of the Commission and the Philippine Stock Exchange.  Reference documents/links:  PSE Edge Website  Public Ownership Report of Bank of Commerce https://edge.pse.comph/openDiscViewer.do?edge_no=2b6d08a0891a380bec6e1601ccee8f593

Optional: Principle 13			
Company has policies and practices to encourage shareholders to engage with the company beyond the Annual Stockholders' Meeting	COMPLIANT	BankCom's Annual Report contains a statement that encourage shareholders to engage with the Bank beyond the Annual Stockholders Meeting.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • About Us  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual page 52)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023- AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
2. Company practices secure electronic voting in absentia at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.  Stockers LACCRELLadated SURge2017.	COMPLIANT	A discussion of the voting procedure of the Company is found on page 54 of the Definitive Information Statement.  The ballots and proxies may be submitted via email to stockholders@bankcom.com.ph, which submission shall be duly acknowledged and validated by the Bank's stock transfer agent, SMC Stock Transfer Service Corporation. For an individual, the submission must be accompanied by a copy of a government-issued ID with photo, as proof of identification.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Definitive Information Statement (as of 31 December 2024)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/0-Bank-of-Commerce 20-IS-Definitive 30APRIL2025-signed Redacted.pdf	

## **Duties to Stakeholders**

**Principle 14:** The rights of stakeholders established by law, by contractual relations and through voluntary commitments must be respected. Where stakeholders' rights and/or interests are at stake, stakeholders should have the opportunity to obtain prompt effective redress for the violation of their rights.

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Recommendation 14.1	T		T
Board identifies the company's various stakeholders and promotes cooperation between them and the company in creating wealth, growth and sustainability.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 28 "Stakeholders".  The Board shall identify the corporation's stakeholders in the community in which it operates or are directly affected by its operations and formulate a clear policy of accurate, timely and effective communication with them.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Stakeholders pp. 61-62)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-	
		Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Recommendation 14.2			
Board establishes clear policies and programs to provide a mechanism on the fair treatment and protection of stakeholders.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 28 "Stakeholders".  The Board shall recognize the rights of the stakeholders as established by law and shall encourage active cooperation with them in promoting the sustainability of financially sound, as well as socially responsible, endeavors.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Stakeholders pp. 61-62)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	

Recommendation 14.3			
Board adopts a transparent framework and process that allow stakeholders to communicate with the company and to obtain redress for the violation of their rights.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 28 "Stakeholders".  The Board shall recognize the rights of the stakeholders as established by law and shall encourage active cooperation with them in promoting the sustainability of financially sound, as well as socially responsible, endeavors.  Mr. Robby Carlo J. Gaerlan is the Investor Relations Officer of the Company. His contact information are as follows:  Telephone Number: (02) 8982-6062  E-mail address: rjgaerlan@bankcom.com.ph  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (Stakeholders pp. 61-62) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	
Supplement to Recommendation 14.3	OO MEN AND		
Company establishes an alternative dispute resolution system so that conflicts and differences with key stakeholders is settled in a fair and expeditious manner.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has put in place an Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism to resolve intra-corporate dispute in an amicable and effective manner.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 27.3 page 61)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp- content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate- Governance_as-of-January-2025-final.pdf	

Additional Recommendations to Principle 14			
1. Company does not seek any exemption from the application of a law, rule or regulation especially when it refers to a corporate governance issue. If an exemption was sought, the company discloses the reason for such action, as well as presents the specific steps being taken to finally comply with the applicable law, rule or regulation.	COMPLIANT	None in 2024.	
2. Company respects intellectual property rights.	COMPLIANT	BankCom observes and respects intellectual property rights.	
Optional: Principle 14			
Company discloses its policies and practices that address customers' welfare	COMPLIANT	It is disclosed in the BankCom's Annual Report under Corporate Governance - "Stockholders' Right and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interest".  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  • Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Consumer Protection pp. 53-57)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
Company discloses its policies and practices that address supplier/contractor selection procedures	COMPLIANT	BankCom has Board-approved Operating Policies and Procedures Manuals (OPPMs) on the accreditation as well as the selection of suppliers/vendors through evaluation, canvassing and sealed bidding.  This applies to accreditation/re-accreditation of new/existing suppliers/vendors. It also examines the financial and technical capability of suppliers/vendors in order to ensure their capability to provide quality and cost-effective goods and services to the Bank.	

Principle 15: A mechanism for employee partici	pation should b	e developed to create a symbiotic environment, realize	the company's goals and
participate in its corporate governance processe	es.		
Recommendation 15.1			
Board establishes policies, programs and procedures that encourage employees to actively participate in the realization of the company's goals and in its governance.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a merit-based performance incentive mechanism that awards and incentivizes employees, at the same time aligns their interests with those of the shareholders.	
		<ul> <li>The Bank implements an Annual Performance Appraisal Review to:</li> <li>measure employees' attainment of pre-defined individual Key Result Areas (KRAs) aligned to the Bank's overall objectives</li> <li>encourage feedback and open discussion between the employee and the supervisor</li> <li>identify employees' strengths and areas for improvement</li> <li>support the employees' areas of strength</li> <li>come up with a development action plan to support the employees in improving their performance</li> </ul>	
Supplement to Recommendation 15.1			
Company has a reward/compensation policy that accounts for the performance of the company beyond short-term financial measures.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a merit-based performance incentive mechanism that awards and incentivizes employees, at the same time aligns their interests with those of the shareholders.	
		<ul> <li>The Bank implements an Annual Performance Appraisal Review to:         <ul> <li>measure employees' attainment of pre-defined individual Key Result Areas (KRAs) aligned to the Bank's overall objectives</li> <li>encourage feedback and open discussion between the employee and the supervisor</li> <li>identify employees' strengths and areas for improvement</li> <li>support the employees' areas of strength</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

		• come up with a development action plan to	
		support the employees in improving their	
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	COMPUNIT	performance	
2. Company has policies and practices on	COMPLIANT	BankCom complies with the requirements of RA 11058	
health, safety and welfare of its employees.		and DOLE Department Order 198-18 (its Implementing	
		Rules and Regulations) and the applicable provisions of	
		the Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS).	
		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Company Policies Section (Policy and date relating)	
		to health, safety and welfare of employees,	
		including company-sponsored trainings)	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2021/11/BankCom-OSH-Program-	
		111621 for-CCCPD.pdf	
3. Company has policies and practices on	COMPLIANT	BankCom has an updated hiring guidelines which has	
training and development of its employees.		practices on training and development of its	
		employees.	
Recommendation 15.2			
1. Board sets the tone and makes a stand	COMPLIANT	BankCom has in place a Policy on Whistleblowing	
against corrupt practices by adopting an		which provides for the guidelines in handling issues	
anti-corruption policy and program in its		involving feedback/concerns/complaints against its	
Code of Conduct.		Officers and Staff.	
Code of Condoct.		Officers and start.	
		BankCom's Code of Discipline also provides for the	
		procedures in handling concerns/complaints against its	
		Officers and Staff.	
		Chicola and ordin.	
		Reference documents/links:	
		BankCom Website	
		Code of Discipline	
		https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
		content/uploads/2021/11/BankCom-Code-of-	
		Discipline.pdf	
		<ul><li><u>Discipline.pdf</u></li><li>Whistleblowing Policy</li></ul>	

			https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
			content/uploads/2021/11/OPPM-lssue-No20-034-	
			re-Guidelines-on-Whistleblowing.pdf	
2. E	Board disseminates the policy and program	COMPLIANT	BankCom's Policy on Whistleblowing and the Code of	
	to employees across the organization		Discipline are posted in the Bank's internal library	
t	through trainings to embed them in the		accessible to all employees and in the Bank's website.	
	company's culture.		, ,	
			These are also discussed during the New Employees	
			Orientation.	
			Reference documents/links:	
			BankCom Website	
			Code of Discipline	
			https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
			content/uploads/2021/11/BankCom-Code-of-	
			<u>Discipline.pdf</u>	
			Whistleblowing Policy	
			https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
			content/uploads/2021/11/OPPM-Issue-No20-034-	
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	plement to Recommendation 15.2	COMPUANT	Constant to the Content Distriction of Picture	
	Company has clear and stringent policies	COMPLIANT	Covered by the Code of Discipline on soliciting or	
	and procedures on curbing and penalizing		receiving money, gifts or benefits in consideration of	
	employee involvement in offering, paying		unduly favoring a private party in the performance of	
	and receiving bribes.		one's duties and in the whistleblowing policy.	
			Reference documents/links:	
			BankCom Website	
			Code of Discipline	
			https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-	
			content/uploads/2021/11/BankCom-Code-of-	
			Discipline.pdf	
			Whistleblowing Policy	
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Recommendation 15.3			
Board establishes a suitable framework for whistleblowing that allows employees to freely communicate their concerns about illegal or unethical practices, without fear of retaliation	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a Board approved Policy on Whistleblowing that allows employees to freely communicate their concerns about illegal or unethical practices, without fear of retaliation.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Whistleblowing Policy https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/OPPM-Issue-No20-034-re-Guidelines-on-Whistleblowing.pdf	
2. Board establishes a suitable framework for whistleblowing that allows employees to have direct access to an independent member of the Board or a unit created to handle whistleblowing concerns.	COMPLIANT	BankCom has a Board approved Policy on Whistleblowing that allows employees to freely communicate their concerns about illegal or unethical practices, without fear of retaliation.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  Whistleblowing Policy https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/OPPM-Issue-No20-034-re-Guidelines-on-Whistleblowing.pdf	
3. Board supervises and ensures the enforcement of the whistleblowing framework.	COMPLIANT	It is embodied in the Corporate Governance Manual under Corporate Governance item 7.2.1.3 of 7. "Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board" that is needed to oversee the integrity, independence, and effectiveness of Bank's policies and procedures for whistle blowing.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Corporate Governance Manual (item 7.2.1.3 page 17)  https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Manual-on-Corporate-Governance as-of-January-2025-final.pdf  Whistleblowing Policy	

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		dealings with the communities where it operates. It should sive manner that is fully supportive of its comprehensive an The Bank actively organizes various Corporate Social	
importance on the interdependence between business and society, and promotes a mutually beneficial relationship that allows the company to grow its business, while contributing to the advancement of the society where it operates.		Responsibility (CSR) events that promote a mutually beneficial relationship that allows the company to grow its business, while contributing to the advancement of the society where it operates.  BankCom's 2023 Annual Report provides highlights of the Bank's CSR activities. Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  ESG, Sustainability and CSR Section	
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Company ensures that its value chain is environmentally friendly or is consistent with promoting sustainable development	COMPLIANT	Ensuring that its value chain is environmentally friendly or consistent with promoting sustainable development is embodied in the Bank's mission and goals under its ESG and Sustainability Framework.  Reference documents/links: BankCom Website  ESG, Sustainability and CSR Section <a href="https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/esg-sustainability-csr/">https://www.bankcom.com.ph/about-us/esg-sustainability-csr/</a>	

Company exerts effort to interact positively with the communities in which it operates	COMPLIANT	In order to interact positively with the communities in which it operates, the Bank ensures to pay the correct taxes in a timely manner.  BankCom branches work together with their local banking chambers or local government units to implement socially oriented endeavors and environmental thrusts.  The Bank holds various financial literacy sessions in different institutions including, but not limited to, government, schools, SMC subsidiaries and ecosystem.  Reference documents/links:  BankCom Website  Financial Information – Annual Report (2023 Annual Report – Corporate Social Responsibility pp. 21-23; and Consumer Protection pp. 53-57) https://www.bankcom.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/070324-BankCom-2023-AR-Final-Draft.pdf	
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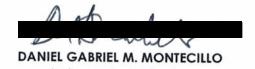
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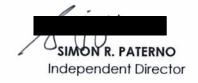
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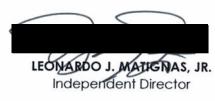
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# JOINT ATTESTATION of the CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER and CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE

In accordance with the SEC Integrated Annual Corporate Governance Report (Additional Recommendation to Principle 12: Internal Control System and Risk Management Framework) and based on the assurance activities performed by the Bank's Internal Audit Division and its external auditor for the year 2024, we hereby attest that the Bank's internal controls, compliance, risk management, and governance processes are in place, adequate, and generally effective to address exposures of the Bank to different types of risks. We likewise confirm that the audit scope and coverage are sufficient and risk-based; that Management is aware of its responsibility regarding internal controls, compliance, risk management, and governance processes; and that there is no interference, restriction, or limitation that hindered or prevented the accomplishment of audit engagements and reporting of material and relevant issues to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

This attestation is signed on behalf of the registrant by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Mandaluyong on \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## BANK OF COMMERCE Registrant

By:



REGINALD C. NERY Chief Audit Executive

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me at Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila this <u>FEB 1 1 2025</u> affiant(s) exhibiting to me his/her ID/residence certificate, with the following details:

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