

**GCEC Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
5:30 p.m., UOG SOE Building
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

GCEC Chair Artero called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at the UOG SOE, Room 213, Mangilao.

Commission Members

Present: Margie LG – Artero, Lisa Baza-Cruz, Roberta Abaday, Connie Guerrero and Lawrence Kasperbauer

Absent: Jesse San Nicolas

Others Present: Dr. Gayle Hendricks, Joann Muna, Doris Faisao, Chris Taitague and Raymund Lizama,

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Abaday and seconded by Baza-Cruz to approve the minutes subject to technical corrections. APPROVED.

III. REPORTS

A. TREASURER'S REPORT

Camacho explained that there was no financial report since GCEC cannot access the AS 400 system because it is the end of the fiscal year.

Kasberbauer asked if there were any lapses for FY14. Santos & Camacho replied no because the FY14 appropriation was already insufficient and the implementation of the 2014 Hay Study Pay Scale further aggravated the situation.

B. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

From Aug. 7 – Sept. 3, GCEC issued 74 certificates and denied 2 Extension requests. During the same period, there were 230 walk-ins, 362 emails and 446 telephone calls.

- 105 21% Renewal requirements
- 93 18% PRAXIS
- 76 15% Initial info
- 53 10% Others
- 44 9% Office info – location, office hours, etc.
- 31 6% DOE
- 31 6% Endorsements
- 27 5% SOE

- 12 4% Costs of Certificates
- 8 2% Reciprocity
- 8 2% Replacement certificates
- 6 1% Extensions
- 5 1% Educator file / records

- Santos testified at Hendricks' Aug. 25 confirmation hearing. Abaday attended the hearing and Kasperbauer emailed his testimony to the Speaker's office.
- In compliance with PL 30 -137, GCEC submitted the FY 2013 Citizen Centric Report to the Guam Office of the Public Accountability and posted it on the GCEC website.
- Sent the Ethics Rules and Regulations and the Amendments to PL 31-50 to the Attorney General for Legal Review.

D. SUB-COMMITTEES

No report.

E. LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Kasperbauer inquired about the FY15 budget. Santos explained that the Legislature appropriated \$258,041 and up to \$51,050 may be allocated for legal services for ethics complaints.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Draft – RULES GOVERNING THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR GUAM EDUCATORS

Santos relayed that the document is with the AG for legal review. After that is completed, it will be sent to the Compiler of Law and the Dept. of Administration Personnel for review. Santos explained that it can either be sent directly to the Legislature or to the Governor's Office for legal review then submitted to the Legislature. Kasperbauer stated that he prefers that the document be sent directly to the Legislature. Abaday suggested that the commission needs to discuss which route to take.

B. LIST OF PRAXIS II CONTENT TESTS

Hendricks plans are to work on the Middle School tests for Science, English and Social Studies.

Hendricks related that some of the Guam students were allowed to take the Praxis Core test prior to Sept. 1 despite the prior agreement that was made with ETS. She has informed SOE that the passing scores are different for Praxis I and Praxis Core.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. CHARACTER TESTAMENT

Santos explained that she looked at the California, Washington and Oregon Character Forms and is recommending that Guam adopt Oregon's because it contained questions relating to misconduct. Abaday suggested that GCEC use the

title “*Character Testament*”. She proposed that a cover page containing the Code of Ethics for Educators from PL 31.50 §8116 (a) be added so all educators are aware of the code.

Guerrero asked if all the terms contained in the questionnaire are recognized by GCEC – e.g. adverse action, diversion, charter school registration, etc. Santos explained that the form will be completed by all applicants, including those from off-island where such terms are used, so we cannot limit the vocabulary to only those used by GCEC.

Baza-Cruz asked if there was any question relating to electronic crimes. Abaday proposed that “*cyber misconduct*” be added in question # 9.

To avoid confusion, Kasperbauer suggested the elimination of the numbers in the “yes” and “no” boxes and to add Print and Sign on the bottom of the page under the Name.

Baza-Cruz raised the issue of educators who changed their names, were married and later divorced and who might have committed a crime under a different name from the one that is currently used by the applicant. Abaday suggested to add question #10 “*Have you committed any misconduct listed above under a different name? Provide misconduct details and name(s).*”

Kasperbauer suggested that the form be numbered or dated.

Motion by Abaday seconded by Baza-Cruz to accept the proposed Character Testament to be included in the application packet along with the Code of Ethics for Educators. APPROVED.

B. 18th PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES INSTITUTE, OCT. 28-30, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Motion by Abaday and seconded by Artero for Baza-Cruz and Hendricks to attend the 18th Professional Practices Institute on Oct. 28-30 in Newport, Rhode Island. APPROVED.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by Hendricks to adjourn. APPROVED.

Next meeting scheduled for Oct. 14, 2014