

**GCEC Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, Apr. 8, 2015  
5:30 p.m., UOG SOE Building**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

GCEC Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at **5:55 p.m.**, Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the UOG SOE, Room 213, Mangilao.

Commission Members

**Present:** Gayle Hendricks, Lisa Baza-Cruz, Elisabeth Ichihara- Rosario and Michelle Santos

**Absent:** Connie Guerrero

Other Present: Mary Okada (GCC), Lou San Nicolas (GEB), Ramon Lizama & Taryn Guzman (DOE)

L Santos added to New Business in the Agenda "D Educator Misconduct".

**Motion by M Santos and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario to approve the amendment to the agenda. APPROVED.**

**Motion by Ichihara – Rosario and seconded by M Santos to approve the agenda as amended. APPROVED.**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Santos corrected Ramon Lizama's last name.

Baza-Cruz cited the following corrections, 1) spelling of "trainer" under New Business and 2) under Ex-Officio, to add "...GCEC is to remove..."

**Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by M Santos to approve the Feb. 11, 2015 minutes as corrected. APPROVED.**

III. REPORTS

A. TREASURER'S REPORT

No report because GCEC had no access to the AS 400.

Hendricks stated that there will be an updated report at the next meeting.

B. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hendricks and L Santos met with the Governor's Legal Counsel, CSC Director, CSC legal counsel and Vince Leon Guerrero regarding the lawsuit. There was a lengthy discussion on whether or not GCEC decisions should "go through CSC". Hendricks and other commission members attended the Legislature's Informational Hearing. GCEC did not speak based on the advice of the Governor's attorneys.

Commission members also met with the AG's staff and were informed that the members were sued as commission members and not individually. The AG's Office was going to represent the commission members at District Court.

## C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### ACTIVITIES

From Feb 4 to Apr 1, GCEC issued 67 certificates, 2 Extensions were granted and 3 Extension requests were denied. There were 175 walk-ins, 564 emails and 571 telephone calls.

- 100 18% Other matters
- 89 16% Renewal requirements
- 68 12% Office info – location, office hours, etc.
- 62 11% PRAXIS
- 64 11% Initial info
- 39 7% Costs of Certificates
- 35 6% DOE
- 31 5% SOE
- 20 4% Replacement certificates
- 18 3% Endorsements
- 17 3% Reciprocity
- 14 2% Extensions
- 14 2% Educator file / records

### OPERATIONS

- Feb 26 – Attended SOE Advisory Committee meeting on Elementary Education Program in relation to the Great to Good Initiative
- Mar. 5 - Submitted FY 16 Budget to the Legislature
- Mar. 9 - Testified at Lisa Baza-Cruz's confirmation hearing
- Mar. 12 - Meeting with Civil Service Commission Director and staff
- Mar. 16 - Attended the Informational hearing on PL 32-236 at the Legislature
- Mar. 17 Adelup - Meeting with Sandra Miller, Vince LG, Gayle Hendricks, Tony Lamorena and CSC Legal Counsel
- Mar. 18 - Interviewed one (1) applicant for the Administrative Assistant position
- Mar. 20 - Meeting with Deputy AG Ken Orcutt & Happy Pons, Ichihara-Rosario, Artero and Kasperbauer.
- Mar. 23 - Meeting with Deputy AG Ken Orcott & Happy Pons, Hendricks, M Santos, Guerrero, Baza-Cruz and Vince LG
- Mar. 26 - Interviewed 3 Administrative Assistant applicants and hired Ana Marie Pangelinan who will start on April 20
- Mar. 30 - Work session on PL 32-236 and forwarded the recommended changes to Speaker Won Pat
- Responded to NASDTEC surveys from
  - District of Columbia regarding policies on the use of performance based assessments for licensure / certification

- On work load, licensing process and resources
- Arkansas on “test out” option for an endorsement in Special Education
- Idaho on a 3 credit course in Ethics for Educators

D. SUB-COMMITTEE

No reports.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. LIST OF PRAXIS II CONTENT TESTS

Discussion will be under New Business

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Training

Erica Cruz of DOE recommended the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August as ideal for them. DOE has 90 Administrators and 140 teacher leaders. Dr. Sanchez has committed SOE to co-sponsor the training so the CLASS Lecture Hall will be free of charge. Maximum capacity of the CLASS Lecture Hall is 190. Sanchez requested that John Grant speak to the SOE students and professors in a separate session. Santos plans on having 2 sessions for teachers – one for DOE and the other for DODEA, private and charter schools. The training for administrators is open to all schools. Hendricks asked if there is a session for GEB and inquired with Lou San Nicolas if they want a separate session. San Nicolas replied that she will ask the body. Hendricks asked Okada if GCC was interested in attending. Okada replied that they have a board union contract and the training might not apply to GCC. Santos suggested that since GCC has students that transfer to SOE, that the professors might be interested. Baza-Cruz added that the GCC satellite teachers might be interested.

B. Language Tests – The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages  
 M Santos stated that the US State Department uses the ACTFL for their language tests. She is working on resolving the issue relating to the oral test. Questions relating to whether the commission wants to specify the languages or simply state all world languages. She asked if GCEC was going to certify teachers in any language so that when the teacher leaves the island, the program ceases. Hendricks suggested that the commission find out what languages are offered at DOE, DODEA and private schools. M Santos and Ichihara-Rosario will investigate and report back at the next meeting. Ichihara-Rosario explained that at GWHS, they offer Japanese to support the Tourism program. L Santos explained that Mandarin was added upon the request of the Chinese Association since they were partnering with JFKHS for a Mandarin language class. Hendricks explained that cut scores needs to be determined for every language that GCEC certifies. She suggests that languages should be added on as needed by the visitor industry.

C. NASDTEC 2015 Annual Conference June 7-10, 2015, Portland, Oregon

M Santos stated that since she is attending a conference in Oklahoma for SOE before the NASDTEC conference, the SOE dean suggested that she also attend this conference.

Baza-Cruz expressed her interest in attending.

Ichihara-Rosario stated that she will think about it and inform L Santos of her decision.

D. Educator Misconduct

L Santos explained that Assistant AG Shannon Taitano was the lawyer who reviewed all three (3) drafts of Rules and Regulations Governing the Standards of Professional Conduct for Guam Educators. She reviewed the Educator Misconduct Form and made the following recommendations.

1. Add “educator misconduct” in # 7 and 10.
2. Amend the complaint form so the notarized declaration and signature immediately follows the complainant’s signature.
3. Define “Educator Misconduct” by law to avoid possible legal challenges due to 17 GCA §27008(i).

The proposed definition is as follows.

*3.26 Educator misconduct shall mean any act that violates the “Standards of Professional Conduct” (As defined in 4.0) that occurs in various forms and ranges in severity from allegations of direct harm to students to an act detrimental to the education profession.*

Ichihara – Rosario recommended that L Santos send the definition to Taitano for approval.

**Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario to make the recommended changes in the Educator Misconduct Form and to accept the definition 3.26 for Educator misconduct. APPROVED.**

VI EX – OFFICIO

No input.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hendricks will be off-island from May 26 to Aug. 9.

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario to adjourn.  
APPROVED.**

*Next meeting scheduled for May 13, 2015*