

**GCEC Regular Meeting  
Thursday, Mar 16, 2017  
4:15 p.m., UOG SOE Building**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

GCEC Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at **4:27 p.m.**, on Thursday, Mar. 16, 2017 at the UOG - SOE, Room 213, Mangilao.

Commission Members: Gayle Hendricks, Lisa Baza-Cruz, Elisabeth Ichihara-Rosario and Lisa Cooper-Nurse

Absent: Michelle Santos (Excused)

Others Present: Dean John Sanchez (UOG) and Joann Muna (GCC)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Under New Business, L Santos added Frederick Lane to the agenda.

**Motion by Ichihara-Rosario and seconded by Baza-Cruz to approve the agenda as amended. APPROVED.**

Baza-Cruz questioned why the Executive Director's report was missing. L Santos replied that this was an error.

**Motion by Cooper-Nurse and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario to approve the minutes. APPROVED.**

**Motion by Hendricks and seconded by Baza-Cruz to approve the minutes as amended. APPROVED.**

III. REPORTS

A. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ichihara – Rosario reported that as of Mar 13, 2017, Expenditures were \$99,631.82 and the balance for the Local Account was \$182,190.18.

For the Collection Fee Appropriation Account, FY17 rollover appropriated funds is \$93,460.38, Total Expenditures is \$10,629.98 and a balance of \$95,535.38.

B. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hendricks reported that on Feb 22, a meeting was held with the oversight chair Sen. San Agustin, Hendricks, Baza-Cruz and L Santos. She explained to the senator the reasons why the Certification office was removed from DOE. San Agustin believes that all Guam teachers (both public and private) should be certified. He talked about the need for eBooks and other issues unrelated to certification. Baza-Cruz added that he believed in the commission. L Santos discussed that he recognized the importance of PRAXIS.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mar 7 ETS telephone survey with Gary Ocher. L Santos discussed how Guam test takers have difficulty navigating the ETS website. He replied that other jurisdictions have the same complaint.
- NASDTEC surveys
  - Hawaii - policies regarding the use of web-based forms for verifications on applications, etc.
  - Utah - policies regarding types of teaching credentials for special education

#### D. SUB-COMMITTEE

No reports.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. GFT Amendments to PL 32-236

Hendricks pointed out that GFT was not present and that the commission will maintain the position that has been approved.

##### B. PRAXIS II Special Education

Hendricks decided to proceed to New Business – NASDTEC Annual Conference because staff was going to reproduce the missing page of the minutes.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. NASDTEC 89<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference, June 11-13, 2017

Cooper-Nurse and Ichihara-Rosario will be attending and their expenses will be charged to the Fee Account.

**Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario for Cooper-Nurse and Ichihara-Rosario to attend the NASDTEC 89<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference, June 11-13, 2017 in New Orleans. APPROVED.**

**Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded to Ichihara-Rosario to continue the discussion on the PRAXIS II Special Education since the missing page of the minutes was distributed. APPROVED.**

##### C. PRAXIS II Special Education

Hendricks discussed that 5 of the 10 current Special Education undergraduates will be going through student teaching this Fall and to change the test now would be “...*cruel and unusual punishment*”. Cooper – Nurse stated that the commission should not change the test. SOE will soon only offer the MA in SPED and future students will enter the program as certified teachers who have completed student teaching. Baza-Cruz expressed her concern that those who get SPED endorsements and who will be completing the MA in SPED will not have their student teaching experience in SPED. Sanchez stated that SOE “...*will work with GCEC to make sure that the students have sufficient field experiences within the 5 courses so that the commission is comfortable with the students that will be endorsed.*” Hendricks asked Sanchez if GCEC makes no change to the current requirements, will this be acceptable for the 10 undergraduate students. Sanchez replied “yes”.

**Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by Cooper-Nurse to reapprove the Feb 16, 2017 minutes as amended. APPROVED.**

**Motion by Baza-Cruz and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario for GCEC to accept SOE's current testing requirements for the remainder of the existing students as the SPED undergraduate is closed out. APPROVED.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

B. Frederick Lane

L Santos explained that GSA is requiring a sole source contract for Frederick Lane and needed a letter explaining why he was the only person who could conduct the training for Cybertraps. Cost is \$2,000 per training session plus air fare and per diem for food and lodging. The 4 sessions are for educators - Elementary, Middle School, High School, and, Administrators & School Board members. GCEC is going to request for the Southern High school auditorium in order to accommodate all public and private school educators and SOE students on a first come – first served basis.

**Motion by Ichihara-Rosario and seconded by Cooper-Nurse to approve Frederick Lane's \$8,000 fee plus air fare and per diem for food and lodging. APPROVED.**

VI Ex-Officio

Muna stated that GCC would like to attend the training.

Sanchez announced that SOE's graduate elementary program should be approved next month.

VII Announcements

IX Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

*Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017, 4:15 pm.*