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**GCEC Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, April 12, 2021**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**AGENDA**

- I Call to Order / Roll call of members**
- II Approval of Agenda**
- III Approval of Minutes**
- IV Reports**
  - A. Treasurer**
  - B. Chairperson**
  - C. Executive Director**
  - D. Sub-Committees**
- V Old Business**
  - A. Educator Misconduct**
  - B. GCC CTE Degree**
  - C. GCEC FY2022 Budget**
  - D. Guidelines for Praxis Assessment Sub-Committee**
  - E. SOP 2021.07 Update**
  - F. SOP 2021.02 Criteria for Identification and Acceptance of a Higher Institution as an Educator Preparation Program**
- VI New Business**
  - A. New Commission members and new Executive Director**
- VII Ex-Officio**
- VIII Announcements**
- IX Executive Session**
- X Adjournment**

**GCEC Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 12, 2021  
4:03 p.m., via ZOOM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Chairperson R. Abaday called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m., on Monday, April 12, 2021 via ZOOM.

Present:

Commission Members: Roberta Abaday, Lisa Baza-Cruz Ed.D., Leeana Borja, Lisa Cooper-Nurse Ed.D., Aldrin Cajigal Ed.D., David Mercado, Chelsey San Nicolas

Ex-Officio: Dr. Alicia Aguon (UOG), Lourdes Benavente (GEPB), and Dolores Faisao (GDOE)

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson R. Abaday requested a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion by L. Baza-Cruz to approve the agenda, seconded by Leeana Borja. APPROVED.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Correction on name spelling for Leeana Borja.**

**Motion made by L. Cooper-Nurse to accept the March 2, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by L. Baza-Cruz. APPROVED with correction.**

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. TREASURER**

Treasurer L. Borja presented the report on the current funding for GCEC. It indicates that we currently have \$228,856.00 that is the approved appropriation for the Special Funds for FY 2021. \$141,314.00 is the quarterly release. The unallotted amount is \$94,664,.00. Year to date expenditures is \$31,667.55. The outstanding encumbrance total \$62,413.68, which leaves an available funds balance of \$47,232.77.

The fee account rollover is \$45,796.25. The total expenditure is \$7,917.43. The outstanding encumbrance is \$5,643.37 which leaves an available balance of \$32,235.45.

The carryover amount collected from October 2020 is \$105,515.70. Year to date expenditure is \$13,560.80. Fees collected as of FY2021 is \$9,475.00. Fees collected available, and not loaded amounted to \$122,414.90.

## B. CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson R. Abaday reported the following:

1. University of Guam is currently closed. GCEC Staff come in for work or are staying home and using internet. During pandemic, staff will man office on staggered basis. Refer to schedule from Fran and Gwen.
2. On Monday, 5/19/21, Gwen will be in the office assisting Mr. Perez. Trying to maintain some office presence for who may be able to come in and some people are making appointment to come into the office.

## C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

New executive director, Kenneth Perez.

1. Fran will give the executive director report and next time Mr. Perez will give the report.
2. From 01 Mar – 09 Apr 2021, GCEC issued 60 certificates. Out of the 60 certificates, five were the temporary educator's certification under the Executive Order 2020-26.
3. 92<sup>nd</sup> NASDTEC annual conference to be held at Savannah, Georgia – 13-15 Jun 2021. Sent to everyone this afternoon.
  1. Comment on NASDTEC – trying to have it in person. Ensure that this is the year we do not attend due to the pandemic.

## D. SUB-COMMITTEES

The SOP Committee did meet. SOP report is part of old business section. Everyone should have received a copy of it.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. EDUCATOR MISCONDUCT

Nothing new at this time.

### B. GCC CTE PROGRAM

The SOP Committee discuss the letter they received from GCC. We are going to research a little bit more on how we can identify a higher education preparation program. That work is going to be assigned to Executive Director. GCC is having a follow up meeting with the accrediting commission on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Apple had nothing to report and will follow up with the Dean. Abaday thanked her for the letter which was very helpful. It will be shared with the subcommittee.

### C. GCEC FY2022 BUDGET

Nothing to report at this time.

### D. Guidelines for Praxis Assessment Sub-Committee

Middle school science – pending information.

Guidelines – Create a committee to review new Praxis with the old Praxis, review the tests and research agencies to review the test. We want to ensure teachers are prepared for the Praxis tests. Sample test can be shown to members.

Abaday encouraged the new commissioners to begin looking at participating in the GCEC committee meetings. Anyone interested to participate in the committee meeting would need to meet Quarterly. Dr. Cahebu, Dr. Cajigal, Fran, Gwen and executive director participates. Mr. Mercado volunteered to attend the meetings. Everyone will be called to look at the ETC report.

### E. SOP 2021.07 Update

SOP committee looked at this SOP, which addressed PRAXIS testing for new applicants for temporary certification due the inability to complete mandatory practice testing because of the shutdown of testing facilities or limited participation. They were provided temporary education certificate not to exceed the Department of Education school year 2021. Participants can take the test at home. The rest of the SOP is in existence. The rest of the SOP is assisting people due to the current situation so they can get their teacher certification. We still need extension of certificates due to the delays in transcripts not coming through and the delay of applicants' evaluations from Administrators or submission of said evaluation to the GCEC office. Instead of having a committee to review extensions, everything is covered by this SOP.

### F. SOP 2021.02

The committee is still working on it. We need to identify how to determine a higher institution as an education preparation program. We will discuss with executive director to begin his research on other states on their requirement to accept higher institution as an education program. The SOP will work on it next month as a SOP meeting.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. New Commission members and new Executive Director

Welcome new members and executive director.

## VII. EX-OFFICIO

GDOE – Dolores Faisao – teacher extension for new school year. Will SOP address this? No, SOP addresses current school year. Teacher can request for extensions. PTEP waived for DOE for this year.

Dr. Lisa Santos Cooper Nurse: Principals were informed and are still required to provide evaluation for teachers. No excuse for getting certified.

GCC: A. SanNicolas: New instructional Designer Al Garrido,

Fall Semester classes will be Face to Face

UOG: Dr. Aguon Dean SOE - Graduation May 23, 2021. Graduating teachers will include:

11 Elementary BA

5 English

2 Fine arts

1 Communal Science

2 General Science

1 PE

2 Math

1 History

1 SS

1 SpEd

GRAD: MAT 5 Elementary and 6 Secondary

M.Ed, 4 Secondary Ed, Other Specialization 20

Summer planning Face to Face instruction

Doris F. requested Dr Aguon to send an email of listing.

Lou Benavente DOE: Nothing to Report

Asking Clarify for Certification from Doris Fasaio. DOE working on 3 feet in classroom and Summer school program and bussing. New Learning will be Face to face and Online. Those not sign up for online will be Face to Face. Teachers will sign up with type of learning mode to teach at Middle and HS. Face to Face instruction will be held in the Elementary

GCEC Office will be opening Mornings until next month schedule

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting for GCEC will be May 10, at 4:00 p.m. via zoom.

(Purchase order is being done for GCEC to purchase zoom)

Sharing by new members

## IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by L. Borja to adjourn meeting at 5:03 p.m. and seconded by L. Santos Cooper Nurse. APPROVED.**