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GCEC Regular Meeting UOG-SOE Rm 206 MEETING
 Monday, September 08, 2025

MINUTES (Approved 11/17/25)

I. Call to order / Roll call of members

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m., roll call conducted.

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Other explanation</i>
Roberta M. Abaday, CHAIR (Community Representative) msrabaday@gmail.com	X	
Lisa Baza-Cruz, Ed. D. VICE-CHAIR (Terminal Degree-Education Rep.) bazacruz@gmail.com	X	
Lulene C. San Agustin, TREASURER (School Counselor Representative) lulenec@gmail.com	X	Zoom
Lisa Cooper-Nurse, Ed. D. (Administrator Representative) lscooper-nurse@gdoe.net	X	
Dolores "Lily" Bordallo, DBA (Community Representative) dr.doloreslily.bordallo@gmail.com	X	
VACANT (Terminal Degree-Education Rep.)	—	—
VACANT (School Teacher Representative)	—	—
GDOE - Dolores Faisao dffaisao@gdoe.net	X	Zoom
UOG - Alicia Aguon, Ed.D. (SOE) aliciaaguon@triton.uog.edu	X	Zoom
GCC - Marivic Schrage marivic.schrage@guamcc.edu	X	Zoom
Michelle M S. Santos, Ed.D EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (GCEC ED) michelle.santos@gcec.guam.gov	X	
Fran Nicole Camacho, Certification Officer francamacho@gcec.guam.gov	X	

- II. Approval of Agenda M – Lisa Cooper-Nurse, S-Lisa Baza-Cruz, Approved
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2025 –
 - A. Motion to approve with corrections –
 - I. M-Lisa Baza-Cruz, S-Lily Bordallo, Approved
- IV. Reports
 - A. Treasurer
 - I. Special Account Appropriation – \$296,271, allotted \$251,830, and \$44,441 unallotted, \$55,695 available (most from salaries and benefits due to the vacancy of the ED from October to April) Collection fee account – transferred from General Ledger in March \$68,895 to create a beginning balance of \$130,186. Collection Fee Expenditures - \$41,743 and \$7,204 encumbered. Current account balance is \$81,238.53 Transferred to DOA was \$31,430 and current in the General Ledger is \$113,289.
 - B. Chairperson –
 - I. Monitoring the budget hearings
 - II. Communicating with the ED regarding budget, meeting, and transitions
 - C. Executive Director
 - I. 41 certificates issued in August and 1 name change, a brief comparison of certificates overall was presented with 162 total certificates in June, July, and August. Brand new educator certificates in summer ‘25 – 37, summer ‘24 – 49 and summer ‘23 – 51.
 - II. Staging 4th quarter reports
 - III. Met with Phyllis Blas at GDOE regarding adverse action and certificates
 - IV. Met with Senator Vince Borja regarding FY26 needs and proposed amendments to the PL31-50. He assured us that he will communicate with us before submitting anything to the committee.
 - D. Standing Committees
 - I. Appeals Committee – since August, entertained three appeal discussions
 - II. Standing Committee on Ethics Review – no action to date (decisions and orders have not been released yet)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Review of PL31-50 suggested revisions – item was in the previous packet. Any comments or changes? Recommend we keep it on the agenda for the next meeting so we can continue to discuss.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Review and Acceptance of identified courses from UOG in lieu of the 5 points on Praxis Core
 - I. Dr. Aguon presented ED210 Math Refresher, ED211 Writing Essentials for Education, and ED212 Reading Strategies and Analysis. They are 1 credit courses for students who have scored within five points of the passing score. Currently being offered as course by conference.
 - I. What if they don’t pass an assignment? Our SOP requires passing the course and doesn’t stipulate assignments.
 - II. What if people want this for advancement? This refresher course is for those who have not passed, but the course would need to be adjusted if used to help others advance in their content.

III. Chairperson noted the ED can approve.

- B. SOP-2025-02 – This SOP defines the process for procurement. This will be reviewed and acted on in the Nov. meeting. This is for small purchase only and does not address sole source.
- C. SOP 2025-03 – This SOP is an office process for receiving documents. This SOP is internal. For approval at the November meeting.
- D. CTE Certification
 - I. Certification specifies a specialty is required, but our certificates do not designate that specialty.
 - II. GCC represented, Mrs. Schrage indicated this is practiced at GCC and this recommendation works for them
 - III. GDOE also indicated this would not affect them and would help them more.
 - IV. This will be voted upon in November.
- E. Adoption of Praxis 7001 as an “OR” option to 5018*
 - I. Elementary Education teaching reading, mathematics, social studies, and science and are presented as subtests.
 - II. Motion to approve by Lily Bordallo, second by Lisa Cooper-Nurse – all approved.

VII. Ex-Officio

- A. No report from GCC
- B. GDOE still in need for SPED and CHamoru, Secondary 57 vacancies
- C. UOG – special grant for SPED certification, BAE with SPED specialization in Palau and trying to garner another with American Samoa. The completer summary – Elementary (20 Palau and 11 Guam), Secondary (9), Counseling (5), MAT (8), Admin & Supervision (2), TESOL (10). Current Enrollment declared Elementary (104) Secondary & MAT (73), Counseling (25), Admin & Sup (12), INTAL (13), Library Science (19), Reading (30), SPED (9), TESOL (2), Ed.D (24)
- D. Request for anticipated Fall graduates and D’mer will provide placement of summer grads
- E. Dr. Aguon presented a proposal for Educational Studies degree that will not require Praxis.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Update on other commissioners – Jean Taitano said she is working on Domingo’s and Dr. Ron Guerrero is working on his application. The balance

IX. Executive Session

- X. Adjournment Motion by Lisa Baza Cruz and Second by Lulene San Agustin and Lily Bordallo. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM