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GCEC Regular Meeting UOG-SOE Rm 104 MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2026

MINUTES (Approved 3/16/26)

I. Call to order / Roll call of members

Meeting called to order at 4:07 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	Zoom
Lulene C. San Agustin, TREASURER (School Counselor Representative) lulenec@gmail.com	X	
Lisa Cooper-Nurse, Ed.D. (Administrator Representative) lscooper-nurse@gdoe.net	X	Zoom
Dolores "Lily" Bordallo, DBA (Community Representative) dr.doloreslily.bordallo@gmail.com	X	Zoom
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
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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		

II. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Motion to approve by L. Cooper-Nurse, Second by L. San Agustin, approved

III. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2025

- A. Motion to approve minutes from 11/17/25 by L. San Agustin, Second by L. Bordallo, approved with correction of "Easy" to Ease on the 2nd page.

IV. Reports

- A. Treasurer – L. San Agustin reported the FY26 special fund appropriation of 296,271, with an allotment of 78,834, expended to date is 62,500.39 in salaries and benefits, with \$44,441 held in reserves. For the collection fee account, we started FY 2026 with 80,601 in the funds available, we have currently expended 14,633.73 and have 1,687.89 encumbered, which leaves an available balance of 64,249.55. We expect to spend a total of 43,380 and therefore, the need for the continuing appropriation bill from Senator Borja is very important (223-38). The general ledger has a total balance of 91,889 which includes the fees account.

- B. Chairperson – No report at this point, but Happy New Year!

- C. Executive Director - Highlights from the bi-weekly reports since 11/17 – multiple meetings prior to the new year: Dr. Won Pat in her capacity as the Chief Advisor in Education, Senator Vince Borja, Dr. Bobbie Adamos Assoc. Supt. ESCL, and Phyllis Topasna from DOL. The ED attended the GDOE Board meetings and Education Round Table hosted by Sen. Borja. She met with Phyllis Blas, the GDOE EMRO on 01/07 and will meet with her again in March. The ED's virtual meetings included the AAQEP Cross State Collaboration and later this week she will have the next NASDTEC Western Region meeting. She additionally attended Webinars from NASDTEC's Professional Education Committee: Alternative EPPs: How states approve, regulate, & focus on quality and continuous improvement and the webinar on the Legislative Landscape.

Bill 223-38 is the bill to authorize a continuing appropriation. Sen. Borja didn't think it would be an issue however, it was 11/14 that it was submitted and while it has been referred to Committee, it has not come out of committee yet.

GCEC has an annual fiscal report due to the Governor, the ED is working with Kathleen Cepeda on the format or at least a sample.

The ED has been invited to the monthly cabinet meetings and will attend tomorrow. There have been many attempts to communicate with Evangeline Cepeda without any response.

All the reporting requirements are up-to-date. GCEC is currently just waiting on the call for the 2025 FOIA report from the AGs office.

The website has been updated with all the first quarter reports, SOPs, and the new PL 38-91. The office is still waiting on Rahj at GuamWEBZ to respond with an update on the educator portal.

There were a total of 49 certificates and licenses that were issued in November and December.

- D. Standing Committees

- I. Appeals Committee – No appeals have been entertained since the last meeting (L. Cooper-Nurse)

- II. Standing Committee on Ethics Review

- I. Nothing on the ethics agenda at this time (L. Baza-Cruz).

- II. Committee meeting on 01/26 at 4:00 via Zoom to discuss the MOA draft

V. Old Business

- A. Review of PL31-50 suggested revisions status update (AAA process or legislative process?)
 - I. Our rules are listed under GARR and this process to change or amend are in section 3.
 - II. Motion to approve the use of the adjudication process for revisions to 31-50, made by L. Bordallo, second by L. Baza-Cruz – roll call vote: each commissioner voted yes to use the AAA process.
 - III. We will start the process to be completed by the ED. Chair encouraged commissioners to attend public meetings, if available.
- B. Additional certifications – this will stay on the agenda, the Chair recognized the LifeTime certificate as the newest addition, and possibly the charter school registration to be discussed later, with no other items discussed at this point.
- C. ProEthica discussion – this will remain on the agenda. The ED will resend the link to the modules. The idea is that this could be used for restorative practice or initial training.
This is \$35 with an upcoming change expected to be \$50
- D. Update on Charter School/Evangeline Cepeda Meeting regarding ethics (32-236) and discussion on educator registration – add to the registry that they've completed ethics training or workshop, something for us to provide verification and asking for sponsorship may be a good way that makes them responsible for the teacher. Are they getting a certificate or just the registry? (envisioned just the registry) Who would be in charge of the registry? (GCEC would be in charge) Would the public have access? (maybe not to this list, but they do have access to the certificated/licensed educators)

VI. New Business

- A. Public Law 38-91 (lifetime certificate) – signed into law on the 12/20/25. Attention brought to the amendment for the ten years – so between 12/20/25 and 6/20/26 those who retired in the last ten years and whose certificate may have lapsed. Several inquiries on this and our first application was received. Thank you to GDOE/HR for providing the verification of 25 years of classroom teaching. Applicants will need verification of 25 years in the classroom, most recent satisfactory eval, 90-120 hours of professional development, and then every five years for a check-in. There is an initial fee of \$50 to align with enabling legislation and the five-year check-in. The application will be available from the office.
- B. Two temporary standing committees (AAA process and contingency planning) The AAA was discussed above. This process and the amendments will include contingency planning. The ED discussed maybe a need for a SWOT analysis, chair said it is connected to the AAA and therefore it is aligned to contingency planning.
- C. NASDTEC Conference in June
 - I. The conference is June 14-16 in Indiana. The request is for the ED and the Certification Officer to attend. Motion by L. San Agustin and second by L. Bordallo for both the ED and the Certification Officer to attend. Motion Approved.
- D. Reinstatement Application – this is a new application in the event that a person whose certificate or license has been suspended or revoked may apply for reinstatement. Needs review. The Chairperson asked L. Baza-Cruz and L. Cooper-Nurse to review.

VII. Ex-Officio

- A. Dr. Aguon from SOE – 78 declared elementary students and about 60 declared secondary and 3 undeclared– however, only 18 in elementary methods and only 6 in secondary methods – need to review admissions and address lack of interest. Revitalize the interest in teaching. In the EdD – there are 17 in Cohort 2 and 23 in Cohort 1 that is now on its second year. Cohort 3 will focus on needs determined by the region. There will be no new searches in SOE and UOG due to the budget constraints.
- B. D. Faisao reported there are 4 new retirements and 1 teacher who passed away – this is in addition to the 50 vacancies even though already in 2nd semester, mostly in CHamoru and SPED. Will review the PL38-91 about the VOE and other requirements.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Update on Commissioner Applications (Teacher and Terminal) – the two candidates for Terminal and Teacher commissioners have submitted their packets in June and December. Follow ups have been made with Special Asst. Jean Taitano and the Maga’Haga.
- B. Next meeting, March 16, 2026
- C. The ED reminded the Chair about the requirement to post the ED evaluation

IX. Executive Session – no executive session

- X. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by L. San Agustin with a second by L. Bordallo/ L. Baza-Cruz and all in favor – 5:06 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2026, at 4:00 PM