

# Kumision Ileksion Guåhan

“Bota ya un ma kuenta.”



# Guam Election Commission

“Your Vote is your voice.”

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Public Law 35-96, signed into law two days before the 2020 Primary Election, cancelled said election, extended the In Office Absentee Voting Period for the 2020 General Election, and required the GEC to submit a safety plan to the Guam Legislature outlining the measures it would put in place to conduct a safe election. The GEC’s mission is to provide Guam a fair, honest, and orderly election process. In working toward that mission, GEC researched, reflected, implemented processes, and adapted to the ever-changing pandemic environment. This resulted in the expansion of existing programs and the implementation of new services and methods in the election process.

## Who We Are

The GEC is an autonomous and independent commission of the Government of Guam. The Commission is made up of seven members, all of whom are registered voters of Guam. With recommendations made from the Democrat and Republican parties, *I Maga’låhen Guåhan* appoints six members, three from each political party. The seventh member, an independent, is selected and appointed by the six members. Members serve a two- year term. Executive Director Maria I.D. Pangelinan serves at the pleasure of the Commission and manages the GEC’s administrative team.

## Mission

The mission of the Guam Election Commission is to provide Guam a fair, honest, and orderly election process in accordance with local and federal laws.

## Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of the GEC are to provide fair and ample access for qualified individuals to register to vote; to maintain an accurate voter registry; to hire & train election officials; to conduct fair, honest, and orderly elections; and to perform all administrative duties enumerated in Title 3 and other applicable sections of the Guam Code Annotated.

## History

The Guam Election Commission was created with the passage of P.L. 11-202 on December 12, 1972 and was comprised of members appointed by the Governor from each of the recognized political parties, with the Chief Commissioner serving as Chairman. On March 1973, the Commission held their first meeting and appointed an Executive Director and an assistant in September of that year. In October 1973, the Commission moved into its office in the GCIC building in Hagåtña.

## Commissioners

Alice M. Taijeron	(D) Chairperson
Gerard C. Crisostomo	(R) Vice Chairman
G. Patrick Civile	(I) Commissioner
Joseph P. Mafnas	(D) Commissioner
Antonia R. Gumataotao	(R) Commissioner
Carissa E. Pangelinan	(D) Commissioner
Benny A. Pinaula	(R) Commissioner

(D) = Democrat, (R) = Republican, (I) = Independent

Michael J. Perez (R) served as Chairman for the 2020 elections.

## Who qualifies to register?

An individual must meet the following qualifications as provided in 3 GCA § 3101 to be a registered voter on Guam:

- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must be a resident of Guam
- Must be 18 years of age on or before the day of the election
- Must not be committed under a sentence of imprisonment
- Must not be confined to a mental institution
- Must not be judicially declared insane

## 2021 GEC Demographics

Registered Voters (as of Sept. 30, 2021)	48,756
Full-Time Employees	14
District Voter Registrars	36
Precinct Officials	335
Precincts	67
Polling Sites	22

# OUR PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2020 2020 Primary**	FY 2021 2020 General	FY 2021 2020 Runoff	% Change	
Total No. of Cast Ballots	N/A**	29,377	17,590	**	
% of Voter turnout	N/A**	52.57%	31.48%	**	
<b>No. of Voters</b>					
Registered Online	717	1,016	0***	29.43%	↑
Total No. of Registered Voters	55,174	55,880	55,880***	1.26%	↑
<b>Absentee Voters</b>					
Off-Island	73	173	70	57.8%	↑
Homebound	247	686	618	63.99%	↑
In-Office	<u>2,284</u>	<u>12,227</u>	<u>5,061</u>	81.32%	↑
No. of Absentee ballots counted	2,604	13,086	5,749	80.10%	↑
<b>Outreach/Trainings</b>					
No. of Candidate Workshops	8	0*	0*		↓
No. of Volunteer Registrars	70	0****	0***		↓
No. of Precinct Officials	335	335	335		↔
No. of Notary Officials	14	14	14		↔

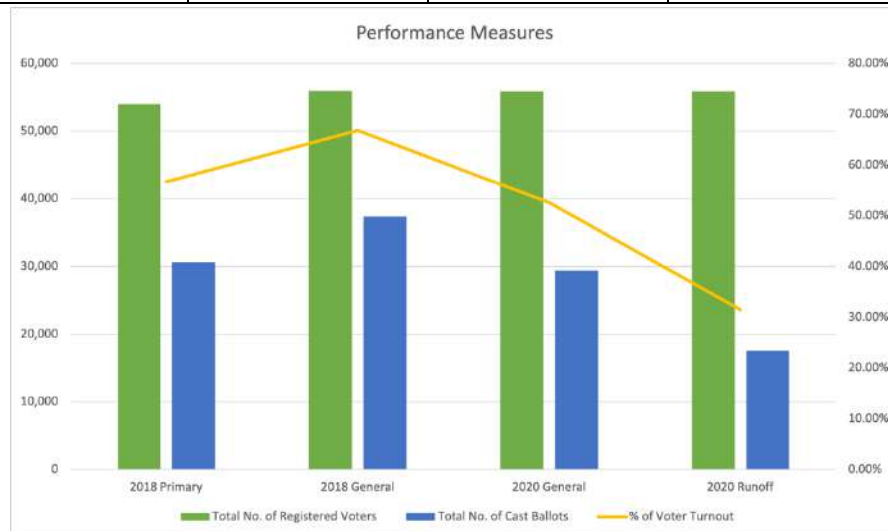
\* Candidate workshops are conducted January to June in even years.

\*\* The 2020 Primary Election was cancelled by Public Law 35-96, two days before the election was to be held.

\*\*\*Registration rolls remained the same between the 2020 General Election and 2020 Runoff Election pursuant to 3 GCA § 13108 which states (in part), “[p]ersons eligible to vote in a runoff election shall be the same voters who were eligible to vote at the election that precipitated the need for the runoff.”

\*\*\*\*Efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and abide by Executive Orders temporarily paused the Volunteer Voter Registrar program for the 2020 General Election. Voters were able to register to vote online or in person at GEC.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY2018 2018 Primary	FY2019 2018 General	FY2021 2020 General	FY2021 2020 Runoff
Total No. of Registered Voters	54,033	55,941	55,880	55,880
Total No. of Cast Ballots	30,628	37,386	29,377	17,590
% of Voter Turnout	56.68%	66.83%	52.57%	31.48%



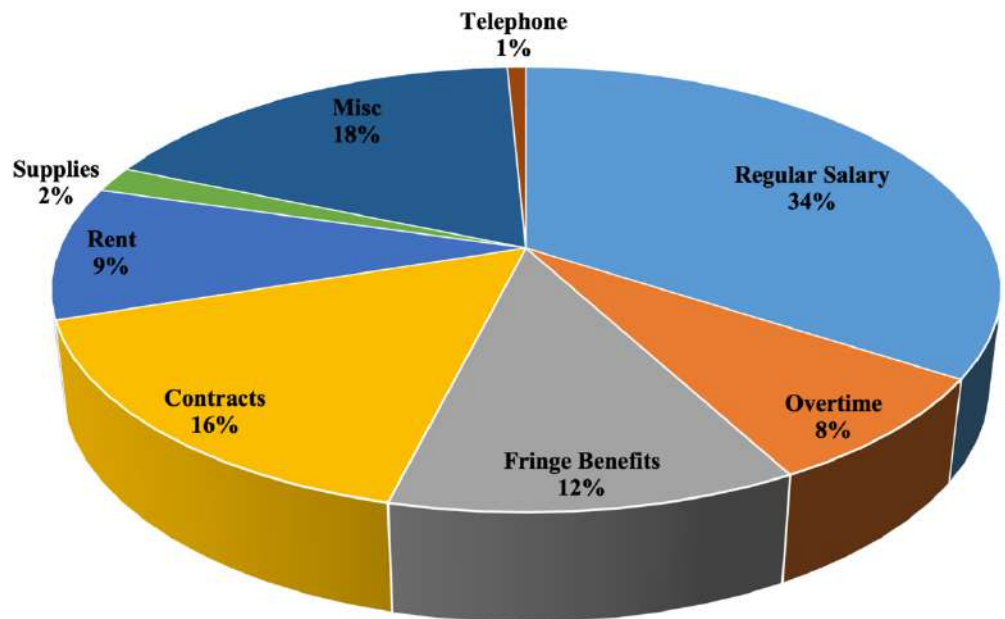
# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

## MAJOR EXPENSES

- Personnel: Salaries, Overtime and Benefits are the majority of the GEC’s expenses, making up 54 % of the fiscal year expenditures. As the Commission draws closer to every election, tasks such as election trainings, election day preparations, monitoring election activities, and tabulation require staff to work all day and late into the night.
- Miscellaneous: This category makes up the second largest category of expenditures. \$373,686 covers expenses such as stipends for Precinct Officials, Deputized Homebound Officials, Polling Site Managers, and Poll Maintenance Workers; meals for Election Day workers; and
- Contracts: Contracts make up the third largest category of expenditures. \$335,799 covers expenses such as Ballot Printing, Election Day site support, rental of necessary equipment, and other services that may be required for Election Day.
- Rent: As of September 30, 2021, the GEC occupied over 4,000 sq. ft. at the GCIC building in Hagåtña.

Appropriations	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	% Change
General Fund	\$ 1,687,218	\$ 1,634,769	\$ 1,630,235	-0.28% ↓
Federal Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,210,570	\$ -	-100.00% ↓
<b>Total</b>	\$ 1,687,218	\$ 2,845,339	\$ 1,630,235	-42.71% ↓
Expenditures	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	
<b>General Fund</b>				
Regular Salary	\$ 640,213	\$ 614,859	\$ 686,197	11.60% ↑
Overtime	\$ 57,679	\$ 154,072	\$ 141,926	-7.88% ↓
Fringe Benefits	\$ 226,633	\$ 211,580	\$ 236,638	11.84% ↑
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contracts	\$ 143,922	\$ 223,619	\$ 217,868	-2.57% ↓
Rent	\$ 158,547	\$ 167,440	\$ 172,834	3.22% ↑
Supplies	\$ 3,982	\$ 10,433	\$ 2,287	-78.08% ↓
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Drug Testing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Misc	\$ 143,972	\$ 45,057	\$ 155,727	245.63% ↑
Telephone	\$ 18,406	\$ 15,523	\$ 16,243	4.64% ↑
Sub-Recipient/Grant			\$ -	
Capital			\$ -	
<b>Total General Fund</b>	\$ 1,393,354	\$ 1,442,583	\$ 1,629,720	12.97% ↑
<b>Federal Funds</b>				
Salaries	\$ -	\$ 21,302	\$ 33,128	55.52% ↑
Overtime	\$ -	\$ 9,489	\$ 24,370	156.82% ↑
Fringe Benefits	\$ -	\$ 6,235	\$ 9,893	58.67% ↑
Travel	\$ 40,758	\$ 14,430	\$ -	-100.00% ↓
Contracts	\$ -	\$ 34,688	\$ 117,931	239.98% ↑
Rent	\$ -	\$ 15,562	\$ 30,541	96.25% ↑
Supplies	\$ 324	\$ 56,198	\$ 36,986	-34.19% ↓
Equipment	\$ 1,680	\$ 374,836	\$ -	-100.00% ↓
Drug Testing	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	-100.00% ↓
Miscellaneous	\$ 16,053	\$ 9,882	\$ 217,959	2105.62% ↑
<b>Total Federal Funds</b>	\$ 58,815	\$ 543,022	\$ 470,808	-13.30% ↓

FY2021 Total Expenditures



## CARES Funding

The GEC received a total of \$600,000 in CARES Act funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus for the 2020 federal election cycle. Part of these funds were used to cover expenditures for the 2020 General and Runoff Elections:

- Purchasing of PPEs
- Purchasing of sanitizing equipment
- Early voting supplies
- Equipment rentals
- Acquiring additional office space to accommodate social distancing

# FUTURE OUTLOOK & CHALLENGES

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

### 2022 ELECTION CYCLE

**General Election**  
 Tuesday, November 8, 2022  
 Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

### OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

- ▶ Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Guam (1 Seat)
- ▶ Members for the 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature (15 seats)
- ▶ Non-Voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives (1 Seat)
- ▶ Attorney General of Guam (1 seat)
- ▶ Guam Education Board (6 seats)
- ▶ Consolidated Commission on Utilities (3 seats)

### 2022 ELECTION INFORMATION

- ▶ Candidate Packets for the 2022 Elections were released on January 7, 2022.
- ▶ Individuals interested in becoming volunteer voter registrars may apply by downloading the application at [gec.guam.gov](http://gec.guam.gov) and submitting it to [vote@gec.guam.gov](mailto:vote@gec.guam.gov)
- ▶ Qualified individuals may register to vote at the GEC Office in Tamuning, online at [gec.guam.gov](http://gec.guam.gov), at village mayor’s offices, with volunteer registrars in the community, or when renewing or applying for their ID or license at the DMV.

## Looking Forward

### The GEC continues to:

- Prepare for the 2022 General Election;
- Ensure that elections are conducted fairly, efficiently, and with transparency;
- Populate its voter registry;
- Upgrade equipment in line with industry standards to safeguard the security of the island’s elections;
- Review and propose updates to the Election Code of Guam as prescribed by 3 GCA § 2103(d)(1);
- Supervise campaign contributions and expenditures pursuant to 3 GCA § 17102;
- Notify, receive, and certify filings mandated by the Public Official Disclosure Act; and,
- Establish procedures that acknowledge Guam’s dynamic social and political environment.

## Challenges

### The GEC confronts issues and barriers with:

- Increasing the number of registered voters and voter participation;
- Streamlining the electoral process and Election Code;
- Modernizing the voter registry system; and,
- Secure access with the Department of Motor Vehicles for motor voter registration and online voter registration.



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## Reminder for Submission of FY 2021 Citizen-Centric Reports

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Hafa Adai,

Attached is the required Guam Election Commission Fiscal Year 2021 Citizen Centric Report. Please let us know if additional information is required.

On Tue, Aug 9, 2022 at 5:01 PM Mariella Cruz <macruz@guamopa.com> wrote:

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