

Guam Commission for Educator Certification

Centric Report: Fiscal Year 2015

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification is to ensure that all certified Guam educators responsible for the education of our children are competent to perform their duties as teachers, school counselors, librarians, and school administrators.

GCEC is a separate entity governed by a 7 member Board of Commissioners. Over 3,000 educators have about 5,000 certificates. Some educators hold more than one or more certificates while others have moved off-island but still keep their certificate current.

Performance Report

Certificates Issued FY 2015

96

67

120

228

63

13

24

611

Temporary

Professional

Extensions

TOTAL

Endorsements

Basic

Initial

Master



Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz, GCEC Vice-Chair



No. of Telephone calls received	4,842
No. of Walk-ins	1,570
No. of Emails	3,577

John Grant, (Georgia Professional Standards Commission Chief Investigator)

Graph of Certificates Issued from 2011-2015



GCEC Expenditures

Expenses	FY 2015	
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 198,726.00	
Rent	\$ 5,000.00	
Contractual	\$ 11,289.87	
Travel	\$ 6,001.98	
Supplies	\$ 218.79	
Telephone	\$ 2,305.83	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	
TOTALS	\$ 224,542.47	

For Fiscal Year 2015, GCEC's total appropriation was \$258,041.00 and expenditures were \$224,542.47.

FEES: Total fees collected in FY 2015 was \$30,291.00.

FINANCIAL AUDIT: No financial audit was performed.

Highlights

- ✓ Legislature passed
 - Public Law 32-220 "AN ACT TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION IN CHAPT. 8, TITLE 5a, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS"
 - Public Law 32-236 "AN ACT TO APPROVE THE GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR GUAM EDUCATORS; AND TO ADD A NEW §27008.1 AND A NEW SUBSECTION (i) TO §27008, ALL OF CHAP. 27 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SUBPOENA AND INVESTIGATIVE POWERS OF THE GCEC"
- ✓ Organized 4 training sessions on Aug. 6-7, 2015 for public and private school educators, and, for UOG School of Education students. Georgia Professional Standards Commission Investigator John Grant conducted 3 "Code of Ethics" sessions for 207 educators and 1 "Investigations" session for 126 educators, including administrators.
- ✓ Conducted training for over 50 GDOE school counselors on Oct. 24, 2014
- ✓ Participated at the GDOE Job Fair on Jun. 23, 2015.
- ✓ Responded to 12 NASDTEC (National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification) surveys and 1 PRAXIS survey.

Challenges

Due to budgetary restrictions, GCEC is unable to build capacity to fulfill all the commission's mandates.

Outlook

- ✓ Community outreach and training to all educators and administrators on Educator Code of Ethics and Educator Misconduct
- ✓ Provide a rigorous system of certification
- ✓ Encourage non-GDOE educators to gain certification; and
- ✓ Continue providing quality and efficient customer service

Staff Members:

Lea Santos, Executive Director Fran-Nicole Camacho, Certification Officer Arlene Reyes, Administrative Assistant

GCEC Commission Members:

Gayle F. Hendricks, Ed.D., Chairperson, (Terminal Degree-Education Rep) Lisa Baza-Cruz, Ed.D., Vice-Chair, (Terminal Degree-Education Rep) Elisabeth Ichihara-Rosario, Ed.D., Treasurer (Guidance Counselor Rep) Lisa Cooper-Nurse, Ed.D., (School Administrator Rep) Michele M.S. Santos, Ed.D., (Community Rep)

Ex-Officio Members:

President/CEO-Guam Community College Chairman, Guam Education Policy Board Superintendent, Guam Department of Education President, University of Guam Lea Santos, GCEC Executive Director, Secretary

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