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Håfa Adai Public Auditor Cruz,

In compliance with §1922(a) of Chapter 19 of Title 1 Guam Code Annotated, I am submitting herewith, the Guam Commission for Educator Certification (GCEC) Citizen Centric Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020.

A copy of said report was transmitted to the Office of the Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature, and has also been posted on our agency website: <https://gcec.guam.gov/forms/citizen-centric-reports/>.

Should you require anything further please feel free to contact our office via email at 'office@gcec.guam.gov' or WhatsApp (671) 735-2554.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Quenga'.

JESSE JOHN QUENGA
Executive Director



Guam Commission for Educator Certification

October 2020 Report

Citizen Centric Report: Fiscal Year 2019



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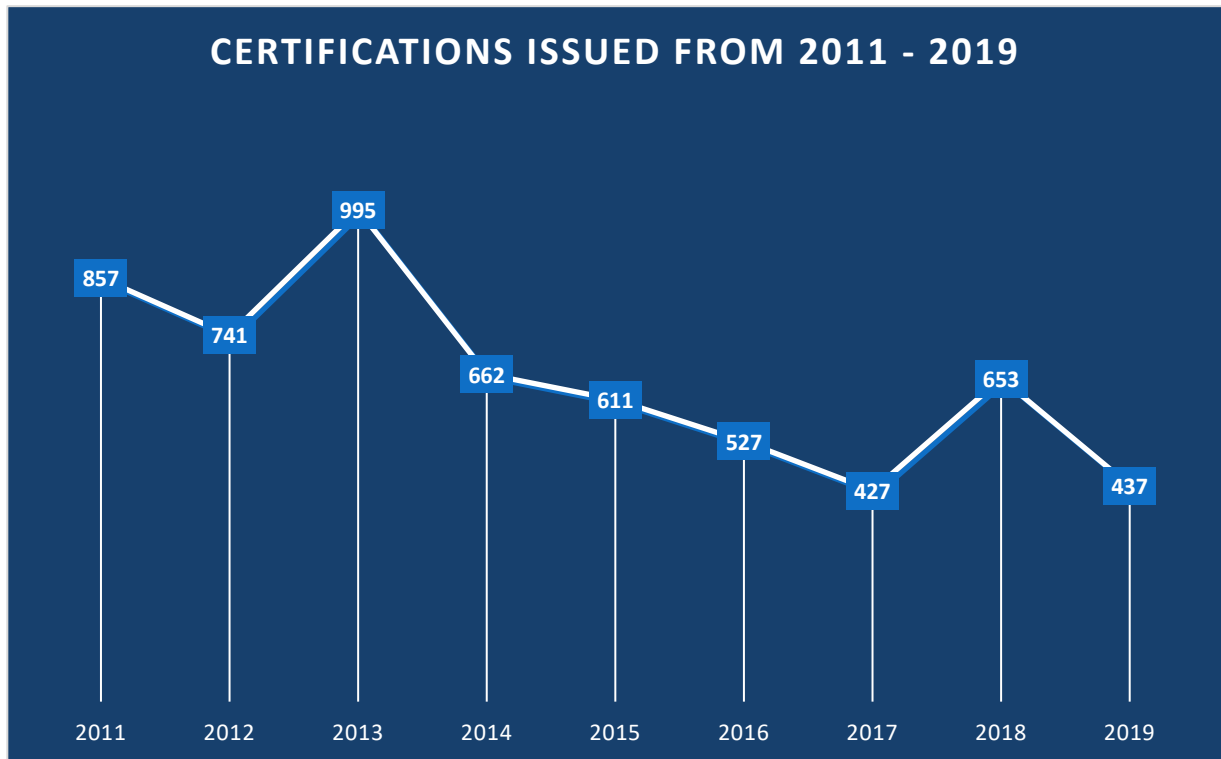
Mission Statement

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 seven (7) member Board of Commissioners. Over 3,000 educators have about 5,000 certificates. Some educators hold more than one or more certificate while others have moved off-island keeping their certificate current.



Performance Reports



On August 7, 2020, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order 2020-26: Temporarily Suspending The PRAXIS-1 Examination Requirement in 5A GAR Ch. 8 § 8105(a)(1).

The requirement in 5A GAR Ch. 8 § 8105(a)(1) that applicants for temporary teaching certificates present evidence of a passing score on the PRAXIS-1 examination in order to meet the minimum requirements for issuance of such certificate is suspended for Guam Department of Education (GDOE) school year 2020-2021.

Number of Certificates Issued Under E.O. 2020-26

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REVENUES

Category	Special Fund	Fees Account	FY 2019
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 161,470.00	\$ 4,203.05	\$ 165,673.05
Rent	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Contractual	\$ 2,524.00	\$ 24,349.43	\$ 26,873.43
Travel	\$ -0-	\$ 22,385.90	\$ 22,385.90
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,627.80	\$ 4,627.80
Telephone	\$ 3,752.00	\$ 4,324.96	\$ 8,076.96
Equipment	\$ -0-	\$ 6,888.83	\$ 6,888.83
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,862.18	\$ 4,262.18
TOTALS	\$ 176,146.00	\$ 75,142.15	\$ 251,288.15

EXPENDITURES

Category	Special Fund	Fees Account	FY 2019
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 161,470.00	\$ -0-	\$ 161,470.00
Rent	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -0-	\$ 6,000.00
Contractual	\$ 2,524.00	\$ 8,318.30	\$ 10,842.30
Travel	\$ -0-	\$ 11,355.97	\$ 11,355.97
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -0-	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone	\$ 3,752.00	\$ -0-	\$ 3,752.00
Equipment	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -0-	\$ 1,400.00
TOTALS	\$ 176,146.00	\$ 19,674.24	\$ 195,820.24

For Fiscal Year 2019, GCEC's total allotment was \$176,146.00 and expenditures were \$175,646.00

Total fees collected in FY 2019 was \$18,784.90.

FINANCIAL AUDIT: No financial audit was performed.

Highlights

- GCEC Commissioners adopted and approved Standard Operating Procedures for Professional Certifications issued by the Commission as well as Extension of Certification Periods for certificates expiring under Emergency Conditions.
- In the Commission's Regular Meeting on March 16, 2020 voted to fill the vacant Executive Director position. Jesse J. Quenga was hired by the Commission and his employment began on June 2020.
- The Guam Community College announced that beginning Fall 2020, students will be able to enroll in a Bachelor in Career & Technical Education. GCEC is in communication with GCC to determine how BCTE degree holders can obtain a professional teaching certification.
- Worked with the Guam Legislature and the Office of the Governor to secure adequate resources for the Commission's personnel costs.

Challenges

- FY2021 Budget Act appropriates funds for personnel only. Operational costs will need to be addressed using other revenue sources.
- COVID-19 pandemic has placed great restriction customer facing activities.

Outlook

- Maintain a rigorous system of educator certification to ensure that all Guam educators are competent.
- Encourage non-GDOE educators to pursue certification
- Community outreach and training on the Educator Code of Ethics and Educator Misconduct
- Ensure that all educators are in compliance with Code of Ethics
- Address educator complaints
- Provide quality and efficient customer service

GCEC Commission

Members:

Dr. Gayle F. Hendricks, *Chairperson*
Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz, *Vice-Chairperson*
Dr. Michele M.S. Santos, *Treasurer*
Roberta Abaday, *General Public Rep.*
Dr. Lisa Cooper-Nurse, *Administrator Rep.*
Leeana Lynn L. Borja, *Counselor Rep.*
Domingo Ocampo, *Teacher Rep.*

Staff Members:

Jesse J. Quenga, Executive Director
Fran-Nicole Camacho, Certification Officer
Gwendolyn Manglona, Administrative Assistant

Ex-Officio Members:

President/CEO, Guam Community College
Chairperson, Guam Education Board
Superintendent, Guam Department of Education
President, University of Guam
GCEC Executive Director, *Secretary*

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Hafa Adai Mr. Public Auditor,

Please find the Guam Commission for Educator Certification's CCR report for FY2019 as attached to this email.


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