



**Association of Government Accountants
Guam Chapter
General Membership
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Maripaz Perez, CGFM, CGAP,
CICA, CIA, CFE**
President
Josephine Villanueva, CPA, CGFM
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Immediate Past President
**Llewelyn Terlaje, CGFM, CGAP,
CFE**
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Secretary

Present for the meeting were 51 attendees:

Angel Bansil	Janet Taitano-Arroyo	Mizpah Wiegand
Angela Bates	Jerrick Hernandez	Odeth Ignacio
Angela Camacho	Jesse Quenga	Pam Aguigui
Benjamin J.F. Cruz	John Potter	Pilar Pangelinan
Blanca Eata	Jorizaira Borja	Rahnne Joy Belonio
Cassandra Santos	Josephine Villanueva	Reina Sanchez
Christel Espiritu	Joy Bulatao	Robert Sabang
Clariza Roque	Justin Castro	Roberta Joyce Castro
Danica Batac	Llewelyn Terlaje	Samuel Mantanona
Debbie Ngata	Lorbea Kim	Semjelf Rew Davis
Debbie Paulino	Marc Tanag	Tammy Batac
Doreen Crisostomo-Muña	Margaret Artero	Thelma Perez
Doris Flores Brooks	Margie Francisco	Theresa Arriola
Edith Pangelinan	Maripaz Perez	Thomas Eladio Battung
Elgine Alfonso	Marisol Andrade	Vanessa Valencia
Elizabeth Cena	Mary Grace Edrosa	Yukari Hechanova
Helen Legaspi	Melissa San Nicolas	Yuri Han

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 11:28 a.m. and was presided by Maripaz Perez.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the Oct. 2021 General Membership Meeting minutes, subject to corrections, was made by Doreen Crisostomo-Muña. Pilar Pangelinan seconded the motion. The motion carried, but polling was not conducted.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Report

i. As of 9/30/2021:

1. The Statement of Financial Position showed total assets and total liabilities and equity at \$58,311.62.
2. The Statement of Activities showed total income at \$6.65, total expense at \$499.00, and excess of expense over income at \$(492.35).

ii. As of 10/31/2021:

1. The Statement of Financial Position showed total assets and total liabilities and equity at \$54,507.41.
2. The Statement of Activities showed total income at \$61.26, total expense at \$3,865.47, and excess of expense over income at \$(3,804.21).
- iii. A motion to approve the Sept. and Oct. 2021 financials was made by Doreen. Josephine Villaneuva seconded the motion. The motion carried, but polling was not conducted.

4. Committee Reports

a. Accountability (Citizen-Centric Report or CCR) by Doreen

- i. Dr. Doreen Crisostomo-Muña, Accountability Director, presented on the “Fiscal Year 2020 Best Citizen-Centric Report Award for the Government of Guam”.

1. The CCR was an initiative that began in Spring 2009 with student presentations of their CCR projects at AGA’s monthly meetings. Among those students were Rizalito Paglingayen and Joy Bulatao. Former Senators Judith Guthertz, Rory Respicio, and Judith Won Pat introduced a bill for this initiative, which became Public Law (P.L.) 30-127 when former Governor Felix P. Camacho signed the bill on Apr. 2, 2010.
2. Agencies are required to submit their CCRs to the Public Auditor and the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than 60 calendar days after the Office of Public Accountability (OPA) releases the agencies’ independent auditor’s report. The agencies are also required to post their CCR on their website.
3. The annual Government of Guam CCR awards was started by Maripaz in Fiscal Year 2012. CCRs of agencies were evaluated by 15 evaluators against P.L. 30-127’s requirements and were awarded based on their scores.
4. Based on the Committee’s review, 34 agencies submitted good CCRs. However, some agencies described their infrastructure on page 2 Performance Measures instead of page 4 Entity’s Challenges and Economic Outlook. Of the 34 agencies, those selected for awards were: the OPA – 3rd Place (Bronze), the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center – 2nd Place (Gold), and Guam Housing Corporation – 1st Place (Platinum).

- ii. Maripaz thanked Doreen for the presentation and the agencies for their contributions in developing and improving accountability and transparency in our government through their CCRs.

b. Community Service by Vanessa Valencia

- i. The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority COVID-19 Equipment Loan Program Donation Drive ends this Friday, Nov. 19, 2021. The Committee is soliciting checks and gently used wheelchairs and walkers. For more information, please see email and our newsletter.
- ii. The Canned Food Drive for Catholic Social Services' Food Pantry will be held from Nov. 22 to Dec. 17, 2021. If interested, please see your agency's AGA volunteer charge. The Committee is seeking volunteers at each agency to coordinate the handoff of donation collections during Christmas week.
- iii. In the season of giving, the Chapter planned to participate in gift giving programs such as the Angel Tree and/or Sugar Plum Tree during Dec. 2021. Participants will be sponsoring gifts to children. Since there is a waitlist, the Committee is pending the number of children to be sponsored before providing more information to the membership.
- iv. In honor of Veteran's Day, the Chapter supported the "Wreaths Across America" campaign through a sponsorship of 10 wreaths to be displayed at the Guam Veterans' Cemetery in Piti on Dec. 18, 2021.

5. Guest Speaker's Presentation

- a. Jesse Quenga, Executive Director of the Guam Ethics Commission, presented on "Guam Ethics Commission: Mission, Trainings, and Addressing Public Concerns".
 - i. The Commission was re-established through P.L. 27-141 by the late Speaker Vincente "Ben" Pangelinan and became active in 2019 through Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's appointments to the Commission. The Commission's independence was reaffirmed through P.L. 36-28. The Commission was granted more autonomy and direct access to its local appropriations by the Guam Legislature.
 - ii. The Commission's main purpose is to hold government officers and employees accountable to the ethical standards established by Guam law. All employees are mandated to undergo an ethics in government training. The deadline for compliance depends on the employee's hiring date: 36 months if hired prior to May 12, 2021, and 6 months if hired after May 12, 2021.
 - iii. The Commission can hear complaints up to three years prior and past the statute of limitations under certain conditions. However, the Commission has not heard formal complaints and is pending a legal counsel (as authorized by Bill 205-36) to guide them in their deliberations.

6. Next Meetings

- a. The Chapter Executive Committee Meeting will be held virtually on Dec. 7, 2021
- b. The Chapter's Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 22, 2021
- c. Happy Thanksgiving Day!

7. Adjournment



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- a. Meeting was moved to be adjourned at 12:50 p.m. by Doreen. Pilar seconded the motion. The motion carried, but polling was not conducted.