

Kumision Ileksion Guåhan

"Bota ya un ma kuenta."



Guam Election Commission

Your Vote is your voice

414 W. Soledad Ave. GCIC Bldg. Suite 200 Hagåtña, Guam 96910 • Tel: (671) 477-9791 / Fax: (671) 477-1895 • <http://gec.guam.gov>
Page 1
About GEC
Page 2
Performance
Page 3
Finance
Page 4
Outlook

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* (Governor of Guam) 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 Guam Election Commission's administrative team.

Mission

The mission of the Guam Election Commission is to conduct efficient and effective elections in accordance with local and federal laws.

Goals and Objectives

The Guam Election Commission strives to provide the Guam electorate a fair, honest, and orderly election process.

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 where it continues to operate.

Commissioners

Michael J. Perez	(R) Chairman
Alice M. Tajeron	(D) V. Chairperson
Joaquin P. Perez	(D) Member
Joseph P. Mafnas	(D) Member
Gerard C. Crisostomo	(R) Member
Antonia R. Gumataotao	(R) Member
G. Patrick Civile	(I) Member

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

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 election
- ✓ Must not be committed under a sentence of imprisonment
- ✓ Must not be confined to a mental institution
- ✓ Must not be judicially declared insane

2019 GEC Demographics

Registered Voters (2018 General Election)	55,941
Full-Time Employees	15
District Voter Registrars	36
Telephone Operators (Election Day)	8
Tabulators	9
Poll Maintenance Workers	44
Precinct Officials	335
Precincts	67
Polling Sites	22

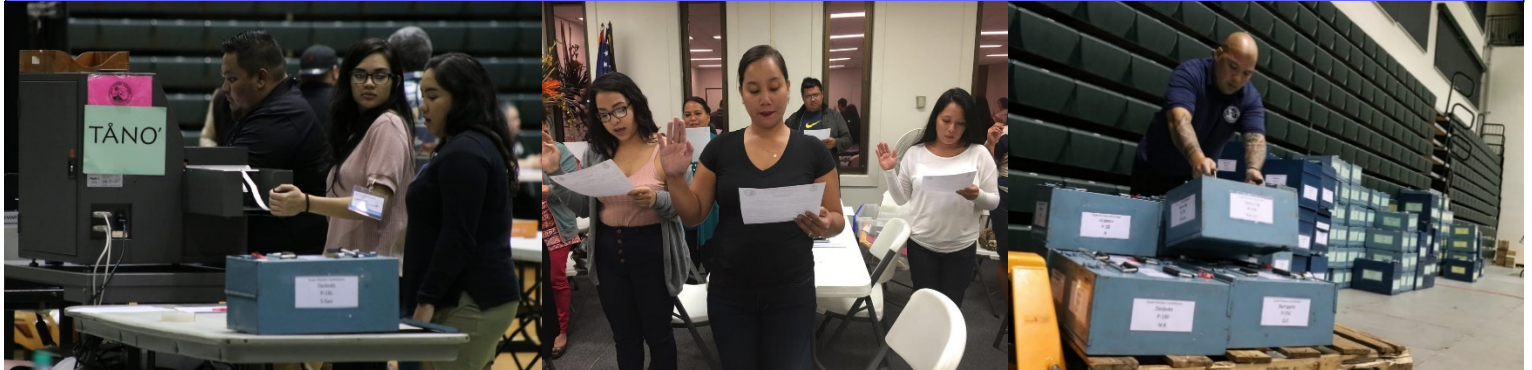
Page 1
About GEC

Page 2
Performance

Page 3
Finance

Page 4
Outlook

OUR PERFORMANCE



PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	% Change	
% of Voter turnout	69%	57%	67%	10%	↑
No. of Voters					
Online	159	398	312	26%	↓
Total No. of Registered Voters	51,713	54,033	55,941	3.53%	↑
Absentee Voters					
Off-Island	195	113	208	84%	↑
Homebound	464	386	613	58%	↑
In-Office	921	912	1,042	14%	↑
No. of Absentee ballots counted	1,580	1,411	1,863	32%	↑
Outreach/Trainings					
No. of Candidate Workshops	*0	12	*0		
No. of Volunteer Registrars	105	264	118	55%	↓
No. of Precinct Officials	335	335	335		
No. of Notary Officials	12	12	12		

*Candidate workshops are conducted January to June on even years.

Familian Guam Election Commission for the 2018 Election cycle: From left to right, front row: Tammy Ramirez, Benita Corpus, Tanya Franquez, Maria Pangelinan, Tom San Agustin, Helen Atalig and Annie Cruz; back row: Joe Iseke, Paciano Gumataotao, Albert Sanga, Jr., Brittney Cabrera, Lizzy Santos, Ana Ramirez, Gene Duenas, Spencer Torres, George Lujan and Mike Edquilane.



Page 1
About GEC

Page 2
Performance

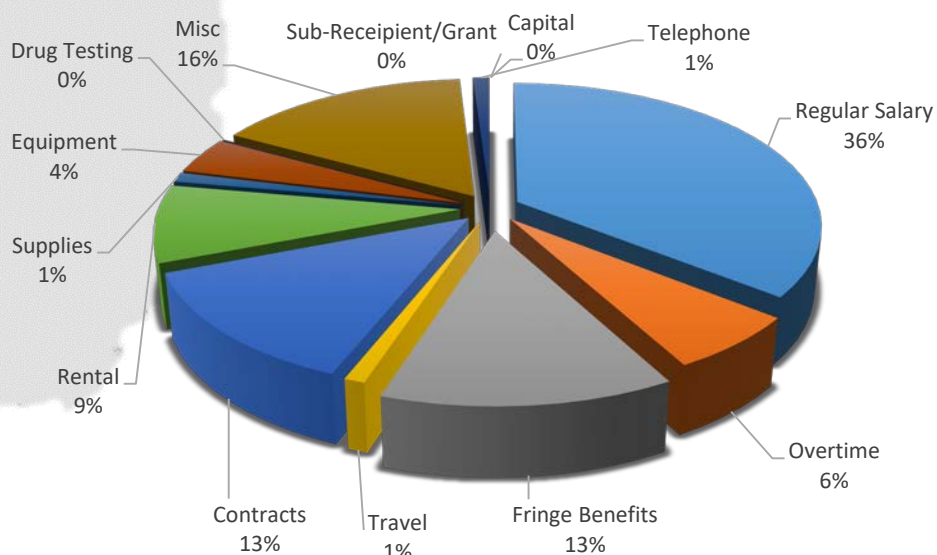
Page 3
Finance

Page 4
Outlook

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES



Appropriations	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	% Change	
General Fund	\$ 1,773,489	\$ 1,867,854	\$ 1,687,218	5.32%	↑
Federal Fund	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	100.0%	↑
Total	\$ 1,773,489	\$ 2,467,854	\$ 1,687,218	39.15%	↑
Expenditures	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019		
General Fund					
Regular Salary	\$ 585,145	\$ 623,871	\$ 640,213	6.62%	↑
Overtime	49,283	110,046	57,679	123.29%	↑
Fringe Benefits	209,991	228,007	226,633	8.58%	↑
Travel	59,761	16,515	0	-72.37%	↓
Contracts	220,903	227,862	143,922	3.15%	↑
Rent	142,145	152,347	158,547	7.18%	↑
Supplies	30,773	18,975	3,982	-38.34%	↓
Equipment	20,864	69,285	0	232.08%	↑
Drug Testing		160	0	100.00%	↑
Misc	174,118	277,749	143,972	59.52%	↑
Telephone	9,400	18,146	18,406	93.04%	↑
Sub-Recipient/Grant					
Capital					
Total General Fund	1,502,383	1,742,963	1,393,355	16.01%	↑
Federal Fund					
Contracts					
Supplies					
Equipment		\$ 3,276	\$ -		
Miscellaneous					
Sub-Recipient/Grant					
Capital					
Total Federal Funds	0	3,276	0		



Page 1
About GEC

Page 2
Performance

Page 3
Finance

Page 4
Outlook

FUTURE OUTLOOK & CHALLENGES

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

2020 ELECTION

Primary Election

Saturday, August 29, 2020
Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

- Members for the 36th Guam Legislature (*15 seats*)
- Non-Voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives (*1 Seat*)
- Mayors (*1 seat; 19 villages*)
- Vice-Mayors (*1 seat; 7 villages*)
- Public Auditor (*1 seat*)
- Guam Education Board (*6 seats*)
- Consolidated Commission on Utilities (*2 seats*)

2020 ELECTION INFORMATION

- Candidate Packets for the 2020 Elections will be **tentatively** available on Jan. 2020.
- Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer registrar for the 2020 Primary Election may apply.
- Individuals may register when renewing or applying for their license at the DMV, the Mayors Offices, at the Guam Election Commission main office or online at www.gec.guam.gov.

Looking Forward

In anticipation of future elections, the GEC continues to:

- Preparing for the upcoming 2020 General Election, ensuring that elections are conducted in a fair, efficient, and effective manner
- Populate its voter registry
- Attend a National Certification in Election Administrations for seven employees
- Upgrade equipment in line with industry standards to ensure the security of Guam elections.
- Review and propose updates the Election Code of Guam as prescribed by P.L. 31-61
- Ensure a fair and transparent elections within Guam's dynamic social and political environment.

Challenges

The GEC confronts issues and barriers with:

- Conduct absentee voting in Saipan for Guam voters who were deployed to assist in recovery efforts after Super Typhoon Yutu.
- Increasing the number of registered voters and voter participation.
- Updating the Election Code, and modernizing our processes.
- Updating and upgrading the voter registry.
- Addressing administrative complaints and problems.
- Hiring 335 precinct officials; 22 poll maintenance workers; 14 telephone operators; and 29 tabulators
- Secure access with the Department of Motor Vehicles for motor voter registration and online voter registration.



We want to hear from you! Do you like this report? Do you think it should include any other information? Please let us know by calling us at 477-9791 or via email at vote@gec.guam.gov.