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4	BEFORE THE PUBLIC AUDITOR			
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7	In the Appeal of Appeal No: OPA-PA-22-003			
8	Guam Pacific Enterprise, Inc.,  ORDER OF DISMISSAL			
9	Appellant.			
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17	Guam Pacific Enterprise, Inc. C/O Sedfrey Linsangan			
18	President Phone: (671) 649-6994/7/8			
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20	This is an order <i>sua sponte</i> dismissing the appeal filed on behalf of Guam Pacific Enterprises,			
21	Inc. ("GPE") herein without prejudice. Dismissal is warranted because the Office of Public			
22	Accountability (the "OPA") has no subject matter jurisdiction as this appeal is not properly before			
23	the OPA.			
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This appeal was brought by Sedfrey Linsangan as President, and on behalf of, GPE on February 4, 2022. Previously, in <u>Guam Pacific Enterprises</u>, <u>Inc. v. University of Guam</u>, OPA-PA-21-011, the duly appointed hearing officer dismissed that appeal on UOG's motion that the appeal was not properly before the OPA, in that Linsangan, who is not licensed to practice law in Guam, could not represent a corporation before this tribunal. *See* Decision and Order, OPA-PA-21-011 (Jan. 21, 2022).

Similarly, in <u>Guam Pacific Enterprises</u>, <u>Inc. v. University of Guam</u>, OPA-PA-21-015, the duly appointed hearing officer dismissed GPE's appeal in that case on the same basis: that Linsangan could not represent a corporation before this tribunal. *See* Order of Dismissal, OPA-PA-21-015 (Jan. 31, 2022).

See also Guam Pacific Enterprises, Inc. v. Department of Education, OPA-PA-22-01 Order of Dismissal (February 11, 2022).

Consistent with the dismissal of prior cases in which Linsangan purported to represent a corporation, GPE's appeal herein is not properly before the OPA, and must be dismissed because the OPA lacks subject matter jurisdiction over it.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the appeal filed on behalf of GPE herein is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

**SO ORDERED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 by:

Benjamin J. F. Cruz Public Auditor of Guam



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## OPA-PA-22-003 Order of Dismissal

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Please see attached Order of Dismissal for OPA-PA-22-003. This email will serve as an official notice in lieu of a transmittal via Fax.

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Regards,

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