

GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR DENTISTRY

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VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Dr. Antonio Rapadas, Chairperson
- Dr. Joon Ha, Vice Chairperson
- Dr. Robert Yang, Secretary
- Dr. Collette Supit, Member
- Autumn Yoo, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Robert Weinberg, Assistant Attorney General
- Attorney Minakshi V. Hemlani, Esq.
- Zennia Pecina, HPLLO Administrator
- Nicole Romero, HPLLO Secretary
- Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center
- Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center

TOPIC	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIMEFRAME	STATUS
I. CALL TO ORDER: VIRTUAL "GO TO MEETING"	Called to Order: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/765461101 Access Code: 765-461-101	Chair	3:00	Noted
II. ROLL CALL	Virtual roll call	Chair	3:02	Noted
III. PROOF OF PUBLICATION	AD Posted on Pacific Daily News	HPLLO	3:02	Confirmed
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Approved agenda. <i>Motion: Dr. Yang, 2nd: Dr. Ha</i>	GBED	3:04	Approved
V. REVIEW OF MINUTES	Approved Minutes, dated February 17, 2021 <i>Motion: Dr. Yang, 2nd: Dr. Ha</i>	GBED	3:04	Approved
VI. TREASURER'S REPORT	- Noted, the Board has until the end of May to provide a detailed budget based on the number of people taking the exam for the whole year. If done on time, the Board is more likely to get all the funds they need for the Board. - Noted, Dr. Supit can make an appointment with Breanna and Deborah at HPLLO to help set up a budget for the Dental Board.	Dr. Supit	3:04	Noted
VII. HPLLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	A. Compact License - Noted, Department of Defense awarded some grants to several professions to become a compact state. Compact states can utilize their licenses in other compact states. The GBNE has this license in place. More information will come out and HPLLO Administrator will let the Board know when that happens so they can move forward with their decision to do so or not.	HPLLO Administrator	3:10	Noted

	<p>B. NPDB 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Z. Pecina is the Administrator for the National Practitioner Data Base (NPDB) and she has the ability to query the NPDB regarding any applicant regarding background checks, medical malpractice, adverse actions like suspension, demotions, etc. For dentistry and dental hygiene, it is mainly for malpractice. - Noted, the four most common forms of dental malpractice include <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infection caused by improperly sterilized instruments & dental unit water lines 2. Failure to diagnose and treat periodontal and implant infections 3. Root canal infections 4. Infections from medication related osteonecrosis of the jaw - Noted, for future meetings the Board will be given case scenarios to familiarize with the NPDB <p>C. Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, GuamWebz was awarded to do the websites for all HPLO Boards. The website should be worked on in the next couple of months and HPLO will keep the Board updated. 			
<p>VIII OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>A. Hearing Officer for Pending Disciplinary cases - Tabled - Breanna Sablan, HPLO, PC III – Reporting on status.</p> <p>B. National Practitioners Data Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Dr. Ha will continue to look into more information on background checks and update at the next meeting. - Noted, HPLO Administrator also recommended looking into fingerprinting in addition to police and court clearances as other districts do for background checks. 	<p>GBED</p> <p>GBED</p>	<p>3:15</p> <p>3:20</p>	<p>Tabled</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>IX. NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>A. Complaint No. 2009-01 – Attorney Minakshi V. Hemlani, Esq.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Atty. Minakshi reported that this case was filed by the Board and dismissed in 2008 because they found that the Board at the time didn't comply with public notification requirements. The Board brought it forth again in 2009. In researching, Dr. Sulay filed a restraining order on the Board in 2009. In 2013 after court system processing, the court ordered the Board to determine what to do with the complaint. - Noted, since there has been over 13 years since opening this case and there have been no other complaints filed against Dr. Sulay, she assesses that keeping the case open no longer meets the purpose of the statute of the Dental Practice Act (to protect the public or rehabilitate the practitioner), Atty Minakshi's recommendation is to dismiss the case. <p><i>Motion: Dr. Supit, 2nd: Dr. Yang</i></p>	<p>GBED</p>	<p>3:33</p>	<p>Dismissed</p>

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<p>B. Complaint No. 2010-01 – Attorney Minakshi V. Hemlani, Esq.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, this complaint was filed by an outside practitioner, Mr. Kennedy. It was hard to find the original document. Through independent research, Mr. Kennedy filed a dental malpractice case against Dr. Sulay in 2010. There was no information on whether it went to trial or how it went forward. - Noted, since the original documents cannot be found, Atty Minakshi's recommendation is to dismiss because of lack of evidence and length of time that has passed since the original complaint was filed. - <i>Motion: Dr. Supit, 2nd: Dr. Yang</i> 	GBED	3:42	Dismissed
<p>C. Complaint No. 2010-02 – attorney Minakshi V. Hemlani, Esq.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, this complaint was filed by an outside practitioner Mrs. Smith. It was hard to find the original document. Through independent research, Ms. Smith also filed a dental malpractice case against Dr. Sulay in 2010. - Noted, since the original documents cannot be found,, Atty Minakshi's recommendation is to dismiss because of lack of evidence and length of time that has passed since the original complaint was filed. - <i>Motion: Dr. Supit, 2nd: Dr. Yang</i> 	GBED	3:42	Dismissed
<p>D. Re-Examination for Review and Approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jurga Martini - Dentist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, she took the exam and didn't pass so she plans to take it in August. Clinical Exam fees have to be paid every time. 	GBED	3:45	Noted
<p>E. Initial Application for Review and Approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard W. Arbuckle – Dentist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, missing background information and police clearances, etc. - Noted, motion to request police clearances from their current jurisdiction. - <i>Motion: Dr. Yang, 2nd: Dr. Ha</i> 2. Elaine A. Bersaba Vong – Dentist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, application falls within PBIS deadlines and has PBIS application. - Noted, Board makes a motion to approve as she has a completed application and she is cleared to take the exam in August. - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd: Dr. Supit</i> 3. Steven M. Debulgado – Dentist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, missing background information and police clearances, etc. - Noted, motion to request police clearances from their current jurisdiction. - <i>Motion: Dr. Yang, 2nd: Dr. Ha</i> 	GBED	3:50	Conditional Approval
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4.	Joyce Ann R. Alfonso – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd. A. Yoo</i>	GBED	4:05	Approved
5.	Steven R. Alizon – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd. A. Yoo</i>	GBED	4:05	Approved
6.	Krisha Mae G. Asuncion – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd. A. Yoo</i>	GBED	4:05	Approved
7.	Christine D. Cruz – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd. A. Yoo</i>	GBED	4:05	Approved
8.	Karla J. De Torres – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd. A. Yoo</i>	GBED	4:05	Approved
9.	Jan Vincent O. Donato – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd. A. Yoo</i>	GBED	4:05	Approved
10.	Lorenz Michael O. Estabillo – Dental Assistant - Noted, missing signatures and SSN. - Noted, conditionally approved pending signature and SSN. - <i>Motion: Dr. Ha, 2nd. Dr. Supit</i>	GBED	4:05	Conditional Approval
11.	Carlo R. Peel – Dental Assistant - Noted, missing name of dentist. - Noted, conditionally approved pending the Name of Dentist whom he will work for. - <i>Motion: Dr. Ha, 2nd. Dr. Supit</i>	GBED	4:05	Conditional Approval
12.	Phonephalith Manivang – Dental Assistant - Noted, incorrectly filled out the wrong application (cosmetology). - Noted, conditionally approved pending completing the corrected application. - <i>Motion: Dr. Ha, 2nd. Dr. Supit</i>	GBED	4:05	Conditional Approval
13.	Kristine Rivera – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd. A. Yoo</i>	GBED	4:05	Approved
14.	Kiara Rae S. Sanchez – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ha, 2nd. A. Yoo</i>	GBED	4:05	Approved
F. Renewal Application for Review and Approval:				
1.	Al J. Dayo – Dental Assistant - <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Yang, 2nd. Dr. Ha</i>	GBED	4:00	Approved
2.	Barbara Joy B. Gogue – Dental Assistant - Noted, missing photos. - Noted, conditionally approved pending submission of photos. - <i>Motion: Dr. Yang, 2nd. Dr. Ha</i>	GBED	4:00	Conditional Approval
3.	Rhea E. Milazzo – Dental Assistant - Noted, missing photos.	GBED	4:00	Conditional Approval

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, conditionally approved pending submission of photos. - <i>Motion: Dr. Yang, 2nd; Dr. Ha</i> 	GBED	4:00	Conditional Approval
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Tina M. Salas – Dental Assistant - Noted, Application was marked as Dental Auxiliary in error, but applied for Dental Assistant according to Nicole at HPLO. - Noted, conditionally approved pending correction on the application. - <i>Motion: Dr. Yang, 2nd; Dr. Ha</i> 			
X.	OTHER BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Clinical Exam – August 17 & 18, 2021 - Noted, Dr. Martini will be working at FHP which is a conflict. <i>Dr. Webb</i> needs to be asked. Dates are good to move forward and hold clinical exams. 	GBED	4:05	Noted
XI.	ANNOUNCEMENT Next Board Meeting scheduled for May 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM held at the HPLO office.	GBED	4:10	Noted
XII.	ADJOURNMENT <i>Motion: Dr. Yang, 2nd; Dr. Ha</i>	GBED	4:14	Adjourned

Reviewed by:  Secretary Date 5/19/21

Approved by:  Chairperson / Date 5/19/2021

Minutes By: Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.