

Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.
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- Members Present:**
- Marlene San Nicolas, Chairperson;
 - Kristina Woenser, Vice Chairperson;
 - Julian Archer, Treasurer;
 - Jay McDonald, Member;
 - John J. Kim, Member;
- Others Present:**
- Assistant Attorney General Robert Weinberg (OAG);
 - Zenia Pecina, HPLO Administrator;
 - Nicole Romero, HPLO Board Secretary;
 - Eddy Reyes (FTFC);
 - Chantay Benitez (FTFC)

TOPIC	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIME FRAME	ACTION TAKEN
I. Call To Order	Called to order at 8:32 a.m. A. Roll Call B. Confirmation of Public Notice AG & DOA's website for virtual board meeting.	Chairperson	8:32	Called to Order
II. Adoption of Agenda	Adoption of Agenda. - J. McDonald recommended to consolidate A-C in Old Business to one line for Reviewing and Revising TPA, Rules and Regs, and Medical Practice Act	HPLO	8:30	Adopted
III. Review & Approval of Minutes	Review and approval of minutes. December 29, 2020. - <i>Motion: J. McDonald 2nd: K. Woenser</i>	HPLO	8:32	Approved
IV. Treasurer Report	Treasurer Report – Dr. Julian Archer - Noted, nothing to report due to late notification. HPLO Administrator will ensure early notices are provided in the future. - Noted, HPLO Administrator will update Dr. Archer on the most recent meeting information. There will be a meeting every Friday at 9:30am for the next 3 weeks until Treasurer's get a handle of the processes to work on the budgets.	Treasurer	8:32	Noted

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V. HPLO Administrator's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, HPLO Administrator reports upcoming Ethics Training, but notes that everyone in the GBEO has attended Asst AG Weinberg's orientation. - Noted, Public Hearing on Bill 43-36 will be held on 2/23/21, 5:30pm and GBEO members are invited. Noted HPLO Administrator will provide a report on details at the next meeting. 	HPLO	8:36	Noted
VI. Chairperson's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. John J. Kim, O.D. – New Board Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Dr. Kim could not attend this meeting; however, he is expected attend next month. - Noted, M. San Nicolas and J. McDonald's terms will be up by the end of the year and K. Woessner will be resigning so March 2021 will be her last meeting. Noted a search for new members will be on-going. 	Chairperson	8:37	Noted
VII. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Practice Act Revision (TPA) – On-going discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Asst AG Weinberg is currently reviewing the revision and will address the GBEO at the next meeting. 	Board	8:40	On-going
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Rules and Regs Proposed Revisions Version 2.0 – On-going discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Asst AG Weinberg is currently reviewing revisions. - Noted, M. San Nicolas would like to add continuing education (CE) requirements that are acceptable to the GBEO to the Rules and Regulations. Currently, applicants can take live courses, videos, synopsis, magazines, virtual courses, and take tests online to get credits or certificates. Noted the aforementioned list will be review by Asst AG Weinberg. 		8:51	On-going
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Medical Practice Act Revisions Version 2.0 – On-going discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Asst AG Weinberg is currently reviewing the revisions. 		8:52	On-going
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. James Anglim, O.D. – FHP Clinic (<i>Examination Date, Original Application and Reference letter Received.</i>) 		8:53	Noted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Conchita Moralas "AKA" Conchita Yturralde – Vision Express Clinic (<i>Submitted Marriage certificate, would like to use Morales-Yurralde on the Board of Certification.</i>) 		8:53	Noted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> F. Shops dispensing colored contacts without prescription – On-going discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, J. McDonald sent links to Asst AG Weinberg and asked ALA for suggested wording that is used in other jurisdictions for GBEO consideration. 		8:53	Noted
VIII Other Business	<p>Additional Topic of Discussion: Foreign Applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed and agreed that since the applicant is still foreign national, there is no way for the GBEO to verify her educational background is equivalent to a US-accredited optometry school. Therefore, the GBEO denied the request to make an exception on the circumstances surrounding this request. Noted that the Chair will discuss this situation with the GBEO at a later date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, the current draft of 9106b on p.29 of revision documents currently contradicts what is stated in the law. 	Board	8:55	Noted

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IX.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, GBEO concluded that if the applicant obtained a license in another state, the GBEO would still require more information; however, noted that if the applicant obtain their education from an accredited institution, then the applicant would fulfill Guam's requirements - Noted, the Chair will respond by stating GBEO is still discussing the issue; therefore, the GBEO will not sponsor foreign graduates for the National Board of exams at this time. <p>Next Meeting: Agreed to hold the next meeting as scheduled on March 30, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.</p>	Board	9:18	Noted
Adjournment	Adjourned at 9:21 a.m. <i>Motion: K. Woessner 2nd: J. McDonald</i>	Board	9:21	Adjourned

Reviewed by:  Secretary / Date 04/27/21 Approved by:  Chairperson / Date 4/27/21

Minutes by: Charlay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.