

# Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

## REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES of

Friday, March 18, 2022 at 12PM

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Meeting ID: 988 9780 4867; Passcode: 057150

Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	March 18, 2022	Chair	12:02	Call to Order	
II	A. March 11, 2022 B. March 16, 2022	Chair	12:02	Confirmed	
III	<p>GBAHE</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda, Marriage &amp; Family Therapist, Secretary</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Treasurer</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ryan Claros, Physical Therapy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic Medicine</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Paul Pomes, Veterinary Medicine</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alesia Ogo Occupational Therapy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Tajalle Physician Assistant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gregory Cruz</p> <p><i>Motion to adopt: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Pomes</i></p> <p><i>Motion to approve February 18, 2022 Minutes: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i></p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Other Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breanna Sablan, Acting HPLO Administrator</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Carman, HPLO</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deborah Borja, HPLO</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachelle Cummins, Speaker's Office</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eddy Reyes, FTFC</li> </ul>	Chair	12:02	Quorum Established
IV	Adoption of Agenda	GBAHE	12:04	Adopted	
V	Approval of Minutes	GBAHE	12:04	Approved	
VI	Treasurer's Report	Treasurer C. San Nicolas	12:07	Noted	

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VII Administrator's Report	<p>the HPLO Boards will be required to fund the positions being sought. i.e., attorneys, investigators, etc. S. Crisostomo stated that additional revenue is anticipated for the month of March, and that C. San Nicolas stated that what was presented was only a snapshot of what has been received to date.</p> <p>3. S. Crisostomo expressed concerns that HPLO revenues being used to help fund DPHSS mandates, but unfunded, requirements. D. Borja, HPLO, stated that she would obtain specifics examples of and provide information to the GBAHE regarding the unfunded DPHSS mandates. The Chair stated when the GBAHE Rules and Regulations are submitted and ratified by the 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature, this would indicate justification for HPLO's budget to meet some of its mandates. But HPLO's budget serves all Licensure Boards, not the Allied Health Board alone. She reminded the Board that this Board's collection of fees only made up of 13% of HPLO's total budget. She added that some language is necessary to indicate that HPLO's revenues collected "are not subject to the Governor's transfer authority" would be helpful. S. Crisostomo reminded the Board that a sizable amount of this Board's budget was taken by a previous Governor to fund the shortfall of the Department of Corrections.</p> <p>A. Acting Administrator reported that the HPLO has implemented policies pertaining to the handling of Complaints and Disciplinary Processes, which will be provided to Board Members via email.</p> <p>B. She also reported that Tom Taitague, Administrative Services Officer has retired and Ms. Arlene Pierce has taken over the Financial Management of DPHSS.</p>	B. Sablan, Acting HPLO Administrator	12:17	Noted
VIII Legal Counsel's Report	No report (not present)	Asst AG Weinberg	12:17	None.
IX GBAHE Complaints	<p>A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 9/4/15.</p> <p>B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 11/30/15</p> <p>C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 6/6/17</p> <p>D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 8/22/19</p> <p>E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 11/7/19</p> <p>F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 11/7/19</p> <p>G. GBAHE-CO-20-08, Respiratory Therapist, S. Melville: Received 9/20/20</p> <p>H. GBAHE-CO-20-09, Respiratory Therapist, Pending Investigator: Received 9/20/20</p> <p>I. GBAHE-CO-20-10, Respiratory Therapist, Pending Investigator: Received 9/20/20</p> <p>J. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 5/4/20</p> <p>K. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 3/13/20</p> <p>L. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 3/13/20</p> <p>M. GBAHE-CO-20-04, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 3/13/20</p> <p>N. GBAHE-CO-20-03, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 3/13/20</p> <p>O. GBAHE-CO-20-02, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 1/31/20</p> <p>P. GBAHE-CO-20-01, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received 1/31/20</p> <p>Q. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, G. Miller: Received 4/13/21.</p> <p>R. GBAHE-CO-21-02, Chiropractor, G. Miller: Received 6/4/21.</p> <p>S. GBAHE-CO-21-03, Acupuncturist (represented by Atty. V. Williams) M. Balajadia: Received 7/6/21</p>	GBAHE	12:18	Tabled (all complaints are at various stages of procurement, investigation or review)

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	<p>T. GBAHE-CO-21-04, Audiologist, S. Crisostomo/D. Triolo: Received 9/7/21</p> <p>U. GBAHE-CO-21-05, Acupuncturist (represented by Atty. V. Williams) M. Balajadia: Received 9/17/21</p> <p>V. GBAHE-CO-21-06, LPC, N. Cepeda: Received 10/12/21</p> <p>W. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received: 11/22/21</p> <p>X. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Pending Investigator: Received: 11/22/21</p> <p>Y. GBAHE-CO-22-02, Acupuncturist, M. Balajadia: Received 2/11/22. Reviewing documents.</p> <p>Z. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MFT, M. Balajadia: Received 2/21/22. Under investigation.</p> <p>AA. GBAHE-CO-22-04, Physician Assistant, R. Tajalle: Received 2/22/22.</p>			
X	<p>Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>The Chair reported that Dr. Miller, Dr. Chung, Legal Counsel and she met last week to address the acupuncture and chiropractor practices language.</p>	GBAHE	12:24	Noted
XI	<p>General Discussions - Handling Complaints Concerning Unauthorized Practice of Allied Health Professions.</p> <p>Dr. Miller provided some examples of companies such as, Le Balance and Boka Box as well individuals in the community that might be seen as "practicing without a license." He suggested that GBAHE members be guided with standardized procedures when approaching businesses or individuals that may be providing services without a valid license. He suggested that a protocol or guidelines be developed to help GBAHE board members interview or investigate complaints without jeopardizing due processes. He stated that he would review and determine if the HPLO policies on Complaint Handling and Discipline Process would be adequate.</p> <p>C. San Nicolas recommended that the GBAHE approach the issue with an aim to be helpful to the public and to avoid any liability.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that Dr. Miller's concerns be addressed and discussed in the Work Group, as she supports a public education campaign to help address these concerns. Dr. Miller stated that the DPHSS PIO could help address these suggestions through the media. She said that a Board member(s), when confronting a business establishment or individual suspected of providing services without a proper valid licensure issued by this Board, that another individual should be present as a possible witness, instead of approaching or arbitrary confronting them alone. She was advising against this.</p>	GBAHE	12:25	To be addressed by the Work Group
	<p>B. Letter from Attorney Mitch Thompson representing Ethan Snider, PA-C, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Clinic was presented to the Board by the Chair for their information as suggested by the Legal Counsel.</p>	Chair	12:36	Noted
	<p>C. Initial/New Applications:</p>	GBAHE	12:37	Approved
	<p>1. Barlow, Jamie L. for <i>Occupational Therapist</i> (R. Claros). Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Pomes</p>			Approved
	<p>2. Ornelas, Elizabeth A. for <i>Speech Language Pathologist</i> (S. Crisostomo) Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Pomes</p>			Approved
XII	<p>Announcements</p> <p>Next Meeting - Friday, April 1, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.</p>		12:39	
XIII	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Motion to adjourn by G. Miller; seconded by S. Crisostomo</p>		12:38	

Reviewed by:

Secretary / Date

Approved by:

Chairperson / Date

*M. Malapada May 4, 2022*

Minutes Drafted By: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.