

## GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Wednesday, November 08, 2023 at 4:00 PM (Reconvene November 15, 2023)

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### MINUTES

Topic	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I.	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: Dr. Berg	Chair	1609	Called to Order
	<p><b>A. Roll Call: GBME</b>  <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room</i>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D., Chairperson</p> <p><i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Flores, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer &amp; Public Member  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis G. Cruz, M.D.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joleen Aguon, M.D.</p> <p><i>Absent:</i> Annette David, M.D., Member                      Note: Dr. Wieelard present as nominee to the GBME; not yet confirmed.</p> <p><b>B. Confirmation of Public Notice</b></p>	<p>OTHERS PRESENT:  <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room:</i>                      Zennia Pecina, HPLO                      Breanna Sablan, HPLO                      Baltazar (Tre) Hattori III, HPLO</p> <p><i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i>                      Sujan Thyagaraj, Public</p>	Chair	1609	Quorum Established
II.	Adoption of Agenda	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Dr. Berg</i>	Chair	1610	Confirmed
III.	Review and Approval of Minutes	<b>Draft Minutes dated October 11, 2023</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg. 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Flores</i>	GBME	1611	Adopted
IV.	Treasurer's Report	P. Flores, no report. Will meet with B. Sablan of the HPLO.	GBME	1611	Unanimously Approved
V.	HPLO Administrator's Report	Z. Pecina noted that online payment will not be accepted on the Board website.	Mr. Flores	1612	No Report
VI.	Chairperson's Report	Dr. Berg reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings with the FSMB are still on-going. Progress is being made, however, on-going discussion to continue during a meeting scheduled for some time in December 2023. Will be joining via Zoom.</li> </ul>	Z. Pecina	1613	Reported
			Dr. Berg	1616	Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting on the appointment of Dr. Wieelard and Dr. Alford to the GBME.</li> </ul>			
VII.	Old Business	<b>A. Complaint(s):</b>	GBME	1617	
		<b>1. GBME-CO-20-005 – Received: 09/18/2020.</b> N. Berg reported that this complaint has now been forwarded to Attorney K. Finney of the Attorney General Office.	Dr. Cruz		In Progress
		<b>2. GBME-CO-2022-002 – Received: 01/06/2022.</b> The Chair reported that the complaint is still under review by GMHA and undergoing final adjudication. NOTE: The physician is currently not practicing in Guam.	Dr. Berg		In Progress
		<b>3. GBME-CO-2022-003 – Received: 01/24/2022.</b> Physician has completed a GBME approved in patient facility for treatment by way of Tennessee. Physician has successfully completed the program. N. Berg, will meet with the physicians monitoring team to provide instructions on monitoring guidelines.	Dr. Berg		In Progress
		<b>4. GBME-CO-2022-010 – Received: 06/21/2022.</b> The Chair reported that this case will be reassigned to the new medical director of GMHA. J. Aguon noted that the acting CMO is Dr. Duenas, with Dr. Lizama to follow. Z. Pecina will speak to L. Posadas of GMHA to seek clarification regarding the GMHA Board member position.	Dr. Aguon		In Progress to be reassigned
		<b>5. GBME-CO-2023-002 – Received: 03/28/2023</b> No update, N. Berg and P. Flores to discuss the case at a later date.	P. Flores		In Progress
		<b>6. GBME-CO-2023-004 – Received: 07/31/2023</b> Response from the licensee has been provided to the Chair. Pending further investigation with the physician and patient.	N. Berg		In Progress
		<b>7. GBME-CO-2023-005 – Received: 08/31/2023.</b> Response received. Case assigned to P. Flores.	P. Flores		In Progress
		<b>B. Accusation: GBME-001-2023</b> Dr. David not present. Update will be provided at the next meeting.	A. David	1633	In Progress
		<b>C. Request for Hearing: GBME-DPA-2022-01.</b> The Chair noted that the three other medical boards have yet to reinstate Dr. Thyagaraj’s full medical license. The Chair stated, those need to be address in order to avoid retrying cases that were initially tried in the original state. The Chair opened the floor to Dr. Thyagaraj to present his case. Initial action was taken in New Mexico, as a result, Texas and California revoked the licenses. The incident occurred seven years ago. Dr. Thyagaraj tried to regain his license in those three states, however, it did not work out. Dr. Thyagaraj has applied to other states, to include Guam. The Chair reiterated that the real issue is in New Mexico and until Dr. Thyagaraj gets his full medical license reinstated, the GBME will not be approving him for full medical licensure. <i>Motion to deny: P. Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Berg</i>	GBME	1634	Denied
		<b>A. Application(s) for Full Licensure:</b>			

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		<p>1. <b>Gabriel C. Miranda Jr.</b> Dr. Berg noted a clean NPDB record. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Cruz</i></p>		1645	Unanimously Approved
		<p>2. <b>Edward Albert Balbas</b> Dr. Berg tabled for further review.</p>			Tabled
		<p>3. <b>Hyrin L. Judd</b> Dr. Berg reported that the applicant has a clean NPDB record. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Cruz</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
		<p>4. <b>Moshe M. Cohn</b> Dr. Berg reported that the applicant has a clean NPDB and FCVS record. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Cruz</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
		<p>5. <b>John t. Haggerty</b> Dr. Berg reported that the applicant has a clean NPDB record. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Cruz</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
		<p>6. <b>Kelli M. Jarrett</b> Dr. Berg reported that the applicant needs to clarify the internship/residency reported on her application compared to that on the FCVS profile. <i>Motion to conditionally approve pending clarification of internship/residency with the FCVS: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Cruz</i></p>			Conditionally Approved
		<p>7. <b>Marye E. McCroskey</b> Dr. Berg reported that the applicant has a clean NPDB record. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Cruz</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
		<p>8. <b>Kirstin Maree A. Raguindin</b> Dr. Berg reported that the applicant was issued a temporary license and has a clean NPDB record. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Cruz</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
		<p><b>B. Full Licensure Renewals 2023 – (see attached listing).</b> The Chair stated that the GBME had decided to conduct a random audit review of 10% of the renewal applications. <i>Motion to approve the attached list of renewal applications: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i></p>		1656	Unanimously Approved
IX.	Announcement	Next regularly scheduled board meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 4:00 pm.	GBME	1658	Next Meeting
X.	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Flores</i>	GBME	1659	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: HPLO Staff

Date Submitted: 1/22/2024

Submitted by the GBME Secretary:

Date:

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Approved by the GBME with or without changes:

Date: 1/24/2024

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Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

Date: 1/24/2024

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