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December 1, 2021

Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero  
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PO Box 2950  
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Honorable Therese Terlaje  
Speaker, 36th Guam Legislature  
163 Chalan Santa Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**Re: Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry Virtual Board Meeting for November 2021**

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Terlaje:

As required by 5 GCA § 8113.1, attached please find electronic copies of the agenda, approved minutes, and other attachments to the following boards:

Should you have any questions, please call us at (671) 735-7404-11 or email to:  
[nicole.romero@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:nicole.romero@dphss.guam.gov)

Respectfully,

  
Nicole R. Romero  
Word Processing Secretary I

Cc: Michael Weakly, Governor's Legal Office

Attachments: Agenda, Minutes and Announcements

# GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

## Virtual Board Meeting Attendance Sheet

194 Hernan Cortez Ave, Hagatna, GU 96910

Health Professional Licensing Office Conference Room 209

Date of Meeting: November 30, 2021

Regular Virtual Meeting
  Special Meeting

Meeting Call to Order: 8:34AM Time of Adjournment: 8:49AM

Quorum
  No Quorum

BOARD MEMBERS	POSITION	SIGNATURE
San Nicolas, Marlene, O.D.	Chairperson	Present
McDonald, Jay, O.D.	Vice Chairperson	Absent
Archer, Julian, O.D.	Treasure	Present
Kim, John, O.D.	Member	Present

### OTHERS PRESENT

PRINT NAME	AGENCY	SIGNATURE
Robert Weinberg	Legal Counsel	
Zennia C. Pecina	HPLO/EMS	
Nicole Romero	HPLO/EMS	Present
Deborah Borja	HPLO/EMS	Present



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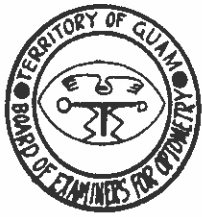
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 30, 2021 08:30 AM Guam (ChST)**

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**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_**
- II. ROLL CALL: Virtual roll call**
- III. PROOF OF PUBLICATION: AD Posted on Guam Daily Post**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 29, 2021**
- VI. TRESURER'S REPORT:**
- VII. HPLO ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - (a) The Practice Act Revision (TPA) – On-going Discussion
  - (b) Rules and Regs Proposed Revision 2.0 – On-going Discussion
  - (c) Shops dispensing colored contacts without prescription – On-going Discussion
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - (a) Renewal Applications  
Please see attach
- X. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- XI. ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
**Next Board Meeting TBA**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_**



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5. Dr. LaVerda M. Richards, O.D.
6. Dr. Jeannette F. Storey, O.D.
7. Dr. Lorraine S. Sunga, O.D.
8. Dr. John J. Kim, O.D.
9. Dr. Jay McDonald, O.D.
10. Dr. James Anglim, O.D.
11. Dr. Kristina L. Woesner, O.D.
12. Dr. Dante C. Garcia, O.D.
13. Dr. Cuong Huynh, O.D.
14. Dr. Wesley W. Charlton, O.D.
15. Dr. Christopher M. Medina, O.D.
16. Dr. Julian C. Archer, O.D.
17. Dr. Conchita D. Morales, O.D.

**Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry  
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING**

*Tuesday, June 29, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.*

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/382592117>

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**Members Present:**

- Marlene San Nicolas, Chairperson;
- Julian Archer, Treasurer;
- Jay McDonald, Member;
- John J. Kim, Member;

**Others Present:**

- Assistant Attorney General Robert Weinberg (OAG);
- Zennia Pecina, HPLO Administrator;
- Nicole Romero, HPLO;
- Breanna Sablan, HPLO;
- 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.	Chairperson	8:32	Called to Order
II.	Roll Call	Virtual Roll Call.	HPLO	8:33	Noted
III.	Proof of Publication	AD Posted on Pacific Daily News.	HPLO	8:34	Noted
IV.	Approval of Agenda	Approval of Agenda.	HPLO	8:34	Adopted
V.	Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes. May 25, 2021. - <i>Motion: J. McDonald 2nd: J. Kim</i>	HPLO	8:34	Approved
VI.	Treasurer Report	Treasurer Report – Dr. Julian Archer - No report at this time.	Treasurer	8:35	No Report
VII.	HPLO Administrator's Report	- No report at this time.	HPLO	8:35	No Report
	Old Business	A. The Practice Act Revision (TPA) – On-going Discussion		8:35	On-going

VIII.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asst AG Weinberg sent revisions in legal format to the Board for review, with mandate and Rules and Regulations attached. Chairperson found a couple errors and will wait to discuss with him. Board has to provide a fee schedule for infractions.</li> <li>- Some other State Boards announce upcoming rule changes. A concern is for other Optometrists to be aware of the rule changes, so it's not a surprise. Board understands there cannot be advancement until laws are passed, but there will be a grace period for other optometrists to get the new rules.</li> <li>- Asst AG Weinberg summarized the following process: when the Board is ready with the final draft, they are required to hold a public hearing for comments, which is considered and voted upon; the Board could decide to meet with stakeholders beforehand; afterwards, the rules will undergo a legal review by the OAG, which will be assigned to Asst AG Weinberg making sure it conforms with the law. In addition, there are other requirements, e.g. Economic Impact Statement or other required documents. Following AG approval, it will go to the Governor for signature, as to matters of policy. After the Governor approval, it will be provided to the Legislature and Senator Therese Terlaje will schedule another hearing within 75 days of filing, at which time the public provides comment to object or support, prior to the Legislative vote. If ratified, then the new Rules and Regulations become effective; otherwise, then Asst AG Weinberg will have to apply to the Secretary for Certification that they had a hearing and then they are effective by operation of law.</li> <li>- For the infractions, the Board is supposed to come up with penalties. Asst AG Weinberg has a disciplinary matrix that could be used as a framework for progressive discipline of employees.</li> <li>- Asst AG Weinberg suggested more work sessions to finalize and ensure the Board is on the same page regarding the Rules and Regulations. Work Sessions will be coordinated with the Board and Asst AG Weinberg,</li> </ul>	GBEO		
		<p>B. Rules and Regs Proposed Revision 2.0 – On-going Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reference above discussion.</li> </ul>		8:51	On-going
		<p>C. Shops dispensing colored contacts without prescription – On-going Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asst AG Weinberg suggested drafting proposed penalties for violations regarding colored contacts and giving them to the Legislature.</li> </ul>		8:58	On-going
IX.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No new business at this time.</li> </ul>	GBEO	9:04	None
X.	Other Business	<p>Commission on the Healing Arts of Guam meeting Thursday, July 01, 2021 at 12pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Chairperson indicated a schedule conflict to attend and one of the other Board members indicated that they will attend in her stead.</li> </ul>	Board	9:04	Noted
XI.	Announcement	<p>Next Board Meeting: <b>Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.</b></p>	Board	9:16	Noted
XII.	Adjournment	<p>Adjourned at 9:16 a.m.  <i>Motion: J. McDonald 2nd: J. Kim</i></p>	Board	9:17	Adjourned

Reviewed by:  11/30/21  
Secretary / Date

Approved by:  11/30/21  
Chairperson / Date

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

GUAM DAILY POST • MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

# Inflation completes double whammy for Europe's COVID-hit workers

By Catherine Bosley  
Bloomberg

Inflation is dealing a fresh blow to the low-income workers whose finances fared worst when COVID-19 swept across Europe.

Many toward the bottom of the pay scale burned through savings as lockdown-induced furlough programs only partially covered their wages. Now, soaring energy and food costs are swallowing a disproportionate chunk of earnings to complete a double whammy.

Their plight stands in contrast to wealthier white-collar employees who squirreled away cash after swapping the office for home, aren't so sensitive to swings in power prices and benefited as property and stock markets surged during the economic recovery.

The widening gap between the two groups -- a major legacy of the coronavirus crisis -- is a growing headache

for euro-area policymakers.

Germany's next government has committed to tackling unequal income distribution, while France has earmarked hundreds of millions of euros to help poor households cope with high electricity bills. Inequality considerations could be incorporated into decision-making at the European Central Bank, according to Executive Board member Isabel Schnabel.

The current squeeze on low-income households "is a very serious issue," said Holger Schmieding, chief economist at Berenberg. While taming inflation is typically up to central banks, he said "this isn't a matter for the ECB to do anything about at the moment -- it's a matter for governments to offer relief."

Calls for action are only likely to grow louder. Even before the pandemic erupted, inequality was perceived to be too large, according to a report published Thursday by the Organi-

zation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

"Most people in most countries are strenuously calling for greater equality of economic outcome and opportunity," the Paris-based group said.

The OECD found people generally favor re-distributive fiscal policies -- meaning governments may face enduring pressure to act, even after inflation dies down.

Right now, it's the path for prices -- currently rising at the fastest pace since 2008 in the euro region -- that's under the spotlight.

The continent's less well off tend to be more worried about inflation than higher-earners, according to European Commission survey data, with poorer households spending more of their incomes on the essentials where costs are currently surging.

In Italy, for instance, the price of tomatoes jumped 12% from a year

ago in October, while increases for other food staples like pasta and olive oil are also outpacing headline inflation.

While conceding that the process is taking longer than anticipated, ECB President Christine Lagarde says price pressures will abate in 2022. But upside risks remain: supply chains, for one, could continue to see disruptions as ocean-freight rates stay elevated.

The debate is already widening.

Like other central banks, the ECB has been accused of contributing to rising inequality through quantitative easing. The ECB's Schnabel said this month that "there is a risk that monetary policy may disproportionately benefit those in the higher ranks of the wealth distribution."

ECB officials are set to review their asset-purchase programs in December.

Erik Nielsen, chief economist at UniCredit, said that while European income-distribution measures haven't deteriorated as much as those in the U.S. and the U.K. in the last 10 or 20 years, the issue of inequality isn't going anywhere.

"It's more about a political feeling of fairness in life than anything else," he said.

## Across Europe, protests swell against pandemic restrictions

By Perry Stein  
The Washington Post

BRUSSELS - Protests against coronavirus restrictions erupted across Europe -- including clashes in Rotterdam and massive rallies in Vienna -

as authorities announced more-stringent measures in an attempt to control rising cases ahead of the winter holidays.

At least seven people were injured and more than 50 arrested after protests in Rotterdam turned violent late Friday, with protesters throwing stones and police firing shots, according to Dutch police. Demonstrators decried a proposed law that would ban unvaccinated people from enter-


ing businesses even if they provide a negative test. They also protested a partial lockdown that went into effect last week and will last until at least Dec. 4, forcing restaurants and other establishments to close at 8 p.m.

In Vienna, tens of thousands of people took the streets Saturday after the country's decision to mandate vaccines for everyone starting in February and impose new lockdowns beginning Monday.

In Italy, weekly protests against the coronavirus showed no signs of easing, with demonstrations in Rome including at the ancient Circus Maximus grounds. On social media, users posted videos from protests in other countries including France and Switzerland.

Ferd Grapperhaus, the Netherlands' minister of security and justice, called for a "vigorous debate" over

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**INVITATION FOR BID  
NO. IFB 22-03**

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**/s/ KRISTINA L. BAIRD**  
Administrator of the Courts

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# 'Darkest days' return to Solomon Islands

By Michael E. Miller  
The Washington Post

The capital of the Solomon Islands is in lockdown after protesters demanding the prime minister's resignation set fire to Parliament and several other buildings on Wednesday.

In a national address late Wednesday, Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare called the riots a "sad and unfortunate event aimed at bringing a democratically elected government down" and announced a 36-hour lockdown to allow authorities to investigate.

"Hundreds of citizens took the law into their own hands today," he said, claiming they had been "led astray by a few unscrupulous people" whom he did not name but said would soon "face the full brunt of the law."

Many of the protesters came to the capital, Honiara, on the island of Guadalcanal, from Malaita, the most populous island in the archipelagic nation in the South Pacific, about 1,000 miles from the northeast coast of Australia.

Tensions have simmered between the two islands since the national government switched diplomatic allegiance from Taiwan to China in 2019, a move opposed by Malaita's premier, Daniel Suidani, who claimed he had been offered a bribe to support the switch. Sogavare denied the accusation.

Suidani pledged Malaita would never engage with Beijing and terminated

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- Manasseh Sogavare,  
Solomon Islands prime minister

licenses of businesses owned by ethnic Chinese, drawing a rebuke from the national government. Tensions grew in May when Suidani sought medical treatment in Taiwan, a trip the government said was "unauthorized."

On Tuesday, members of Parliament from Malaita put out a statement expressing fear over planned protests in Honiara and calling on Suidani to "recall our people, our brothers and sons from carrying out such a potentially dangerous and violent actions."

Suidani said the protests, which he did not attend, were the result of the government ignoring the people's concerns over a range of issues, including the diplomatic switch and infrastructure projects.

"Whatever the government wants the people to know, they must stand

and tell them," he told the Guardian on Wednesday amid the rioting. "They cannot run away from problems. It will not solve anything."

Hundreds of protesters began to gather in front of the national Parliament building on Wednesday morning, shouting for Sogavare to step down, according to videos posted online by local journalists.

By midday, smoke could be seen coming from a grass hut next to Parliament where lawmakers sometimes gather. Soon, the hut was engulfed in flames.

Sogavare said in his address that protesters had "breached" the Parliament building and burned the hut, as well as a police station and a building in Chinatown.

Charley Piringi, a local journalist, said the building was a Chinese-owned shop, and photos of the fire showed a sign with Chinese lettering licked by flames. Videos of the police station showed cleaners picking through its charred ruins.

Georgina Kekea, another journalist, tweeted that her former school had also burned.

## Port access closed

Salote Mataitini, a Fijian pilot, said she was flying from Kiribati to the Solomon Islands when she and her co-pilot landed in the midst of the unrest on Wednesday afternoon. The route to their quarantine hotel was blocked because of the disorder, with police in riot gear using shipping containers

to close access to the port. When the pilots arrived at another hotel, they found police officers clashing with protesters.

"I got a shock when I first heard the rubber bullets and tear gas because I thought I heard shootings," she told The Washington Post in a social media message. "As we entered the room ... we were told to stay away from the windows."


The violence continued into the evening, according to Mataitini and Piringi, who saw fires burning in the streets as he tried to shop for food before the lockdown began Wednesday night.

The Solomon Islands, best known for intense World War II battles between U.S. and Japanese forces, lie in a politically volatile region where Beijing has been expanding its influence, including through its Belt and Road program.

Sogavare, who is serving his fourth stint as prime minister, first came to power in the aftermath of a 2000 coup fueled by tensions between ethnic groups in the islands. The conflict, which began in 1998, claimed around 200 lives and lasted until 2003, when an Australian-led force restored law and order.


The prime minister alluded to the history of violence in his address.

"I had honestly thought that we had gone past the darkest days in the history of our country," he said. "However, today's events are a painful reminder that we have a long way to go."



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