

## GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Wednesday, October 09, 2024 at 4:00 PM (RECONVENED October 23, 2024 at 4:00 PM)

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### MINUTES

Topic	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	Responsible Party		Status	
I.	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: Dr. Berg	Chair	1617	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"/> Luis G. Cruz, M.D.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander D Wielaard, M.D.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verrad Kwasi Nyame, Medical Director of GMH</p>	<p><b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>  <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room:</i>                      Baltazar (Tre) Hattori III, HPLO  <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i>                      Breanna Sablan, HPLO                      Peter John Camacho, DPHSS, Deputy Director                      Amber Ocean, OAG                      Jolene Toves, Guam Daily Post</p>	Chair	1618	Quorum Established
	<b>B. Confirmation of Public Notice</b>		Chair	1619	Confirmed
II.	Adoption of Agenda	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Dr. Berg.</i>	GBME	1620	Adopted
III.	Review and Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes dated September 11, 2024. <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg</i>	GBME	1620	Unanimously Approved
IV.	Treasurer's Report	Dr. Berg presented the Treasurer's Report, explaining that the board currently lacks a Treasurer. Dr. Berg reported, since the last meeting, there was a legislative hearing on his reappointment and the appointment of Dr. Joleen Aguon. The Board is also waiting the appointment of a public member.	GBME	1621	No Report
V.	HPLO Administrator's Report	B. Sablan, notes that there is no report at this time as the Chair had already covered the ethics in government training for new members.	HPLO	1627	No Report
VI.	Chairperson's Report	Dr. Berg provided the Chairman's Report, introducing Dr. Nyame to the Board members. He noted that Dr. Nyame will need to complete the ethics in government training; however, T. Hattori confirmed that Dr. Nyame has already fulfilled this requirement through his employment at GMH.	Dr. Berg	1622	Noted

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	<p>Dr. Berg also announced that the FSMB Annual Meeting will take place in Seattle in April next year, followed by a meeting with IAMRA in September in Dublin, Ireland. He highlighted that Guam has joined IAMRA as a new member and location.</p> <p>Additionally, Dr. Berg reflected on the various FSMB meetings he has attended throughout his tenure on the GBME, emphasizing the significance of participating in these meetings to address the rules and regulations impacting the practice of medicine nationwide. He mentioned his involvement in work groups, including the formation of a coalition with non-continental jurisdictions such as Hawaii, Alaska, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam. This collaboration has strengthened their collective voice at FSMB meetings, and he noted that Saipan has also participated in these work groups.</p>			
VII.	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <p><b>A. Complaint(s):</b></p> <p><b>1. GBME-CO-20-005 – Received: 09/18/2020.</b> Dr. Berg reported that the Board is currently awaiting the assignment of a new attorney, as multiple complaints require legal opinion. B. Sablan mentioned that Amber Ocean may be the newly assigned legal counsel, as indicated in the meeting chat. A. Ocean confirmed that G. Botha left the Office of the Attorney General approximately one week ago. Dr. Berg requested that all relevant documents be formally submitted to A. Ocean for her review and legal opinion, and expressed hope that she will provide a report by the next meeting.</p> <p><b>2. GBME-CO-2022-010 – Received: 06/21/2022.</b> See notes in VII. Old Business (A) (1).</p> <p><b>3. GBME-CO-2023-004 – Received: 07/31/2023</b> Dr. Berg reported that he met with the complainant and his daughter to discuss their concerns. T. Hattori and an interpreter were present during the meeting. The complainants indicated that they would be willing to withdraw their complaint if the physician in question is made aware of their concerns. Their primary objective was to ensure that their issues were acknowledged and communicated to the physician. Dr. Berg noted that he had already spoken to the physician about the matter and concluded that there was no violation of the Guam Medical Practice Act. <i>Motion to Close: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Wielaard</i></p> <p><b>B. Accusation: GBME-001-2023</b> No update at this time.</p>	<p>GBME</p> <p>Dr. Cruz</p> <p>Dr. David</p> <p>Dr. Berg</p> <p>T. Hattori</p>	<p>1628</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>Unanimously Closed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
VIII	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p><b>A. Application for Full Licensure:</b></p> <p><b>1. Thomas Micah Park</b> Dr. Berg reviewed the application and confirmed that the applicant meets the qualifications for licensure. However, he advised that the application should be tabled pending clarification regarding the fellowship mentioned, as it is not reflected in the applicant's FCVS profile.</p>	<p>GBME</p>	<p>1637</p>	<p>Tabled</p>

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	<b>2. Geoffrey M. Fraiche</b> Dr. Berg reviewed the application and recommended that it be tabled until all Board members have the opportunity to review it, due to noted discrepancies and concerns. T. Hattori will distribute the file to all members for their review and consideration at the next meeting.	GBME		Tabled	
	<b>3. Kevin T. Cohen</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Wielaard</i>	GBME		Unanimously Approved	
	<b>4. Supanee Rassameehiran</b> <i>Conditionally Approved pending proof of eligibility to seek gainful employment in the United States of America.: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Wielaard</i>	GBME		Unanimously Conditionally Approved	
	<b>B. Collaborative Practice Agreement</b>				
	<b>1. Dennise E. Salazar, PA-C</b> Dr. Berg has signed off on this collaborative practice agreement. <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Wielaard</i>	GBME		Unanimously Approved	
	<b>1. Eric N. Lopez, PA-C</b> Dr. Berg has signed off on this collaborative practice agreement. <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Sidell; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Wielaard</i>	GBME		Unanimously Approved	
<b>IX.</b>	<b>Announcement</b>	Next regularly scheduled board meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 4:00 pm.	GBME	1642	Set Meeting Time
<b>X.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Berg</i>	GBME	1644	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: HPLO Staff

Date Submitted: 10/28/2024

Submitted by the GBME Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBME with or without changes:



Date: 11/20/2024

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:



Date: 11/20/2024