

# GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Thursday, January 09, 2025, 11:00 A.M.

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## MINUTES

| Item |                                | Discussion  | Responsible Party | Reporting Timeframe | Status               |
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| I    | Call to Order                  | Meeting Chaired by A. Lape.<br>A. Confirmation of Public Notice posted on the HPLO website, Guam Daily Post and Government Meeting Portal: 01/02/2025 and 01/07/2025.   | Chair             | 1114                | Confirmed            |
| II   | Determination of Quorum        | <b>GBSW:</b><br><i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i><br>Angelina-Marie C. Lape, LMSW, Chair<br>Diana Calvo, Vice Chair<br>Jesse Baletto, Treasurer<br><br><b>Others Present:</b><br><i>Present at HPLO Conference Room:</i><br>Baltazar Hattori III, HPLO<br><i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i><br>Breanna Sablan, HPLO<br>Peter John Camacho, DPHSS, Deputy Director |                   | 1115                | Quorum Confirmed     |
| III  | Adoption of Agenda             |   | GBSW              | 1115                |                      |
| IV   | Review and Approval of Minutes | <b>December 12, 2024.</b><br><i>Motion to Approve: D. Calvo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baletto.</i>  | GBSW              | 1115                | Unanimously Approved |
| V    | HPLO Administrator's Report    | No Report   | HPLO              | 1116                | No Report            |
| VI   | Chairperson's Report           | A. Lape stated that there are no new updates or changes from ASWB currently. A work session scheduled for today has been postponed to next week. The group will reconvene for the rules and regulations work session next Friday, after facing some challenges in maintaining regular meetings during the Christmas break.  | A. Lape           | 1116                | Noted                |
| VII  | Committee Reports              | <b>A. Finance &amp; Budget.</b><br>No report  | J. Baletto        | 1117                | No Report            |
|      |                                | <b>B. Statutes, Rules, and Forms</b><br><b>1. Update on Rules and Regulations.</b><br>In progress, No report currently.   | A. Lape           | 1117                | Noted                |
| VIII | Old Business                   | <b>A. Consideration of Applications for Renewal of Licensure</b><br><b>1. Rachel L.Q. Yatar – LBSWE</b><br>Before proceeding, Rachel Yatar was noted to have worked directly under A. Lape's supervision for the past couple of years. As a result, she will recuse herself from voting on her approval.<br><i>Motion to Approve: J. Baletto; 2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Calvo.</i>             | GBSW              | 1117                | .                    |
|      |                                |   |                   |                     | Unanimously Approved |
| IX   | New Business                   | <b>A. Complaint: GBSW-CO-2024-002</b><br>D. Calvo reported that the complaint will be reviewed this week.   | GBSW              | 1118                | Tabled               |

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|      |               | <b>B. Consideration of Applications for Initial Licensure:</b>  |                   |                     |                      |
|      |               | <b>1. Chelsey Jaylene A. Nesmith – LBSWE</b><br><i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baleto.</i>   |                   |                     | Unanimously Approved |
| X    | Announcements | <p>Next Meeting: The Guam Board of Social Work next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on February 06, 2025, at 11:00AM.</p> <p>D. Calvo inquired about the status of board appointments, noting the absence of two members and mentioning that two current members have exceeded their second term. A. Lape responded, adding that B. Sablan could provide further details but highlighted a prior discussion with Z. Pecina regarding the matter. A. Lape emphasized the importance of submitting the board's rules and regulations before new members join, to allow them sufficient time to review and understand the material fully before voting. She requested an update from B. Sablan on the progress of the appointments.</p> <p>B. Sablan reported that she followed up with the governor's office regarding board appointments, having emailed them in December 2024 and again a week prior. She confirmed awareness of the two vacancies and the current members' term expirations and planned to schedule a meeting to discuss further. A. Lape noted that a potential candidate for the public member position was previously disqualified due to their affiliation with social work, which did not meet the required qualifications. She also mentioned another individual who expressed informal interest in serving but faced a complaint and never submitted a formal application. A. Lape concluded that the board would proceed with recommendations from HPLO and the governor's office while continuing to seek qualified candidates for the social work and public member vacancies.</p> <p>B. Sablan inquired whether A. Lape had made any recommendations for board appointments. A. Lape responded that while one individual was previously suggested, their service on the NASW board at the time posed a potential conflict. She indicated her intention to reach out to the individual again to confirm their current status and, if no longer serving on the NASW board, submit their name for consideration. A. Lape also confirmed with J. Baleto and another member, D. Calvo, that they were willing to be reappointed, to which J. Baleto affirmed.</p> <p>D. Calvo expressed uncertainty about the consistency of the rules or laws regarding board members serving beyond their term limits. She noted that while provisions allow members to continue serving past their term expirations, clarification was needed. A. Lape explained that this arrangement has allowed the board to continue its operations, including reviewing licensure applications. D. Calvo inquired whether someone from the NASW Association is required to be appointed to the board. A. Lape clarified that either she or J. Baleto, both NASW members and social workers, could fulfill that requirement. She further stated that she and D. Calvo are serving beyond their two-year terms as permitted by the law, which allows members to continue in their roles until replacements are appointed. However, she acknowledged that under the current Social Work Practice Act, their terms cannot be formally renewed unless the act is revisited.</p> | GBSW              | 1120                | Set Meeting Date     |
| XI   | Adjournment   | <i>Motion to Adjourn: A. Lape; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baleto.</i>   | GBSW              | 1126                | Adjourned            |

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 1/18/2025

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Submitted by the GBSW Secretary:

Date:

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Approved by the GBSW with or without changes: *Angelina - Marie C. Lape*

Date: 2/13/2025

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Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson: *Angelina - Marie C. Lape*

Date: 2/13/2025

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