

Guam Board of Nurse Examiners

Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 3:00 PM

*Reconvened from October 10, 2024

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MINUTES

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	Call to Order	Chaired by: Greg Woodard	Chair	1503	Called to Order	
II	Proof of Publication	Guam Daily Post Ads and Public Portal; October 3 and October 8, 2024	HPLO	1504	Confirmed	
III	Roll Call	<p>GBNE Members: <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Woodard, APRN-NPC, AOCNP, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anna Varghese, RN, DNP, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlotte Huntsman, GRMC, Public Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Philip John Calalo, DNP, RN, Vice Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brenda Manzana, LPN, Member *Present at 1519 <input type="checkbox"/> Gia Ramos, RN, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margarita Gay, Member</p>	<p>Other Attendees: <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Zennia Pecina, HPLO, Administrator Danilo Bilong, HPLO Breanna Sablan, HPLO Rosemary Carman, HPLO Peter John Camacho, DPHSS, Deputy Director Pilar Perez William, GCC Barbara Mafnas, GCC Dorothy Duenas, GCC Tamara Hiura, GCC</p>	GBNE	1505	Quorum Established
IV	Adoption of the Agenda	<i>Motion to adopt: A. Varghese; 2nd: P.J. Calalo</i>	GBNE	1505	Unanimously Adopted	
V	Approval of Minutes	Minutes dated 10/10/2024; Reconvened 10/17/2024. <i>Motion to approve: A. Varghese; 2nd: M. Gay</i>	GBNE	1507	Unanimously Approved	
VI	Treasurer's Report	No Report	G. Ramos	1507	No Report	
VII	Committee Reports	Rules and Regulations (Proposed). No Report	GBNE	1507	No Report	
VIII	Nursing Education	<p>A. GCC ADN Program Varghese requested to table the GCC program report because she just received the updated package on this day and was not able to review it yet.</p> <p><i>Motion to Table: A. Varghese; 2nd: G. Woodard</i></p>	A. Varghese	1508	Tabled	

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	<p>D. Duenas from GCC wanted to clarify regarding the packet that was received this morning. She submitted the first part of the requested items in September and then the updated curriculum was submitted on 10/7/24, to include the health assessment course, the course sequencing and today was the change from fundamentals to adult medical surgical one.</p> <p>Submitted was only the draft, but once they receive the approval from their Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs, she will send the final fully approved document.</p> <p>Chair Woodard asked if the hours or the classes that are required from the students has changed in any way. Ms. Duenas replied no, and only included the recommended changes to incorporate the health assessment course and mentioned the total program credits from 72 to 76 as discussed during the site visit.</p> <p>EO Pecina asked if there was a time frame to get this approved or if she was okay to wait for the next board meeting. D. Duenas mentioned they already have the conditional approval for the program and asked if they could just review the sequence of the curriculum and provide feedback by next meeting or sooner because they're hoping to start the first cohort for the LPN graduates by this Spring (1/8/25) if approved.</p> <p>So far, GCC has received about 60 inquiries expressing interest in this program.</p> <p>Member Calalo asked if NLN is the latest evidence-based in getting the new cohort and is GCC also looking at other entrance exam for the program. D. Duenas replied that they have been using NLN (NEX), but mentioned they can look at others for comparison if the board has any suggestions. Member A. Varghese responded also to PJ Calalo that they (UOG) were using PAX before but converted to NEX because of evidence-based and PAX converted to NEX. Additionally, her predecessors have data that NEX (or former PAX) are currently the best in terms of admission to nursing.</p> <p>D. Duenas added that since they started the LPN (Associate) program and have seen a trends and correlation of those that have scored high on the PAX and ability to pass the NCLEX on their first try which is why they felt very confident on continuing to use that product.</p> <p>Chairperson commented that it looks like the NLN PAX is a verified test.</p>	GCC	1540	Noted	
IX	Administrator's Report	<p>A. Appointment of Director of Nursing Program at UOG – Dr. A. Varghese Z. Pecina extended congratulations to Dr. Anna Varghese is now appointed as the Director of Nursing at the Margaret Hattori-Uchima School of Health.</p>	Z. Pecina	1513	Noted
		<p>B. Online Graduate Nursing Program Approval Z. Pecina mentioned she is getting more requests for approval from these online schools. For all schools that are ACCJC, ACEN, NLN or CCNE accredited will be approved by the board of nursing.</p>	Z. Pecina	1514	Unanimously Approve

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		<p>Briar Cliff University submitted a proposal for approval for Bachelors, Masters, DNP and PhD Program in nursing. This school is located in Iowa and is a private school and their tuition stays the same for both residence and non-residence. They also have a hybrid program, mostly online and didactic and clinical. The visits are twice during the program, one visit a year to the site which may be virtual or on site. They have been accredited by CCNE for 10 years ending in 2026. So far, their MSN program has been 100% passing of their graduates.</p> <p>M. Gay asked if Dr. Anna would have any issues with another program as hers (at UOG). A. Varghese responded that she has not come across anything so far but mentions it is safer that it comes to the board. Z. Pecina stated that it is important that these schools are accredited and important to put in our Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>Chairperson Woodard made a motion to approve Briar Cliff University to allow students to do clinical and didactic trainings on Guam and that we add them to the list of approved schools.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve: G. Woodard; 2nd: A. Varghese</i></p>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z. Pecina brought up about the board composition. M. Gay and C. Huntsman are fine. She is waiting on word back from the Governor’s office regarding B. Manzana and A. Varghese. She mentioned she is still waiting for G. Ramos, P.J. Calalo and G. Woodard’s nomination packet. • To date, we have 42 states that are currently compact; 8 states are pending legislation; 2 states with no action (Oregon and Nevada) and 2 territories that are partially compact (CNMI still has not proposed to become part of the compact). <p>Chairperson asked if Guam is still waiting of the Rules and Regs to be fully implemented. The EO (Executive Officer), Z. Pecina mentioned that Guam is only partial and waiting on FBI’s approval (to submit the reports directly to the office versus provided it to the individual who is requesting the fingerprinting) and the Rules and Regs.</p>	Z. Pecina	1524	Noted
		C. GBNE Complaints			
		<p>1. GBNE-CO-20-007/1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 Received 9/16/20.</p> <p>B. Sablan stated she is just waiting to be able to enter a requisition to source out an off-island expert.</p>	G Woodard	1527	Awaiting to Enter a Requisition
X	New Business	A. Reinstatement Application			
		<p>1. Florence Peter, RN</p> <p>EO stated that Ms. Peter graduated in 1983 with her ADN from the college of Micronesia School of Nursing and obtained a Guam license in 1985 through 2009. She has not worked at any U.S. facility and mainly in the FSM area. She recently retired and moved to the states but is now trying to reinstate her license.</p>	GBNE	1528	Unanimously Voted

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		<p>Ms. Peter is pending a current employer, background check, evidence of licensee's current nursing knowledge skills and passing a refresher course.</p> <p>After board discussion, M. Gay made a motion to have the applicant provide evidence of completion of a refresher course and evidence of a skills testing evaluation from the evaluator.</p> <p><i>Motion made by: M. Gay; 2nd: G. Woodard</i></p>			
XI	Next Board Meeting	Next Meeting will be November 14, 2024, at 3PM	GBNE	1551	Set Meeting Date
XII	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: A. Varghese; 2nd: B. Manzana</i>	GBNE	1551	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: Rosemary Carman

Date Submitted: 11/7/24


Submitted by the GBNE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBNE with or without changes:

Date: 11/14/24

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

 . APRN-NPC, AOCNP

Date: 11/14/24