

## Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, May 3, 2024 at 12PM

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### MINUTES

Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	<b>Call to Order</b> Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia	Chair	1203	Call to Order	
II	<b>Proof of Publication</b> Guam Daily Post 4/26/24; 5/1/24;	Chair	1203	Confirmed	
III	<b>Roll Call</b> <b>GBAHE Members</b> <u>Present at HPLO Conference:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Secretary & Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda (@1220) <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Tajalle <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture	<b>Other Attendees</b> <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Z. Pecina, HPLO Administrator Rosemary Carman, HPLO Danilo Bilong, HPLO <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Jay Matthew Strader, OAG	Chair	1203	Quorum Established
IV	<b>Adoption of Agenda</b> <i>Motion to Approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Pereda</i>	GBAHE	1205	Unanimously Adopted Agenda	
V	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> Draft Minutes dated 4/5/2024. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>	GBAHE	1205	Unanimously Approved	
VI	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> No report.	C. San Nicolas	1207	No Report	
VII	<b>Administrator's Report</b> No report	Z. Pecina	1207	No Report	
VIII	<b>Legal Counsel's Report</b> Asst AG Strader reported that one of the Board members had sought some legal advice on an issue, which was provided via email, but he felt no need to repeat the correspondence. He stated that he might not be attending the next scheduled Board meeting.	J. Strader	1207	Noted	
IX	<b>GBAHE</b> The following complaints were reviewed by the GBAHE.	GBAHE	1208		

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Complaints	<b>A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Received 9/4/15.</b>	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
	<b>B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Received 11/30/15.</b>			
	<b>C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Received 6/6/17.</b>			
	<b>D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Received 8/22/19.</b>			
	<b>E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.</b>			
	<b>F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.</b>			
	<b>G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.</b>			
	<b>H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.</b>			
	<b>I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.</b>			
	<b>J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.</b>			
	<b>K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.</b>			
	<b>L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.</b>			
	<b>M. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.</b>			
	<b>N. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21.</b>			
	<p>Dr. Miller reported that a letter was received by Dr. Rodman. The letter will be reviewed by the Board at a later time. The issue concerns a Chiropractor who was practicing in Guam without a license. There was a suggestion to move the complaint into new business to further discuss the case. The Board will seek legal counsel to determine the best course of action.</p>			
<b>O. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.</b>	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress	
<b>P. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.</b>				
<b>Q. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22.</b>				
<p>In reference to the complaints against LeBalance, the Chair and Dr. Miller met with the concerned individual, who was requested to provide a copy of his CA License. The Chair reported that the licensed had expired.</p>				
<b>R. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22.</b>				
<b>S. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>				
<b>T. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>				
<b>U. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>				
<b>V. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>				
<b>W. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>				
<b>X. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>				
<b>Y. GBAHE-CO-22-12 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.</b>	G Miller			
<b>Z. GBAHE-CO-22-13 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22</b>	G Miller			
<b>AA. GBAHE-CO-22-14 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22</b>	G Miller			
Note: Consult legal council				
<b>BB. GBAHE-CO-23-01 Physician Assistant Rec'd 11/17/23.</b>	M. Balajadia		Unanimously Closed	
<p>The individual indicated possesses training as a physician but did not complete their medical degree due to military service obligations. Despite obtaining a PA certification in another state and until acquiring a</p>				

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	<p>license from the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, he cannot possess the M.D. credential. This clarification was communicated in a letter, to which a response was received, affirming agreement not to claim as such. The Chair recommended closing the case.  <i>Motion to close the complaint: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Miller.</i></p> <p><b>CC. GBAHE-CO-23-02 Veterinarian Rec'd 12/28/23</b>  <i>Note: GBAHE-CO-23-02 has been referred to a veterinarian off-island for review.</i></p> <p><b>DD. GBAHE-CO-23-03 Veterinarian Rec'd 12/28/23</b>  <i>Note: GBAHE-CO-23-03 has been referred to a veterinarian off-island for review.</i></p> <p><b>EE. GBAHE-CO-24-01 Physical Therapist Rec'd 1/29/24.</b>  M. Balajadia wrote to the medical director of the clinic concerning the complaint. The medical director responded with affirmation that the PA and the PT within the clinic will only operate within their respective scope of practice. NOTE: will not perform cupping.  <i>Motion to close the complaint: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i></p> <p><b>FF. GBAHE-CO-24-02 Non-Licensed Acup. Rec'd 2/14/24.</b>  Dr. Miller stated that there are many oriental spas that are advertising oriental medicine. He stated that letter of assurance should be sent to these establishments to inform them about the rules regarding their scope of practice. Another issue that was brought up was that of the unauthorized selling of oriental medicine in markets. Environmental health will be consulted regarding the sell of oriental medicine. The Board mentioned a concern with the establishment called "360" that may be practicing without proper licensure. Dr. Miller raised concern about wellness businesses that are providing massage services that require no education. Dr. Miller is worried that some of these businesses might begin to expand their scope of practices without the proper clearances or licenses.  The Chair stated that the statute requires acupuncture and oriental medicine to be licensed by the Board. Dr. Miller suggested that certified mail be sent to establishments that are violating the statutes, issuing a cease-and-desist order. Press releases are also being worked on by HPLO.  The Board raised a need to investigate, perhaps alongside the Board of pharmacy and inspectors, regarding markets selling "oriental medicine".  <i>The Chair stated that she would contact appropriate parties and report back to the Board.</i></p>			
X.	<b>Old Business</b> <b>A. Election of Officers</b> Due to lack of members the election of officers will take place when there are enough members. <i>Motion to postpone: M. Balajadia; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas.</i>	GBAHE	1234	Unanimously Postponed
XI.	<b>New Business</b> <b>A. Initial/New Applications:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Homma, Megumi for Chiropractic Medicine (G. Miller)  <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo. Note: Photograph requires signature.</i></li> <li>2. Jerdee, Katie F. for Occupational Therapist (M. Balajadia)  <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo.</i></li> <li>3. Larkin, Samuel S. for Chiropractic Medicine (G. Miller)  <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo.</i></li> <li>4. Leeper, Ericia L. for Clinical Psychologist (M. Balajadia)</li> </ol>	GBAHE	1235	Unanimously Approved Unanimously Approved Unanimously Approved Unanimously

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	<i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i>			Approved	
	5. Macy, Danielle N. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	6. O'Neill, Jessica N. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	7. Penaflo, Heather Ann D. for Licensed Professional Counselor (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	8. Pfeifer, Heather A. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	9. Uncango-Meno, Samantha J. for Licensed Professional Counselor Intern (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<b>B. Approved License Rescinded</b>				
	1 Park, Zane for Physical Therapist (M. Balajadia) It was noted that the applicant did not have an SSN in his application. An SSN is required by law and the application will be rescinded until the applicant obtains an SSN. <i>Motion to approve rescinded application: M. Balajadia; 2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Pereda</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<b>C. Visiting Volunteer Veterinarians for SNIP Clinic Outreach</b>				
	There is a visiting volunteer veterinarian from Taiwan. Their application and documents have been submitted. Their diploma is in Chinese and all the Board is pending is an official notarized English translation. <i>Motion to approve pending receipt of authentication of the translated documents: M. Balajadia; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Miller.</i>			Unanimously Approved	
XII	<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Announcements – Next Meeting - June 7, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.</b>	GBAHE	1243	Set Date
XIII	<b>Adjournment</b>	<i>Motion to adjourn: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Pereda.</i>	GBAHE	1243	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 5.25.2024

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

*M. Balajadia*

Date:

*6/11/2024*