

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
Friday, January 10, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (Guam ChST)

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MINUTES

Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status		
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia	Chair	1210	Call to Order	
	Proof of Publication	Guam Daily Post 01/03/25; 01/08/25	Chair	1211	Confirmed	
	Roll Call	<p>GBAHE Members <u>Present at HPLO:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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. Richard Chong, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda, LPC/LMHC/MFT, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician/Nutritionist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosalind S. Taitingfong, Occupational Therapist, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Velma R. Harper, Veterinarian <p><u>Virtual Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Tajalle, Physician Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Sungwook "Steve" S. Kim, Podiatrist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregory J. Cruz, Respiratory Therapist 	<p>Other Attendees <u>Present at HPLO:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Bruan, HPLO Brianna Sablan, HPLO <p><u>Virtual Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ralia Gogue, HPLO Julianne Hernandez, PDN 	Chair	1211	Quorum Established
	Election of Officers	The meeting moved to the election of officers. B. Sablan was designated to preside over the process. Nominations for chairperson were opened, and Dr. Balajadia was nominated and seconded, with a show of hands confirming her appointment as chairperson for 2025. Next, V. Pereda was nominated for vice-chair, with a unanimous vote confirming his election. For the position of secretary, N. Cepeda was nominated and subsequently elected. Finally, R. Taitingfong was nominated as treasurer, and following a vote, was elected to serve as treasurer for 2025.	B. Sablan	1211	Officers were Elected	
II	Adoption of Agenda	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: V. Pereda; 2nd: N. Cepeda.</i>	GBAHE	1213	Unanimously Adopted Agenda	
III	Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes dated 12/27/24.	GBAHE	1213	Unanimously Approved	

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	<i>Motion to Approve: V. Harper; 2nd: N. Cepeda</i>			
IV	Treasurer's Report C. San Nicolas presented the treasurer's report noting the only change from the last meeting was an expenditure of \$18,800 in the contractual category, which covered website maintenance, transcription services, and legal services. She mentioned that the Flame Tree vendor had been hired for the meeting minutes. She also indicated that the data on licenses had been received recently but required further compilation. She planned to have the full report ready for the next board meeting, where it would be presented by the new treasurer.	C. San Nicolas	1215	Noted
V	Administrator's Report B. Sablan reported that they are still working on addressing the vacancies and expirations related to the board composition. They will provide an update on the matter during the next board meeting once more information is available.	Z. Pecina	1216	Noted
VI	GBAHE Complaints A. GBAHE-CO-22-03 MFT Received 02/21/22. Dr. Balajadia, noting that it was reviewed by her, highlighted the ongoing need for legal counsel, as the board currently does not have any legal officers to provide advice.	M. Balajadia	1217	Ongoing, Legal Services Requested.
	B. GBAHE-CO-23-02 Veterinarian Received 12/28/23 Awaiting Off -Island Consultant, still need legal advice	Off-Island Expert,		Ongoing
	C. GBAHE-CO-23-03 Veterinarian Received 12/28/23 Awaiting Off-Island Consultant, still need legal advice	Off-Island Expert,		Ongoing
	D. GBAHE-CO-24-03 SLP Received 08/06/24 Ongoing, no report at this time.	N. Cepeda		Ongoing
	E. GBAHE-CO-24-05 Clinical Dietitian Received 12/03/24 C. San Nicolas reviewed a complaint thoroughly, noting that it contained eight issues, none of which identified a clinical dietitian, nutritionist, or the licensee involved. Given this, C. San Nicolas concluded that the complaint could not be investigated. The board discussed the possibility of obtaining further information to identify the licensee and determine the nature of the complaint. However, it was ultimately decided that the complaint should be resubmitted with complete details. She recommended closing the case, as there was insufficient information to proceed, and the board agreed to vote on this recommendation. <i>Motion to Close the Case: C. San Nicolas; 2nd: Dr. Miller.</i>	C. San Nicolas		Unanimously Closed.
VII	Old Business A. Collaborative Practice Agreement	GBAHE	1220	
	1. Pendleton, Brian A., PA-C. <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: N. Cepeda.</i>			Unanimously Approved
	B. Renewal Applications			
	1. Pendleton, Brian A. for Physician Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: R. Tajalle</i>			Unanimously Approved
VIII	New Business A. Initial/New Applications	GBAHE	1221	
	1. Stewart, McKenna S. for Speech Language Pathologist <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: Dr. Miller.</i>			Unanimously Approved
	2. Walton, Amanda Kay for Physician Assistant Reviewed by Dr. Balajadia			Unanimously Approved

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	<p>B. Temporary Licenses A discussion began that centered around the issuance of temporary licenses and the renewal process. Dr. Balajadia clarified that while applicants may have met the legal deadline for submission by December 31st, issues such as the publication deadline and the board's approval requirements complicated the process. Temporary licenses can be issued by the chairperson if an application is complete but cannot be processed in time for a board meeting. Dr. Miller inquired about the role of the board in scrutinizing applications, emphasizing the need for careful review and vigilance to ensure that only qualified and ethical individuals are licensed. Dr. Balajadia stressed the importance of the board's responsibility to protect the public from unscrupulous individuals, particularly in cases where applicants may attempt to bypass regulations. She expressed a commitment to ensuring the integrity of the licensing process and protecting the public interest. The conversation ended with a call for board members to take their responsibilities seriously and work together to uphold the law.</p>			Noted
	<p>1. Wang, Karla D. for Physician Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>2. Wang, Kamille D. for Physician Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>3. Dacuycuy, Reychelle C. for Physical Therapy <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>4. Camacho, Lavina Terese L.G. for Licensed Professional Counselor <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>5. Camacho, Lavina Terese L.G. for Marriage and Family Therapist <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>6. Certeza, Amy C. for Licensed Professional Counselor <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>7. Barksdale, George B. for Licensed Professional Counselor <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>8. Ituralde, Venus Leah P. for Licensed Professional Counselor <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>9. Aguon, Maria Teresa P. for Licensed Professional Counselor <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>10. Naholowaa, Leinani Matsue Q. for Licensed Mental Health Counselor <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>11. Mendiola Keokia L. for Speech Language Pathologist <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>12. Alexanderson, Lindsay R. for Veterinarian <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>13. Collins, Whitney L. for Veterinarian <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved

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	14. Kallingal, George for Clinical Psychology <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Unanimously Approved
	C. Collaborative Practice Agreement			
	1. Walton, Amanda Kay, PA-C <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Miller; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Unanimously Approved
	2. Wang, Karla D., PA-C <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Miller; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Unanimously Approved
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	D. Inactive Licenses <p>Dr. B. Balajadia provided clarification on the rules regarding inactive licenses. These licenses are intended for individuals who wish to maintain their licensure status without actively practicing, requiring them to apply for inactive status and pay the associated fee. The law allows for inactive licenses to be requested for up to two cycles, after which a renewal request must be submitted. If an individual fails to apply for inactive status and does not renew their license for two cycles, equivalent to four years, they must submit a new application to regain active licensure. This policy ensures compliance with the stipulated time frames and requirements for reactivation.</p> <p>It was clarified that an inactive license is not a physical license issued but rather a designation recorded in the system and displayed on the HPLO website. Individuals requesting this status must pay an administrative fee, as it involves board recognition and administrative action. If a person chooses not to engage with the HPLO and allows their license to lapse entirely, they are not required to pay any fees; however, they will need to submit a new application and fulfill the requirements if they later decide to return to practice after the lapse exceeds two cycles.</p>			Noted To Obtain an Inactive License Applicants Must Apply Requesting Inactive Status.
	1. Luz, Bernadette for Physical Therapy Inactive license Granted			No Action Required
	2. Perez, Lillian for Licensed Professional Counselor Inactive license Granted			No Action Required
	E. Renewal Applications			
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	14. Oshiro, Vanessa L. for Veterinarian <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Harper; 2nd: V. Pereda.</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	15. Smith, Crystal A. for Licensed Professional Counselor <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Harper; 2nd: V. Pereda.</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	16. Beane, Paul J. for Chiropractic <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Harper; 2nd: V. Pereda.</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	F. Late Renewal Applications				
	1. Roa, Jessie C. for Physical Therapy Dr. Balajadia noted that there were some deficiencies in the application and requested a motion to table the matter for further review. <i>Motion to Table: N. Cepeda; 2nd: R. Taitingfong.</i>			Unanimously Tabled	
IX	Next Board Meeting	Announcements – Next Meeting – February 7, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.	GBAHE	1245	Set Date
X	Adjournment	<i>Motion to adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Pereda.</i>	GBAHE	1246	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

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Date: 2/7/2025