

# Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

**Friday, September 1, 2023 at 12PM**

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Meeting ID: 813 6937 5987 Passcode: 481190

## MINUTES

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia	Chair	1206	Call to Order	
II	Proof of Publication	Guam Daily Post 8/25/2023 and 8/30/2023	Chair	1206	Confirmed	
III	Roll Call	<p><b>GBAHE Members</b>  <i>Present at HPLO Conference:</i>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair  <input type="checkbox"/> Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Secretary &amp; Treasurer  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic Medicine  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology</p> <p><i>Virtual Attendance:</i>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Paul Pomes, Veterinary Medicine  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alesia Ogo, Occupational Therapy  <input type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda, Marriage &amp; Family Therapist  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology (@1215)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregory Cruz, Respiratory Therapy  <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ryan Claros, Physical Therapy  <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Tajalle, Physician Assistant</p>	<p><b>Other Attendees</b>  <i>Present at HPLO:</i>                      Kristan Finney, Esq., Asst AG                      Rosemary Carman, HPLO</p> <p><i>Virtual Attendance:</i>                      Zenna Pecina Administrator                      Rosemary Carman, HPLO                      J. De Luna, Applicant                      I. Dela Cruz, Applicant</p>	Chair	1206	Quorum Established
IV	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to Approve: S. Crisostomo; 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Dr. Miller.	GBAHE	1208	Unanimously Adopted Agenda	
V	Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes dated 8/4/2023 Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2 <sup>nd</sup> . C. San Nicolas	GBAHE	1210	Unanimously Approved	
VI	Treasurer's Report		C. San Nicolas	1210	No Report	
VII	Administrator's Report	<p><b>A. Mandatory Opioid CE Requirement</b>                      1. Z. Pecina confirmed this requirement only pertains to licensees who prescribe controlled substances, who are licensed with DEA. This item does not apply to the GBAHE.</p> <p><b>B. Controlled Substance Registration</b></p>	Z. Pecina	1211	No Report	

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		<p>2. Z. Pecina stated that she spoke with Board member, R. Tajalle about this item in advance of the meeting. This item does not apply to the GBAHE.</p> <p>C. Z. Pecina reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. R. Tajalle, Board member, will attend a Physician's Assistant Summit in October 2023; the GBAHE had no objection. NOTE: No cost go HPLO.</li> <li>2. Ethics in Government Training: Z. Pecina reported that all GBAHE members are up to date. She stated that she will check on how often this training must be attended.</li> <li>3. Applications for licensure are now processed on-line for nursing; this month, applicants will also have the capability to make payments on-line. This process will eventually be implemented for all HPLO Boards.</li> </ol>			
VIII	Legal Counsel's Report		Asst AG Finney	1214	No Report
IX	GBAHE Complaints		GBAHE	1215	
		A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Received 9/4/15.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
		B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Received 11/30/15.			
		C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Received 6/6/17.			
		D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Received 8/22/19.			
		E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			
		F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			
		G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.			
		H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			
		M. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			
N. GBAHE-CO-20-08 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20. The Chair reported that this item was investigated by S. Melville, who determined that the complaine operated within the scope of practice.	S. Melville	In Progress			
O. GBAHE-CO-20-09 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.	Referred to Off-Island Consultant	In Progress			
P. GBAHE-CO-20-10 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.					
Q. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21. The Chair reported that she is in discussion with Dr. Miller and Asst AG Finney on this matter.	Dr. Miller	In Progress			
R. GBAHE-CO-21-02, Chiropractor, Received 6/4/21.					
S. GBAHE-CO-21-05, Acupuncturist (Atty. V. Williams). Received 9/17/21. The Chair reported that the complaine passed away; therefore, she stated that the complainant will need to be notified of the foregoing information.					
T. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Referred to	In Progress			

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	U. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Procured Attorney		
	V. GBAHE-CO-22-02, Acupuncturist, Received 2/11/22. The Chair reported that the complainant does not want to sign a release form, so that will need to be addressed.	M. Balajadia		In Progress
	W. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
	NOTE: All the complaints listed below GBAHE-CO-22-05 thru GBAHE-CO-22-14 are complaints lodged against LeBalance. Dr. Miller reported that the business is advertising and providing services, in spite of the issuance of a cease-and-desist order. Therefore, an injunctive relief is being considered. The item is still pending. The Chair stated that she will continue to work with Dr. Miller and the procured attorney	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
	X. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22.			
	Y. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	Z. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	AA. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	BB. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	CC. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	DD. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	EE. GBAHE-CO-22-12 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.			
	FF. GBAHE-CO-22-13 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.			
GG. GBAHE-CO-22-14 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.				
X.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p><b>A. Initial/New Applications:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Cook, Christine S. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i></li> <li>2. <b>De Luna, Mc Jason for Licensed Professional Counselor (V. Pereda)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i></li> <li>3. <b>Dela Cruz, Ignacio Joaquin C. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i></li> <li>4. <b>Fashipe, Tyhisha P. for Occupational Therapist (R. Claros)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i></li> <li>5. <b>James, Robert L. for Chiropractor (Dr. Miller).</b> Dr. Miller reported that the applicant meets three of the four criteria (did not take Board exam, which is now required for new graduates); however, he has 25 years of experience in MI, OR and VI.</li> <li>6. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i></li> <li>7. <b>Kurien, Anita for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i></li> <li>8. <b>Landaverde, Caitlyn N. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)</b></li> </ol>	GBAHE	1223	<p>Unanimously Approved</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p>

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	<i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>				
	<b>9. March, Lynda D. for Clinical Dietitian/Nutritionist (C. San Nicolas)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<b>10. Maxwell, Kimberly A. for Occupational Therapist (R. Claros)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<b>11. Miller-Nabas, Shanna for Clinical Dietitian/Nutritionist (C. San Nicolas)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<b>12. Neufeld, Valentina A. for Occupational Therapist (R. Claros)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<b>13. Rimmer, Leigh A. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<b>14. Thomas, Jennifer N. for Occupational Therapist (R. Claros)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<b>15. Vasquez, Francine L. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)</b> <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved	
	<p>Dr. Miller presented and the GBAHE discussed a theoretical question regarding a chiropractor, e.g., graduates and immediately moves to a foreign country. before taking a state board exam and being licensed; he eventually meets all four requirements of the national board but never practices in the US. Then he subsequently re-enters the US after practicing in a foreign country for 15 years. The Chair stated applicants must comply with US standards, Guam mandate, to include the GBAHE Rules and Regulations. She emphasized that GBAHE needs to ensure the standards are adhered to in order for the GBAHE to perform its duty to protect the public.</p> <p>Dr. Chong stated that he submitted a letter to the Board regarding the authorization for Chiropractor to perform dry needle. The Chair stated that recently approved law authorized dry needle for physical therapy; however, there is suggestion for dry needling to be extended to licensed chiropractors. Dr. Chong stated that the issue was not brought before the Board and he did not have the opportunity to oppose the change to authorize physical therapists of this procedure. Dr. Miller stated that the Board did not have the opportunity to review the update proposal before it went to the Legislature. The Chair stated that they would have work on this issue since the law has been passed. S. Crisostomo suggested that the issue be discussed in a work group meeting. The Chair agreed to convene a work group meeting, led by Dr. Miller. Upon the request for clarification by Asst AG Finney, the Chair stated that this issue will be addressed in a work group session; not a Board meeting.</p>			Noted  Convene a Work Group Session	
XII	<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Announcements – – Next Meeting - Friday, October 6, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.</b>	GBAHE	1241	Set Date
XIII	<b>Adjournment</b>	<i>Motion to adjourn: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>	GBAHE	1241	Adjourned

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary: Cathy [Signature]

Date: 10/6/2023

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Mulsadyadia 10/6/2023