

# Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, November 4, 2022 at 12PM

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## MINUTES

Item		Discussion		Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia		Chair	1202	Call to Order
II	Proof of Publication	Pacific Daily News: October 27, 2022 & November 1, 2022		Chair	1202	Confirmed
III	Roll Call	<b>GBAHE Members</b> <u>Present at HPLO Conference:</u> ☒ Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology ☒ Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> ☒ Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair ☒ Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Treasurer ☒ Nadine Cepeda, Marriage & Family Therapist, Secretary ☒ Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic Medicine ☒ Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture ☒ Dr. Paul Pomes, Veterinary Medicine ☒ Alesia Ogo, Occupational Therapy ☒ Gregory Cruz, Respiratory Therapy(1210)  <u>Absent:</u> ☐ Dr. Ryan Claros, Physical Therapy ☐ Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology ☐ Raymond Tajalle, Physician Assistant	<b>Other Attendees</b> <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Rosemary Carman, HPLO  <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Rob Weinberg, Asst Attorney General Eddy Reyes, FTFC	Chair	1203	Quorum Established
IV	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to adopt: Dr. Pomes; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dr. Miller		GBAHE	1205	Adopted Agenda
V	Approval of Minutes	Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2022 Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : V. Pereda		GBAHE	1205	Approved
VI	Treasurer's Report	C. San Nicolas provided an overview of the GBAHE finances: Budget appropriation is \$29,296.67; Revenues collected in FY 2023 - \$8,344.00.		HPLO	1207	Noted
VII	Administrator's Report				1210	No Report
VIII	Legal Counsel's Report			Asst AG Weinberg	1210	No Report

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IX	<b>GBAHE Complaints</b>	GBAHE	1210	
	A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Received 9/4/15.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Received 11/30/15.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Received 6/6/17.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Received 8/22/19.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			Pending Off-Island Expert
	F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	M. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	N. GBAHE-CO-20-08 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20, S. Melville.			In Progress
	O. GBAHE-CO-20-09 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	P. GBAHE-CO-20-10 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.			Pending Referral to Legal Counsel
	Q. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21. G. Miller stated that he will be meeting with the assigned attorney.	G. Miller		In progress
	R. GBAHE-CO-21-02, Chiropractor, Received 6/4/21. G. Miller stated that he will be meeting with the assigned attorney.	G. Miller		In progress
	S. GBAHE-CO-21-03, Acupuncturist (Atty. V. Williams), Received 7/6/21.	M. Balajadia		In Progress
	T. GBAHE-CO-21-04, Audiologist, Received 9/7/21. S. Crisostomo stated that they would be			In Progress

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	consulting with Asst AG Weinberg.	S. Crisostomo/ D. Triolo		
	U. GBAHE-CO-21-05, Acupuncturist (Atty. V. Williams). Received 9/17/21.	M. Balajadia		In Progress
	V. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.			Pending off-island expert
	W. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.			Pending off-island expert
	X. GBAHE-CO-22-02, Acupuncturist, Received 2/11/22.	M. Balajadia		Pending Investigation
	Y. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22.	M. Balajadia		Assigned to Procured Attorney
	Z. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22	G. Miller		Assigned to Procured Attorney
	AA. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22	G. Miller		Assigned to Procured Attorney
	BB. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22	G. Miller		Assigned to Procured Attorney
	CC. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22	G. Miller		Assigned to Procured Attorney
	DD. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22	G. Miller		Assigned to Procured Attorney
	EE. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22	G. Miller		Assigned to Procured Attorney
	FF. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22	G. Miller		Assigned to Procured Attorney
X	<b>Rules &amp; Regulations</b> A. Discussion and Decision on Final Versions of Proposed Legislation and Draft Rules: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. G. Miller stated that with respect to the proposed draft legislation, it is his understanding that the board members should be prepared to justify to the GBAHE any changes in the scope of practice for each profession. For instance, what is the background and qualifications for chiropractors to order labs. The Chair and the Asst AG Weinberg stated that this issue has been addressed by the GBAHE and the proposed legislations now includes the provision of chiropractor, clinical dieticians and acupuncture/oriental medicine licensed practitioners to order labs, and there has been no controversy regarding this proposal. Asst AG Weinberg also stated that the laboratory vendors often inquire if certain professions are authorized to order labs, so this proposal will now clarify this issue. The Chair stated that this proposed change would also allow those clinical dieticians/nutritionists, who operate outside of hospitals, to also order labs.</li> <li>2. G. Miller inquired if two separate licenses should be required for acupuncture and oriental medicine since one requires a masters and the other requires a doctorate degree, respectively. V. Pereda and N. Cepeda cited similar differences in the scope of practice pertaining counseling and clinical psychology. Dr. Chong commented that separate licenses are not required since acupuncture is one medicine. S. Crisostomo read the Qualifications for Licensure following from</li> </ol>	GBAHE	1222	Approved the Current Draft and Noted that Asst AG Weinberg will be issuing the final draft version for GBAHE approval

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	<p>10GCA§12902(a)(1): In addition to the requirements as set by the Board in this Article, applicants for a license to practice acupuncture must meet all of the following: (1) a master's or doctorate degree, or its equivalent, from an accredited school of Acupuncture, as determined by the Credential Evaluation Services". Dr. Chong commented that the accrediting body is the American College for Oriental Medicine (ACOM). In addition, the doctorate degree permits the designation to be called a doctor. G. Miller stated that he was satisfied with the response.</p> <p>3. Asst AG Weinberg provided an overview of the comments received to date and advised the Board members to be prepared to address comments from the Legislature:</p> <p>a. Comments from Licensees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Concerns regarding the increase of license fees (received a comparative analysis of fees in other regions);</li> <li>2) 10 Continuing Education Units, which was removed from the draft.</li> <li>3) Physical Therapy and Dry-Needling (received information on minimum qualifications in other states/jurisdictions).</li> <li>4) Psychology Associate and Clinical Psychology (clinical hours and paid positions)</li> <li>5) Occupational Therapy – typographical changes</li> </ol> <p>b. Comments from non-licensees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Good suggestions from Mr. Lobofsky (especially regarding keeping complainants informed) and Mr. Butler <del>LMFT</del> <i>LMFT</i></li> </ol> <p>c. Asst AG Weinberg stated that he would be issuing an updated final draft, which addresses the above proposed comments/suggestions and have been addressed by the GBAHE.</p> <p>4. C. San Nicolas stated that revised minimum qualification requirements for clinical dieticians are anticipated to be published in 2024. Asst AG Weinberg stated wording could be incorporated in legislation which would authorize a board to change its standards when a third-party accrediting entity changes its standards; however, he suggested to deal with this issue separate from this revision.</p> <p>e. Asst AG suggested a parallel track, where the proposed Legislation and Rules and Regulations would be submitted to the Governor and Legislature. The Chair supported this approach.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the current draft of the Legislation and the Rules and Regulations: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup> N. Cepeda.</i></p>			
X1	New Business	A. Initial/New Applications:	GBAHE	
		1) FEDORIKHINA, Tatyana V. for Speech Language Pathologist (Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda</i>	S. Crisostomo	Approved
		2) LITMAN, Roxanne D. for Speech Language Pathologist (Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda</i>	S. Crisostomo	Approved
		3) FRANCIS, Stephanie L. for Occupational Therapist (G. Cruz) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda</i>	G. Cruz	Approved
		4) HUDSON, Danette M. for Respiratory Therapist – Reg. (G. Cruz) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda</i>	G. Cruz	Approved

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	5) RUMBAUGH, Dorothy A. Respiratory Therapist – Cert. (G. Cruz) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda</i>	G. Cruz		Approved
	B. Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA): 1) REYES, Lillian L. (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Miller</i>	GBAHE		Approved
	C. Renewals. <i>Motion to approve: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Ogo</i>	GBAHE		
	1) AQUINO, Erwin R. for Respiratory Therapist - Cert. (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	2) AYLOR, Joannah Grace G. for Occupational Therapist Assistant (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	3) BARCINAS SANTOS, LeeAnn Q. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)	S. Crisostomo		Approved
	4) BAUTISTA, Mary S. for Occupational Therapist Assistant (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	5) DEBARDELEBEN, Tearsa M. for Dietitian and Nutritionist (C. San Nicolas)	C. San Nicolas		Approved
	6) ESTIRA, Avee Geline I. for Respiratory Therapist - Cert. (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	7) FEJERAN, Karen R.D. for Respiratory Therapist - Reg. (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	8) GERSANIBA, Maria Pertetua M. for Dietitian and Nutritionist (C. San Nicolas)	C. San Nicolas		Approved
	9) KOFFEND, Renee L.G. for Audiologist (S. Crisostomo)	S. Crisostomo		Approved
	10) LEGASPI, Richard R. for Occupational Therapist (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	11) LEGASPI, Wendy S. for Occupational Therapist (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	12) LIZAMA, Daleina A. for Respiratory Therapist - Reg. (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	13) LUJAN, Teresita P. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)	S. Crisostomo		Approved
	14) MANZON, Cleopatra C. for Respiratory Therapist - Reg. (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	15) MENDOZA, Kristine Bea G. for Dietitian and Nutritionist (C. San Nicolas)	C. San Nicolas		Approved
	16) MENO, Frances Lou for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo)	S. Crisostomo		Approved
	17) MILLER, Gregory J. for Chiropractor (S. Crisostomo)	S. Crisostomo		Approved
	18) SAN NICOLAS, Catherine C. for Dietitian and Nutritionist (G. Cruz)	G. Cruz		Approved
	19) SIM, Candy for Dietitian and Nutritionist (C. San Nicolas)	C. San Nicolas		Approved
	20) WONG, Godfrey C. for Dietitian and Nutritionist (C. San Nicolas)	C. San Nicolas		Approved
XII	<b>Announcements</b> Next Meeting - Friday, December 2, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (renewals and applications). The Board agreed to adjourn the 2 December meeting and reconvene on 30 December to accommodate application review and approval.	GBAHE	1256	Set Date 12/2/2022 & 12/30/2022
XIII	<b>Adjournment</b> <i>Motion to adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Ogo</i>	GBAHE	1258	Adjourned

Reviewed by:  12/2/2022 Secretary / Date  
 Approved by:  12/2/2022 Chairperson / Date