

**GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS  
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE**

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**VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

Friday, January 08, 2021

**VIA GoToMeeting**

**PRESENT:**

Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Chair; Dr. Gregory Miller, Vice-Chair; Catherine San Nicolas, Treasurer; Vincent Pereda, Member; Sibyl Crisostomo, Member; Dr. Dennis Triolo, Member; Dr. Richard Chong, Member; Dr. Ryan Claros, Member; Alesia Ogo, Member; Greg Cruz, Member; Dr. Paul Pomes, Member; Assistant Attorney General Robert Weinberg; Rosemarie Carman, HPLO Staff.

**ABSENT:** Nadine Cepeda, Secretary; Ray Tajalle, Member;

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Attorney Vanessa Williams.  
Natasha Charfauros, representing Speaker Therese Terlaje, 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature.

Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center; and  
Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center

TOPIC		DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIMEFRAME	STATUS
I.	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	Public Notice of this Board meeting was posted on AG and DOA's Websites. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:04 pm	Chair	12:04	Called to Order
II.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Approved Motion: Catherine San Nicolas, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dr. Gregory Miller	GBAHE	12:08	Approved
III.	MINUTES OF December 18, 2020 MEETING	Correction of Minutes by the Treasurer, to insert the date of December 16, 2020 as the first meeting of all Licensure Boards' Treasurers. Motion: Sibyl Crisostomo, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Catherine San Nicolas	GBAHE	12:09	Approved
IV.	TREASURER'S REPORT – Catherine San Nicolas	- No new information to report	GBAHE Treasurer	12:09	Noted

V.	HPLC ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT <i>Zenia Pecina</i>	- No report.	HPLO	12:10	Noted
VI.	OLD BUSINESS	<p><b>A. Legal Counsel Report – Robert Weinberg, Assistant Attorney General</b> - No new information to report</p> <p><b>B. Complaints:</b></p> <p>1) 2020-11 Reginald Mendoza against Noel Silan, DPM. Dr. Miller was assigned to look into complaint. He reported that there was multiple records/letter back and forth. “Bad outcome is not my expertise in wound care.” He suggested that a Podiatrist or the Medical Board be asked to look into this complaint. There are three Guam licensed Podiatrists, not currently on Guam to look at this Complaint. They are Dr. Palmquist, Dr. Lilly Shimahara, and Dr. Tutnauer. Dr. Miller said that his tenure on the Board is up in February. The Chair asked Dr. Miller to look into the detail of the work required and the costs; and to prepare a letter soliciting these Podiatrists’ participations to assist the Board and a proposed fee. Legal Counsel noted that before soliciting off-island experts, the Board should first discuss costs with the Administrator of HPLO. Some Boards’ Members discuss the merit of the case openly. Board members must limit public exposure on the case, being reviewed and investigated. It is the Board’s duty to accept or reject charges on accusations and whether the charges can go forward. If so, then a Hearing Officer is assigned to the case. A Board Member, whose term is expiring, can continue to serve on a case even if his/her term expired. Anticipating that when more complaints are filed, the Board has to talk about the merit of the complaint <b>first BEFORE</b> discussing the case in public.</p> <p>2) 2020-12 Patricia Roberts against Kevin Malakooti, DVM Dr. Paul Pomes reported on the Complaint, a post-surgery wound. Dr. Malakooti responded with an email to the Complaint. Dr. Pomes’ initial opinion was on a “he said, she said” situation. Legal Counsel suggested that Dr. Pomes speak with the complainant/patient and listen to their story verbally. Dr. Pomes is to report at the next meeting. i.</p>	OAG	12:10	Noted
			Dr. Miller	12:10	Noted
			Dr. Pomes		
VII.	NEW BUSINESS	<p><b>A. Renewal Applications:</b></p> <p>1) Paul BEAN for Chiropractic Medicine (Miller) 2) Jin Mo YOON for Chiropractic Medicine (Miller) 3) Placido NICDAO for Chiropractic Medicine (Miller) 4) Daniel LORD for Clinical Psychology (Balajadia) 5) Patricia TAIMANGLO for Clinical Psychology (Balajadia) 6) Gilbert SANDERS for Clinical Psychology (Balajadia) 7) Mamie BALAJADIA for Clinical Psychology (Pereda) 8) Christine AFLAGUE for Licensed Professional Counselor (Pereda)</p>	GBAHE	12:28	Approved

- 9) Risha AGUON for Licensed Professional Counselor (Pereda)
- 10) Barbara ROSARIO for Licensed Professional Counselor (Pereda)
- 11) Valerie REYES for Licensed Professional Counselor (Pereda)
- 12) Valerie REYES for Licensed Mental Health Counselor (Pereda)
  
- 13) Valerie REYES for Marriage & Family Therapist (Pereda)
- 14) Wayne BUTLER for Marriage & Family Therapist (Pereda)
- 15) Thelma RAMOSO for Nutritionist/Clinical Dietitian (San Nicolas)
- 16) Jeremy KERSEY, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 17) Helen TUNCAP, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 18) Jeremy WILLBANKS, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 19) Karyn KAUFMAN, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 20) Amy LENARTZ, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 21) Walter WOODRUFF, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 22) Tina HEINRICH, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 23) Bethany HELM, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 24) Matthew MARSH, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 25) Khampho OHNO, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 26) Ethan SNIDER, PA-C for Physician Assistant (Tajalle)
- 27) Pawel PADOWSKI for Physical Therapy (Claros)
- 28) Jonathan Sual GUERRERO for Physical Therapy (Claros)
- 29) Keith CHAN for Physical Therapy (Claros)
- 30) Dustin PRINS for Podiatric Medicine (Balajadia)
- 31) Nicole Lee DUENAS for Speech & Language Pathology (Crisostomo)
- 32) Richard TUMANDA for Speech & Language Pathology (Crisostomo)
- 33) Jennifer HODGINS for Speech & Language Pathology (Crisostomo)
- 34) Erica SGRO for Speech & Language Pathology (Crisostomo)
- 35) Melanie TORRE for Speech & Language Pathology (Crisostomo)
- 36) Kim FLEWELLING for Speech & Language Pathology (Crisostomo)
- 37) Peter FLANAGAN for Veterinary Medicine (Pomes)
- 38) Vanessa OSHIRO for Veterinary Medicine (Pomes)
- 39) Kevin MALAKOOTI for Veterinary Medicine (Pomes)
- 40) Robert HILDRETH for Veterinary Medicine (Pomes)
- 41) Richard TUMANDA for Speech & Language Pathology (Crisostomo)
- 42) Peter FLANAGAN for Veterinary Medicine (Pomes)
- 43) Vanessa OSHIRO for Veterinary Medicine (Pomes)
- 44) Kevin MALAKOOTI for Veterinary Medicine (Pomes)
- 45) Robert HILDRETH for Veterinary Medicine (Pomes)
- 46) Maria MANALOTO for Nursing Home Administrator (Balajadia)

Approved. Motion: Dr. Gregory Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine San Nicolas

		<b>B. Application to sit for Examinations:</b> Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) and Marriage & Family Therapist (MFT) - Tyrone Nicolas BRYAN Approved. Motion: Dr. Gregory Miller, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Catherine San Nicolas	Applicant	12:30	Approved
		<b>C. Letter from Mr. David Lubofsky</b> requesting an off-island Investigator, who is a Respiratory Therapist (RT), Hospitalist to address his complaints of 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10 against GMH Respiratory Therapists. Legal Counsel stated that Mr. Lubofsky has made repetitious complaints before and that his request for an off-island investigator may be a good idea. The Board agreed to find a RT Hospitalist from off-island to make recommendations on the case. Chair assigned Board Member Sybil Crisostomo to search and locate a Respiratory Therapist, nearby, Saipan and Hawaii to assist the Board in reviewing the case, and to include costs, etc.	Siby Crisostomo	12:31	Noted
VIII.	NEXT MEETING	Friday, February 5, 2021 at 12:00 p.m., via web conference GoToMeeting.	GBAHE	12:52	Noted
IX.	ADJOURNMENT	Motion: Sybil Crisostomo, 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Greg Cruz Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.	GBAHE	12:52	Adjourned

Reviewed by: *[Signature]* 2/5/21  
Secretary / Date

Approved by: *[Signature]* Feb 5, 2021  
Chairperson / Date

Minutes by: Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.