

# GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 8:30 AM Guam (ChST)

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### MINUTES

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision		Responsible Party	Reporting Time Frame	Status
I	CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting Chaired by M. San Nicolas		Chair	0843	Called to Order
II	ROLL CALL:	<b>GBBC</b> <u>HPLO Conference:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> James Anglim, O.D., Secretary <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marlene San Nicolas, O.D., Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Kim, O.D., Vice-Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julian Archer, O.D., Treasurer	<b>Others Present</b> <u>HPLO Conference:</u> <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Sharon Manibusan, HPLO	Chair	0843	Quorum Established
III	PROOF OF PUBLICATION	Meeting published		GBEO	0843	Confirmed
IV	ELECTIONS	The board confirmed the current officer roles: Dr. San Nicolas as Chair, Dr. Kim as Vice Chair, Dr. Anglim as Secretary, and Dr. Archer as Treasurer. The group agreed to maintain the existing structure, as previously decided in a prior offline discussion.		GBEO	0843	Election of Officers Complete
V	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Archer</i>		GBEO	0844	Unanimously Approved
VI	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of previous Meeting. A discussion arose while going over the minutes. Dr. Kim spoke on concerns about the online submission process for visual acuity exams. There was a mention of the challenges with the DMV system, specifically regarding the accuracy of information entered online. It was highlighted that patients might enter incorrect data, such as visual acuity numbers, without proper verification from a licensed professional. Dr. San Nicolas was cited as an example where patients may claim past approval for their vision but are not officially cleared. The group expressed the need for a more formal verification process, such as an		GBEO	0841	Unanimously Approved

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		official signature or stamp, to ensure the legitimacy of online submissions. There were also concerns about the lack of communication from the relevant authorities regarding the changes to the process and the absence of a clear method to police these online submissions. Additionally, the discussion shifted to potential legal concerns, with Thomas Keeler's role as the board's attorney being clarified.  <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Archer</i>			
VII	TREASURER'S REPORT	No report	J. Archer	0850	No Report
VIII	HPLO ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT	No report	HPLO	0850	No report
XI	OLD BUSINESS	<b>A. The Practical Act Revision (TPA) – Ongoing Discussion</b>	GBEO	0851	On-going
		<b>B. Rules and Regulations Proposed Revision 2.0 – ongoing discussion</b> The discussion centered around the ongoing efforts to revise the practice act and the associated rules and regulations. The group expressed frustration with the lack of progress and the difficulties encountered in refining the document. Initially, the board had worked on incorporating the allied health law into the optometry framework, but T. Keeler suggested further revisions, while Rob had previously criticized the lack of substance in the draft. The group debated whether to revert to the previous version or go back to the drawing board. Ultimately, there was a consensus to review the optometry law and refine the language to improve clarity and consistency, while also considering the allied health model. The board agreed to schedule a meeting to further discuss the next steps, with an emphasis on collaboration and resolving the frustrations surrounding the project.	GBEO		On-going, GBEO Discussed Meeting to Finalize Rules and Regulations
X	NEW BUSINESS	<b>A. Renewal applications for review and approval</b>	GBEO	0857	
		<b>1. LaVerda Richards.</b> <i>Motion to Renew: Dr. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Archer</i>			
XI	NEXT BOARD MEETING	Next Board meeting will be held on February 25, 2025.	GBEO	0855	Meeting Date Set
XII	ADJOURNMENT	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Archer</i>	GBEO	0902	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by:

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBEO Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBEO with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

Date: