

# Guam Board of Nurse Examiners

Thursday, May 08, 2025 at 3:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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## MINUTES

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order	Chaired by: Greg Woodard	Chair	1506	Called to Order
	Proof of Publication	Reviewed and confirmed by G. Woodard	Chair	1506	Confirmed
	Roll Call	<p><b>GBNE Members:</b>  <u>Present at HPLO:</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margarita Gay, Member  <u>Virtual Attendance:</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Woodard, APRN-NPC, AOCNP, Chair  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anna Varghese, RN, DNP, Vice Chair  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Philip John Calalo, DNP, RN, Treasurer  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gia Ramos, RN  <input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte Huntsman, GMRC, Public Member  <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Manzana, LPN, Secretary</p> <p><b>Other Attendees:</b>  <u>Present at HPLO:</u>  Relida Sumaylo, DPHSS/HPLO  Kaysie Lee, DPHSS/HPLO  <u>Virtual Attendance:</u>  Breanna Sablan, HPLO Acting Administrator  Peter John Camacho Deputy Director  Juliann Hernandez PDN  Joaquin Blaz DPHSS/Acting DGA Cheif</p>	GBNE	1507	Quorum Established
II	Adoption of Agenda	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Dr. Varghese; 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Ramos.</i>	GBNE	1515	Unanimously Adopted,
III	Approval of Minutes	Minutes dated: 04/10/2025 <i>Motion to Approve: G. Woodard; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Varghese.</i>	GBNE	1515	Unanimously Approved as Amended
IV	Treasurer's Report	No Report	Dr. Calalo	1516	Noted
V	Committee Reports	<p><b>Rules and Regulations (Proposed).</b>  G. Woodard confirmed that the rules and regulations had been reviewed the previous Thursday, with the APRN section deemed complete and ready for submission. R. Sumaylo noted that the first part of the document still requires work before the entire package can move forward. The APRN section, along with the education component, was confirmed to be satisfactory. Legal counsel had previously reviewed the rules and regulations, providing valuable input that helped eliminate redundant language and clarify ambiguous sections. There was a general consensus on the importance of submitting the finalized rules and regulations to the legislature for adoption, and board members were invited to offer any final additions or reviews.  G. Woodard agreed that the executive should conduct a final review of the document, and if it meets her requirements, it could then proceed to submission. When suggested to either vote on the submission</p>	GBNE	1516	Noted, Board

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		during the current meeting, contingent upon the executive's approval, or wait until the next meeting, the consensus leaned toward postponing the vote to the next meeting due to outstanding comments. G. Ramos brought up that there may be pending input from UOG, specifically concerning discussions between the UOG president and Dr. Varghese, although Dr. Varghese confirmed that no such discussion had occurred yet. G. Ramos indicated she would follow up with the UOG president for clarification. The discussion continued with clarification that the qualifications for clinical instructors, as stated in the rules and regulations, apply to all nursing schools on the island, not just UOG. Dr. Varghese emphasized that instructors teaching in RN programs must possess at least a master's degree, reflecting a standard that has been consistently upheld across multiple board sessions. Although the board does not intend to lower educational standards, it acknowledged that in cases of acute staffing shortages or special circumstances, schools could request a waiver from the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners (GBNE). The board noted that such waivers have precedent, though none have been requested in recent years. G. Ramos relayed a conversation with UOG President Enriquez, who expressed concern over difficulties in recruiting clinical instructors due to the master's degree requirement. She suggested aligning with the accrediting agency's minimum standard of a bachelor's degree for clinical instructors. However, Dr. Varghese stated that she could not formally respond on behalf of the school and reaffirmed that any action from the board would need to follow an official request from school authorities. It was also mentioned that UOG plans to expand its nursing program capacity from 40 to 60 students, but this initiative is currently constrained by a shortage of qualified instructors. G. Ramos agreed to follow up with President Enriquez to continue the dialogue, and the meeting transitioned to confirming whether there were any further comments regarding the rules and regulations.			
VI	Nursing Education	Dr. Varghese acknowledged that the team had intended to meet for a discussion to compile questions for Indiana, as previously noted in the minutes of the last meeting. However they were unable to meet. <i>Motion to Table to the Next Meeting: G. Woodard; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Varghese.</i>	Dr. Varghese	1522	Unanimously Tabled
VII	Executive Officer's Report	<b>A. GBNE Complaints</b>		1523	
		<b>1. GBNE-CO-20-007/1, 2, 3, 4, 6 &amp; 7 Received 9/16/20.</b> The board was informed that the status of the matter remained unchanged due to the disapproval of the procurement method initially used to engage an offline consultant. As a result, it was necessary for the board to initiate a formal RFP process in order to properly secure the necessary services.	G. Woodland		On-Going
VIII	Old Business	<b>Appointment of Advisory Committee</b> R. Sumaylo expressed uncertainty about the details or purpose of the committee and B. Manzana was not present. <i>Motion to Table to the Next Meeting: G. Woodard; 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Ramos.</i>	GBNE	1524	Unanimously Tabled
IX	New Business	<b>A. LPN Applications - Approved</b>		1525	
		<b>1. Gizelle Dawn Correces</b>	GBNE		Approved
		<b>B. RN Applications- Approved</b>			
		<b>1. Christine Joy Abunto Pestano</b>	GBNE		Approved

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		2. Marc Peiper	GBNE		Approved
		3. Beverly Gonzales-Arrieta	GBNE		Approved
		4. Christine Joy Gerona Villafuerte	GBNE		Approved
		5. Lisa Marie Storz	GBNE		Approved
		C. APRN Applications- Approved			
		1. Chadwick Todd Johnson	GBNE		Approved
		2. Gem Monika Escamilla	GBNE		Approved
		3. Mark Peiper	GBNE		Approved
		4. Beverly Gonzales-Arrieta	GBNE		Approved
		5. Patrick Escamilla	GBNE		Approved
X	Next Board Meeting	Next Scheduled Meeting will be: Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 3:00pm	GBNE	1525	Set Meeting Date.
XI	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Varghese; 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Ramos.</i>	GBNE	1527	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 5/28/2025

Submitted by the GBNE Secretary:

Date: 6/19/2025

Approved by the GBNE with or without changes:

*[Signature]* APRN-NPC, AOC-NPC

Date: 6/12/2025

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

*[Signature]* APRN-NPC, AOC-NPC

Date: 6/12/2025