

Guam Board of Nurse Examiners

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 3:00 PM

194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Terlaje Professional Bldg., Suite 209 Hagatna, GU 96910

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Item		Discussion		Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: G. Woodard		Chair	0304	Call to Orde
		A. Roll Call: GBNE Members <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> ☑Gregory Woodard, APRN-NPC, AOCNP, Chair ☑Dr. Annamma Varghese, RN, DNP, Vice-Chair ☑Philip John Calalo, RN, DNP, Treasurer ☑Charlotte Hunstman, Public Member ☑Margarita Gay, RN, Community Health Member <u>Not in Attendance:</u> ☐Brenda Manzana, Secretary, LPN Member ☐Gia Stella Ramos, RN, RN Member	Other Attendees <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Kaysie Lee, DPHSS/HPLO <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Breanna Sablan, DPHSS/HPLO Relida Sumaylo, DPHSS/HPLO Baltazar Hattori III, DPHSS/HPLO PeterJohn Camacho, DPHSS Theresa Villatora, Public	Chair	0306	Quorum Established
		B. Confirmation of Public Notice: Guam Pacific Daily news: 11/5/2025 and 11/10/2025				Confirmed
II	Approval of Agenda	Motion to Approve: C. Huntsman; 2 nd : A. Varghese		GBNE	0304	Approved
III	Review and Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes Dated: October 9, 2025 Motion to Approve as is: G. Woodard; 2 nd : A. Varghese		GBNE	0306	Approved
IV	Treasurer's Report	No report.		P. Calalo	0310	No Report
V	Committee Reports	Rules and Regulations (Proposed). G. Woodard provided an update on the proposed Rules and Regulations, noting that they are not yet fully enacted. The previous attorney's review identified several grammatical errors and inconsistencies with the Board's scope. G. Woodard confirmed that most inconsistencies have been corrected. R. Sumaylo confirmed that only minor grammatical revisions remain. A follow-up meeting is scheduled soon to address these final few grammatical issues, after which the process for enactment will be closed.		GBNE	0315	Noted
VI	Nursing Education	No report.		GBNE	0317	No Report

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VII	Executive Officer's Report	R. Sumaylo provided an update on GBNE-CO-20-007/1, 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7, which are under G. Woodard's review. G. Woodard stated that there was nothing new to report on these items at this time. G. Woodard instructed that this item be formally placed on the next meeting's agenda for further discussion.	G. Woodard	0320	No Report
VII	Old Business	A. PROVIDER HEALTH		0330	
		G. Woodard noted that the Impaired Provider Policy, now referred to as Provider Health, is on hold. He stated the policy is pending guidance from the Guam Board of Medical Examiners (GBME) and other licensing boards on island before proceeding.	GBNE		Noted
		B. APRN-CRNA PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY			
		G. Woodard noted the ongoing work-in-progress regarding APRN Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) prescriptive authority, and noted that the current rules and regulations contain language exempting APRN CRNAs from requiring prescriptive authority. He stated this exemption was likely put in place when CRNAs primarily practiced within facilities, thereby avoiding the associated costs and requirements, as they were "just passing gas and giving controlled substances inside a facility," which is generally permitted by the facility's DEA registration. However, since CRNAs are increasingly moving toward independent practice outside of facility settings (citing an example of providing anesthesia services to local dentists), the Board must decide whether to remove this exemption. M. Gay stated that CRNAs "should follow as everyone else." G. Woodard agreed, noting that if CRNAs are practicing independently outside a facility, they must have prescriptive authority. The officer recommended striking the exclusionary language to make the requirement consistent for all APRNs on Guam. The Board reached a consensus to eliminate the exemption. <i>Motion to amend the rules and regulations to remove the verbiage that allows CRNAs to practice without prescriptive authority on Guam: G. Woodard; 2nd: M. Gay</i>	GBNE		
VIII	New Business	A. APPROVED APPLICATIONS	GBNE	0340	Approved
		Renewal Applications <u>RN</u> 1. Tiffany Liles 2. Stephanie Borja 3. Christine Day 4. Glynis Almonte <u>APRN</u> 1. Christine Day			
		Reinstatement Applications <u>LPN</u> 1. Catherine Sarte 2. Jesusa Mamaligsa			

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	<p><u>RN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Theresa Villatora Gia Stella Ramos Vena Joco Maria Cecilia Delos Santos Lisa Storz 			
	<p>Initial Applications</p> <p><u>Examination</u></p> <p><u>LPN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca Bang Hansel Ambunan <p><u>RN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Emmarene Leon Guerrero Raphael Patacsil Georgette Mateo <p><u>APRN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Deidra Monfort <p><u>Endorsement</u></p> <p><u>RN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Joy Lizama Maya Shimizu Naiyanate Prasong Almer Soriano Suzanne Haines Meliza Mangahas Drew Zahm Erika Sclaffani Damien Herbert Hyeri Park Teresa Maria Hunt Michelle Tilago Tajana Howard Zebulon Gay <p>Prescriptive Authority</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Makiko Suzuki Bethany Fisher <p><i>Motion to Approve as is: G. Woodard; 2nd: A. Varghese</i></p>			Approved

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		A. PENDING APPLICATIONS	GBNE		Approved
		Theresa Villatora G. Woodard opened the discussion with the introduction of the applicant, Theresa Villatora. R. Sumaylo asked T. Villatora why her Guam license had lapsed. T. Villatora explained that she had relocated off-island four years ago and recently returned to Guam in September due to the unexpected passing of her father. She is currently acting as the executor of his will. She stated she is here to work while managing the estate and needed to renew her license after the four-year lapse.			Tabled
		G. Woodard inquired if Teresa had experienced any licensure issues while away. T. Villatora confirmed that she currently holds a California license with no issues. M. Gay raised a question regarding the protocol for verifying the current license status on Nursys of applicants being reinstated. G. Woodard confirmed that verification of current good standing had already been performed. It was noted that the Executive officer typically issues licenses once all criteria are met, but pending applications, like this one, require a Board decision if there are any problems to be decided upon.			
		After the discussion, M. Gay initiated a discussion regarding the removal of physician protocols and medical provider oversight for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), expressing concern for patient safety. G. Woodard clarified that the requirement was officially removed by law in 2018 under the Calvo administration, noting that Guam is one of 32 jurisdictions that allow independent practice. He explained that tethering a license to another provider can be unnecessarily restrictive and clarified that previous limitations M. Gay experienced in the clinical field were likely due to specific employer policies (such as GMH) rather than statutory restrictions.			
		G. Woodard further clarified that the Board had previously voted to amend rules and regulations to ensure all APRNs have consistent prescriptive authority. It was emphasized that the Board's mandate is to create rules that reflect existing law, and they do not have the authority to unilaterally reinstate physician oversight that the Legislature has already removed. R. Sumaylo intervened, noting that this topic was not included on the official meeting agenda, and advised the Board that the discussion be tabled and added to a future agenda for formal consideration. G. Woodard confirmed that an investigation is currently under investigation,			
		<i>Motion to Approve Theresa Villatora's RN Reinstatement License: G. Woodard; 2nd: M. Gay</i>			
IX	Next Board Meeting	The next Guam Board of Nurse Examiners Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for: December 11, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.	GBNE	0357	Set Date
X	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: G. Woodard; 2nd: A. Varghese</i>	GBNE	0329	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: HPLO Staff

Date Submitted: 12/16/2025

Submitted by the GBNE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBNE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

[Signature]
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APRIL 18, 2025

Date: 12/18/2025