

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Guam Board of Medical Examiners Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 4:00 pm

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

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MINUTES

Topic	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE		Responsible Party	Time	Status
I.	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: Dr. Berg	Chair	1614	Called to Order
		A. Roll Call: GBME <u>Virtually Present:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D., Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Joleen Aguon, M.D., Vice Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander D Wielaard, M.D., Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis G. Cruz, M.D., Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ricardo Eusebio, M.D., Member of GMHA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sungwook "Steve" Kim, Podiatry Member <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Tajalle, Physician Assistant Member	<u>Others Present:</u> Baltazar Hattori III, HPLO/EMS <u>Virtually Present:</u> Peter John Camacho, DPHSS Walter Ulloa, Pacific Daily News		Quorum Established
		B. Confirmation of Public Notice Dr. Berg reviewed and found it to be in conformance with current laws.	Chair		Confirmed
		<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Dr. Berg.</i>	GBME		Adopted
II.	Adoption of Agenda	Draft Minutes dated October 08, 2025 <i>Approved by: Dr. Berg.</i>	GBME		Unanimously Approved
III.	Review and Approval of Minutes		GBME		
IV.	Treasurer's Report	No report, pending latest report from the HPLO.	Dr. Wielaard		No Report
V.	HPLO Administrator's Report	No report	HPLO		Noted
VI.	Chairperson's Report	A. Bill 206-38 (COR) An Act to Add a New §12202 (c), Amend §12205 (c), §12206 and Add a New 12206.1 AND §12207 (a) (5) To Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Building a More Diverse and Sustainable Healthcare Workforce on Guam by Expanding Licensure Pathways for Foreign medical Graduates and Establishing a Local CONRAD 30 J-1 Physician Waiver Program.	Dr. Berg		Noted

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	<p>Dr. Berg reported, he, Dr. Eusebio, and Dr. Aguon will be meeting with the front office to discuss this bill. The goal is to ensure alignment between the front office, GMH, and the board, particularly in preparation for any potential national legislative changes, though such changes are considered unlikely at this time.</p> <p>Dr. Berg also discussed the possibility of utilizing local mechanisms to address critical healthcare needs. One idea under consideration is adapting Washington State's Assistant Physicians Program for GMH, which could help fill gaps while remaining compliant with current immigration and Medicare regulations. There is optimism that with creative thinking and strong motivation, progress can be made. Updates will be shared with the board as developments occur.</p> <p>Additionally, leadership from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) will be visiting the region. They are expected to arrive on December 4th or 5th, spend a day or two in Saipan, and then travel to Guam on December 6th. Efforts are underway to arrange meetings between FSMB representatives and Guam's healthcare leadership. FSMB has also expressed interest in supporting Palau and Samoa with medical regulatory issues. Dr. Hank Chaudry has indicated that there may be an opportunity to bring representatives from Palau and Samoa to Hawaii for further discussions. He may travel to assist with this ongoing, multi-year effort to integrate these regions into FSMB initiatives.</p> <p>Dr. Berg also highlighted progress on the Health Professionals Program, which aims to support all licensed professionals. FSMB has played a key role in advancing this initiative and has helped secure national attention and support. A dinner is being planned for board members to meet the FSMB delegation, including both the FSMB President and Chair, during their visit to Guam.</p> <p>Looking ahead, the Chair encouraged board members to attend the FSMB Annual Meeting in April, which will be held in Baltimore. While the location may not be particularly exciting, the meeting itself is highly valuable for networking and professional development. Early planning is recommended due to limited hotel availability. Funding and scholarship opportunities are being explored, and further details will be shared as they become available. Dr. Berg emphasized the importance of Guam maintaining a strong presence at these national meetings, noting that the most recent FSMB meeting featured Guam's largest delegation to date.</p>			
	<p>B. Public Law 117-333 Sec. 19. Portability of professional licenses of members of the uniformed services and their spouses.</p> <p>Dr. Berg provided an update regarding a recent issue discussed in the GBME chat concerning military physicians and the application of the Affordable Act. As a reminder, under current Guam law, physicians who are stationed in Guam or are the spouses of those stationed in Guam, are automatically licensed to practice in Guam for the duration of their assignment, provided they maintain a clean disciplinary record and hold an active license in another U.S. state.</p> <p>In one recent case, a military physician received a letter confirming compliance with this law and recognition of their out-of-state license. However, when the physician applied for Medicare and local insurance credentialing, the</p>	Noted		

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	<p>application was denied due to the absence of a formal Guam license. Upon investigation, it was found that other jurisdictions issue restricted licenses in such cases, clearly outlining the limitations.</p> <p>As a result, the GBME has adopted a similar approach. A formal letter is now issued to qualifying physicians, outlining the following key restrictions: The physician must maintain an active license in another U.S. state; The physician must keep their contact information, particularly email, up to date with the GBME; The license is automatically terminated upon a permanent change of station (PCS), regardless of whether the physician notifies the board; Temporary duty assignments (TDY or TAD) do not affect the license status and do not require notification.</p> <p>To formalize this process, the physician is required to sign an acknowledgment of these terms. Once signed, a restricted Guam license is issued, with an expiration date matching the end of the physician's or spouse's current assignment orders. Military orders are submitted as part of the process, with any sensitive or non-public information redacted for privacy and security.</p> <p>The Chair emphasized that this approach ensures compliance with Guam law while aligning with practices in other jurisdictions. The updated language and process are being shared with FSMB to promote consistency across states.</p>			
VIII	<p>A. Complaint(s):</p> <p>GBME-CO-20-005 – Received: 09/18/2020 Dr. Berg noted that the Board no longer has an assigned attorney. Cases will remain pending until a new attorney has been assigned by the OAG.</p> <p>GBME-CO-2022-010 – Received: 06/21/2022 Dr. Berg noted that the Board no longer has an assigned attorney. Cases will remain pending until a new attorney has been assigned by the OAG.</p> <p>GBME-CO-2025-003 – Received: 06/12/2025 Dr. Berg reported the licensee involved in the case has responded to questions asked during the investigative process, information gathering process. A request for additional information/records has been submitted.</p> <p>GBME-CO-2025-004 – Received: 06/12/2025 Dr. Berg noted the case is still under investigation by the Guam Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.</p>	Dr. Cruz Dr. Aguon Dr. Berg Dr. Berg	On-Going On-Going On-Going On-Going	
VIII	<p>A. Application(s) for Full Licensure</p> <p>1. Hamza Iqbal <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Wielgaard; 2nd: Dr. Berg</i></p> <p>2. Anika Pewlee <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Wiegaard; 2nd: Dr. Cruz</i></p> <p>3. Brandon J. Marshall <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2nd: Dr. Cruz</i></p>	GBME	Unanimously Approved Unanimously Approved Unanimously Approved	

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	<p>4. Sumeet Bahl <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Cruz; 2nd: Dr. Berg</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>5. Theresa Nu Huyen <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Cruz; 2nd: Dr. Berg</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	B. 2025 Renewals			
	1. Hoseong Yang 2. Delores J. Lee 3. Sylvia S. Cruz 4. Angelito G. Santos 5. Chivano Chhieng 6. Suwarat Wongjittaporn 7. Ornusa Teerasukjinda 8. Hugo E. Koo 9. Louise Lane L. Gutierrez 10. Kitty Victoria 11. Raymattie Singh 12. Anu Taylor 13. John Reinier F. Narvaez 14. Michele Therese L. Yamamoto 15. Michael C. Agustin 16. Dianne Saguian 17. Takehide Umeda 18. Hyun Min Song 19. Kirk Bellis 20. Mandeep Sahani 21. John Ray Taitano 22. Andrew Graves 23. Ma. Cristina Q. Manaloto 24. Scott C. Dulebohn 25. Sue Xue Ming 26. Ari Katerelos 27. Leopoldo C. Arcilla Jr. 28. Mo-Ping M. Tham 29. Chen Huang 30. Christopher H. Nebzydoski	GBME		Unanimously Approved

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	31. MK Mallikarjunappa 32. Ashish Khandelwal 33. Tiffany Lynn Willis 34. Stace Bradshaw 35. Eric W. Spak 36. Yoichi Inaba 37. Matthew S. Klocek 38. Peter N. Lombard 39. Peter KH L. Go 40. Sean S. Tamir 41. Sonita C. Tem 42. Friedrich C. Bieling 43. Mohamad A. Ghraowi 44. Sally Lynne Westcott 45. Lilibeth C. Sistoza 46. Hoa Van Nguyen 47. Shiva Gupta 48. Varghese Parambi 49. Mary E. Hernandez 50. Virgilio I. Lopez III 51. Akua Agyeman 52. Semjon Tsyrlin 53. Alyson Brinker 54. Supanee Rassameehiran 55. Christopher H. Martin 56. Ariel Ismael 57. Joanna G. Bolton 58. Kyle V. Keinath 59. Ajfar Sherif 60. Edgar Magcalas 61. Grant M. Wallenfelsz 62. Donald E. McLawhorn Jr. 63. Ruby D. Manalastas 64. Richard D. Leach 65. Darius A. Richardson			

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	66. Paul A. Muna Aguon 67. Dennis Antonio A. Sarmiento 68. Judd W. Dawson 69. Shih Hao Lin 70. Vincent S. Duenas 71. Frankie T. Mendiola 72. Karl R. Meier 73. John Y. Young 74. Edmund Vu 75. Jitka Lom 76. Moshe M. Cohn 77. Janna Manglona 78. Ramel A. Carlos 79. Casey M. Phan 80. Hiroko Shinoda 81. Koah R. Vierkoetter 82. Pamela Tauchi-Nishi 83. Tomomi Yafuso 84. Wesley J. Kim 85. Wichit Sae-Ow 86. Vincent Lizama 87. Esther Lee Guard 88. Gabriele M. Barthlen 89. Samantha Shapiro 90. Hieu T. Campus 91. Chris C. Dombrowski 92. Wasin Ahuja 93. Bishoy Elbebawy 94. Gamaliel J. Ferrer 95. Ji Yeong Kang 96. Jee Ah Rhee 97. Lawrence Lee 98. Robert Palusinski 99. Jirapat Teerakanok 100. Harry Sandoval Yu			

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	101. William P. Vercio 102. Luella Marie R. Manlucu 103. John Paul Rosales 104. Youngho Kim 105. Jonathan W. McNeely 106. Duy Tien Vu 107. Robert C. Nerves 108. Saied Safabakhsh 109. Glenn D. Cunningham 110. Daniel C. Medina 111. Kia Rahmani 112. Alexandra H. Leon Guerrero 113. Manuel H. DeCastro 114. Shishin Miyagi 115. Michael J. Robinson 116. Leonard Ranasinghe 117. Edmund F. Schroeder 118. Annie U. Bordallo 119. Ellen P. Bez 120. Michael J.E. Monson 121. Ivan Yue 122. Shawn J. Reed 123. Marcia Oliver 124. Gilbert M. Lopez 125. James U. Hofschneider 126. Johnny C. Lim Jr. 127. Reynald T. Lim 128. Doris P. Lim 129. Maria Chela A. Mariano 130. Daniel H. Moges 131. Thomas M. Park 132. Kamil Jaber 133. Joseph Jo-Yee Poon 134. Jerry R. Castro 135. Young K. Chang			

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		136. Geoffrey P. Galgo 137. Robert J. Leon Guerrero <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2nd: Dr. Cruz.</i>			
IX.	Announcement	Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 4:00 pm.	GBME		Set Date
X.	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Berg.</i>	GBME	1655	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: HPLO Staff

Date Submitted: 12/2/2025

Submitted by the GBME Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBME with or without changes:



Date: 12/10/2025

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:



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