

**Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners – Regular Board Meeting**

**Friday, December 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM**

194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Terlaje Professional Building Suite 209

Hagatna, Guam 96910

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**MINUTES**

Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status		
I	<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia		Chair	1219	Call to Order
	<b>Proof of Publication</b>	12/04/2025 and 12/10/2025 GuamPDN		Chair	1221	Confirmed
	<b>Roll Call</b>	<p><b>GBAHE Members</b></p> <p><u>Present:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Pereda, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Vice-Chair</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda, LPC, LMHC, LMFT, Secretary</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosalind S. Taitingfong, Occupational Therapist, Treasurer</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Chong, ACOM</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Velma R. Harper, Veterinarian</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietitian</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Julienne Duenas, Physical Therapist</li> </ul> <p><u>Virtually Present:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic</li> </ul> <p><u>Not in Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gregory J. Cruz, Respiratory Therapist</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Attendees</b></p> <p><u>Present at HPLO:</u></p> <p>Sharon Manibusan, DPHSS/HPLO Sibyl Crisostomo, Public</p> <p><u>Virtually Present:</u></p> <p>Breanna Sablan, DPHSS/HPLO Joshua Pangelinan, Public Jolene Toves, Guam Daily Post Uriah Aguon, Pacific Daily News</p>	Chair	1221	Quorum Established
II	<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas.</i>		GBAHE	1222	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
III	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<p><b>Draft Minutes Dated:</b> 11/07/25</p> <p>C. San Nicolas noted that the meeting minutes continued to identify her attendance as virtual when she was physically present. The minor correction was acknowledged to amend the record to show that she was not attending online.</p> <p><i>Motion to Approve as Amended: Dr. Harper; 2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Pereda.</i></p>		GBAHE	1222	Unanimously Approved as Amended

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<p><b>IV</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p>R. Taitingfong reported financial information received from the Department of Administration, stating that for fiscal year 2026 the Board was appropriated \$55,985 and allotted \$18,452, of which \$10,000 had already been expended for contractual services including website maintenance, transcription services, and required public notices, resulting in a remaining balance of \$7,547.35, with no expenditures made for travel, office needs, supplies, or equipment, aside from a \$300 miscellaneous payment identified as annual dues. It was further reported that the Board currently has an available balance of \$45,680.85, and that for fiscal year 2025 the Board generated \$83,925 in revenue, as well as an approximate \$35,000 surplus from fiscal year 2024, although uncertainty was expressed regarding where these funds are held, who controls them, and how the Board may access them, as the funds do not appear to flow directly through the reporting process.</p> <p>B. Sablan responded by clarifying that the reported revenue exceeding \$80,000 originates from the Department of Administration's financial system and is appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Social Services before being allocated to the HPLO through a revolving account, noting that while the Board does have access to the funds, there remains a discrepancy between the revenue collected and the amount appropriated or allotted for fiscal year 2026. She explained that this discrepancy is currently under review in coordination with the budget office and the Department of Administration, including verification of ledgers to confirm whether the full amount in license fees was received, and stated that an audit of the revenue accounts has been requested due to challenges associated with transitioning to a new financial system. She further provided an update on staffing concerns, indicating that although progress had been made in prior fiscal years to secure attorney positions, budget reductions in fiscal year 2026 limited current funding capacity, and even with additional revenue, funding certain positions would require cost sharing. She explained that investigator positions must be specifically created for the boards through the appropriate classification and statutory process, as existing positions cannot be repurposed, and expressed optimism that documentation submitted to the Department of Administration by the end of the month may result in progress, while acknowledging ongoing investigative responsibilities across multiple boards and the procedural requirements involved.</p> <p>N. Cepeda raised concerns regarding the availability of funds and inquired whether the Board could obtain an inspector or investigator position, emphasizing that board members do not receive formal investigative training and that investigations should be conducted by a qualified professional capable of providing informed recommendations. She further requested clarification on the status of establishing such a position and how the reported \$83,925 in revenue could be applied toward funding an investigator role.</p> <p>Dr. Balajadia responded by stating that she was uncertain whether an investigator position currently exists but reiterated that during a recent visit to the Legislature, she raised the need for legal counsel and an investigator or inspector, emphasizing that board members should not be responsible for conducting investigations. She explained that her longstanding proposal has been for the HPLO to have shared legal</p>	<p>R. Taitingfong</p>	<p>1226</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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		counsel and investigative support serving all boards under its purview, noting that recent discussions at the Legislature were met with a positive response. She further stated that the reported \$83,925 in revenue would be insufficient to fund these positions independently and reiterated her recommendation that the Legislature appropriate approximately \$350,000 to support full-time legal counsel, an investigator, and an inspector for all boards, expressing her continued commitment to pursuing the procurement of these positions to address ongoing concerns.			
V	<b>Administrator's Report</b>	<p>No report</p> <p>Dr. Balajadia briefly interjected to report that dietitians, clinical dietitians, and nutritionists attended a public hearing for Bill 19738 the previous day, noting that testimony was presented and that copies of the testimony were provided to board members present, with the exception of Dr. Miller, who was virtually present.</p> <p>C. San Nicolas expressed appreciation for the presence of Dr. Balajadia at the public hearing, noting that she provided testimony in support of updating licensure language to align with national organizational standards requiring a master's level education for dietitians, and conveyed gratitude for her participation and for submitting a copy of her testimony.</p>	GBAHE	1223	No Report
VI	<b>GBAHE Complaints</b>	<b>A. GBAHE-CO-22-03 MFT Received 02/21/22</b> Needs legal assistance.	Dr. Balajadia	1225	Ongoing, Needs Legal Assistance
		<b>B. GBAHE-CO-23-02 Veterinarian Received 12/28/23</b> Needs legal assistance.	GBAHE		Ongoing, Needs Legal Assistance
		<b>C. GBAHE-CO-23-03 Veterinarian Received 12/28/23</b> Needs an off-island consultant.	GBAHE		Ongoing, Needs Off-island Consultant
		<b>D. GBAHE-CO-24-03 SLP Received 08/06/24</b> Still under investigation and pending legal assistance.	N. Cepeda		Ongoing, Pending Legal Assistance
		<b>E. GBAHE-CO-25-08 Veterinarian Received 04/28/25</b> Close to resolving, we will report at the next meeting.	V. Harper		Ongoing, Close to Resolving, Upcoming Report Next Meeting
		<b>F. GBAHE-CO-25-09 LPC Received 04/29/25</b> We will report at the next meeting.	Dr. Balajadia		Ongoing, Upcoming Report Next Meeting
VIII	<b>New Business</b>	<b>A. Initial/New Applications</b>		1227	
		<b>i. Atteberry, Allison M. (Dietitian) (C. San Nicolas)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>	GBAHE		Unanimously Approved

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	<b>ii. Buenavides, Gionn Ryu K. (PT) (R. Taitingfong)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>	GBAHE		Unanimously Approved	
	<b>iii. Cornman, Megan Alexis G. (OT) (R. Taitingfong)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>	GBAHE		Unanimously Approved	
	<b>iv. Pangelinan, Joshua Jordan (LPC Intern) (V. Pereda)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>	GBAHE		Unanimously Approved	
	<b>v. Dionisio, Charlene Mae S. (LPC Intern) (V. Pereda)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>	GBAHE		Unanimously Approved	
	<b>vi. Villanueva, Brian C. (LPC Intern) (V. Pereda)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: C. San Nicolas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>	GBAHE		Unanimously Approved	
	<b>B. Application to Sit for Exam</b>				
	<b>i. Reyes, Casiana L.C. – LPC Exam (LPC Intern) (V. Pereda)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Harper.</i>	GBAHE		Unanimously Approved	
<b>IX</b>	<b>Next Board Meeting</b>	Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: <b>Friday, January 2, 2026 at 12:00 PM.</b>	GBAHE	1238	Set Date
<b>X</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<i>Motion to Adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas.</i>	GBAHE	1238	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 01/21/2026

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

*Manie Chalapedia*

Date: 02/20/2026