

GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

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

Physical/Mailing Address:

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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	0834	Call to Order	
II	Roll Call	<p>GBBC</p> <p><u>Present:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marlene San Nicolas, O.D., Chairperson</p> <p><u>Virtually Present:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Anglim, O.D., Secretary</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Kim, O.D., Vice-Chairperson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Julian Archer, O.D., Treasurer</p>	<p>Other Attendees:</p> <p><u>Present:</u></p> <p>Sharon Manibusan, DPHSS/HPLO</p> <p><u>Virtually Present:</u></p> <p>Joaquin Blaz, DPHSS</p> <p>Peter John Camcho, DPHSS</p>	GBEO	0834	Quorum Established
III	Proof of Publication	<p>Reviewed and found to be in conformance with current laws.</p> <p><i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim 2nd: J. Anglim.</i></p>		0834	Confirmed	
IV	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim 2nd: J. Anglim.</i>	GBEO	0834	Unanimously Approved	
V	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim 2nd: J. Anglim.</i>	GBEO	0835	Unanimously Approved	
VI	TREASURER'S REPORT	No report	Julian Archer	0835	No Report	
VII	HPLO REPORT	S. Manibusan reported that there was nothing significant to update aside from the payment of the ARBO membership, discussed the need for access to the ARBO website to review available resources and information such as meeting discussions and national examination data, and agreed to follow up on determining appropriate administrative access for board members and ensuring all members could access the ARBO materials.	HPLO	0835	Noted	
VIII	OLD BUSINESS	<p>A. The practice act revision (TPA) – ongoing discussion</p> <p>M. San Nicolas noted that the board had not yet convened to review or discuss matters related to the practice act revision and the associated rules and regulations.</p>	GBEO	0838	Tabled, Pending more Information	

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	<p><i>Tabled Pending More Information: M. San Nicolas.</i></p> <p>B. Rules and regulations proposed revision 2.0 – ongoing discussion No report <i>Tabled Pending More Information: M. San Nicolas.</i></p> <p>C. Complaints:</p> <p>● GBEO-CO-2025-001 M. San Nicolas reported that no response had been received from the AG’s office regarding the complaint and agreed to table the matter until guidance was provided.</p> <p>J. Kim discussed confusion regarding legal counsel assignments and S. Manibusan clarified that Atty. Keeler was identified as the attorney assigned by the AG’s office for the optometry board despite limited engagement.</p> <p>M. Manibusan reviewed internal protocol for hand-delivering correspondence to the Attorney General’s office rather than emailing, and agreed to follow up by emailing Atty. Keeler directly to confirm receipt of the complaint and seek resolution so the matter could be addressed and removed from pending items. <i>Table Pending Information from AG’s Office: M. San Nicolas.</i></p>	GBEO		Tabled, Pending more Information
IX	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>A. Renewal Applications:</p> <p>1. John J. Kim <i>Motion to Approve: J. Anglim 2nd: J. Kim.</i></p> <p>2. Jeannette Storey <i>Motion to Approve: J. Anglim 2nd: J. Kim.</i></p>	GBEO	0842	Unanimously Approved
X	<p>NEXT BOARD MEETING</p> <p>Next Scheduled Meeting: No Set Date</p>	GBEO	0845	No Set Date
XI	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p><i>Motion to Adjourn: J. Kim 2nd: J. Amglim.</i></p>	GBEO	0848	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBBC Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBBC with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

Melvin Jackson

Date:

2/24/26

GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 8:30 AM Guam (ChST)

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III	Proof of Publication	Reviewed and found to be in conformance with current laws. Motion to Approve: Dr. Kim; 2 nd : Dr. Anglim.		0833	Confirmed	
IV	ELECTIONS:	<p>A. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer: The board proceeded with its annual January election of officers, during which no members volunteered to seek positions other than those they currently held, resulting in the continuation of the existing leadership, with the vice chair and secretary indicating their intent to remain in their respective roles. Dr. Archer was designated to continue as treasurer, no nominations were made for chair, and the officer slate confirmed as unchanged. Motion to Approve the Slate of Officers for 2026: Dr. Kim; 2nd: Dr. Anglim.</p>	GBEO	0835	Unanimously Approved Slate of Officers for 2026	
V	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to Approve: Dr. Kim; 2 nd : Dr. Anglim.	GBEO	0836	Unanimously Approved	
VI	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Tabled to Next Meeting: Dr. San Nicolas.	GBEO	0836	Tabled, Until Next Meeting	
VII	TREASURER'S REPORT	No report	J. Archer	0837	No Report	
VIII	HPLO REPORT	The board was informed that follow-up efforts regarding the current vacancies on the board were ongoing, and it was further confirmed that a review of the members' term statuses would also be checked	HPLO	0837	Noted	

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	OLD BUSINESS	<p>A. The practice act revision (TPA) – ongoing discussion</p> <p>Dr. San Nicolas discussed the review of the Practice Act and the associated rules and regulations, emphasizing the importance of first becoming familiar with the original version before proposing any amendments, with members agreeing that individual review would help identify necessary updates to better align the Act with current and future needs, and it was clarified that once the board completes its discussion and prepares a draft of proposed changes, HPLO will forward the draft to the AG’s office for review.</p>	GBEO	0837	Ongoing Discussion
		<p>B. Rules and regulations proposed revision 2.0 – ongoing discussion</p>	GBEO		Ongoing Discussion
		<p>C. Complaints:</p>			
		<p>● GBEO-CO-2025-001</p> <p>Dr. San Nicolas discussed with Dr. Kim the ongoing complaint that remained unresolved due to the absence of a response from the AG’s office and the patient’s unwillingness to lodge a complaint. Dr. Kim expressed frustration with prolonged delays, and lack of communication from the AG’s office. He questioned whether the board could independently act in the interest of public health by issuing formal correspondence and conducting equipment inspections and record reviews. Dr. San Nicolas gave prior instances in which such actions were undertaken without agency approval, leading to discussion on whether the issue should be treated as a specific complaint against an individual or addressed more broadly through general inspections to ensure clinics met required standards and to safeguard public health of Guam and Optometry.</p> <p>B. Sablan advised the board that it did not need to wait for the AG’s office to proceed with compliance inspections, as such actions fall within the board’s discretion, while legal consultation would only be required if sanctions against an individual, profession, or license were being considered, and the board agreed to move forward with issuing a formal letter on official letterhead to all practitioners announcing inspections, with HPLO offering to assist in drafting and distributing the correspondence for board review.</p> <p>The board further discussed the scope of the inspections, confirming that they would include both equipment compliance and records audits, consistent with prior inspection practices intended to ensure fair and uniform application of standards, and Dr. San Nicolas and Dr. Kim reviewed previous procedures involving onsite inspections, verification of required equipment use, and submission of a specified number of patient records for review.</p>	GBEO		Ongoing, Pending Response from AG’s Office

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		Dr. San Nicolas clarified that the initial inspection letter would not outline penalties but would instead serve as a compliance review, with follow-up actions, corrective measures, or additional correspondence to be considered if deficiencies were identified, and Dr. Kim expressed consensus and satisfaction with the plan and the momentum moving forward.			
X	NEXT BOARD MEETING	Next Scheduled Meeting: February 24, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.	GBEO	0850	Set Date
XI	ADJOURNMENT	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Kim; 2nd: Dr. Anglim.</i>	GBEO	0853	Adjourned

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