

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Guam Board of Social Work – Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 11:00 AM

194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Terlaje Professional Building, Suite 209

Hagatna, GU 96910

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Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status		
I	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Meeting Chaired by A. Lape. Confirmation of Public Notice posted on Guam Meeting Portal and published in Guam PDN: January 29, 2025 and February 3, 2026</p> <p>Election of Officers: Board members discussed whether an election of officers was necessary given that there were no new appointments to the Board. A. Lape noted that, unless any current member wished to change or step down from their position, there appeared to be no need to conduct an election. During discussion, J. Baleto inquired about efforts to recruit additional members and whether there had been any progress toward new appointments. A. Lape reported that although the Governor’s Office had previously contemplated a potential appointee, no eligible or viable candidates were currently available, as one individual who had expressed interest was ineligible due to serving on another board, and another potential candidate had a complaint filed against that person and no longer responded with interest. It was further noted for the record that both D. Calvo and A. Lape had exceeded the expiration of their second terms; however, pursuant to statutory provisions allowing members to remain in their roles until replaced, and in the absence of new appointments, resignations would result in a lack of quorum. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to maintain the current officer positions and continue operating under the existing structure. <i>Motion to Maintain Current Officer Positions as Status Quo: D. Calvo; 2nd: A. Lape.</i></p>	Chair	1118	Confirmed		
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III	<p>Adoption of Agenda</p> <p>Approved by A. Lape</p>	GBSW	1119	Unanimously Approved		
IV	<p>Review and Approval of Minutes</p> <p>November 20, 2025 and January 08, 2026 <i>Motion to Approve: D. Calvo; 2nd: J. Baleto.</i></p>	GBSW	1119	Unanimously Approved		
V	<p>HPLO Administrator’s Report</p> <p>B. Sablan informed the Board that regular follow-up efforts were ongoing with the Governor’s Office regarding the existing vacancy on the Board. It was stated that the Governor’s Office is aware of the</p>	HPLO	1122	Noted		

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		vacancy and that follow-up communication occurs on a weekly to monthly basis. She further advised that any updates received would be promptly shared with the Board and expressed appreciation to the members for their time.			
VI	Chairperson's Report	No report	A. Lape	1123	No Report
VII	Committee Reports	A. Finance & Budget No report	J. Baleto	1123	No Report
		B. Statutes, Rules, and Forms 1. Update on Rules and Regulations A. Lape acknowledged prior discussions regarding the status of the proposed updates to the rules and regulations, noting that the remaining work involved final review and cleanup before submission to Public Health. She explained that recent personal circumstances affecting both her and D. Calvo had delayed progress. They intend to refocus their efforts and anticipate providing the updated draft within the next few months. It was further stated that advance notice would be given to B. Sablan as the submission nears completion.	A. Lape		Noted
VIII	Old Business	A. Complaint: GBSW-CO-2024-002 D. Calvo reported that communication had been received from the Attorney General's Office but stated that a review at the HPLO had not yet been conducted to determine any further course of action. No update was available at this time.	D. Calvo	1124	Ongoing, No Update at this Time
IX	New Business	A. Consideration of Applications for Initial Licensure:	GBSW	1124	
		1. Geri Bough – LCSW A. Lape reviewed the application of G. Bough, who is currently licensed in Indiana and is seeking licensure in Guam in order to continue providing telehealth services to a client relocating to the island. It was noted that G. Bough holds a Master of Social Work degree and submitted her transcript; however, confirmation of supervised clinical hours signed by her supervisor was not found in the application materials. K. Lee explained that her former supervisor is no longer practicing, and she had been asked to provide license verification. A. Lape clarified that, until the rules and regulations are promulgated, it does not have the authority to endorse an out-of-state license, and therefore G. Bough must independently satisfy Guam's supervised hours requirement. It was recommended that she request from the Indiana licensing board a copy of the documentation she previously submitted for her licensure, and that the board transmit the records directly to the HPLO. Aside from the missing verification of supervised hours, no other deficiencies were identified, as her clearances, transcript, and continuing education units appeared to be in order. A. Lape agreed to await receipt of the required documentation before taking further action.			Awaiting Receipt of Required Documentations
		2. Alexa V. Tiro – LMSW A. Lape was not able to review. <i>Tabled to Next Meeting: A. Lape.</i>			Tabled to Next Meeting
		B. Consideration of Application for Renewal of Licensure:			
		1. Jamela A. Santos – LCSW	GBSW		Unanimously

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		<i>Motion to Approve: J. Baletto; 2nd: A. Lape.</i>			Approved
		2. Onania O. Snively – LBSW <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Photo Signature: J. Baletto; 2nd: D. Calvo.</i>	GBSW		Conditionally Approved, Pending Photo Signature
		3. Crystal J.F. Gooden – LBSW <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Photo Signature: J. Baletto; 2nd: A. Lape.</i>	GBSW		Conditionally Approved, Pending Photo Signature
X	Next Board Meeting	Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: March 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM.	GBSW	1131	Set Meeting Date
XI	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: J. Baletto; 2nd: D. Calvo</i>	GBSW	1134	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBSW Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBSW with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson: *Angelina - Marie C. Lape*

Date: 03/25/2026