

# GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 8:30 AM Guam (ChST)

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Join Zoom Meeting:

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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	0854	Call to Order
II	Roll Call	<b>GBBC</b> <u>Present:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marlene San Nicolas, O.D., Chairperson  <u>Virtually Present:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Kim, O.D., Vice-Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Anglim, O.D., Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julian Archer, O.D., Treasurer	<b>Other Attendees:</b> <u>Present:</u> Sharon Manibusan, DPHSS/HPLO Juanita P. Quintanilla, DPHSS/HPLO  <u>Virtually Present:</u> Joaquin Blaz, DPHSS/DGA Breanna Sablan, DPHSS/HPLO	GBEO	0854	Quorum Established
III	Proof of Publication	M. San Nicolas reviewed and found to be in conformance with current laws 02/17/26 and 02/20/26.			0855	Confirmed
IV	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>		GBEO	0857	Unanimously Approved
V	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<b>Minutes Dated:</b> 10/28/2025 and 01/28/2026 <i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>		GBEO	0858	Unanimously Approved
VI	TREASURER'S REPORT	No report		J. Archer	0900	No Report
VII	HPLO REPORT	No report; however, B. Sablan requested the Board to engage in discussion regarding the letters that need to be issued to the optometrists.		HPLO	0901	Noted
VIII	OLD BUSINESS	<b>A. The practice act revision (TPA) – ongoing discussion</b> M. San Nicolas apologized for not having contacted anyone to discuss the law or the rules and regulations due to a busy schedule, and expressed that the Board should nonetheless proceed with a discussion, particularly concerning ongoing inspections and how to move forward in a manner that appropriately strengthens the law to reflect key provisions without exceeding reasonable limits.		GBEO	0902	Ongoing Discussion
		<b>B. Rules and regulations proposed revision 2.0 – ongoing discussion</b>		GBEO		Ongoing Discussion
		<b>C. Complaints:</b>				
		● GBEO-CO-2025-001		GBEO		Ongoing, No Update from AG's Office

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		No update from the AG's Office.			
IX	NEW BUSINESS	<p><b>A. Inspection</b></p> <p>The Board discussed the need to formally vote on whether to proceed with inspections of optometry clinics, noting that sample letters from prior inspections conducted many years ago had been provided to inform newer members of past practices. It was confirmed that the materials had been distributed and reviewed, with no significant questions raised. The discussion outlined procedures such as providing advance notice to clinics, determining the timeline and logistics for conducting inspections, conducting in pairs, and coordinating visits to minimize disruption to patient care while ensuring proper review of records and required equipment.</p> <p>Clarification was sought regarding specific equipment requirements listed in the governing law, including the interpretation of terms such as ophthalmoscope and keratometer, and whether modern equivalents like autorefractors could satisfy those requirements. It was explained that while the law specifies minimum equipment standards, inspectors could document equivalent devices and later determine their acceptability. The Board also acknowledged that some clinics may not meet all minimum requirements, and in the absence of defined penalties in current law, the approach would involve notifying clinics of deficiencies, allowing reasonable time for correction, and conducting follow-up inspections.</p> <p>Further discussion emphasized the importance of consistency and fairness in enforcement, particularly given historical gaps in conducting inspections and changes in practice standards. The Board considered the process for issuing initial notification letters to all optometrists, informing them of upcoming inspections without specifying exact dates, followed by subsequent scheduling notices. It was noted that a comprehensive list of clinic locations would be needed, including multiple practice sites where applicable, to ensure all facilities are inspected. S. Manibusan would put the list together.</p> <p>The discussion concluded with a formal motion to proceed with inspections of all optometry clinics, including verification of mandatory equipment and documentation requirements.</p> <p><i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i></p>		0904	Unanimously Approved
X	NEXT BOARD MEETING	Next Scheduled Meeting: <b>Tuesday, March 31, 2026</b>	GBEO	0909	Set Date
XI	ADJOURNMENT	<i>Motion to Adjourn: J. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>	GBEO	0910	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

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Submitted by the GBBC Secretary:

Date:

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Approved by the GBBC with or without changes:

Date: 3/31/22

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Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

*Malcolm J. [Signature]*

Date: 3/31/22

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