

**Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Friday, March 13, 2026 at 12:00 PM**  
194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Terlaje Professional Building Suite 209  
Hagatna, Guam 96910  
**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
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**MINUTES**

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
<b>I</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia	Chair	1221	Call to Order
	<b>Proof of Publication</b>	03/06/2026 and 03/11/2026 Guam PDN and the Government of Guam Public Portal	Chair		Confirmed
	<b>Roll Call</b>	<p><b>GBAHE Members</b></p> <p><i>Present:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda, LPC, LMHC, LMFT, Vice-Chair</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Velma R. Harper, Veterinarian, 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. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vincent Pereda, Licensed Mental Health Counselor</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Julienne Duenas, Physical Therapist</li> </ul> <p><i>Virtually Present:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregory J. Cruz, Respiratory Therapist</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Attendees</b></p> <p><i>Present at HPLO:</i></p> <p>Kaysie Lee, DPHSS/HPLO</p> <p><i>Virtually Present:</i></p> <p>Brenna Sablan, DPHSS/HPLO  Balthazar Hattori II, DPHSS/HPLO  Uriah Aguon, Guam PDN  Annmarie Perez, Public  Aziz Sabeti, Public  Jordan, Public  Solene Torres, Guam Daily Post</p>		Chair
<b>II</b>	<b>Adoption of Agenda</b>	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas.</i>	GBAHE	1223	Unanimous Adopted Agenda
<b>III</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Draft Minutes</b> dated 02/20/2026 <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Duenas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Harper.</i>	GBAHE	1224	Unanimous Approved
<b>IV</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	R. Taitingfong reported that the majority of expenditures were allocated to contractual services, resulting in a current zero balance for that category, while \$450 had been spent on supplies and no expenditures had been made for travel or equipment; additionally, \$12,250 had been used for miscellaneous expenses, including stipends, leaving a remaining balance of \$6,750, with no changes in	R. Taitingfong	1226	Noted

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		<p>revenue collections reported for January and February and overall totals remaining unchanged.</p> <p>Dr. Balajadia noted that the treasury report is dependent on information provided by the Department of Administration’s accounting office, and any delays in their reporting affect the board’s financial updates, with the board currently maintaining limited funds despite ongoing collections, and an anticipated increase in revenue expected following license renewals at the end of December 2026, although this remains subject to the timing of official accounting reports.</p> <p>R. Taitingfong also mentioned that some funds for January and February should be reflected due to minor misapplications, though these amounts are minimal, and that any significant financial improvement will likely not occur until the next fiscal reporting period when updated figures are released.</p>			
V	Administrator’s Report	B. Sablan reported that updates on board vacancies are being coordinated closely with the front office, including collaboration with M. Camacho, and that M. Camacho has been nominated by the Governor to serve in the speech-language pathology position. It was further noted that, following the resignation of Dr. Triolo, the board continues to seek a qualified audiologist to fill the vacancy, though recruitment remains challenging due to the limited number of practicing audiologists on the island.	GBAHE	1235	Noted
VI	GBAHE Complaints	<p><b>A. GBAHE-CO-22-03 MFT Received 02/21/22</b> Dr. Balajadia noted that the matter was still requested and under investigation.</p>	Dr. Balajadia	1237	Ongoing, Under Investigation
		<p><b>B. GBAHE-CO-23-02 Veterinarian Received 12/28/23</b> Dr. Balajadia reported that the matter has been forwarded to the territorial veterinarian for further review and investigation.</p>	GBAHE		Ongoing, Pending Further Review and Investigation
		<p><b>C. GBAHE-CO-23-03 Veterinarian Received 12/28/23</b> Dr. Balajadia reported that the matter has been forwarded to the territorial veterinarian for further review and investigation.</p>	GBAHE		Ongoing, Pending Further Review and Investigation
		<p><b>D. GBAHE-CO-24-03 SLP Received 08/06/24</b> Dr. Balajadia noted that the matter remains under ongoing investigation.</p>	N. Cepeda		Ongoing, Under Investigation
		<p><b>E. GBAHE-CO-25-09 LPC Received 04/29/25</b> Dr. Balajadia noted that the matter remains under ongoing investigation.</p>	Dr. Balajadia		Ongoing, Under Investigation
VII	New Business	<p><b>A. Review of Pending Bills</b></p>		1243	
		<p><b>i. Bill No. 276-38: “Relative to including dry needling and spinal manipulation as authorized activities for licensed practitioners of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine”.</b> A motion was introduced by Dr. Miller proposing that the board refrain from taking any position or making recommendations regarding the referenced legislation, especially Bill 276-</p>			Motioned to Not Make A Recommendation on the Passage of the Bill Until It

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	<p>38, until all members have had sufficient opportunity to review qualifications, certifications, and supporting information related to the procedures in question, emphasizing the need for informed discussion and deliberation among all professions represented on the board.</p> <p>Dr. Balajadia noted that the bills had been postponed and that the legislative process would not normally proceed independently of the board’s input. Concerns were raised by Dr. Duenas and N. Cepeda regarding the board’s current lack of comprehensive review and the importance of allowing adequate time to evaluate the potential impact on all represented professions.</p> <p>Dr. Chong reflected differing perspectives, including concerns about prior legislative actions occurring without board input and the need to ensure fairness and proper procedure moving forward, as well as the complexity of scope-of-practice issues among professions such as acupuncture and chiropractic care. Ultimately, the motion was clarified to state that the board would delay any formal action or recommendation until further discussion and analysis could occur, potentially in a work session, and upon being put to a vote, the motion carried with one opposing vote.</p> <p><i>Motion to Not Make Any Recommendations on the Passage of this Bill Until the Board has had Time to Discuss, Debate, and Analyze all the Proof that is Needed: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Duenas.</i></p>			Board has had Time to Discuss, Debate, and Analyze all the Proof that is Needed
	<p><b>ii. Bill No. 277-38: “Relative to authorizing and regulating Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Assistants”.</b></p> <p>Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried with one opposing vote.</p> <p><i>Motion to Not Make Any Recommendations on the Passage of this Bill Until the Board has had Time to Discuss, Debate, and Analyze all the Proof that is Needed: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Duenas.</i></p>			Motioned to Not Make A Recommendation on the Passage of this Bill Until the Board has had Time to Discuss, Debate, and Analyze all the Proof that is Needed
	<b>B. Initial and New Applications for Licensure</b>			
	<b>i. Registered Respiratory Therapist</b>			
	<p><b>a) Severson, Randall G. (G. Cruz)</b></p> <p><i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Duenas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Harper.</i></p>	GBAHE		Unanimous Approved
	<b>ii. Physical Therapist</b>			
	<p><b>a) Fekula, Natalie Renee (J. Duenas)</b></p> <p><i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Duenas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Harper.</i></p>	GBAHE		Unanimous Approved
	<b>iii. Speech Language Pathologist</b>			
	<p><b>a) West, Nancy Lopez B. (R. Taitingfong)</b></p> <p><i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Duenas; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Harper.</i></p>	GBAHE		Unanimous Approved
	<b>C. Application to Sit for Exam – LPC</b>			

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		<b>a) Hernandez-Bautista, Mirafeliza (V. Pereda)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Duenas..</i>	GBAHE		Unanimous Approved
		<b>b) Camacho, Levina Teresa (V. Pereda)</b> A correction was made to the spelling of the applicant's name, clarifying that it should be written as Lavina. <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Duenas.</i>			Unanimous Approved
		<b>c) Santos, Chi Man (V. Pereda)</b> <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Duenas.</i>			Unanimous Approved
VII	Next Board Meeting	Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: <b>Friday, April 10, 2026 at 12:00 PM.</b>	GBAHE	1243	Set Date
IX	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Harper.</i>	GBAHE	1244	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 03/22/2026

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson: *Manie Obalopdia*

Date: 04/10/2026