

**GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**  
**Guam Board of Social Work – Regular Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM**  
**RECONVENED Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 12:00 PM**  
194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Terlaje Professional Building, Suite 209  
Hagatna, GU 96910

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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**Meeting ID:** 853 0517 3010

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**MINUTES**

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	Call to Order	<b>Meeting Chaired by A. Lape.</b>	Chair	1204	Confirmed	
		Confirmation of Public Notice posted on Guam Meeting Portal and published in Guam PDN: <b>March 4, 2026 and March 9, 2026</b>				
II	Determination of Quorum	<b>GBSW:</b> <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angelina-Marie C. Lape, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Calvo, Vice Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Baletto, Treasurer	<b>Others Present:</b> <i>Present:</i> Kaysie Lee, DPHSS/HPLO  <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> Breanna Sablan, DPHSS/HPLO Baltazar Hattori III, DPHSS/HPLO Joanna Naputi, Public		1204	Quorum Confirmed
III	Adoption of Agenda	Approved by A. Lape.	GBSW	1205	Unanimously Approved	
IV	Review and Approval of Minutes	<b>Minutes Dated:</b> February 5, 2026 <i>Motion to Approve: D. Calvo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baletto.</i>	GBSW	1206	Unanimously Approved	
V	HPLO Administrator's Report	B. Sablan reported that there were no formal updates at this time; however, she informed the board that consistent weekly follow-ups are being conducted with the governor's office regarding the existing board vacancies, though no new information has been received.	HPLO	1208	Noted	
VI	Chairperson's Report	A. Lape provided an update regarding activities from the ASWB, identified as the Association of Social Work Boards, noting that the organization conducted a 2024 social work census of all member boards, with workforce data available on its website upon approved request for research purposes; it was further reported that new licensure exam standards were adopted in January with implementation scheduled for August 2026, though Guam remains exempt until six months after the promulgation of its rules and regulations, while the information may still be relevant to locally licensed individuals seeking licensure in other jurisdictions, and additionally, it was announced that upcoming ASWB board member and staff training opportunities will be available both virtually on June 4 and in person in Washington, D.C. in October, with registration typically closing one month prior, no attendance limit for the virtual option, and	A. Lape	1209	Noted	

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		funding available for only one board staff member for the in-person session.			
VII	Committee Reports	<b>A. Finance &amp; Budget</b> A. Lape and J. Baletto noted that finance and budget has remained a standing agenda item; however, only one meeting was previously held many years ago under the oversight of HPLO, and no subsequent meetings have taken place since that time.	J. Baletto	1218	Noted
		<b>B. Statutes, Rules, and Forms</b> i. <b>Update on Rules and Regulations</b> A. Lape reported that during a recent NASW conference, inquiries were made regarding the status of the rules and regulations, and it was reiterated that the process is nearing completion with plans to present the finalized document to HPLO for a public hearing prior to legislative submission; it was further explained that past delays were largely due to changes in board membership requiring repeated reviews to ensure all voting members were fully informed, and with no recent membership changes, there is an expectation of finalization very soon, a message that was also conveyed to attending senators, T. Terlaje and V. Borja.	A. Lape		Noted
VIII	Old Business	<b>A. Complaint: GBSW-CO-2024-002</b> D. Calvo reported that there have been no updates since the last contact regarding the filed complaint, and while a draft letter had been submitted to the AG's office requesting legal advice or an opinion, no response has been received to date; accordingly, HPLO was requested to follow up on the matter and provide an update to the board.	D. Calvo	1222	Ongoing, Request to Follow on the Case
		<b>B. Complaint: GBSW-CO-2026-001</b> A. Lape reported that HPLO received this new complaint, filed by a former employer against a licensee. J. Baletto was designated as next up to review; however, it was agreed that until reviewed internally to determine any potential conflict of interest, follow-up discussion would occur at the next board meeting.	J. Baletto		Ongoing, Update Next Board Meeting
IX	New Business	<b>A. Consideration of Applications for Initial Licensure:</b> i. <b>Geri Bough – LCSW</b> A. Lape reported that the application of G. Bough for LCSW licensure, which should have been categorized as old business, because I reviewed her application last month, remains under review. She noted that the applicant is currently licensed in Indiana since 1996, holds an MSW, and is seeking Guam licensure to continue providing telehealth services to a client relocating to Guam; however, the application is incomplete due to missing verification of clinical hours, as the applicant has been unable to obtain records from her former supervisor and is awaiting documentation from the Indiana licensing board, and it was clarified that under the current Social Work Practice Act, licensure by exception still requires submission of all other mandated documentation, including clinical hours, though it was further noted that once the rules and regulations are promulgated, the applicant may qualify for licensure by endorsement or reciprocity, which would not require submission of such hours. The application will remain pending until receipt of verification of clinical hours.	GBSW	1231	Pending Until Receipt of Verification of Clinical Hours
		ii. <b>Alexa V. Tiro – LMSW</b> <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baletto.</i>			Unanimously Approved

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	<b>B. Consideration of Application for Renewal of Licensure:</b>			
	<b>i. Joannah G. Naputi – LBSW</b> A. Lape noted that there was a typographical error on the agenda, specifically that the individual’s name was misspelled and should be corrected to reflect the proper spelling as Joanna. <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baletto.</i>	GBSW		Unanimously Approved
	<b>ii. Antoinette L. Latson – LBSW</b> A. Lape clarified that the individual referenced is submitting an application for renewal of her LCSW licensure, requiring a corresponding revision to the agenda. <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baletto.</i>	GBSW		Unanimously Approved
	<b>iii. Ashley N. Bato – LBSW</b> <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baletto.</i>			Unanimously Approved
	<b>iv. Kaitlynn Paige C. Concepcion – LBSW</b> <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Baletto.</i>	GBSW		Unanimously Approved
X	<b>Next Board Meeting</b>	GBSW	1225	Set Meeting Date
XI	<b>Adjournment</b>	GBSW	1225	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 4/1/2026

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: 5/7/2026

