

The Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy

Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:30 AM

194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Terlaje Professional Bldg., Suite 209

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I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: M. Gabriel	Chair	0803	Call to Order
	A. Roll Call: GBEP Members <u>Present at HPLO Conference:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Gabriel, Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Angelina Eustaquio, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arthur Mariano, Treasurer <u>Virtually Present:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jed Sana, Vice-Chair	Other Attendees <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Baltazar Hattori III, HPLO/EMS <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Breanna Sablan, HPLO/EMS PeterJohn Camacho, DPHSS Deputy Director	Chair	0806	Quorum Established
	B. Confirmation of Public Notice: Pacific Daily News: 05/14/2026 and 05/19/2026				Confirmed
II	Approval of Agenda	Motion to Approve: M. Gabriel; 2 nd : A. Mariano.	GBEP	0806	Unanimously Approved
III	Review and Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes Dated: April 30, 2026 Motion to Approve: A. Mariano; 2 nd : M. Gabriel.	GBEP	0806	Unanimously Approved
IV	HPLO Administrator's Report	B. Sablan informed the Board that two nominations would be forwarded to the Governor's Office, while clarification was still being sought regarding a third nomination due to the Board's composition remaining limited to five members. M. Gabriel noted that her term, along with A. Mariano's term would expire this year, and other members were also pending. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of transitioning Board membership and ensuring compliance with the five-member composition requirement. It was further noted that the potential addition of Dr. Kwon, Dr. N. Vo, and K. Lee would increase the number of members to six, and clarification would be addressed separately to determine which five individuals would remain on the Board while renewal nomination packets are reviewed.	B. Sablan	0806	Noted
V	Chairperson's Report	M. Gabriel reported on her attendance at the 122nd NABP Annual Meeting held in Boston from May 12–15, noting that the event had over 500 attendees and 51 voting delegates, making it larger than the previous year's meeting. She explained that the primary purposes of the meeting	GBEP	0806	Noted

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	<p>were to elect NABP officers and executive committee members, including positions for President, Treasurer, and Districts 3, 4, and 8, with all candidates running unopposed except for the District 3 position, which had two candidates. The meeting also included the review of amendments to the NABP Constitution and Bylaws, as well as discussion and voting on policy resolutions. M. Gabriel stated that it was her first time attending the national board meeting and highlighted the networking opportunities, including dinners, breakfasts, open table discussions, exhibits, and educational sessions. She further shared that she had spoken with the NABP President-elect regarding the possibility of administering the FPGEE examination on Guam so that candidates would no longer need to travel to San Francisco. She stated that discussions regarding the FPGEE examination process are ongoing, with further follow-up expected after additional meetings are held.</p> <p>M. Gabriel reported that three business meetings were conducted during the NABP Annual Meeting, with the first consisting primarily of a recap of the organization’s initiatives and activities over the past year. She stated that the meeting provided valuable information regarding new resources available to boards, including the Research and Innovation Institute, which focuses on emerging technologies and innovative pharmacy practice models such as artificial intelligence tools and kiosks. She explained that the institute provides a collaborative platform and resource library where board members may ask questions and discuss regulatory considerations related to these technologies. M. Gabriel further reported that NABP has been promoting well-being and mental health initiatives for pharmacy staff through the development of tools and resources being implemented across various states. She also discussed a task force related to medications for opioid use disorder, noting that model language has been developed for states to adopt regarding pharmacists administering medications for opioid use disorder treatment.</p> <p>Additionally, M. Gabriel informed the Board about the NABP Pulse program, a product verification system intended to support the Drug Supply Chain Security Act by helping verify the legitimacy of pharmaceutical products. She explained that the system allows users to scan or photograph a product to confirm that it is part of the verified drug supply chain and noted that the program would become available to dispensers beginning in June. She further stated that the service would initially be provided free of charge to independent pharmacies, which would allow Guam pharmacy owners and investigators to utilize the resource.</p> <p>M. Gabriel also reported on the rollout of the Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (UMPJE), noting that six jurisdictions began participation on April 1, with five additional jurisdictions expected to join in June. She explained that the UMPJE is intended to</p>			

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	<p>provide a more standardized and continuously updated examination process, with ongoing review and revision of examination questions to ensure accuracy and effectiveness. She noted that participation in the UMPJE could potentially improve reciprocity and facilitate easier license transitions between jurisdictions, and she stated that further discussion may be needed regarding Guam’s possible participation in the program.</p> <p>M. Gabriel reported that the first legal session at the NABP Annual Meeting included discussion of the Multistate Inspection Blueprint Program, which is primarily intended for states involved in the shipment of sterile compounded products across state lines. She stated that she spoke with an NABP representative who offered to share inspection forms that could potentially be adapted to improve Guam’s inspection standards and sterile compounding inspection processes. She noted that although Guam may not directly participate in the multistate program due to limited interstate sterile compounding activity, incorporating aspects of the inspection framework and USP references into local inspection forms could be beneficial.</p> <p>M. Gabriel further reported that the second legal session focused primarily on committee resolution decisions, while the third session included elections for NABP leadership positions and the adoption of eight new resolutions. Among the resolutions discussed was one related to expanding public access to vaccination services provided by pharmacy personnel. She explained that the resolution included updates to the model act to define vaccines approved by the FDA and encouraged states to authorize pharmacists to prescribe, order, administer, and delegate vaccine administration duties to pharmacy technicians and interns under supervision. She noted that this aligns with Guam’s existing provisions related to pharmacist prescribing authority and collaborative practice agreements.</p> <p>Another resolution involved amendments to the model act concerning virtual facilities, including licensing and regulatory requirements for entities involved in pharmaceutical manufacturing or services without physically possessing drugs. M. Gabriel stated that these developments could serve as a useful reference for future regulatory considerations. She also reiterated ongoing review and maintenance of the Multistate Inspection Blueprint Program by NABP working groups.</p> <p>M. Gabriel additionally reported that one of the major topics discussed at the meeting involved community health workers, specifically pharmacy technicians serving in expanded roles to address social determinants of health and provide patient support services similar to social work functions. She stated that several states have recognized these services as billable healthcare functions and that NABP was encouraging recognition of community health worker roles within</p>			

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	<p>pharmacy practice.</p> <p>She further summarized several continuing education sessions she attended, including discussions regarding the increasing complexity of the pharmaceutical supply chain and alternative funding programs for prescription drugs. M. Gabriel explained that these programs involve prescription medications being sourced and shipped from other countries through arrangements connected to insurance entities and prescription benefit managers, raising concerns regarding legality, supply chain integrity, and patient safety. She stated that presenters reviewed FDA positions on these programs and discussed how different jurisdictions are attempting to regulate such arrangements.</p> <p>Another continuing education session focused on regulatory approaches to compounded GLP products and oversight of compounding facilities. M. Gabriel stated that discussions included review of federal compounding standards, concerns regarding unregulated facilities, and collaborative enforcement efforts involving multiple professional boards, including nursing, medical, dental, and cosmetology boards, to ensure patient safety and proper oversight of compounding practices.</p> <p>Lastly, M. Gabriel reported on discussions regarding drug loss during transit and destruction methods within the pharmaceutical supply chain. She stated that NABP task force findings indicated that less than one percent of drugs are lost during the final stages of transit, with most losses occurring during reverse distribution and destruction processes. She noted that Guam's current practice of onsite drug destruction helps maintain chain of custody, reduce costs, and minimize diversion risks. She also clarified that the DEA does not formally certify drug destruction products or methods despite claims made by some vendors. M. Gabriel concluded by noting the importance of improving data collection and identifying pharmacy-related issues locally and stated that she would distribute additional meeting materials and continuing education resources to Board members.</p>			
VI	<p>Complaints</p> <p>A. GBEP-CO-16-01 (On-Going) No update</p> <p>B. GBEP-CO-24-02 (On-Going) No update</p>	M. Gabriel	0822	Ongoing, No Update
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VII	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. 2025 RENEWALS</p> <p>1. CVS/Caremark OR CF #11506 (NR-PCY045) Still pending formal response from AG's Office.</p>		0823	Ongoing, Pending Response from AG's Office
		GBEP		

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		B. ITC PHARMACY II – RELOCATION AND REQUEST FOR INSPECTION <i>Motion to Approve: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>			Unanimously Approved
VIII	New Business	A. PHARMACISTS BY ENDORSEMENT:		0824	
		1) Carol E. Stammel <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing of MPJE and Third Board Member</i> <i>Signature: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>	GBEP		Conditionally Approved
		2) Morris Austin <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing of MPJE and Third Board Member</i> <i>Signature: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>			Conditionally Approved
		3) Johanna Mojica <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing of MPJE and Third Board Member</i> <i>Signature: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>			Conditionally Approved
		4) Justin A. Acri <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing of MPJE and Third Board Member</i> <i>Signature: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>			Conditionally Approved
		5) Rual Fuller Jr. <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing of MPJE and Third Board Member</i> <i>Signature: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>			Conditionally Approved
		6) Ardalan Mahinfalah <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing of MPJE and Third Board Member</i> <i>Signature: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>			Conditionally Approved
		7) Ankur I. Patel <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing of MPJE and Third Board Member</i> <i>Signature: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>			Conditionally Approved
		8) Craig D. Tipton <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing of MPJE and Third Board Member</i> <i>Signature: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i>			Conditionally Approved
		B. PHARMACY INTERNS:			
		1) Crystal T. Soriano – Initial <i>Motion to Approve: A. Mariano; 2nd: M. Gabriel</i>			Unanimously Approved
2) Cynia A. Baltazar – Renewal The Board acknowledged that the applicant’s submission appeared complete and in good order; however, it was noted that the applicant was still pending completion of the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations. The Board requested clarification regarding when the applicant was scheduled to take the required examinations before proceeding further with the application process. A. Mariano additionally expressed concern that some interns remain in intern status for several years without making progress toward attempting the required licensure examinations. <i>Tabled: M. Gabriel.</i>		Tabled			

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	C. COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT:			
	1) Kazue T. Johansen			Unanimously Approved
IX	Next Board Meeting	GBEP	0827	Set Date
X	Adjournment	GBEP	0828	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBEP Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBEP with or without changes:

Date: 6/10/24

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

Date: 6/10/26

