

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Guam Board of Social Work – Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 11:00 AM

194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Terlaje Professional Building, Suite 209

Hagatna, GU 96910

Join Zoom Meeting:

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MINUTES

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by A. Lape.	Chair	1106	Confirmed
		Confirmation of Public Notice posted on Guam Meeting Portal and published in Guam PDN: April 30, 2026 and May 5, 2026			
II	Determination of Quorum	GBSW: <u>Present Virtually at Remote location:</u> ☒ Angelina-Marie C. Lape, Chair ☒ Diana Calvo, Vice Chair ☒ Jesse Baleto, Treasurer	Others Present: <u>Present:</u> Kaysie Lee, DPHSS/HPLO <u>Present Virtually at Remote location:</u> Breanna Sablan, DPHSS/HPLO Uriah Aguon, Guam PDN William Hazel III, Public	1107	Quorum Confirmed
III	Adoption of Agenda	During the review of the agenda, A. Lape noted one correction under new business regarding an applicant's name, which was clarified to be Cesar Villanueva, Jr., and the change was acknowledged by K. Lee for the record.	GBSW	1108	Unanimously Approved
IV	Review and Approval of Minutes	Minutes Dated: March 11, 2026 <i>Motion to Approve: D. Calvo; 2nd: J. Baleto.</i>	GBSW	1109	Unanimously Approved
V	HPLO Administrator's Report	No report	HPLO	1114	No Report
VI	Chairperson's Report	A. Lape provided an update regarding developments on the ASWB side, noting that although the Board's rules and regulations have not yet been promulgated and social work licensing examinations are not currently required for applicants on Guam, several social workers on Guam are either licensed or pursuing licensure in other jurisdictions. It was announced that a new social work licensing examination will launch on August 3, with significant changes to the exam structure, and individuals planning to take the examination were advised that updated ASWB examination materials and practice tests would be available on the ASWB website by the	A. Lape	1114	Noted

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		following week. Additionally, information was shared regarding the upcoming ASWB Administrators Connect online session scheduled for August 27, described as a two-hour session intended to provide helpful information for HPLO employees and Board staff assigned to the Board. B. Sablan requested for the information to be forwarded via email, and A. Lape confirmed that the materials would be sent accordingly.			
VII	Committee Reports	A. Finance & Budget J. Baleto reported that no meetings of the Finance and Budget Committee had taken place on the HPLO side since the previous meeting; therefore, there was nothing to report.	J. Baleto	1115	Noted
		B. Statutes, Rules, and Forms i. Update on Rules and Regulations An update was provided regarding the ongoing work on the Board's rules and regulations, noting that comments and annotations from prior working group meetings were currently being finalized in preparation for submission to HPLO for consideration and initiation of the formal meeting process. A. Lape further explained that, following HPLO review, the proposed rules and regulations would be forwarded to the Legislature. She extended an apology on behalf of the Board for the length of time the process has taken, with clarification for anyone listening that delays were largely due to Board vacancies and transitions over the past several years. It was also noted that whenever new Board members joined, the review process was restarted from the beginning to ensure each member had a full understanding of all proposals prior to any vote being taken.	A. Lape		Noted
VIII	Old Business	A. Complaint: GBSW-CO-2024-002 D. Calvo provided an update regarding an email received from HPLO containing feedback from the AG's Office. She explained that due to storm-related and post-disaster responsibilities, there had not yet been adequate time to fully review the information or consult with HPLO, resulting in no further progress since the previous meeting. A. Lape agreed to provide an update at the following month's meeting after sufficient time had been allotted to D. Calvo for review of the materials.	D. Calvo	1116	Ongoing, Update Next Board Meeting
		B. Complaint: GBSW-CO-2026-001 J. Baleto reported that the review process had recently been completed, and the next step would involve determining which individuals would need to be interviewed to verify the information gathered. It was noted that further action on the matter would be forthcoming and that the item remained outstanding at that time.	J. Baleto		Ongoing, Awaiting Interview with Individual
		C. Consideration of Application for Initial Licensure:			
		i. Geri Bough – LCSW The Board reviewed the status of G. Bough and noted that verification of clinical hours	GBSW		Noted

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		remained outstanding. K. Lee reported that no response had yet been received from Ms. G. Bough regarding the requested documentation. A. Lape reiterated that, pursuant to the Social Work Act, applicants are not required to take the licensure examination but must satisfy all other requirements consistent with the appropriate level of licensure prescribed by law, which includes verification of the required clinical hours.			
IX	New Business	D. Consideration of Application for Renewal of Licensure:	GBSW	1117	
		i. Cesar Villanueva – LBSW <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: D. Calvo.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		ii. Rosario Luzano – LCSW <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baletto.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		iii. Christopher Francisco – LCSW <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baletto.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		iv. William Hazel III – LCSW <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baletto.</i>			Unanimously Approved
X	Next Board Meeting	Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 11:00 AM	GBSW	1118	Set Meeting Date
XI	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baletto.</i>	GBSW	1119	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 05/20/2026

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: 07/10/2026