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September 11, 2025

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Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr., Speaker  
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38th Guam Legislature  
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Hagatna, Guam 96910

**Re: Guam Board of Medical Examiners Regular Board Meeting for September 10, 2025**

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Blas,

As required by 5 GCA § 8113.1, attached please find electronic copies of the agenda, approved minutes, and other attachments.

Should you have any questions, please call us at (671) 735-7407/7411

Respectfully,

Baltazar A. Hattori III  
Program Coordinator I

Cc: Jean Taitano, Governor's Legal Office

**Attachments:**

- July 09, 2025 Approved Board Meeting Minutes
- August 06, 2025 Approved Board Meeting Minutes
- September 10, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda.
- September 03, 2025 (5 Day Advertisement in Guam Public Notice Portal & Guam Daily Post).
- September 08, 2025 (48 Hour Advertisement in Guam Public Notice Portal & Guam Daily Post).
- September 10, 2025 Board Meeting Attendance.

# GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Guam Board of Medical Examiners Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 09, 2025 at 4:00 pm

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## MINUTES

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I.	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: Dr. Berg	Chair	1624	Called to Order
		<b>A. Roll Call: GBME</b> <b><u>Present</u></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D., Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joleen Aguon, M.D., Vice Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Luis G. Cruz, M.D., Secretary  <b><u>Virtually Present</u></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander D Wielaard, M.D., Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ricardo Eusebio, M.D., Member of GMHA	<b><u>Others Present:</u></b> Kenneth Carr, M.D., Public Baltazar Hattori III, HPLO/EMS Julianne Hernandez, Pacific Daily News Breanna Sablan, HPLO/EMS Peter John Camacho, DPHSS Chisa Tillman, OAG Legal Counsel		Quorum Established
		<b>B. Confirmation of Public Notice</b> Dr. Berg reviewed and found it to be in conformance with current laws.	Chair		Confirmed
II.	Adoption of Agenda	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Dr. Berg.</i>	GBME		Adopted
III.	Review and Approval of Minutes	<b>Draft Minutes dated June 18, 2025</b> Dr. Berg noted that there were multiple incorrect spellings of Dr. Aguon's name throughout the minutes, particularly on page 16. It was suggested that the errors may have resulted from ambient sound recordings, from Flame Tree. Dr. Berg requested B. Sablan to advise them on verifying local pronunciations, especially through voice transcription, to ensure name accuracy. Aside from the spelling issue, no other errors were identified in the minutes. <i>Motion to Approve as Amended: Dr. Berg.</i>	GBME		Unanimously Approved as Amended
IV.	Treasurer's Report	Dr. Wielaard reported having a constructive meeting with Director Arriola of DPHSS, during which ongoing challenges related to the visibility of actual revenue figures within the financial system were discussed. Despite these difficulties, there was a strong sense of support for the board to assume greater control over its budget in order to better fulfill its responsibilities to the community. Dr. Wielaard expressed optimism about its direction and briefly discussed the	Dr. Wielaard		Noted

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	<p>possibility of adjusting licensing fees in the future, with the goal of improving service to licensees and the public, pending further analysis.</p> <p>At present, the board has an allotment of approximately \$83,000 for the fiscal year. Although nearly 75% of the fiscal year has passed, only about 54% of the allocated funds—roughly \$45,000—has been expended, indicating that the board is generally on track with its budget. However, some concerns remain about reconciling these figures with actual revenue data from DOA. B. Sablan elaborated on the difficulties in accessing the new financial system, which was implemented in February. Although she previously had access, she is now awaiting inclusion in a follow-up training session intended to address this gap. She has reached out to DOA and is actively working with BBMR to clarify expenditures and provide updated financial reports. Additionally, she noted that several payments, including for memberships and board stipends, have not yet been posted to the system, meaning that the current expenditure figures are incomplete and expected to change once those transactions are processed.</p> <p>Dr. Berg requested for B. Sablan and Dr. Wielaard to assess whether existing funds could be allocated toward attendance at the upcoming IAMRA conference. It was noted that while discussions with Director Arriola and internal budget leads are ongoing, there remains some uncertainty about the board's ability to independently allocate certain portions of its budget. Given the remaining balance and statutory provisions supporting conference participation, the suggestion was made to explore whether travel to IAMRA could be funded, particularly as it would be the board's first time attending.</p> <p>Dr. Berg emphasized the significant value that had come from previous participation in FSMB meetings and suggested that the IAMRA conference would offer similar, if not greater, benefits. It was also highlighted that this engagement aligns with Guam's long-term goal of preparing to license international physicians who have completed U.S. residencies—a shift that is widely expected to become federal policy in the near future. A presentation on this topic had already been shared with the board, outlining how IAMRA, as the international counterpart to FSMB, plays a key role in global regulatory alignment. The purpose of IAMRA membership, it was explained, is to help Guam develop a uniform system for evaluating foreign medical credentials from jurisdictions that can reliably provide verifiable data, in preparation for expected legal changes. Given the strategic importance of these efforts, the board reiterated the importance of attending the IAMRA conference and asked whether available funds could be used in addition to the scholarship application already submitted for one participant.</p> <p>B. Sablan confirmed that although the scholarship deadline had passed, she submitted an application on behalf of one GBME member and reported that \$3,500 remained available for travel. She indicated that she would review the remaining balances in the contractual and miscellaneous expense categories to determine if unused funds could be reallocated through a budget modification to support IAMRA conference attendance.</p> <p>Dr. Berg shifted toward the board's involvement in future budget planning, and raised a question about how the board could play a more active role in developing the GBME budget. In response, B. Sablan explained that the Department of Public Health and Social Services would present its budget to the Guam Legislature on July 11. Once the department's overall funding levels are established, allocations would be made to each division, including the boards</p>			

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		<p>under HPLO. At that point, B. Sablan would work with Dr. Wielaard to identify preferred allocations within object classes so that, once the budget act passes, new accounts for FY26 could be established efficiently.</p> <p>It was further clarified that the certified FY26 budget submitted to BBMR and the Legislature for all boards under HPLO's revolving fund totaled \$300,033,181, which would be divided proportionally across the seven or eight boards, including the medical board. The breakdown would be calculated based on revenue percentages. In response, Dr. Berg suggested that while the board will make the most of current resources, efforts should begin before the end of the year to ensure greater involvement in the development of the FY27 budget.</p>			
V.	HPLO Administrator's Report	<p><b>A. HPLO Administrator's Position &amp; Pay</b></p> <p>B. Sablan informed the board that the HPLO Administrator position, currently being filled in a detailed capacity, is under review for reclassification and pay adjustment. It was noted that the position's salary has not been updated since 2006, resulting in significantly outdated compensation. Efforts are actively underway, in collaboration with the Department of Administration and with support from leadership, to update the classification and bring the pay scale in line with current standards.</p>	HPLO		Noted
		<p><b>B. Resolution 2025-01</b></p> <p>B. Sablan reported on a prior discussion regarding the delegation of authority to the HPLO Administrator and the Chairperson of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners to review and approve license applications. Members were asked whether they had reviewed the resolution outlining this proposed delegation.</p> <p>Dr. Berg provided context regarding the proposed resolution to delegate authority to the HPLO Administrator and the Chairperson of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners for the review and approval of license applications. This process originated during the COVID-19 pandemic, when emergency powers allowed the Chair to approve licenses independently. However, the Chair at the time opposed a unilateral approach and insisted that any such approvals be jointly conducted with the Administrator, and only under emergency circumstances.</p> <p>Dr. Berg explained that this joint delegation was designed to ensure that only applications meeting all agreed-upon criteria—particularly for temporary licenses—could be approved without full board review, and only when urgency required. In cases where any red flags appeared, such as adverse reports in the National Practitioner Data Bank, the application would be brought before the full board. The delegated authority was intended to prevent operational delays, particularly in situations like expired temporary licenses for healthcare professionals working in emergency settings, especially when a quorum could not be convened in time.</p> <p>Dr. Berg emphasized that this authority would not be abused and that any action taken would be communicated to the full board to ensure transparency. The process was characterized as a safeguard, used only in specific, urgent scenarios with oversight mechanisms in place. He acknowledged the theoretical possibility of misuse but affirmed that the current practice has maintained board integrity and accountability. The proposal was presented as a practical and responsible measure aligned with procedures in many other jurisdictions. Input from other board members was then requested, beginning with Dr. Aguon.</p>	HPLO		Noted

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	<p>Dr. Aguon sought clarification on whether the delegation of authority would apply solely to temporary licenses or to all types of licenses. Dr. Berg confirmed that the intent was to expand the scope beyond temporary licenses, allowing the Administrator and Chair to approve any license application in situations where delays occur due to issues unrelated to the applicant—such as the inability to convene a quorum.</p> <p>Dr. Aguon expressed conditional support for the proposal, emphasizing the need for clear language stipulating that such authority would only be exercised in cases involving applicants in good standing, with no history of disciplinary or criminal issues in any jurisdiction. Dr. Berg agreed, affirming that the intent was to restrict such approvals to only the most qualified, “super clean” applicants and noted that the resolution remained in draft form for discussion purposes.</p> <p>Dr. Aguon further highlighted the importance of ensuring that qualified applicants are not unnecessarily delayed due to procedural obstacles, especially when their services could benefit the community. She acknowledged that while the board has consistently maintained quorum in recent months, this may not always be the case, reinforcing the need for a responsible and limited delegation process. Dr. Aguon voiced full support for the resolution, contingent on the inclusion of strict eligibility criteria and proper oversight. The discussion was then turned to Dr. Wielaard for additional input.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard agrees with the proposal, emphasizing the importance of having a process to keep things moving when there are quorum issues. However, he suggested that the resolution should explicitly require that any licenses granted under this delegated authority be circulated to the entire board for review. This would allow the board to retrospectively assess and discuss those approvals, ensuring transparency and oversight.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard pointed out that this review process would help catch any potential disagreements, errors, or even misuse of the delegated authority. It would also provide an opportunity for the board to have a more thorough discussion if needed, maintaining accountability while still allowing the board to function efficiently. He asked if this idea makes sense to the board.</p> <p>Dr. Berg expressed that the resolution should explicitly require that all licenses granted under this delegated authority be promptly forwarded to all board members to ensure transparency and allow for early detection of any potential errors, emphasizing that this practice already exists for temporary licenses. He highlighted the importance of notifying the entire board when such actions occur to maintain oversight and accountability. Dr. Berg also noted a limitation in the current medical practice act, which only allows one temporary license without extension, and proposed allowing a one-month extension of temporary licenses when there is uncertainty about granting a full license, to give the board time for further deliberation. He acknowledged the discomfort in issuing permanent licenses based on the judgment of just one or two individuals, stressing the heavy responsibility and risk involved. To mitigate this, Dr. Berg suggested that extensions could be granted jointly by the administrator and the chair, providing a safeguard while ensuring that temporary licensure can continue without interruption if additional board review is necessary.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard asked if licenses granted under this delegated authority should be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting to ensure public awareness and transparency.</p>			

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		<p>In response B. Sablan noted that while another board already possesses such authority, a process could be developed for the medical board if the members agree. She offered to amend the resolution's language, having the board's new attorney review it, and presenting it at the August meeting. Additionally, they confirmed that any licenses approved by either the chair or administrator would be published on the board agenda to ensure all members are informed. Dr. Eusebio expressed skepticism, recalling that such delegation of authority might not be permitted under current rules and suggested verification.</p> <p>Dr. Berg emphasized that if legal limitations prevent the delegation of licensing authority, then the resolution should reflect a clear intent that such authority—when granted—must be exercised only under circumstances where it is absolutely necessary and when it is unquestionably evident that no issues require board deliberation. Dr. Berg advocated for caution in drafting the language to prevent misuse and reiterated a preference for extending temporary licenses if feasible. However, acknowledging that such an extension may not be legally permissible, he recommended taking the time to refine the resolution. B. Sablan responded affirmatively, agreeing to revise the language, share it as a public working document with board members for review, and ensure legal counsel, specifically Attorney Tillman, evaluates the proposal, particularly regarding the legality of temporary license extensions.</p>			
VI.	Chairperson's Report	<p>Dr. Berg noted that most agenda items had been covered but took the opportunity to address several outstanding matters. He emphasized the importance of establishing official email addresses for all HPLO board members, such as those ending in @hplo.org, to ensure continuity and ownership of official communications, particularly when board members leave their respective institutions. Dr. Berg expressed concern that, without dedicated government-issued emails, valuable correspondence could be lost. B. Sablan and P.J. Camacho were asked to follow up with the Department, particularly with J. Blaz, to move this initiative forward.</p> <p>Additionally, Dr. Berg referenced the upcoming IAMRA conference in Dublin, Ireland, scheduled for September, which would address international physician licensing—an area of interest for Dr. Eusebio. He also encouraged early planning for the FSMB meeting and requested that B. Sablan, monitor for applicable grants that might support participation. Dr. Berg then addressed the need for full digitization of the licensing application process, noting recurring issues with incomplete submissions that could be eliminated through a properly designed digital platform. B. Sablan was asked to provide an update at the next meeting on the status of the digitization efforts and what steps remain. He concluded the report and invited any questions from board members, to which there were none.</p>	Dr. Berg		Noted
VII.	Old Business	<p><b>A. Complaint(s):</b></p> <p><b>1. GBME-CO-20-005 – Received: 09/18/2020</b></p> <p>During the discussion of case 2005, it was noted that Dr. Cruz was not present; however, Dr. Berg emphasized that legal counsel had strongly advised the board not to proceed with any actions regarding the case without attorney review, due to its complexity and sensitivity. Attorney Tillman confirmed familiarity with the case, acknowledging its detailed nature and confirmed she had reviewed the materials multiple times. She stated that she was currently coordinating with the Attorney General himself to obtain accurate and appropriate guidance. While no definitive update was provided at the meeting, Attorney Tillman committed to continuing her review</p>	Dr. Berg Dr.. Cruz		On-Going, Waiting for Legal Counsel

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	and offered to send a summary to board members via official email once more information could be shared. Dr. Berg reiterated the importance of resolving the matter but agreed that all actions must remain guided by legal counsel due to the nature of the case.			
	<p><b>2. GBME-CO-2022-010 – Received: 06/21/2022</b></p> <p>Dr. Aguon confirmed that she had recently been assigned to review case CO 22-010 at the prior meeting. She reported having already begun their review and expressed a desire to consult further with Dr. Berg to clarify the appropriate steps for proceeding. Dr. Aguon stated she planned to revisit them and would receive additional physical documentation from B. Hattori to ensure a comprehensive understanding. Dr. Berg acknowledged the importance of progressing with this case, noting that it, along with case 20-005, represents one of the board's two remaining long-standing cases. Although the board aims to resolve all new cases within 45 days, these two cases had been delayed due to legal complexity. The assigned reviewer expressed confidence that case CO 22-010 may reach resolution sooner than case 20-005.</p>	Dr. Aguon		On-Going, Delayed due to Legal Complexities
	<p><b>3. GBME-CO-2025-002 – Received: 04/15/2025</b></p> <p>Dr. Berg announced that he would recuse himself from the matter and physically left the room to ensure impartiality. In his absence, Dr. Wielaard, who had been reassigned to the case, assumed responsibility for leading its review. Dr. Aguon, serving as acting chair for this portion of the meeting, confirmed that Dr. Wielaard would be reporting on the case and deferred to him for any updates or developments.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard noted that both the complaint and the licensee's response are extensive, totaling nearly 100 pages and involving significant technical and clinical detail. After reviewing all submitted materials, Dr. Wielaard affirmed that the board does have jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation. However, due to the complexity and the need to ensure both fairness and thoroughness, he recommended that the board engage an external reviewer to conduct a full investigation. He mentioned that a qualified individual has already been identified and has expressed willingness to assist but is currently off-island. Dr. Wielaard plans to meet with this individual in the coming week to discuss the case further. He assured the board that he would keep them updated on all developments, while maintaining confidentiality and impartiality. He also advised the board to be patient, emphasizing that due to the case's complexity, the investigation may require more time than usual to complete.</p>	Dr. Wielaard		On-Going
	<p><b>B. Hearing: GBME-DPA-2025-01</b></p> <p>The board discussed the need to enter an executive session to review sensitive information pertaining to an applicant. Dr. Berg stated that he had confirmed with the Attorney General that an executive session could be held for this purpose, provided that no voting occurs and the discussion remains limited to the confidential matter. However, it was brought to the Chair's attention by board staff and legal counsel that executive sessions require advance public notice, which had not been given for this meeting. As a result, the board agreed to defer the discussion to a future meeting and include proper public notice for an executive session.</p> <p>During the conversation, there was a suggestion to also include another sensitive case—identified as 2022-0162—for discussion in the upcoming executive session. Board members agreed that a special meeting could be</p>	GBME		Noted

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	<p>scheduled as early as possible to avoid delaying case reviews by a full month. The feasibility of scheduling such a session was discussed in detail, factoring in the Guam Daily Post's seven-day publication requirement. It was concluded that a special remote meeting could tentatively be held on July 22, assuming quorum could be confirmed and the notice could be published in time.</p> <p>Br. Berg asked that B. Hattori coordinate with all board members, particularly Dr. Eusebio, Dr. Wielaard, and Dr. Cruz, to confirm availability and quorum for the proposed date. Dr. Berg also acknowledged his unfamiliarity with the public notice requirements for executive sessions, explaining that this was the board's first time attempting one.</p>			
	<p><b>C. Physicians in Graduate Training and Site Approval</b></p> <p>During the discussion, it was noted that official training programs must be approved by the ACGME, which contrasts with some current practices where institutions like the University of Hawaii send students to non-ACGME-approved sites such as Palau for rural healthcare experience. It was clarified that while schools may approve off-island or out-of-state training locations, the local board of the training site must ensure the safety and appropriateness of the training environment, as stipulated by law and regulations, possibly under GBME responsibility. Although the board routinely grants training licenses for certain institutions like SDA and GMH, these are not formal ACGME programs, and the regulation of medical students and residents rotating through local sites remains underdeveloped. Dr. Aguon emphasized that proper rules and patient consent protocols should be established for students training in local clinics or hospitals. Dr. Berg suggested forming a committee to develop regulatory guidelines for such training to ensure patient safety and maintain healthcare standards, while also encouraging student participation as a strategy to retain healthcare professionals locally. Input from the GMH perspective was sought regarding the board's role in regulating non-ACGME training licenses and defining supervision and evaluation requirements for residents at GMH, which, along with other facilities, is considered a suitable training site. Dr. Eusebio clarified that it is not within the board's purview to accredit or evaluate clinical training sites for medical students or residents. That responsibility lies with the medical schools or residency programs themselves. He noted that, in his experience, medical schools typically conduct their own evaluations of training sites, including visits and assessments of facilities and staff. Dr. Eusebio emphasized that the board's role is to determine whether physicians are safe and competent to practice medicine, not to judge the safety or accreditation status of the institutions where they may train or practice. Decisions regarding physician privileges within hospitals are made by the hospitals, and the safety or accreditation of those facilities is overseen by external entities such as the Joint Commission or Medicare, not by the board. Dr. Berg clarified that the topic arose from broader regulatory conversations about the implications of granting temporary licenses under the designation of training, especially when the board is not directly involved in approving the training sites themselves. He acknowledged Dr. Eusebio's point, noting that if a program is ACGME-approved, the responsibility to ensure the appropriateness and quality of the training</p>	GBME		Noted



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	<p>site lies with that program, not with the board. He then sought confirmation from Dr. Wielaard, asking whether he agreed with this understanding.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard provided a nuanced perspective, distinguishing between residents and medical students in the context of training oversight. He explained that residents typically need to obtain a license—often a training license—in the jurisdiction where they practice, including Guam. Because of this, residents fall under the board’s jurisdiction as licensed individuals practicing under supervision. He noted that the licensing process for residents likely involves some review of the sponsoring institution and the conditions of supervision, although he did not recall the exact requirements offhand.</p> <p>In contrast, he emphasized that medical students do not hold licenses, which complicates the board’s oversight role. He acknowledged the concern that medical students could be placed in clinical settings where they might engage in activities beyond the scope of what is appropriate for their level of training. Since the expectations for student responsibilities can vary significantly between institutions, this becomes a gray area. Ultimately, Dr. Wielaard suggested that oversight of medical students’ activities in training settings is likely the responsibility of the sponsoring institution, aligning with earlier comments made by R. Eusebio.</p> <p>Dr. Aguon proposed seeking clarification from legal counsel regarding GBME responsibilities concerning graduate medical training. The question arose from a discussion in a recent bylaws meeting, focusing on whether the GBME’s authority extends to both medical students and residents or is limited solely to interns and residents who receive licenses through the GBME. She emphasized the need for a clear interpretation, particularly since the term “graduate medical training” could reasonably be interpreted to include medical students as well.</p> <p>In response, Dr. Berg clarified that the intent was not to initiate any regulatory changes, but rather to explore whether the Board should establish a regulatory framework for medical students who practice on Guam, particularly during short-term visits such as summer programs, given that the island does not have a medical school. He acknowledged that the Board may ultimately have no jurisdiction over medical students since they are not licensees, aligning with comments made by both Dr. Eusebio and Dr. Wielaard. However, for individuals who are licensed physicians practicing under a limited license in a training capacity, Dr. Berg requested that copies of the current limited license application be provided for review. It was noted that although such licenses are referred to differently in other jurisdictions, they are known locally as limited licenses and always involve supervision by fully licensed physicians. To ensure clarity moving forward, legal counsel, specifically Attorney Tillman, was asked to review existing rules and regulations and provide any recommendations. This legal review would help the Board respond appropriately to inquiries from GMH and potentially extend guidance where applicable.</p> <p>Dr. Eusebio shared his personal experience to illustrate the varying licensing requirements during medical training. He explained that during his time at George Washington University, students were given the option to take either the federal licensure exam or the national board exams. Dr. Eusebio chose to take only one exam, completing the first part but opting not to take the second part. Despite completing medical school and training across multiple institutions—including an internship at St. Louis University, general surgery residency at Portsmouth Naval</p>			

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		<p>Hospital, and final residency training at the University of Connecticut—he did not obtain a medical license until after completing his chief residency year. He noted that at no point during his residency was he required to hold a license, and only sought licensure when transitioning to independent practice. This experience was offered to contextualize current discussions about licensing requirements for residents and medical students.</p> <p>Dr. Berg acknowledged differing practices regarding licensure during medical training, sharing that he was required to hold a training license during his residency. He offered to consult the FSMB to compile data on how various states manage training licensure, noting that this information is readily accessible and could assist Attorney Tillman in clarifying Guam's position. Dr. Berg also pointed out that the term "graduate medical education" typically refers to residents, not medical students, when used by CMS, suggesting that the term may not legally encompass medical students. The overall intention behind the discussion was not to propose immediate regulatory changes but to determine whether the board has or should have a defined role in overseeing medical student and resident training within Guam. Dr. Berg emphasized the need for regulatory clarity—whether oversight responsibilities fall to the board or remain within the purview of the training institutions themselves. He concluded by reiterating the variability in licensing requirements across jurisdictions, noting his own experience of not needing a license in California but requiring one upon moving to Washington, D.C.</p>			
VIII.	New Business	<b>A. Complaints:</b>			
		<b>1. GBME-CO-2025-003 – Received: 06/12/2025</b> B. Hattori briefly reported that the complainant was required to resubmit certain materials. It was confirmed that the matter had been reviewed and would be assigned a case number. An update on this particular issue is expected to be provided at the next board meeting.	GBME		On-Going, Update next Meeting
		<b>2. GBME-CO-2025-004 – Received: 06/12/2025</b> B. Hattori discussed this case, which concerns an individual reported to be practicing as an unlicensed cosmetologist. The case involves medical or scientific procedures potentially outside the scope of cosmetology. While the matter is not under the jurisdiction of the board as the individual is not a licensee, the board agreed to wait for input from the cosmetology board to determine whether the procedures in question fall within their scope of practice. If deemed outside their jurisdiction, the case may be referred back to the board for further consideration. The board will also wait for additional information or records before proceeding further.			On-Going, Awaiting Additional Information
		<b>B. Application(s) for Full Licensure:</b>			
		<b>1. Veronica Y. Ruvo</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>	GBME		Unanimously Approved
		<b>2. James D. Pecsok</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>3. Le Yu Chiu</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved

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		<b>4. Adham B. Shoujaa</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>5. Travis J. Petree</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>6. Rico G. Aragon</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>7. Leah A. Aragon</b> A motion was made to allow Dr. Aragon additional time to complete her CME requirements. It was proposed that her license approval be contingent upon submission of her updated curriculum vitae and a written statement affirming that she will no longer list the USMLE on her credentials unless indicating it as failed. <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending CME and Submission of Aforesaid Documents: Dr. Aguon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Berg.</i>			Conditionally Approved
		<b>8. Andrew J. Ormond</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>9. Sean S. Tamir</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Aguon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Wielaard.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>10. Joel J. Paulino</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon</i>			Unanimously Approved
<b>IX.</b>	<b>Announcement</b>	<b>Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 06, 2025 at 4:00 pm</b>	GBME		Set Date
<b>X.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Berg.</i>	GBME	1818	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBME Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBME with or without changes:



Date: 9/10/2025

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:



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I.	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: Dr. Berg		Chair	1612	Called to Order
		<b>A. Roll Call: GBME</b> <b><u>Virtually Present:</u></b> ☑Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D., Chairperson ☑Joleen Aguon, M.D., Vice Chairperson ☑Luis G. Cruz, M.D., Secretary ☑Alexander D Wielaard, M.D., Treasurer ☐Ricardo Eusebio, M.D., Member of GMHA ☑Vincent Duenas, MD., Designated GMHA Member	<b><u>Others Present:</u></b> Baltazar Hattori III, HPLO/EMS Breanna Sablan, HPLO/EMS Chisa Tillman, OAG Legal Counsel Douglas Moylan, Attorney General  <b><u>Virtually Present:</u></b> Peter John Camacho, DPHSS Uriah Aguon, Pacific Daily News Kenneth Carr, Public Joaquin Blaz, DPHSS Anna Nicole Perez, Public	Chair		Quorum Established
		<b>B. Confirmation of Public Notice</b> Dr. Berg reviewed and found it to be in conformance with current laws.		Chair		Confirmed
II.	Adoption of Agenda	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Dr. Berg.</i>		GBME		Adopted
III.	Review and Approval of Minutes	<b>Draft Minutes dated July 19, 2025</b>  <i>Tabled to Next Meeting Pending Further Review by All Board Members.</i>		GBME		Tabled to Next Meeting
IV.	Treasurer's Report	Dr. Wielaard provided a brief but increasingly detailed treasurer's report, indicating that fiscal year-to-date collections amounted to \$63,620, with expenditures totaling \$42,993, resulting in a net balance of \$20,627. He expressed growing confidence in the financial clarity and noted that revenue is expected to remain stable in the coming months, minimizing the risk of falling short of the budget. In response to inquiries about funding for activities such as travel to IAMRA, it		Dr. Wielaard		Noted

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	<p>was confirmed that there are sufficient funds available. The speaker also touched on an upcoming agenda item regarding licensing fees, stating that while Guam's initial and renewal fees are considered high nationally, they are relatively low compared to similar high-cost-of-living regions like Hawaii and California. This suggests the fees may be slightly behind regional standards. The board anticipates future discussions about adjusting fees to support the expansion of its capabilities, with a focus on transparency in how additional funds would be allocated.</p> <p>Dr. Berg noted that while other jurisdictions may have greater resources due to higher volumes or larger infrastructures, Guam is still required to meet the same professional obligations, such as attending national meetings. It was suggested that, given these comparable responsibilities, Guam's licensing fees should arguably be positioned at the higher end of the scale to ensure adequate support for board operations. Dr. Wielaard agreed with this rationale and emphasized the need to await a more detailed financial assessment before making final decisions. Additionally, Dr. Berg discussed the importance of evaluating shared costs across various regulatory boards, such as salary allocations for shared personnel, and considered whether efficiencies or cost savings could be achieved by consolidating certain expenditures with other boards like the Dental Board.</p> <p>Dr. Aguon recommended reaching out directly to other regulatory boards to obtain examples of their budgets and expense structures, noting that some boards might receive subsidies not immediately visible in fee comparisons. She also highlighted that while certain boards may have lower fees, these could be offset by larger volumes of applicants or licensees. Dr. Aguon referenced the CNMI, which recently raised its licensing fees, and recalled prior discussions about assembling a comprehensive proposal to present to the legislature—one that would also be reviewed by the medical community to ensure broad support.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard clarified that the initial assumption driving the fee review was that Guam's fees were outdated and significantly below national standards. However, it now appears that Guam is not substantially behind in comparison. Nevertheless, he still sees a clear need to establish a fee structure that adequately supports its operational needs. It was acknowledged that fee comparisons across jurisdictions are nuanced and that, despite not lagging significantly, Guam may still have justifiable reasons to revise its fees based on a deeper understanding of its unique context and resource requirements.</p>			
V.	<p><b>HPLO Administrator's Report</b></p> <p><b>A. Resolution 2025-01</b></p> <p>B. Sablan requested that Resolution 2025-01 be tabled, as it remains under legal review by Attorney Tillman. The board was also informed that a Customer Satisfaction Survey had been launched on August 1, 2025, with a closing date of August 22, 2025. This survey aims to support the department's accreditation process by gathering feedback from licensees and applicants on service quality and identifying areas for improvement. It was confirmed that reminders would be sent out to encourage participation.</p> <p>Discussion then shifted to the upcoming IAMRA conference. Although the board had applied for financial assistance to support attendance, the request was denied. Despite this, Dr. Berg confirmed his intention to attend, emphasizing the importance of maintaining representation during Guam's inaugural year as an IAMRA member.</p>	HPLO		Noted

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	<p>Financial constraints were reviewed, with current appropriations showing a remaining balance of \$2,500 out of a \$6,000 budget for FY 2025. A proposed budget modification to reallocate funds from supplies and equipment was denied due to procedural requirements, specifically the need for an approved travel authorization, which cannot proceed without confirmed funding.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the legal mandate to support board member travel to essential conferences. The board agreed that attendance at meetings such as FSMB and IAMRA is critical—particularly as discussions around alternative licensure pathways advance—and emphasized the need to identify sustainable funding mechanisms for future participation in these key events.</p> <p>The board continued its discussion regarding travel funding, with Dr. Wielaard inquiring whether dedicated entries for FSMB and IAMRA conference attendance should be included in the next fiscal year's budget or if such planning was already in progress. In response, B. Sablan confirmed that projected funding for FY26 can include these travel expenses, though actual allocations will depend on the budget's approval. While the historical travel allocation of \$6,000 can serve as a baseline, any necessary increases would require budget modifications once FY26 begins.</p> <p>Currently, for FY25, efforts to reallocate unused funds from supplies and equipment to cover travel costs were denied by BBMR, as the available \$4,000 was insufficient to fund even a single attendee's travel from Guam to Dublin, Ireland. The board was informed that there are no sufficient reserves in the current GBME budget to cover additional travel costs.</p> <p>When Dr. Wielaard questioned why available funds appeared to exist in the financial reports, B. Sablan clarified that the majority of the remaining budget is allocated for salaries—specifically, the salary and benefits of B. Hattori—and that Guam law mandates a 15% reserve in salary accounts. Dr. Wielaard acknowledged the explanation and proposed a separate meeting to review the financial data in greater detail, in order to fully understand the budget structure and constraints.</p> <p>Dr. Berg addressed Dr. Wielaard that as the board moves forward, it must take responsibility for determining how its funds are used—something that has not been fully exercised in past years. Referring to recent discussions with leadership at the Department of Health and Social Services, it was noted that this would be the final year in which the board would not directly control its financial decisions. Starting now, the board intends to assert its authority over the budget, in accordance with the law.</p> <p>Dr. Aguon pointed out that legal clarification is needed, especially since existing legislation outlines certain permitted uses of the budget—such as travel for mandatory meetings—but does not clearly address expenditures like salaries or administrative staff. This ambiguity has contributed to the disconnect between what the law authorizes and how the budget is currently being managed.</p> <p>There was further discussion around the realization that the board, by law, holds authority over the revenues it generates and is responsible for allocating those funds appropriately. However, historically, that authority has not</p>			

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		<p>been exercised, and budget development has instead been managed externally, specifically through HPLO, without direct input or oversight from the board. Dr. Berg acknowledged this systemic disconnect and called for a change, reiterating that while there is no suggestion of financial mismanagement by staff, there is a lack of alignment between what the law prescribes and how operations are currently handled.</p> <p>Dr. Berg concluded with appreciation for the efforts being made to better understand the board's finances and a collective recognition that the current fiscal year must serve as a transitional period—one where the board becomes more actively involved in financial planning and ensures compliance with its statutory responsibilities.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard confirmed he would not be able to attend the upcoming IAMRA conference, prompting further discussion on the importance of maintaining Guam's presence at the international level.</p> <p>Dr. Berg reiterated the significance of IAMRA, explaining that it holds its meetings biennially and that Guam had recently been admitted as a distinct and independent member—separate from the United States—after a deliberate effort by IAMRA to include Guam and reduce its membership fees. Given this inaugural opportunity, he emphasized the necessity of having at least one representative present to ensure Guam remains actively engaged and visible within the international regulatory community.</p> <p>The board was reminded that participation is particularly crucial as global medical licensure standards evolve, especially with the anticipated development of international regulatory frameworks that could shape alternative pathways to medical licensure. Guam's early involvement would not only ensure its perspectives are considered but also help safeguard against policies that could unintentionally disadvantage the territory. Drawing parallels to Guam's participation in FSMB, it was noted that attending such conferences is vital to voice concerns and protect Guam's unique interests in broader regulatory discussions. B. Sablan then confirmed that her report had concluded.</p>			
VI.	Chairperson's Report	<p>Dr. Berg noted in his report that discussions surrounding the development of a Physicians' Health Program are ongoing, though there were no new updates to report at this time. More substantial information is expected in the coming meetings. He highlighted a significant upcoming event: a visit to Guam and the CNMI in early January by Dr. H. Chaudhry, President and CEO of the FSMB, along with the FSMB Board Chair. The visit is part of the FSMB's regular outreach to its member jurisdictions and is viewed as an important opportunity for the Guam Board to demonstrate its activities and role as a participating member board.</p> <p>Dr. Berg also shared that FSMB has requested Guam's assistance in encouraging further regional collaboration. Specifically, Guam and Hawaii have been asked to help engage Samoa, the only U.S. jurisdiction not currently part of FSMB, in joining the organization. In addition, FSMB expressed interest in visiting Palau with the goal of encouraging it to join as an international or associate member, similar to Canada's relationship with the FSMB. Given Palau's close alignment with U.S. regulatory practices and its patient referral patterns—often to Manila and the U.S.—a stronger relationship with FSMB is seen as mutually beneficial. Dr. Berg concluded the report by indicating that more details regarding these developments will be shared as the January visit approaches and invited any questions from the board.</p>	Dr. Berg		Noted

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<b>VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5 GCA 8 §8111</b>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5 GCA 8 §8111</b></p> <p>Dr. Berg extended gratitude to the Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General for attending and began by expressing the board's ongoing concern regarding the limitations of executive session use, particularly in matters related to physician well-being. While acknowledging the administrative nature of licensing and the legal framework that governs professional behavior, he emphasized that holding a medical license should not mean forfeiting one's right to privacy—especially when dealing with sensitive mental health or substance abuse issues.</p> <p>A historical example from North Carolina was cited, in which a prominent physician tragically took his own life rather than disclose deeply personal medical issues in a public board meeting due to the lack of confidentiality protections. That event spurred widespread reform across the U.S., resulting in most jurisdictions adopting policies allowing for executive sessions to protect such disclosures—policies that Guam has yet to implement. Dr. Berg emphasized the urgent need for Guam to align with this national standard and advocated for narrowly defined executive session use that balances transparency with the critical need for confidentiality in highly personal matters. Dr. Berg expressed a willingness to collaborate closely with the Attorney General's office to develop legally compliant procedures and, if necessary, to explore legislative amendments that would grant the board the ability to handle certain matters in executive session. The intention is not to create a blanket policy but rather to ensure protection of physician applicants and patients alike, especially given Guam's small, closely connected community where public disclosures can have significant personal and professional ramifications.</p> <p>Further examples were provided, including a case discussed by the incoming president of the national Physicians' Health Program, where a licensure gap raised concern. The applicant had experienced a period of substance abuse treatment, which he preferred to disclose privately. In such instances, Dr. Berg argued, executive sessions are both appropriate and necessary. He reiterated that his intention is to uphold the law while also advocating for the tools needed to protect public safety and physician mental health, and called for ongoing dialogue with the Attorney General's office to clarify current legal allowances and identify areas for potential reform.</p> <p>Attorney General D. Moylan, accompanied by Assistant Attorney General C. Tillman, addressed the board to provide legal clarification regarding the permissibility of executive sessions for matters related to physician licensure. He acknowledged the board's concerns about protecting sensitive applicant information but affirmed that under current Guam law—specifically 5 GCA § 8111(c)(2)—there is no legal provision allowing licensing boards to hold executive sessions to discuss individual applicants, including those with recruitment or qualifying issues related to licensure. He noted that the typical statutory justifications for executive sessions are limited to litigation, certain personnel matters, and exceptions related to public employee relations, none of which apply in this context.</p> <p>He emphasized that while the board's desire to protect privacy is understandable, any change in that practice would require legislative action. Therefore, if the board wishes to gain such authority, the appropriate course would be to petition the Guam Legislature for an amendment to the relevant statute. Furthermore, D. Moylan advised that any decision or discussion related to a specific licensure candidate should be placed on a future board agenda and should not be addressed in the current session, given the lack of statutory authority to do so in private. He clarified that the</p>	Dr. Berg		Noted



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	<p>general inquiry regarding whether applicants with sensitive matters could be discussed in executive session was the appropriate scope for today's discussion, reinforcing the need for transparency and adherence to current law.</p> <p>Dr. Berg expressed gratitude to the Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General for their presence and reaffirmed the board's understanding that discussions involving sensitive matters such as physician mental health must comply with existing legal limitations. While acknowledging the clear legal constraints against holding executive sessions for licensure issues, he emphasized the importance of protecting physician privacy, particularly when discussing mental health or substance abuse concerns, which are often deeply personal and potentially stigmatizing.</p> <p>Dr. Berg referenced the board's intent to pursue a legislative amendment that would allow limited executive session use for specific, narrowly defined circumstances involving physician well-being and patient confidentiality. He offered to collaborate closely with the Attorney General's office in drafting such legislation to ensure full compliance with existing legal frameworks and to avoid unintended consequences. Additionally, he proposed consulting the Federation of State Medical Boards for examples of how other jurisdictions handle similar matters.</p> <p>Using a recent applicant as an example, Dr. Berg clarified that the board had wished to offer the option of executive session to the individual due to the sensitive nature of his situation, but, knowing they could not, had instead informed him in advance that the discussion would be public. The applicant, who had already addressed similar matters with the California board, explicitly waived any concern about public disclosure. Therefore, the board intended to proceed with the matter in an open forum.</p> <p>Dr. Berg emphasized that the board's objective was not to obscure proceedings or avoid transparency, but rather to create a narrowly tailored and legally sound process that protects the personal dignity of physician applicants and the privacy of patients in Guam's small community. He further expressed the desire to establish guardrails for future boards and attorneys general to prevent misuse of executive sessions, should legislative change be pursued. Finally, Dr. Berg invited other board members to share their views while the Attorney General was still present to ensure a collaborative and informed discussion moving forward.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard contributed additional insight regarding the board's broader goals, particularly its desire to take a more proactive role in advancing quality improvement initiatives across the island's healthcare system. He emphasized that these efforts are closely tied to enhancing accountability and aligning with practices commonly observed in other jurisdictions, where peer review and quality assurance activities are protected from public disclosure.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard noted that in many hospital and medical staff environments, confidentiality is a critical component of effective peer review processes. Such protection encourages healthcare professionals to report mistakes or identify areas needing improvement without fear of public exposure or legal repercussions. Without a safeguard like executive session, individuals may be reluctant to participate honestly in these discussions, which could ultimately hinder efforts to improve patient safety and care quality.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard acknowledged that while he could not cite specific current examples, the principle remains relevant: transparency must be balanced with the need for candid dialogue in quality improvement processes. The concern is</p>			

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	<p>that, without some form of confidentiality, any information disclosed during these discussions may become public and potentially discoverable, deterring meaningful participation. He concluded by expressing a personal interest in seeing the board positioned to do more in this area and encouraged consideration of whether such matters might also justify the use of executive session under a potential legislative amendment.</p> <p>Dr. Berg clarified that if the board were to subpoena documents protected under existing confidentiality laws—such as hospital peer review records—those materials should, by their nature, remain confidential and be reviewed in a protected setting, likely requiring executive session. He supported Dr. Wielaard’s comment, emphasizing that sensitive materials like these could not be responsibly or legally examined in an open session.</p> <p>D. Moylan, responded by acknowledging the complexity of the issue and committed to further investigating how such confidential materials—including HIPAA-protected documents—should be handled under the board’s own rules and regulations. He noted that, under Guam’s current Open Government Law, even executive session transcripts must eventually be made public after one year, which raises further challenges when dealing with sensitive or protected information. He agreed to have C. Tillman, review the relevant board regulations to better understand how they intersect with open government requirements.</p> <p>Dr. Berg acknowledged the complications and reiterated a desire for consistent standards across all government boards in Guam, while recognizing that the nature of the medical licensing board’s work may present unique circumstances that warrant careful legal review.</p> <p>Dr. Aguon expressed concern over the current investigative process used by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, noting that unlike most boards which employ independent investigators, the Guam board lacks that infrastructure and often relies on its own members to conduct investigations. Dr. Aguon highlighted a significant procedural issue—that when an investigation is underway, not all board members are permitted equal access to the full complaint and response records, despite ultimately being expected to participate in adjudicating the case. This limited access impairs their ability to fully understand the facts, ask relevant questions, and make informed decisions, especially in complex or high-stakes cases. She questioned whether this limitation is formally codified or merely a matter of practice and advocated for more transparency and access in order to carry out board duties effectively.</p> <p>In response, D. Moylan referenced the Guam Board of Medical Examiners’ Administrative Rules and Regulations, which were established in 2001 under Public Law 24-208. He acknowledged that the board holds multiple responsibilities—including licensing, application review, and investigations—and affirmed that due process protocols are indeed outlined in those regulations. He also committed to having C. Tillman, review the rules in greater detail to clarify the board’s legal authority and constraints in regard to information access during investigations. He then asked Dr. Berg, whether the board currently has any open investigations, signaling an interest in understanding the immediate applicability of these concerns.</p> <p>Dr. Berg and Dr. Aguon voiced that the board currently has several open investigations, including some that have been pending for a significant amount of time and require additional assistance. Appreciation was expressed to D. Moylan for assigning legal counsel to support the Board in resolving these cases, emphasizing the importance of legal</p>			

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	<p>input before finalizing any decisions to ensure compliance with territorial laws and regulations. While the Board is making progress in adjudicating cases, legal guidance remains essential due to the complex and nuanced nature of the law involved. There was a strong desire for clearer guidance on investigations to facilitate timely case resolution and enable the sharing of sensitive information among board members. The Board is mindful of confidentiality and the importance of discussing cases only within appropriate forums, yet members seek clarity on what information they are permitted to access and discuss to make well-informed decisions. Currently, investigations are conducted on a case-by-case basis, often without the benefit of dedicated investigators, which is uncommon compared to most other boards that employ independent investigators. Dr. Berg expressed interest in exploring models from other jurisdictions such as Alabama, Ohio, and Arizona, where investigators with specialized skills are hired to assist with investigations. This approach would address the challenge that many board members may lack investigative experience, ensuring more thorough and professional case reviews. Dr. Aguon noted that the Board's current practice of self-conducted investigations is unusual, with very few boards operating similarly, and there was recognition that this may hinder efficiency and thoroughness in handling cases.</p> <p>D. Moylan addressed the need to request funding from the legislature, with ongoing efforts involving the chief medical examiner. He noted that due process protections are outlined in Article 8 of the administrative rules and regulations. The determination of who will serve as investigators is primarily a logistical matter managed within the department, depending on funding and position availability. The office's role is to guide the board through the process, ensuring compliance with the rules for all parties involved. The main challenge identified involves both logistical coordination and the legal obligation to ensure investigations are conducted promptly and concluded in a timely manner.</p> <p>Dr. Berg highlighted the challenges faced by small communities like Guam and the Virgin Islands, where there are very few specialists in certain fields, making it difficult to assign investigations internally without conflicts of interest. Consequently, they must hire off-island experts who possess the necessary specialty knowledge, but engaging these individuals is complicated by state procurement processes, including the need for RFPs, which contrasts with larger states where investigators can be sourced locally without such formalities. Dr. Berg emphasized the financial and time burdens this imposes, citing a specific case involving an orthopedic surgeon that was both costly and prolonged. He advocated for legislative changes to allow more flexible and expedited hiring of private investigators, particularly retired attorneys or police detectives with community knowledge and investigative training, to enhance the thoroughness and speed of investigations. Dr. Berg expressed a strong desire to collaborate with the legislature to amend rules and regulations prudently, ensuring the board can fulfill its duties efficiently and within the law without becoming an outlier. Additionally, he mentioned the Federation of State Medical Boards as a valuable resource offering free or low-cost training for medical board attorneys, including networking opportunities and expert guidance, which could support the board's legal team. Dr. Berg committed to sharing information about upcoming Federation events and resources, encouraging engagement to benefit from this supportive professional community.</p>			

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		C. Tillman clarified an important concern raised by Dr. Aguon regarding access to investigative information. Dr. Aguon noted that currently, board members seem to only receive full access to information when a complaint reaches a certain threshold of seriousness. In response, C. Tillman stated she had reviewed both the statute and the standard operating procedures provided earlier and found that the statute, as written, grants the board authority to investigate complaints without specifying restrictions on the sharing of information. This suggests that all relevant investigative information should be accessible to the board in order to make informed decisions. C. Tillman committed to reviewing the matter further upon returning to the office and promised to provide a written, concrete response for the board's review. Dr. Aguon expressed appreciation for this clarification and support, with gratitude extended for the legal team's time and involvement. Dr. Berg also welcomed continued legal presence at future meetings involving significant issues and committed to presenting the board's concerns in a more organized format going forward, expressing appreciation for the ongoing collaboration.			
VIII	Old Buisness	<b>A. Complaint(s):</b>			
		<b>GBME-CO-20-005 – Received: 09/18/2020</b> Dr. Berg confirmed that the board is still awaiting input from legal counsel regarding 20-005 and 22-010. No updates or developments had occurred since the last meeting, and both Dr. Aguon and Dr. Cruz reported that they had not received any new information from legal counsel. It was acknowledged that the cases are being reviewed by the Attorney General's office due to their complexity, and the board expressed hope that the matters would be resolved by the next scheduled session. <i>Tabled Pending Legal Opinion: Dr. Berg.</i>	L. Cruz		On-Going, Pending Legal Opinion
		<b>GBME-CO-2022-010 – Received: 06/21/2022</b> <i>Tabled Pending Legal Opinion: Dr. Berg.</i>	J. Aguon		On-Going, Pending Legal Opinion
		<b>GBME-CO-2025-002 – Received: 04/15/2025</b> B. Sablan explained that they were awaiting legal guidance from Attorney Tillman and proposed tabling the matter until that guidance was received. Dr. Aguon questioned whether all ongoing investigations were being delayed pending legal opinion and raised concerns about access to investigative reports. B. Sablan clarified that it is not standard HPLO practice to share investigative reports directly with board members, but a synopsis could be provided if needed. Dr. Aguon was serving as acting chair for the case and was not previously informed that the case was being tabled. She emphasized she was not requesting the report to be read aloud at the meeting, but instead sought clarification on whether the board had the authority to review full reports and move forward if necessary. B. Sablan explained that typically the investigator presents the report and recommendations to the board, but in this case, due to procedural uncertainty and lack of shared documentation, they felt it was appropriate to pause until legal clarification was obtained. Dr. Aguon noted that, given her role in overseeing the	A. Wiclaard		Complaint Closed due to Lack of Jurisdiction and Legal Recommendation

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	<p>investigation, she believed she could speak on its progress, and B. Sablan acknowledged that Dr. Wielaard, as the board lead for the case, might ultimately be the one to present the report to the board.</p> <p>Due to potential conflicts of interest some members of the board were recused. R. Wielaard leading the discussion emphasized the importance of due process, confidentiality, and impartiality, particularly in small jurisdictions like Guam, where such matters can quickly become public. In light of these concerns, the board followed best practices to separate investigative duties from decision-making responsibilities to avoid potential bias.</p> <p>An initial jurisdictional review confirmed the board's authority over the matter, leading to the engagement of a non-board investigator with a medical background, prior experience on the GBME, and extensive knowledge of the Physician Practice Act and board procedures. The external investigator, also a national consultant with the FSMB, conducted a thorough review of the complaint, the response, and any available supporting documents.</p> <p>The findings of the investigation indicated that the complaint alleged a wide range of issues, including safety or standard of care violations, fraudulent billing and documentation, legal or ethical breaches, and misrepresentation of credentials. However, the investigator noted a significant lack of supporting evidence, with the only documentation being a text message exchange that did not substantiate the claims. The complaint was ultimately described as potentially defamatory due to the absence of evidence.</p> <p>Dr. Wielaard further advised that allegations involving billing fraud should be handled by appropriate federal agencies such as the Office of Inspector General, CMS, insurance companies, or the FBI, and that issues related to malpractice fall under Guam's medical malpractice arbitration system and judicial process. Based on these conclusions, Dr. Wielaard recommended that the board request a more formal and specific complaint—detailing exact incidents and evidence such as patient IDs and dates—or consider closing the case altogether for lack of evidence. The matter was then turned over to the Dr. Aguon and the board for further discussion, with the suggestion that legal counsel, particularly Attorney C. Tillman, be consulted before proceeding.</p> <p>Dr. Aguon confirmed that the complaint failed to demonstrate any violation of the Medical Practice Act or the board's regulations, which are the core areas under the board's jurisdiction. This interpretation was affirmed by legal counsel, C. Tillman, who clarified that it is ultimately the board's decision whether to proceed. C. Tillman explained that if the complaint lacks substantive evidence or does not rise to the level of a legal issue—such as criminal or fraudulent conduct—the board is within its authority to close the case. She further noted that closing the case could be the most appropriate course of action to avoid unnecessary expenditure of time, unless more specific concerns are raised in the future, in which case a legal memo could be provided for guidance.</p>			

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	<p>Board members generally concurred that there were no apparent violations and that the complaint was unsupported by adequate documentation or detail. Dr. Aguon emphasized that since the board only has jurisdiction over issues related to the Medical Practice Act and board regulations, and since no such violations had been demonstrated, the current complaint does not warrant further action. Dr. Duenas agreed, stressing the importance of not speculating about what may exist beyond the information presented. Ultimately, a motion was made to close the case based on the lack of jurisdiction and the legal recommendation provided, noting that any future, more substantiated complaint would be treated as a new filing. There was also consensus that the complainant should be notified of the board's reasoning behind the decision to close the case, and C. Tillman confirmed that such notification is standard procedure.</p> <p><i>Motion to Close: Dr. Aguon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Wielaard.</i></p>			
	<p><b>GBME-CO-2025-003– Received: 06/12/2022</b></p> <p>Dr. Berg was still in the process of reviewing the records that had been received.</p>	Dr. Berg		On-Going, Reviewing Records
	<p><b>GBME-CO-2025-004 – Received: 06/12/2025</b></p> <p>B. Hattori reported that they are still awaiting a report from the Board of Cosmetology.</p>	B. Hattori		On-Going, Pending Report from Board of Cosmetology
	<b>B. Hearing: GBME-DPA-2025-01:</b>			
	<p>The Board entered into discussion regarding the application of Dr. Carr, who was present and acknowledged that his case would be reviewed in open session. Dr. Berg emphasized the Board's responsibility as a member of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) to honor decisions made by other jurisdictions, noting that if another state revokes or restricts a license, Guam must recognize those terms rather than reinvestigating. Drawing from precedent with physicians monitored for substance abuse in other states, Dr. Berg suggested that Dr. Carr might be permitted to practice in Guam if the hiring institution, Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC), developed a written monitoring plan ensuring compliance with the restrictions imposed by the California Medical Board.</p> <p>Dr. Carr clarified that he had no history of substance abuse and did not want the public to misunderstand, while reiterating that GRMC already had monitoring protocols in place that could align with his probationary requirements. Dr. Berg explained that while institutions like GRMC and GMH routinely credential and monitor physicians, the Board required a formal plan directly addressing California's stipulations to satisfy both local and FSMB standards. Board members discussed the distinction between licensure and credentialing, with some noting that although Dr. Carr met the statutory requirements for licensure, the Guam Board could still impose conditions tied to California's probationary terms. The consensus emerged that Guam could issue Dr. Carr a probationary license mirroring the restrictions in California, with his practice limited to GRMC so that institutional oversight could be guaranteed. GRMC's CEO, who also serves as a Board member, disclosed his potential conflict of interest but affirmed that GRMC could feasibly establish such a monitoring plan. He stressed that Dr. Carr's California license remained active</p>	GBME		Provide Conditional License, Restricted to Practice at GRMC

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		though probationary, distinguishing it from revocation, and suggested that Guam's licensure mirror California's terms until those restrictions were lifted. After further deliberation, Board members agreed that Dr. Berg and J.Aguon would draft stipulations reflecting California's probation requirements, submit them to GRMC, and condition licensure on GRMC's acceptance and implementation of those terms. The Board indicated a willingness to approve Dr. Carr's license contingent upon this process, with his practice restricted to GRMC until California fully removed his probationary status.  <i>Motion to Provide Conditional License, Restricted to Practice at GRMC : Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Wielaard</i>			
VIII.	New Business	<b>A. Application(s) for Full Licensure</b>			
		<b>1. William R. Fox</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>	GBME		Unanimously Approved
		<b>2. Colton T. Bush</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>3. Daniel C. Taitano</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>4. John W. Yeoman</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Aguon.</i>			Unanimously Approved
IX.	Announcement	<b>Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 4:00 pm.</b>	GBME		Set Date
X.	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Berg.</i>	GBME	1823	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBME Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBME with or without changes:



Date: 9/10/2025

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:



Date: 9/10/2025



# Guam Board of Medical Examiners

## Guam Board of Medical Examiners Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 4:00 pm

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

Hagatna, GU 96910

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## Triathlon

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with a time of 29:38

• Matua Camacho, 10, 3rd, with a time of 33:15

The overall winners in the girls division:

• Ella Pangelinan, 12 yrs, 1st place, with a time of 36:13

• Lyndon Fulker-son-Smith, 12, 2nd place, with a time of 39:31

• Teagan Johnston, 9, 3rd place, with a time of 39:35

"This year's Kids Triathlon was a big success," Guam Triathlon Federation president Mark Cruz said in a statement. "These young athletes demon-

strated determination, sportsmanship, and joy throughout the event. We are grateful to Cars Plus for their sponsorship, which helps us continue to grow youth participation in the sport of triathlon here on Guam. Congratulations to all our brave athletes today."

The Guam Triathlon Federation said Cars Plus' sponsorship reflects its dedication to supporting youth development, healthy lifestyles, and opportunities for the island's next generation of athletes, the federation said.

It also extends thanks to volunteers, the Port Police, Amphibious Aquatics for

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From left, Blake Whittaker, Tanom Camacho, and Matua Camacho.

water safety, parents, and sponsors who made the kids triathlon possible.

"With growing enthusiasm from participants each year, the Federation looks forward to expanding opportunities for youth triathlon and strengthening Guam's presence in the sport," it added.

For more information about upcoming events and youth triathlon events, visit the Guam Triathlon Federation facebook page and Instagram at @guamtriathlonfederation.



### GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Physical/Mailing Address:  
194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Terlaje  
Professional Bldg. Suite 209  
Hagatna, Guam 96910-5052  
Friday, September 5, 2025  
at 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting  
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Meeting ID: 813 9035 1167  
Passcode: 931109

#### MEETING AGENDA

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- VI. GBAHE COMPLAINTS
- A. GBAHE-CO-22-03  
Received 02/21/22
- B. GBAHE-CO-23-02  
Received 12/28/23
- C. GBAHE-CO-23-03  
Received 12/28/23
- D. GBAHE-CO-24-03  
Received 08/08/24
- E. GBAHE-CO-25-03  
Received 03/28/25
- F. GBAHE-CO-25-04  
Received 03/31/25
- G. GBAHE-CO-25-08  
Received 04/28/25
- H. GBAHE-CO-25-09  
Received 04/29/25
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Updates to Qualification Requirements for Dietitians and Nutritionists (10 GCA CH12, Article 21)
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Initial/New Applications
- IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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## Bowling

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down his neck, Quinata needed a spare and a solid fill to clinch the win.

He delivered—cool as ice—with a final score of 214, edging Ada's 209 and Duenas' 205 in a

heart-pounding finish.

### Celebrating talent across generations

The event was a celebration of bowling talent across generations. Senior bowlers showed up strong, with six of the seven making it to the top 12.

But the youth weren't far behind—four young guns cracked the top 24, including the eventual champ.

The format leveled the playing field, proving that age and experience weren't the only paths to glory.

Jesse Ada dominated the qualifying rounds, followed closely by Yvonne Acda, Michael Duenas, and Shannon Bukikosa-Esplana.

Rising star Jaden Milan

landed in fifth, while Quinata quietly secured his spot in the top 24 at seventh—setting the stage for his Cinderella run.

The field was cut to the top 24 and included a mix of youth and veterans: Manny Tagle, Ray Manibusan, 13-year-old Nathan Caasi and Lyo Sawada, Cisca Uncangco, Kenneth Gicos, Willy Hong, Ray San Nicolas, Mary Ann Abad, Ayden Buentipo, John Raymundo, CJ Quitugua, Naiyah Taimanglo, Noah Taimanglo, Jantzen Sison, Jay Leon Guerrero, and Jared Gutierrez.

The event was also sponsored by Century Plaza, Central Lanes, PinPoint Guam, and sanctioned by Guam Bowling.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

WANG SHAW-YU SU,  
Deceased.  
PROBATE CASE NO. PRO199-23  
NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHAO-CHIUN "DAVID" SU, have filed herein the Petition to Remove Executor for Waste and Management of Estate, upon the Estate of Wang Shaw-Yu Su, Deceased, and that on September 9, 2025, at 11 A.M. of said day in the Courtroom of the Superior Court of Guam, Hagatna, Guam, has been set for hearing of said Petition and all persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the time and place set for said hearing and show cause, if any they have, why the Petition should not be granted.

Reference is hereby made to the said Petition for further particulars.  
DATED July 11, 2025.

JANICE M. CAMACHO-PEREZ, ESQ.  
CLERK OF COURT  
SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

/s/ Yvonne L. Cruz  
Deputy Clerk,  
Superior Court of Guam

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The top 24 competitors of the One Ball Classic.

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# Research Matters: Coral reef restoration, biodiversity breakthroughs

**University of Guam ORSP**  
For Pacific Daily News

A \$20 million cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation has allowed the University of Guam to conduct research to restore Guam's coral reef ecosystems and establish coral nurseries to replenish corals damaged by rising sea temperatures, sedimentation and pollution.

The funding, known as EPSCoR—the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research—began in 2020.

For Guam, protection of coral reefs is directly tied to the economy and well-being of the island. A 2023 federal government report placed the value of Guam's coral reef ecosystem at between \$63.4 million and \$73.6 million annually. Reefs contribute to recreation and tourism, commercial fishing and cultural heritage.

Healthy reefs also serve to physically protect the island by reducing wave energy and coastal flooding.

Bastian Bentlage, PhD, associate professor of bioinformatics, heads the research teams that have collected and analyzed genetic, genomic, oceanographic, and ecological data in Guam and the region. The results of these studies are a deeper understanding of reef ecosystems, including the cellular processes of corals under environmental stress such as rising sea surface temperatures and coastal runoff.

## Research publications

This expansion of scientific knowledge in the region has led to several publications and breakthroughs by UOG Marine Lab researchers.

Genomic research conducted by David Combosch, PhD, professor of population genetics, his students, and post-doctoral researchers resulted in the first whole-genome-scale survey of Guam's staghorn coral,



which is commonly used in coral reef restoration.

Their work resulted in the most detailed genetic baseline for any Micronesian coral to date, and is among the first genomic studies designed to guide restoration projects.

Marine Lab faculty supported by the project also conducted studies on the effects of transplantation of corals to new sites.

In coral restoration, coral fragments are often transplanted from a donor site or coral nursery to a reef that has been damaged by bleaching events or disease outbreaks.

This process can be stressful for corals, and the team investigated the effects of transplantation on the beneficial organisms that live in corals. Taking advantage of our ready access to near-shore coral reefs in Guam and state-of-the-art molecular lab facilities at UOG Marine Lab, the team tracked the corals over time to get deeper insights into the cellular-level processes affecting the success of coral restoration.

## Biorepository

The grant has also funded the Guam NSF EPSCoR GECCO Biorepository, which consolidates and expands natural history collections of Guam by providing state-of-the-art digitization, imaging, and mapping of local and regional marine plants and animals.

The biorepository serves the community as a library

of marine specimens that scientists and the public can use to learn about the marine species in our waters. Without this baseline, we can miss important information about the health and wellbeing of the ocean that

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Robert Lasley, PhD, assistant professor and curator, inspects shell samples donated to the collections of the University of Guam Biorepository.

supports us.

In addition to specimens collected by EPSCoR-funded researchers, donations of specimens have led to the significant growth of the biorepository collections. For example, a private collector recently donated 4,000 shells from the region with many species collected from Guam waters in the 1960s.

The biorepository is partnering with the National Museum of Natural History,

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., for DNA sequencing of marine organisms. This partnership will be mutually beneficial as the Smithsonian is working on DNA barcoding of marine invertebrates in U.S. waters, which will include marine invertebrate species from Guam waters.

*The University of Guam's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, ORSP, oversees grant acquisition and research initiatives across UOG's nine research centers.*

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

**CESAR ARTURO PINA RIVERA aka CESAR ARTURO PINARIVERA aka CESAR ARTURO PINA**  
DOB: 07/18/1976

Deceased.

Probate Case No.: PRO119-25

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

You may appear in person at the Courtroom of the Honorable Dana A. Gutierrez, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam or you may participate via Zoom by logging onto <https://guamcourts-dna.zoom.us> and enter the Meeting ID: 839 7874 0380 and Password: 189701. For technical assistance, please call (671) 475-3207 five (5) minutes prior to the designated hearing time.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rochelle J. Bareno aka Rochelle Julian Bareno Pina has filed a Petition for Probate and a prayer for relief praying for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Cesar Arturo Pina Rivera, aka Cesar Arturo Pinarivera, aka Cesar Arturo Pina, Decedent herein, and that on September 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Dana A. Gutierrez, Judge, in the courtroom of the Superior Court of Guam, Judiciary Building, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, GU, a hearing on said Petition shall be held and all persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the time and place set for said hearing and show cause, if any they have, why the petition should not be granted.

Reference is hereby made to the Petition for further particulars.  
Dated: August 13, 2025.

**JANICE M. CAMACHO-PEREZ**  
CLERK OF COURT,  
SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

By: /s/ Pauline I. Untalan  
Chamber/Courtroom Clerk



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## GUAM BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Monday, September 15, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. (Guam ChST)

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(a) Rules and Regulations - On-Going (b) Complaints 1. GBBC-CO-2024-0002 - Date received: 4/22/24 2. GBBC-CO-2024-0003 - Date received: 6/25/24 3. GBBC-CO-2025-01 - Date received: 1/24/25 4. GBBC-CO-2025-01 - Date received: 1/24/25, 5. GBBC-CO-2025-002 - Date received: 3/26/25, 6. GBBC-CO-2025-003 - Date received: 4/11/25, (c) Application for Examinations, (d) Application for Apprentices, (e) Application for Establishments
- VII. NEW BUSINESS  
(a) Application for Examinations, (b) Application for Apprentices, (c) Application for Re-Examination, (d) Application for Special Japanese License, (e) Application for Reciprocity, (f) Application for Establishments
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### **AGENDA**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_**

- a. Roll Call
- b. Confirmation of Public Notice

#### **II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#### **III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 09, 2025 & August 06, 2025**

#### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

#### **V. HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- a. Resolution 2025-01
- b. Public Law 38-42 (Bill No. 56-38)
- c. Public Law 38-43 (Bill No. 123-38)

#### **VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

- a. IAMRA
- b. Licensing Requirements for Military Physicians Prescribing  
Compounded Medications in Guam

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Complaint(s):
  - 1. GBME-CO-20-005 – Received: 09/18/2020 (L. Cruz) – on-going
  - 2. GBME-CO-2022-010 – Received: 06/21/2022 (J. Aguon) – on-going
  - 3. GBME-CO-2025-003 – Received: 06/12/2025 (N. Berg) – on-going
  - 4. GBME-CO-2025-004 – Received: 06/12/2025 – on-going

b. Hearing: GBME-DPA-2025-01 (Kenneth W. Carr)

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Application(s) for Full Licensure:

1. Joshua J. Fleming
2. Alex C. Trolenberg
3. Eun Jee Lee
4. Luke Chang-Dae Kang
5. Sean Chia Chang
6. Janet M. Burlingame

b. 2025 Renewals – *see attached listing*

**IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:** (a) Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 08, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Licensure Renewals 2025**

1. Edward Blounts
2. Susan Dobbs
3. Eugene Ng
4. Anna Chacon
5. Elaine Brown
6. Bilal Chaudhry
7. Michael Switzer
8. Konstantina Papthomas
9. Robert J. Michaud
10. Marjorie Debenedictis
11. David J. Yeh
12. Maria Andrea R. Alano
13. Jacqueline D. Michaud
14. Colette D. Reahl
15. Darren J. Sommer
16. Paul C. Coty
17. Vincent A. Duenas

18. Derek W. Grady
19. William Fox
20. Wendy D. Frickel
21. Seung Young Huh
22. Augusta Uwah
23. Jeffrey R. Cruz
24. Adrian Cora-Morges
25. Ronald T. Kobayashi
26. Martin Springer
27. Arvind K. Gupta
28. Golda Sol M. Fernandez
29. Jasmine Sinkhada
30. Juan P. Lirio
31. Pichet Iampornpipopchai
32. Marcin Czerniakow
33. Jennifer J. Chang
34. Brinda Rengaraju
35. Rengaraju Ramasamy
36. Vasin Jungtrakoolchai
37. Byeori Lee
38. Scott K. Erickson
39. Henry Hasson
40. David J. Parks
41. Kelli Jarrett

