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Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero  
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Frank F. Blas Jr.  
I Mina'Trentai Ocho na Lehislaturan Guåhan  
Speaker, 38th Guam Legislature  
163 Chalan Santa Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**RE: The Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry Regular Board Meeting Tuesday  
September 30, 2025 at 8:30 am.**

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Blas:

As required by 5 GCA § 8113.1, attached please find electronic copies of:

1. Agenda: September 30, 2025
2. Attendance sheet: September 30, 2025
3. Approved Minutes: August 26, 2025
4. Publication: September 23, 2025 and September 26, 2025

Should you have any questions, please call us at (671) 735-7408-12 or email to:  
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Respectfully,

Sharon M. Manibusan  
Customer Service Representative

Cc: Jean Taitano  
Attachments: Agenda, Attendance, minutes and announcements



**Department of Public Health & Social Services**  
**GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY**  
194 Hernan Cortes Ave., Terlaje Prof. Bldg., Ste. 213A  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910  
Phone: 671-735-7404-12

**Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 8:30 AM Guam (ChST)**

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# GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

## Board Meeting Attendance Sheet

194 Hernan Cortez Ave, Hagatna, GU 96910

Health Professional Licensing Office Conference Room 209

Date of  
Meeting:

September 30, 2025

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Regular  
Meeting

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Special  
Meeting

Meeting  
Call to Order

839AM

Time of  
Adjournment

846AM

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Quorum

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No  
Quorum

BOARD MEMBERS	POSITION	SIGNATURE
Marlene San Nicolas, O.D.	Chairperson	PRESENT
John Kim, O.D.	Vice Chairperson	VIRTUALLY PRESENT
James Anglim, O.D.	Secretary	ABSENT
Julian Archer, O.D.	Treasurer	VIRTUALLY PRESENT

### OTHERS PRESENT

PRINT NAME	AGENCY	SIGNATURE
SHARON MANIBUSAN	DPHSS/HPLO	PRESENT
PETERJOHN CAMACHO	DPHSS	VIRTUALLY PRESENT
JOAQUIN BLAZ	DPHSS	VIRTUALLY PRESENT

# Philippine Airlines launches direct Guam-Cebu flights

**Pacific Daily News**

Philippine Airlines said it is launching a new direct service between Guam and Cebu in the Philippines starting Dec. 16.

The new Guam-Cebu-Guam route will operate three times weekly, providing passengers with more convenient travel options, just in time for the holiday season, PAL said in a release on Thursday.

The flight schedule is as follows:

- Guam to Cebu (PR 121) - Departs Guam at 6:50 a.m., arrives in Cebu at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays
- Cebu to Guam (PR120) - Departs Cebu at 3:25 a.m., arrives on Guam at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

The route will be served by the Airbus A321ceo, a 199-seater aircraft offering PAL's signature heartfelt service, spacious comfort, and reliability, the airline

COURTESY OF PHILIPPINE AIRLINES

Scenes from Cebu City, Philippines on Jan. 8, 2017, during the Sinulog-Santo Niño Festival, an annual cultural and religious festival held on the third Sunday of January in Cebu City.

said.

"With the introduction of this new direct connection, we are making it easier for our Guam-based passengers to reach Cebu, one of the Philippines' most vibrant cities and a gateway to Visayas and Mindanao," Israel Fontanilla, Goodwind Travel and Tour operations manager at Philippine Airlines and Goodwind Travel and Tour, said in a statement.

Fontanilla said this new service also strengthens travel and cultural ties between Guam and the Philippines while providing more choices for both leisure and business travelers.

The Cebu flights complement PAL's existing



Guam-Manila-Guam services, giving passengers greater flexibility to connect to other domestic and international destinations via both Manila and Cebu hubs.

For bookings and inquiries, contact Goodwind Travel and Tours, Philip-

pine Airlines' General Sales Agent on Guam located at Micronesia Mall, or reach out to their preferred travel agents.

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PATRICK CRISOSTOMO CASTRO

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF GUAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

NORBERTO ROMEO VALENZUELA  
CASTRO, SR.,

Decedent,

BY

PATRICK CRISOSTOMO CASTRO,

Executor.

PROBATE CASE NO. PR0117-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, attorney for the Executor of the Estate of NORBERTO ROMEO VALENZUELA CASTRO, SR., deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said Estate or against said deceased, that within two (2) months after the first publication of the instant Notice, they either file them with the necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Guam, or exhibit them with necessary vouchers to Attorney Frankie T. Perez, Jr., Suite 217, 424 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, the same being the place for the transaction of the said estate.

DATED this 22nd day of September, 2025.

By: /s/ FRANKIE T. PEREZ, JR., ESQ.  
Attorney for Executor  
PATRICK CRISOSTOMO CASTRO

## 5 students get \$50K as APIA Scholars-Bank of Guam cohort

**Pacific Daily News**

Bank of Guam announced that five students from Saipan, Yap and Pohnpei will receive a combined \$50,000 over four years as 2025-2026 APIA Scholars-Bank of Guam cohort.

In a release, Bank of Guam said this marks another milestone in its long standing commitment to investing in the next generation of leaders from Guam and the Micronesia region.

Asian Pacific Islanders American, APIA, Scholars is the nation's leading non-profit organization supporting Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander students and eligible students.

As part of the Bank of Guam's partnership and

sponsorship with APIA Scholars, each recipient will receive a total of \$10,000 over four years in \$2,500 installments annually, as well as access to APIA Scholars' College-to-Career success programs.

This year's cohort includes the following five students:

- Charles Joseph "CJ" Baybay, from Saipan, attending Northern Marianas College and majoring in Business
- Ivan D. Filethin, from Yap, attending University of Hawaii at Mānoa and majoring in Mechanical Engineering
- Marsandrea H. Russel from Pohnpei, attending Oral Roberts University and majoring in Criminal

Justice

- Evangeline A. Taitingfong from Saipan, attending University of Texas at San Antonio and majoring in Child Psychology

- An additional Scholar from Saipan who prefers not to be named

"The People's Bank started as a dream, and we remain committed to empowering young minds to believe and dream big," Bank of Guam president and chief executive officer Joaquin Cook said in a statement. "For more than a decade, Bank of Guam has invested in tomorrow's leaders through various scholarships that have opened doors for students from across our region."



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 **Posted by:** Baltazar Hattori

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## Rugby

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giving them a head start for skill acquisition, rugby intellect and overall development."

**College recruitment:** "Many colleges actively recruit rugby players, offering scholarships and support. Coaches are doing a better job getting kids in pathway programs."

**Fitness and athleticism:** "Rugby requires a high level of fitness, strength, and teamwork, basically Guam kids are built to play rugby."

**Camaraderie and community:** "Rugby fosters strong team bonds and a sense of community, appealing to our island cul-

ture."

### Tony Costa

Costa is a high school coach, and GRC Barbarians Rugby development manager.

"Although Guam has many talented athletes, it has a significant number of college rugby players because rugby scholarships are more accessible and obtainable than those for other sports. College rugby players outnumber athletes from different sports on scholarships.

"Guam Rugby Club has fostered programs to help develop rugby skills and rugby IQ through local and international training and tournaments. Exposure at this level attracts college

coaches. The athletes ultimately develop a genuine passion for the sport of rugby.

"Other coaches and I try to support and encourage the athletes, showing them that college rugby is a pathway to higher education and that scholarships can help fund their college education.

"Seeing my former athletes succeed proves rugby can open college doors. Rugby offers a chance to leave Guam, compete at the D1 level, and earn a degree while pursuing a sport they love. I've urged families to explore rugby scholarships, which have significantly eased financial challenges.

"Guam is filled with talent, and rugby feels ingrained in our culture—almost as though it was meant to be here. Our athletes have what it takes to compete at D1 and beyond. Just look at trailblazers like Zach Pangelinan, Jacob Flores, Stephen Sablan, and Ally Ada. They've paved the way in Guam rugby.

"Athletes need support and guidance through the

college landscape, and I have tried to create a support system for them—meeting with countless college coaches, promoting the athletes, matching them with the right schools, and helping develop rugby resumes over the years.

"A strong support network has empowered these athletes to achieve great things through rugby, as evidenced by the number of Guam athletes playing rugby in college."

### Leonard Calvo

Calvo is a former national player, "Godfather of Guam Rugby."

"The middle school and high school programs put together by Guam Rugby (Development officer Paul Claros) are the main reasons why Guam is able to put players in college programs.

"There are obviously good athletes and coaches

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION  
FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING SALE OF  
ESTATE PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOAQUIN S. PANGELINAN, has filed herein the Petition for Order Authorizing Sale of Estate Property, upon the Estate of Joaquin Leon Guerrero Aguon, Deceased, and that on October 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., of said day in the Courtroom of the Superior Court of Guam, Hagåtña, 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 August 19, 2025.

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

By: /s/ Pauline I. Untalan  
Chamber/Courtroom Clerk  
Superior Court of Guam

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



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GUAM SPORTS NETWORK

Kyle Manibusan plays for Southern Nazarene University.



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Christian Manglona, Anita Manglona, Trey Blas Fields, Kwinn Rios, Sage Calvo at a recent Penn State (Rios) vs. Mount St. Mary's (Manglona) Collegiate Women's Rugby Match.



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## MINUTES

Agenda Item		Discussion/Decision		Responsible party	Reporting time frame	Status
I	CALL TO ORDER	Meeting Chaired by M. San Nicolas		Chair	0833	Call to Order
II	Roll Call	<b>GBBC</b> <u>Present:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Anglim, O.D., Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marlene San Nicolas, O.D., Chairperson  <u>Virtually Present:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Kim, O.D., Vice-Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julian Archer, O.D., Treasurer	<b>Other Attendees:</b> <u>Present:</u> Sharon Manibusan, DPHSS/HPLO Juanita P. Quintanilla, DPHSS/HPLO  <u>Virtually Present:</u> Joaquin Blas, DPHSS/DGA	GBEO	0833	Quorum Established
III	Proof of Publication	Reviewed and found to be in conformance with current laws. <i>Motion to Approve: J. Anglim 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>			0834	Confirmed
IV	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>		GBEO	0834	Unanimously Approved
V	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>		GBEO	0835	Unanimously Approved
VI	TREASURER'S REPORT	No Report		Julian Archer	0842	No Report
VII	HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	No Report		HPLO	0842	No Report
VIII	OLD BUSINESS	<b>A. The practice act revision (TPA) – ongoing discussion</b> <i>Tabled until group can meet to discuss: M. San Nicolas.</i>		GBEO	0842	Tabled, Until Group Can Meet
		<b>B. Practice Act Revision (TPA) – Ongoing Discussion:</b> <i>Tabled until group can meet to discuss: M. San Nicolas.</i>		GBEO		Tabled, Until Group Can Meet
		<b>C. Complaints:</b>				
		<b>GBEO-CO-2025-001</b>		GBEO		Ongoing Pending AG Response

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	<p>S. Manibusan confirmed that a draft letter had been submitted to the AG but that no response had yet been received, prompting her to plan a follow-up. The board emphasized that they could not proceed without legal clearance, and concerns were raised about whether it would be appropriate or legal to direct actions at specific clinics without clear justification.</p> <p>J. Kim noted that the issue was complicated by the complainant's decision not to move forward, which created procedural complications. Members questioned whether there was a legal mechanism to continue investigating a physician in the absence of an active complaint. M. San Nicolas also highlighted past inspection efforts, specifically regarding the requirement for clinics and optical shops to use tonometers for intraocular pressure checks. It was noted that, while NCTs were acceptable, ongoing compliance had not been verified through inspections, and further legal clarity was needed to continue enforcement.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about potentially appearing to target specific offices. Board members discussed the importance of either inspecting all clinics or establishing a legally defensible reason for limiting the focus. S. Manibusan agreed to share the draft memo with the full board and reiterated the need for AG input to ensure fair and lawful procedures.</p> <p>Frustration was evident regarding the AG's office's delayed responses, especially when compared to prior engagement under former AG Rob Weinberg, who was known for actively supporting board processes. The board acknowledged that unresolved legal questions remain indefinitely on the agenda unless formally withdrawn, contributing to public criticism.</p> <p>Discussion then turned to the procedures followed by the Guam Allied Health Board, where M. Balajadia typically acts as investigator for complaints. Questions were raised about whether her actions were codified in law, and M. San Nicolas pointed out that the GBEO's own governing law lacked specificity regarding complaint protocols—particularly whether a named patient was required for an investigation. It was agreed that these legal gaps need to be addressed through future revisions of the rules and regulations.</p> <p>Later in the meeting, enforcement of the tonometer requirement was revisited, with M. San Nicolas reiterating that all clinics must document pressure readings and that noncompliance should result in citations. She recommended reviewing all clinics for consistency and to avoid any appearance of selective enforcement.</p> <p>J. Kim suggested physically delivering the memo to the AG's office, the board was informed by J. Blas that this approach would not bypass the established procedures. He explained the cumbersome process required even for simple document handling. He also affirmed that an attorney from the AGs Office—identified as Attorney Tillman—had recently been assigned to assist the HPLO.</p>			



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		J. Blas asked S. Manibusan to distribute Attorney Tillman's email address to allow members to directly reach out and potentially prompt a response. Some members expressed hope that a more personal approach could help expedite the legal opinion process, referencing past successful outreach efforts. The meeting closed with an understanding that the matter remained unresolved and contingent upon the AG’s response.			
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		5. Marlene R. San Nicolas Motion to Approve: J. Kim; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : J. Archer.			Unanimously Approved
		6. Dante Garcia TYPE HERE Motion to Approve: J. Kim; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : J. Archer.			Unanimously Approved
		7. Maria Garcia Motion to Approve: J. Kim; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : J. Archer.			Unanimously Approved
		B. Vision Exam (online process) The board revisited a previously raised concern involving the DMV online vision exam process. This process, tied to license renewals, was brought to the Attorney General's attention due to concerns about its legitimacy and potential misuse. M. San Nicolas noted that unlike other required documentation—such as insurance and vehicle inspections, which are submitted directly and verified—the DMV’s online system simply asks users to input a doctor's name and a date of an eye exam without specifying the clinic or requiring actual verification. Members expressed concern that the process could allow individuals to self-attest their visual acuity and bypass professional evaluation, raising significant safety concerns. M. San Nicolas emphasized the risk that individuals who should not be driving might exploit this loophole to obtain or renew a license. The board noted the lack of a mechanism for validating vision-	GBEO	On-Going	

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		<p>related data and highlighted the importance of including visual field assessments—not just acuity—in determining visual fitness for driving. J. Kim shared an example of a patient with severe visual impairment who, based solely on visual acuity, might appear to meet the standards even though he is not visually fit to drive.</p> <p>Concerns were also raised that the DMV did not consult or coordinate with eye care providers or the board when developing the online system. While traditional in-office screenings include acuity, field of vision, and depth perception evaluations using certified equipment, the online process does not require or replicate these standards. The board acknowledged this as a systemic gap and a legitimate concern.</p> <p>Board members discussed the need to identify the appropriate government contact to formally express their concerns. M. San Nicolas recommended holding off on further discussion until more information and contacts are obtained, emphasizing that the issue remains unresolved and is ultimately a matter of ensuring public safety on the island.</p>			
X	NEXT BOARD MEETING	Next Scheduled Meeting: September 30, 2025	GBEO	0912	Set Date
XI	ADJOURNMENT	<i>Motion to Adjourn: J. Kim ; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>	GBEO	0913	Adjourned

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