

Jiu-jitsu

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family, and about a shared purpose.”

The partnership between the Cruz and Pangelinan families is built on shared

values—hard work, humility, and dedication to the sport. Both families share a strict training regimen, which starts at 5 a.m. daily. Training together has elevated each athlete’s technical precision, focus, and confidence as they prepare for international competi-

tion.

With Ryu—the IBJJF European champion, Akemi—the IBJJF Brasileiros champion, and the Cruz brothers’ continued success at ADCC, IBJJF, and NAGA events, the four are proving that Pacific Island athletes can compete with the best in the world.

Each brings a distinct strength—Luck’s explosive pressure, Akemi’s smooth transitions, Ryu’s unbreakable control, and Sage’s fearless aggression—creating an environment where iron sharpens iron.

As they look ahead to major events in 2026, the Cruz and Pangelinan kids continue to represent Guam and Hawaii with pride. Their teamwork,



GUAM SPORTS NETWORK

Luck Cruz catching his signature Darce submission.

friendship, and shared vision embody the spirit of combat sports and martial

arts—unity, perseverance, and respect.

Tennis

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As for the competition itself, seven countries were split into two pools for a round robin play from Monday to Wednesday.

Guam is the fourth seed and was put in a pool with Laos, Brunei, and Jordan.

On Monday, Guam fell 1-2 to Jordan in a close matchup.

Mercado stepped up first as the #2 singles. She lost 6-1, 6-0 in a tough match against a strong woman, but played with heart nonetheless.

Gibson had a more favorable outcome as the #1 singles for Guam. She played with precision and power to win an impressive match 6-4, 6-2.

“I enjoy being able to represent Guam year after year and am grateful to be and compete in my position at the BJJC level,” Gibson said.

With the singles split, the doubles match became the decider.

Gibson got right back on the court with Oh in a nail-biting match. Both teams played with high intensity, but it was Gibson who shone at the net. After the teams split sets 7-5, 5-7, the outcome came down to a tense tiebreaker.

The crowd cheered for every point, but Guam ultimately fell just short, 9-11, in the final frame.

The following day, Guam rebounded with a hard-earned 2-1 win against Brunei.

Mercado put all her effort out on the court in a long,

grueling singles match but lost in three sets: 7-6, 4-6, 2-6.

“It was a hard fought match, and I’m grateful for the opportunity to represent Guam,” Mercado said.

Gibson delivered once again in her singles match, winning 6-1, 6-3 with ease. She took control of the match, hitting shots that flew past her opponent.

Again, it came down to the doubles match. Gibson and Oh struggled to find their rhythm in the first set, but picked it up in the second.

Carrying that momentum into the tiebreak, they closed it out to win 4-6, 6-2, 10-6.

“It’s amazing to play at this level for the first time,” Oh said. “The matches have been really exciting and I’m so thankful to have Monti as my partner because she’s so skilled.”

Gibson said both the singles and doubles matches have so far been “a lot of fun.”

“I’m lucky to have the chance to play all the matches I do and enjoy being out there representing Guam,” she added.

The Billie Jean King Cup is one of the few tournaments with on-court coaching permitted. This makes Coach Smith’s presence extremely vital for every match.

“Overall, we are doing very well, but I must say the expectation was to do very well,” Smith said. “There is an extra bit of pressure representing Guam for the world cup. Proud of all the girls on the team for their part in how we’ve gone so far.”

EMS Commission & EMS for Children Advisory Committee Regular Board Meeting

Physical/Mailing Address:
194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Terlaje
Professional Bldg. Suite 209
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)

ZOOM MEETING LINK
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84061370999?pwd=cug084KlhjT8g5bjjVXHRx4phu4ZLk.1>

Meeting ID: 840 6137 0999
Passcode: 888205

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Confirmation of Publication
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
- V. Administrator’s Report
- VII. Legal Counsel Report
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Agency Reports (USNH, GMHA, GCC, GDOE, DPHSS, DPW, GPD, EMSC, EMD, GRMC)
 - b. Complaint 1. EMS-CO-25-01
- IX. New Business
 - a. Certifications
 - b. Interfacility Transfer
- X. Next Board Meeting
- XI. Adjournment

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Department of Public Health & Social Services GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK Health Professional Licensing Office

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Terlaje
Professional Bldg. Suite 209,
Hagatna, Guam 96910-5052

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85742931904?pwd=60AZJlFfCawEW2kt84BnyzkDZOo48.1>

Meeting ID: 857 4293 1904
Passcode: 415542

MEETING AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Confirmation of Public Notice
- II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- V. HPLC ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
- VI. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Finance & Budget
 - B. Statutes, Rules, and Forms
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Complaint: GBSW CO-2024-002
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Consideration of Applications for Initial Licensure
 - B. Consideration of Applications for Renewal of Licensure
- X. NEXT BOARD MEETING;
 - A. The Guam Board of Social Work next regularly scheduled board meeting is tentative for Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
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GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHARMACY REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 7:30 A.M.

194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Terlaje
Professional Bldg. Suite 209
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82163992235?pwd=V8eVXa4gRPM4Fe1j9XbTX8A1xbgaQN.1>

Meeting ID: 821 6399 2235
Passcode: 910145

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
 - (a) Roll Call
 - (b) Confirmation of Public Notice
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2025
- IV. HPL Administrator’s Report
- V. Chairperson’s Report
- VI. Complaint(s):
 - (a) GBEP-CO-16-01
 - (b) GBEP-CO-24-02
- VII. Old Business
 - (a) Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesalers
 - (b) 2025 Renewals
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Pharmacist by Endorsement
 - b. Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesalers
 - c. 2025 Renewals
- IX. Next Board Meeting
 - a. The next Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy Regular Session Meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.
- X. Adjournment

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