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August 26, 2025

Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero  
Governor of Guam  
Executive Chambers  
PO Box 2950  
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Frank F. Blas Jr.  
I Mina'Trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guahan  
Speaker, 38th Guam Legislature  
163 Chalan Santa Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**RE: The Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry Regular Board Meeting Tuesday August 26, 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: August 26, 2025
2. Attendance sheet: August 26, 2025
3. Approved Minutes: February 25, 2025
4. Publication: August 19, 2025 and August 22, 2025

Should you have any questions, please call us at (671) 735-7408-12 or email to: [breanna.sablan@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:breanna.sablan@dphss.guam.gov).

Respectfully,

  
Sharon M. Manibusan  
Administrative Aide

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



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

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 8:30 AM Guam (ChST)**

Physical/Mailing Address:

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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: August 26, 2025       Regular Meeting       Special Meeting

Meeting Call to Order 8:33 AM      Time of Adjournment 9:13 AM       Quorum       No Quorum

BOARD MEMBERS	POSITION	SIGNATURE
Marlene San Nicolas, O.D.	Chairperson	<i>Marlene San Nicolas</i>
John Kim, O.D.	Vice Chairperson	<i>virtually present</i>
James Anglim, O.D.	Secretary	<i>James Anglim</i>
Julian Archer, O.D.	Treasurer	<i>virtually present</i>

### OTHERS PRESENT

PRINT NAME	AGENCY	SIGNATURE
<i>Sharon Manibulan</i>	<i>DPHSS / HPLO</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Juanita Quinlanilla</i>	<i>DPHSS / HPLO</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Joagim Blaz</i>	<i>DPHSS / DBA</i>	<i>virtually present</i>

# Guam magicians to headline at Magic Castle in Hollywood

**Pacific Daily News**

Magicians Nabil Murday and Meesha Wong, the duo from Guam's Biba Magic Theater, have been invited to perform on the main stage at the world-famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, a coveted honor in the global magic community.

Their weeklong run at the Castle's Palace of Mystery—its largest theater—is scheduled for Sept. 2 to 7.

The invitation marks a major milestone in the pair's international journey.

"The Magic Castle was everything to me when I was starting out," Murday said. "I used to live just blocks away so I could go as often as possible. I performed there more than 20 years ago, doing close-up magic. To now return with Meesha and headline the Palace of Mystery—that's a full-circle moment."

The Magic Castle is an exclusive private club, widely considered the heart of the magic world. It has showcased legendary names such as David Copperfield, Criss Angel, Shin Lim, and even Orson Welles.

Many celebrities have frequented the club over the years, including Johnny Carson, Drew Barrymore, Johnny Depp, and Neil Patrick Harris.

"Our routines are the result of years of dedication and constant refinement. We're honored to bring that work to The Magic Castle and audiences beyond Guam," Wong said.

Based at The Westin Resort Guam, Biba Magic Theater is an interactive, close-up, comedy magic show venue known for its immersive experience.

The theater was recently

COURTESY OF NABIL MURDAY  
Magicians Meesha Wong and Nabil Murday are the duo from Guam's Biba Magic at The Westin Resort Guam.

awarded its eighth Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award, placing it among the top 10% of attractions worldwide, a reflection of years of consistent five-star guest reviews.

Though the Castle marks their biggest stage yet, both magicians emphasize that Biba Magic remains their creative home.

"Our theater is still the best place to see us perform," Wong said. "You get our full 70-minute production in our intimate venue—with stage illusions seen just a few feet away."

Biba Magic Theater will be closed from Aug. 20 through September while the duo is on tour.

For updated showtimes or tickets, visit <http://www.bibamagic.com>.



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THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS

16 Tuesday, August 19, 2025

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
BERTHA S. MARION,  
Decedent.**

**PROBATE CASE NO. PRO048-25  
AMENDED  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW.  
YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR  
IN COURT UNLESS YOU DESIRE.

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Paula A. Ouenas has filed a Petition for Final Distribution.

2. A hearing on the petition will be heard on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 9:40 a.m., before the Hon. Judge Elyze M. Iriarte.

3. To attend or to participate in the hearing, you may appear in person at the Guam Judicial Center, appear remotely at <https://guamcourts.gov>, zoom.us and enter Meeting ID: 864 4387 2213 and Passcode: JEM1; or call into the courtroom at 671-309-6703 at the designated hearing time. For connectivity issues, you may contact Jannette Samson at (671) 475-0141 or email [jsamson@guamcourts.gov](mailto:jsamson@guamcourts.gov).

DATED: 16 July 2025

JANICE M. CAMACHO-PEREZ  
Clerk of Court, Superior Court of Guam

By: /s/ Alice B. Mendoza  
Courtroom/Chamber Clerk

Department of Public Health & Social Services  
**GUAM BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS**  
Health Professional Licensing Office

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

Thursday, August 21, 2025  
at 3:00 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89586784094?pwd=Q0pPc0ljZGhKN5VlQ0lnPcU7TRCsga.1>

Meeting ID: 895 8678 4094  
Passcode: 588660

- AGENDA**
- I. CALL TO ORDER
    - a) Proof of Publication
    - b) Roll Call
  - II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
  - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    - a) Minutes for GBNE July 10, 2025 Meeting
  - IV. TREASURER'S REPORT
  - V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
    - a) Rules and Regulations (Proposed)
  - VI. NURSING EDUCATION
    - a) Indiana State University
  - VII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
    - a) Complaints
      1. GBNE-CO-20-007/1,
      - 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 (G. Whardard)
  - VIII. OLD BUSINESS
    - a) Appointment of Advisory Committee on Orientation to GBNE
    - b) Impaired Provider Program
  - IX. NEW BUSINESS
    - a) Approved Applications
  - X. NEXT BOARD MEETING; Tentative for September 10, 2025
  - XI. ADJOURNMENT

To view the names of the applicants being considered go to <https://guamhlo.org/gben>

LIVE Streaming link [https://go.openoqguam.com/meetings\\_list/gben](https://go.openoqguam.com/meetings_list/gben)

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**GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHARMACY REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, August 21, 2025  
at 7:30 A.M.

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Hagatna, Guam 96910

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82182217757?pwd=g4DgJ6mRv8RlXlqgLBHX5T4xK3xaQF.1>

Meeting ID: 821 8221 7757  
Passcode: 775498

- Meeting Agenda:**
- I. Call to Order (a) Roll Call (b) Confirmation of Public Notice
  - II. Approval of Agenda
  - III. Review & Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2025
  - IV. HPLO Administrator's Report
  - V. Complaint(s): (a) GBEP-CO-16-01 (b) GBEP-CO-24-02
  - VI. Old Business: (a) Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesalers (b) 2025 Renewals
  - VII. New Business (a) Pharmacist by Endorsement (b) Pharmacy Intern (c) Pharmacy Technicians (d) Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesalers; (e) 2025 Renewals
  - VIII. Next Board Meeting: (a) The next Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy Regular Session Meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.
  - IX. Adjournment

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# **Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry - Regular Board Meeting**


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 **Posted on:** 08/19/2025 09:15 AM

 **Posted by:** Baltazar Hattori

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
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HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE (HPLO) (/notices?  
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## Mendiola

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**GSPN:** Who are some of the players you most enjoyed playing with – and against?

**DM:** I had the privilege of playing alongside many incredible athletes. Some of my favorite teammates include Jin Han, Ed Pelkey, EJ Calvo, Chris Fernandez, Joey Cepeda, Mike Lee, Carmen Blas, Loyd Lagutang, Willie (Stinnett), and Seve (Susuico) – there are honestly too many to name.

As for opponents, the team that gave me the most consistent challenge was Ace Hardware. Players like JP (Cruz), Francis Benitez, and DeAndre Walker were sharpshooters with deep range and an aggressive style of play. They always brought their best and kept the competition exciting.

**GSPN:** What inspired you to enter politics, and when did that journey begin?

**DM:** After completing my military service, I was medically retired due to a battle with cancer. In 2015, I returned home to Rota and began getting involved in local politics. I felt that after serving my country, I



could also serve my island and make a difference.

In 2016 and 2018, I chaired campaigns for other candidates, gaining valuable experience. By 2018, I served as campaign chairman for a former lieutenant governor who was running for Senate—and he won. That victory motivated me to run for office myself.

In 2020, I ran for Senate as a Republican, going up against one of the longest-serving senators. I lost that race, but I didn't let it stop me. In 2022, I ran again and won.

Despite my victory, it was a tough year for the Repub-

lican Party—we were in the minority, and I held no leadership role. However, in the next legislature, we won more seats. One of our members was elected, and I was chosen to serve as Senate President. It was an unusual situation—a freshman senator being elected as presiding officer of the 24th Legislature.

Then, in July 2025, tragedy struck when the Governor of the CNMI passed away. According to the constitution, I ascended to the role of Lieutenant Governor on July 24, 2025. That day changed my life forever.

**GSPN:** How does your basketball background influence your work in politics and government?

**DM:** Basketball and politics have more in common than people might think. Both are team sports. Success isn't about individual effort—it's about collaboration, communication, and strategy.

In basketball, no one wins a game alone. You rely on your teammates to execute plays, defend, rebound, and support each other. Politics works the same way. You need to build alliances, use available resources wisely, and work together to

**GUAM SPORTS NETWORK**  
Team Guam in 2007 at the South Pacific Games in Samoa. Guam would beat the home team in the semis in a huge game, but fell to Fiji in the finals to settle for silver. From left, around the table, Jin Han, Joey Cepeda, Willie Stinnett, Chris Fernandez, Dennis Mendiola, and EJ Calvo.

achieve your goals.

If you walk into government thinking you'll make change alone, you'll quickly realize how wrong that is. True progress comes when a team of people shares a vision, trusts each other, and puts in the hard work – just like on the court. When everyone plays their role and brings their unique skills to the table, the chances of success increase dramatically.



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Sunday, August 31, 2025  
Monday, September 1, 2025  
Tuesday, September 2, 2025  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025  
Thursday, September 4, 2025

### RESERVATION DATES

Monday, August 25, 12 Noon  
Tuesday, August 26, 12 Noon  
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Tuesday, August 26, 2 pm  
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The Pacific Daily News Staff and their families wish everyone a "Happy Labor Day!"

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Passcode: 193421

## MINUTES

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Responsible party	Reporting time frame	Status
I	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Meeting Chaired by M. San Nicolas		Chair 8:35 Call to Order
II	<b>Roll Call</b>	<p><b>GBBO</b> <i>Present:</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janes Anglim, O.D., Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marlene San Nicolas, O.D., Chairperson</p> <p><i>Virtually Present:</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Kim, O.D., Vice-Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julian Archer, O.D., Treasurer</p>	<p><b>Other Attendees:</b> <i>Present:</i></p> <p>Sharon Manibusan, HPLO Juanita P. Quintanilla, HPLO</p>	GBEO 0835 Quorum Established
III	<b>Proof of Publication</b>	Reviewed and found to be in conformance with current laws. <i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>		0836 Confirmed
IV	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	<i>Motion to Approve: J. Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>		GBEO 0837 Unanimously Approved
V	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	<i>Motion to Approve: J. Anglim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Archer.</i>		GBEO 0837 Unanimously Approved
VI	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	No Report		Julian Archer 0838 No Report
VII	<b>HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</b>	No Report		HPLO 0838 No Report
VIII	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>A. The practice act revision (TPA) – ongoing discussion</b> Discussion was made regarding the Practice Act and the rules and regulations, with an acknowledgment that there had been delays over the past month. M. San Nicolas noted that efforts are underway to regroup and resume meetings. <i>Tabled Pending Regrouping: M. San Nicolas.</i></p>		GBEO 0838 Tabled
		<p><b>B. Rules and regulations proposed revision 2.0 – ongoing discussion</b> <i>Tabled Pending Regrouping: M. San Nicolas.</i></p>		GBEO Tabled
IX	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<b>A. Complaints:</b>		0838

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	<p><b>1. GBEO-CO-2025-001</b></p> <p>J. Kim clarified that S. Manibusan had reached out regarding the filing of a complaint, but he opted to discuss the matter with the board first. J. Kim mentioned that T. Keeler, although not present at the time, had previously advised that the board could proceed with the complaint even without the patient's approval. J. Kim referenced Section 9106, Subsection A3, which permits action if a licensee commits an act warranting suspension or revocation. According to T. Keeler's email, the board may initiate an informal investigation without a patient's initiation, but current laws and regulations do not permit inspections without notice or specific authorization. He recommended this issue be considered when updating the code and regulations. Questions were raised about how to proceed in the absence of inspection authority, and T. Keeler had suggested contacting the appropriate practitioner—originally stated as podiatrists but later clarified as optometrists—to notify them of the board's concerns and potential license suspension through an administrative adjudication hearing. As an alternative, he recommended proposing an office inspection. J. Kim expressed the desire to receive further clarification directly from T. Keeler, who was expected to join via Zoom but had not yet done so and invited other members to comment on the matter.</p> <p>In the ongoing discussion, it was acknowledged that J. Kim, who initially brought forth the complaint, would proceed with the investigation and gather necessary documentation, including patient records to substantiate the concerns. S. Manibusan was mentioned as having advised that the investigation move forward in this manner. The process would eventually need to become formal, involving the applicant in question, and potentially requiring the presence of T. Keeler once formal proceedings commence. There was some uncertainty expressed about whether T. Keeler involvement was necessary at that stage.</p> <p>It was determined that a memo to notify the provider would be drafted by J. Kim, and S. Manibusan confirmed that a template for such communication existed. J. Kim requested to review a draft of the letter and clarified whether the patient's name and relevant medical record details would be included. This was confirmed, with the possibility of including specific dates in question. Concerns were also raised about legal requirements regarding record retention and purging of records, though it was noted that the incident occurred just the previous year, making that possibility unlikely.</p>	GBEO		On-Going. More Information Next Meeting

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	<p>The board continued discussing procedural steps related to the complaint and investigation. M. San Nicolas stated that most healthcare facilities retain records for up to seven years, likely in compliance with a federal mandate, and that after this period, records typically go into storage, though access beyond seven years depends on whether they were purged. J. Kim requested that S. Manibusan send a draft of the notification letter for review and approval, with clarification that the letter should simply inform the provider of the complaint and the initiation of an informal investigation—without needing to identify the investigator in the draft.</p> <p>Further clarification was provided on the necessary steps: the complaint form must first be completed and submitted to S. Manibusan, who would then send a draft letter. Once finalized, the letter would be sent to the provider. Questions were raised regarding the expected response time from the provider, and whether they are required to submit both a written response and patient records. It was noted that providers are typically given a specific number of days to provide the requested documentation, which is usually dropped off to the HPLO office and then made available for pickup.</p> <p>Given that the provider in question had reportedly left his previous place of employment, the board discussed how best to serve the notice. It was suggested that the notice be sent to both his former and current places of employment. Members agreed that the provider’s records should be checked to confirm whether he had submitted an official change of employment, especially since he was believed to have switched clinics in December.</p> <p>The board continued its deliberations on the complaint process, focusing on logistical and procedural issues surrounding the provider’s change of employment and the securement of patient records. S. Manibusan agreed to consult the acting HPLO administrator for guidance and committed to sending the relevant document to J. Kim. The concern was raised that the provider, having left the clinic where the incident occurred, might disassociate from the matter entirely, potentially complicating efforts to access the necessary patient records, which are presumed to remain at the former place of employment.</p> <p>To address this, members proposed sending two separate letters: one directly to the provider and another to the clinic where the records are held. This would ensure that the clinic does not dismiss the request based on the provider’s departure. Clarification was provided that medical</p>			

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	<p>records belong to the clinic, not the individual provider, even after the provider leaves. Thus, a specific request must be made to the clinic to access or sequester the patient's record.</p> <p>While some believed a patient-initiated complaint would simplify this process by tying the record directly to patient rights, it was reiterated that under Guam law, the board can proceed with an investigation even without the patient's complaint, as long as there is sufficient basis to believe the licensee may have committed an actionable violation. The board emphasized the need for different language in each letter, given the distinct audiences—one letter addressing the provider regarding the investigation and the other addressing the clinic with a directive to preserve and provide the relevant patient records.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that all records remain under the control of the clinic, not the individual provider, and that communication must reflect that legal structure. M. San Nicolas noted that it may be required to name the patient in the letter for identification of the correct record. Plans were made to CC appropriate individuals, including T. Keeler and B. Sablan, to ensure procedural compliance.</p> <p>J. Kim inquired whether there is a statute of limitations on enforcement or investigation, indicating a need for further clarification on the allowable time frame for such proceedings.</p> <p>M. San Nicolas addressed the question of whether there is a statute of limitations applicable to enforcement or investigative actions. It was confirmed that, at present, there are no specific timelines outlined within the board's own statutes or regulations, meaning there is no formal limitation period in effect. While this absence allows ongoing investigation without restriction, it was acknowledged that the lack of defined timeframes could be problematic and may need to be addressed during future revisions of relevant laws and regulations.</p> <p>The discussion also highlighted the importance of deferring to federal statutes in the absence of local provisions, reinforcing that if a federal standard exists regarding timelines or limitations, the board must adhere to it until such time that Guam law is updated. The issue was recognized as one that warrants further research and potential incorporation into future legislative changes. With that, the discussion surrounding the complaint was concluded.</p>			

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	<p>The board proceeded to discuss the topic of clinic inspections, referencing guidance previously provided by T. Keeler. M. San Nicolas reflected on the only instance such inspections had been conducted, which occurred in the 1990s when the board mandated the presence of tonometers in clinics. At that time, members with backgrounds in optical practice helped enforce compliance by organizing inspections, sending formal notices to clinics outlining the purpose and scope of the inspections—including both equipment checks and record reviews—and coordinating in-person visits within a designated timeframe. However, the effort was never repeated due to subsequent board member reluctance and turnover.</p> <p>The historical context was emphasized to illustrate the evolution of clinical practice on the island. While optical shops were once dominant, the current healthcare landscape features more clinics with higher levels of optometric care. Because of this shift, any future inspections must be handled with impartiality and consistency. The board emphasized that selecting only one clinic for inspection could be viewed as biased; instead, inspections should cover all clinics or providers equally. In cases where a clinic hosts multiple providers, records should be sampled across the group—for example, reviewing a set number of charts per provider—to ensure fairness and comprehensiveness.</p> <p>This discussion was tied to the ongoing complaint, which may necessitate inspection of specific patient records. It was noted that any record reviews must be preceded by official letters stating the intent of the inspection. Furthermore, future regulatory revisions could include provisions allowing unannounced record reviews, though currently, transparency and even application remain essential to avoid the appearance of targeting individual clinics.</p> <p>J. Kim indicated intent to move forward within the coming weeks by completing the necessary complaint form and collecting patient-specific information from SDA. The matter was slated for continued discussion at the next board meeting in March.</p>			
X	<p><b>NEXT BOARD MEETING</b></p> <p>Next Scheduled Meeting: March 25, 2025</p>	GBEO	0857	Set Date
XI	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p><i>Motion to Adjourn: J. Anglim; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Kim.</i></p>	GBEO	0858	Adjourned

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