

Guam Board of Examiners for Dentistry
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Guam (ChST)

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Meeting ID: 832 5296 0264 Passcode: 310835

MINUTES

	Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Time Frame	Status	
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Rapadas	Chair	1506	Called to Order	
	A. Roll Call	<p>GBED: <u>HPLO Conference:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Antonio Rapadas, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Collette Supit, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autumn Yoo, Member <u>Virtually Present:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joon Ha, Vice Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert Yang, Secretary</p>	<p>Others Present <u>HPLO Conference:</u> <u>Virtually Present:</u> Z. Pecina, HPLO Administrator Breana Sablan, HPLO Sharon Manibusan, HPLO Tammy Mauan Suneel Kandru</p>	Chair	1506	Quorum Established
	B. Proof of Publications	Published: 5/08/2024 and 5/13/2024	GBED	1506	Noted	
II	Approval of Agenda	<i>Motion to approve: A. Yoo; 2nd: Dr. Supit</i>	GBED	1507	Unanimously Approved	
III	Approval of Minutes	<p>In reference to Agenda VII., 3-5, A. Yoo stated that the minutes should reflect approved vs. tabled for dental assistant applicants, Don Janolino, Justin Shimizu and Mary Carino. <i>Motion to approve minutes as amended, dated 4/17/2024: A. Yoo; 2nd Dr. Supit.</i></p>	GBED	1507	Unanimously Approved As Amended	
IV	Treasurer's Report	No report	Dr. Supit	1509	No report	
V	HPLO Administrator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Z. Pecina reported: a memo was sent to all constituents regarding changes to the notary requirement and photos for license renewals. It was confirmed that the new policy will eliminate the need for a notary for license renewals. Additionally, a two-by-two photo will 	Z. Pecina	1509	Noted	

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		<p>now be required for these renewals. The board needs to ensure that this change will need to be reflected in the policies and procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Ethics training session is scheduled for May 17th but is already full. The following session is tentatively set for May 30th. 			
VI	Old Business	A. Initial Application for Review and Approval	GBED	1510	
		1. Tawaphan W. Kelly – Dentist All documentation has been submitted. Noted that Dr. Kelly is scheduled for the August 2024 exam. <i>Motion to Approve: A. Yoo</i>			Unanimously Approved
		2. Scot G. Canlas – Dental Auxiliary All documentation has been submitted. <i>Motion to Approve: A. Yoo</i>			Unanimously Approved
VII	New Business	A. Complaint	GBED	1512	
		1. GBED-CO-2024-001 – Date Received: 04/12/2024 A new business item was introduced involving a complaint from a parent and child. The process requires an investigation, including speaking with the involved doctor. The parent and child were present to add any further information to the complaint. It was noted that resolving the issue would take some time as both parties' perspectives need to be considered. The board needs a volunteer to approach the doctor to discuss the case and gather necessary records.			Tabled
		B. Tammy Amuan Tammy Amuan reported a formal complaint against an orthodontic office. Although her complaint was not directly against the orthodontist, she wanted to discuss an incident where her daughter sustained a puncture injury, which was not immediately disclosed to her. She mentioned that the office manager required her to bring her child to see the doctor, which she found unreasonable. Ms. Amuan had paid \$2,024 in full, which the office refused to refund unless she signed a waiver. On legal advice, she refrained from signing the waiver due to concerns about potential future infections and pending the board's investigation. Despite issuing the refund, the office withheld it until she signed the waiver.			Tabled

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		<p>Ms. Amuan expressed concerns about the waiver being unusually specific to her daughter and was reluctant to sign it as it would prevent the removal of the appliance causing her daughter's fear of returning to the orthodontist. She recounted a distressing two-and-a-half-hour procedure where the technician caused her daughter significant pain without providing adequate pain management instructions. Ms. Amuan highlighted the office manager's rude and unprofessional behavior, including being called "drama" and receiving commands to follow the manager into her office. She stressed that she did not blame the orthodontist but wanted to discuss the technician's conduct and the lack of communication about her daughter's injury.</p> <p>Dr. Rapadas acknowledged Ms. Amuan's concerns and stated that they understood her points. He indicated that the board will need to send one of their investigators, to talk to the involved party about what happened to her daughter.</p> <p>The board asked if Tammy Amuan's daughter still had the orthodontic bands on, to which Ms. Amuan confirmed. She mentioned that her daughter is not currently in pain because they sought relief from another office after discovering that the original clinic was closed. They have since retained services from this new provider. Ms. Amuan highlighted her daughter's history of anxiety and panic attacks, emphasizing the importance of continuity in her orthodontic care to avoid further psychological distress. The issue primarily involved a waiver that Ms. Amuan was required to sign to get a refund and have the orthodontic bands removed. She also wanted assurance regarding potential infections following the puncture wound incident. The board noted there was no current infection, and Ms. Amuan confirmed her daughter was doing okay.</p> <p>Dr. Rapadas stated that he will talk to the orthodontist in question to gather more information about the incident and will bring the findings back for discussion at the next meeting.</p>			
		<p>C. Hardship License</p>			

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	<p>1. Takanari Miyamoto, DDS, PhD, CAGS, MSD, MBA The board emphasized the need to review all the packets and devise a plan for approving the applicant. <i>Motion to Table: A. Yoo; 2nd : Dr. Yang</i></p>			Unanimously Tabled
	<p>2. Andrew Rossi, DDS, MS The board emphasized the need to review all the packets and devise a plan for approving the applicant. <i>Motion to Table: A. Yoo; 2nd : Dr. Yang</i></p>			Unanimously Tabled
	<p>3. Eric Todd Scheyer, DDS, MSD The board emphasized the need to review all the packets and devise a plan for approving the applicant. <i>Motion to Table: A. Yoo; 2nd : Dr. Yang</i></p>			Unanimously Tabled
	<p>4. Jeremiah Whetman, DDS, MS The board emphasized the need to review all the packets and devise a plan for approving the applicant. <i>Motion to Table: A. Yoo; 2nd : Dr. Yang</i></p>			Unanimously Tabled
	D. Initial Application for Review and Approval			
	<p>1. Sharmaine A. Verango - Dental Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: A. Yoo; 2nd: Dr. Supit</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>2. Soon Ho Park – Dental Assistant <i>Motion to approve: A. Yoo; 2nd: Dr. Supit</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>3. Fralene Blas – Dental Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: A. Yoo; 2nd: Dr. Supit</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
	<p>4. Suneel Kandru - Dentist The applicant is incomplete; missing an official transcript. <i>Motion to table: A. Yoo; 2nd : Dr. Supit</i></p>			Unanimously Tabled
	<p>E. Expanded Function Certificate The licensee requested to add the certificate of Expanded Function Dental Assistant to her credentials, citing her work experience at Peoria Health Institute on Guam. However, the board clarified that there is no official title for Expanded Function Dental Assistant in their regulations. They mentioned that they can only provide information on existing categories such as Dental Assistant or Dental Auxiliary. Any additional</p>			Noted

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		certifications or titles should be addressed separately by the licensee when applying for licensure elsewhere.			
VIII	Announcements	Next Regular Board Meeting: June 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.	GBED	1532	Set Meeting Date
IX	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn: A. Yoo; 2 nd : Dr. Ha	GBED	1532	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 5/25/2024

Submitted by the GBED Secretary:

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Date:

6-19-24

Approved by the GBED with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

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Date:

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