

# Guam Board of Examiners for Dentistry

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Guam (ChST)

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## MINUTES

	Item	Discussion		Responsible Party	Reporting Time Frame	Status
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Rapadas		Chair	1513	Called to Order
	A. Roll Call	<b>GBED:</b> <u>HPLO Conference:</u> ☒ Dr. Antonio Rapadas, Chair ☒ Dr. Collette Supit, Treasurer ☒ Autumn Yoo, Member ☒Dr. Joon Ha, Vice Chair ☒Dr. Robert Yang, Secretary	<b>Others Present</b> <u>HPLO Conference:</u> Jennifer Bruan <u>Virtually Present:</u> Dr. Sarah Chang Dr. Tawaphan W. Kelly	Chair	1513	Quorum Established
	B. Proof of Publications	Published:7/10/2024 and 7/15/2024		GBED	1514	Noted
II	Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve: Dr.Ha; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dr. Yoo		GBED	1514	Unanimously Approved
III	Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve minutes, dated 6/19/2024: Dr. Ha;2 <sup>nd</sup> Dr. Yang.		GBED	1515	Unanimously Approved
IV	Treasurer's Report	No report		Dr. Supit	1515	No report
V	HPLO Administrator Report	No Report		J. Bruan	1515	No Report
VI	Old Business	<b>A. Initial Application for Review and Approval</b>		GBED	1515	
		1. Suneel Kandru – Dentist The applicant has not yet submitted an official transcript or a practice plan. Motion to table: Dr. Yoo; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dr. Ha				Unanimously Tabled
VII	New Business	<b>A. Initial Application for Review and Approval</b>		GBED	1516	
		1. Lorelei S. Casillan – Dental Assistant				Unanimously Approved

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	<i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Yoo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Supit</i>			
	<b>2. Stacey Leung Cabrera – Dental Assistant</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Yoo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr Supit</i>			Unanimously Approved
	<b>3. Krystal Mae Del Rosario Aldaca – Dentist</b> Approved for the exam in February 2025. <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Yoo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr Ha</i>			Unanimously Approved
	<b>4. Andre DeJesus – Dental Auxiliary</b> Pending submission of a police clearance and a program diploma. <i>Motion to Table: Dr. Yoo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr Ha</i>			Unanimously Tabled
	<b>B. Renewal Application for Review and Approval</b>			
	<b>1. Erica Blanca S. Tnilon – Dental Assistant</b> <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Yoo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Ha</i>			Unanimously Approved
	<b>C. Personal Interview</b>			
	<b>1. Sarah Chang</b> <b>2. Tawaphan W. Kelly</b> Dr. Rapadas confirmed that Dr. Chang had not participated in any previous interviews, to which Dr. Chang confirmed this was her first time. Dr. Rapadas asked if Dr. Chang had chosen not to pursue the interview previously, and Dr. Chang explained that she had intended to take it in February 2024, but due to a miscommunication involving a member on leave and scheduling conflicts, her application was delayed, preventing her from taking the interview in August. Dr. Rapadas provided an overview of the two-day exam process.  Dr. Rapadas emphasized the importance of ensuring the lab provides necessary equipment, like the investment ring and material, and advised bringing any preferred tools and matrix bands. Dr. Ha clarified that the clinic provides a dental chair, vacu-spat, and vibrator but no additional equipment like thermometers or light sources. Dr. Chang asked about the vacu-spat, and Dr. Rapadas confirmed that it includes a bowl. Dr. Ha further advised candidates to bring their own amalgamators and to ensure they have all required items, from gloves and masks to rubber dams and cotton rolls.			Interview Was Completed and Exam Instructions were Given

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		<p>Dr. Rapadas noted that some newer schools are using less amalgam, so it is important to remain familiar with amalgam techniques and tools, such as carvers.</p> <p>Dr. Rapadas explained that any assistant must be a licensed professional from Guam. The clinics typically provide licensed assistants and having one competent assistant is generally sufficient.</p> <p>For the oral diagnosis patient on the second day, candidates should bring an adult patient with complex needs that may involve multiple dental specialties, such as oral surgery, endodontics, or periodontology. This ensures the exam tests their knowledge and diagnostic skills on more challenging cases rather than just simple ones.</p> <p>Dr. Kelly asked if the crown preparation is required only for gold crowns. The response confirmed that the exam specifically requires gold crowns. The clinics will have labs available for this purpose. Candidates should be prepared to create and test their own gold crowns, including melting the gold if necessary. On the following morning, they should first present the sprue before being given time to cut and polish the crown. Ultimately, they need to show the finished product, regardless of how long the finishing process takes.</p> <p>Dr. Chang inquired whether they need to bring their own gold for the crown. The response was affirmative, advising that candidates should bring their own gold if they are conducting their own lab work. However, if the lab associated with the clinics handles the crown preparation, they might provide the gold. Dr. Ha suggested contacting the labs well in advance to ensure they have gold available, as ordering it could take a couple of weeks. It was also emphasized to confirm that the labs the clinics use can produce gold crowns and that they might have some reserved for exam candidates. Candidates should arrive by 8:00 or 8:30 on the first day, ensuring</p>			

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		<p>they are fully prepared, with patients waiting. It was also advised to visit the clinic beforehand, complete the jurisprudence exam, and seek assistance from the clinics as needed.</p> <p>Dr. Supit asked if an x-ray is required before the exam. The response confirmed that an x-ray of the tooth to be worked on is necessary. It is important that the adjacent surfaces of the tooth are either repaired or clean. During the exam, candidates will need to present x-rays of the relevant tooth. Although bitewing x-rays are preferred, if the issue is visible clinically even if not clearly shown on the x-ray, it may still be acceptable. Clinical visibility of the problem can compensate for less clarity in the x-ray images.</p> <p>Dr. Kelly inquired whether x-rays should be printed or if computer access will be provided. The response indicated that candidates must bring their own means of displaying x-rays, whether that be a laptop for digital x-rays or printed films. During the exam, an additional x-ray will be taken after the filling procedure. Dr. Yang emphasized that the decision to accept a case will be based on evidence; if no decay is visible on the x-ray or clinically, a proposed filling will not be approved. Candidates should ensure that their chosen cases have visible evidence of decay or issues.</p> <p>Dr. Kelly inquired about whether charting for a tooth or treatment plan should be done on paper or if it includes existing fillings, missing teeth, and other details. It was clarified that candidates need to chart missing teeth, existing restorations, and planned procedures on paper. Additionally, any necessary referrals should be noted. The inclusion of perio probing and mounted tests was emphasized, as these will be required for the live patient examination on the second day. Candidates should provide comprehensive x-ray panels and any additional information available to support their case evaluations.</p> <p>Dr. Rapadas confirmed that it's fine to take the jurisprudence exam on the Monday of the board exam week. The key point is to ensure</p>			

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		<p>you pass it that day, as passing is required to proceed with the rest of the exam process. If you pass, the board will notify them, allowing you to move forward.</p> <p>Dr. Chang noted that dentistry in Guam is currently of high quality, with practitioners providing comprehensive care similar to that in the U.S., and patients are notably appreciative of their treatment. However, there are concerns about increasing legal challenges and the influence of information on the internet potentially leading to more litigation. Despite these issues, the overall outlook for dentistry in Guam remains positive, with many practitioners finding the experience rewarding and hoping that this positive trend continues over the next five years.</p> <p>Dr. Chang inquired about culturally specific dental issues in Guam, noting practices like betel nut chewing that might differ from those in the U.S. Dr. Yang and Dr. Rapadas confirmed that betel nut chewing can lead to severe dental problems, such as significant oral tissue damage and restricted mouth opening. They noted that this condition, which affects a portion of the population, often requires careful management and early intervention. Additionally, patients may sometimes only seek emergency care due to insurance limitations. It was advised to contact the clinics beforehand to arrange patient cases and familiarize oneself with the local practices and equipment.</p> <p>Dr. Rapadas provided information about receiving the results of the exam. He mentioned that while the official results are usually sent by mail to the address provided, the results are discussed during the board meeting held on the Wednesday following the clinical exam. Attendees can join this meeting, which is open to the public, to hear the results. All patient cases must be completed by 3:00 PM on the day of the exam, after which the board meeting takes place. Results will be discussed and can be listened to online if preferred.</p>			

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VIII	Announcements	Next Regular Board Meeting: August 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.	GBED	1553	Set Meeting Date
IX	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Yoo; 2<sup>nd</sup> : Dr. Ha</i>	GBED	1554	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 7/26/2024

Submitted by the GBED Secretary:



Date: 8/21/2024

Approved by the GBED with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:



Date: 8/21/2024