

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, November 19, 2021 at 12PM

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MINUTES

Topic		DECISION(S)/ACTION(S) MADE		Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I.	Call to Order				12:00	
II.	Proof of Publication	a) 11/12/2021 b) 11/17/2021			12:01	Confirmed
II.	Roll Call/Quorum	GBAHE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia Clinical Psychologist, Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregory Miller Chiropractor, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Chong Acupuncture, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibyl Crisostomo Speech Language Pathologist, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Claros Physical Therapist, Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alesia Ogo Occupational Therapist, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas Nutritionist/Clinical Dietician, Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Tajalle Physician Assistant, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vincent Pereda Licensed Professional Counselor, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda Licensed Mental Health Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Gregory Cruz Respiratory Therapist, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Triolo Audiologist, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Pomes Veterinarian, Member	Other Present: Assistant AG Rob Weinberg, Legal Counsel Deborah Borja, HPLO Rosemary Carman, HPLO June Perez, HPLO Ivanna Nimea, Law office of Vanessa Williams David Sprouse Natasha Charfarous, Office of Speaker Terlaje Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center		12:03	Quorum
IV.	Adoption of Agenda	Motion: S. Crisostomo; 2 nd : V. Pereda			12:05	Adopted
V.	Approval of Minutes	Noted that since the 4 September 2021 meeting, did not meet the Open law requirement; therefore, the meeting was properly held on 24 September 2021. Motion to approve minutes with amendments below (G. Miller; 2 nd : N. Cepeda)			12:09	Approved with Amendments

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed Agenda to Minutes • Requested not to list attendees not present 			
VI.	Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer presented a Financial Status Report (see attached) and expressed appreciation to Deborah Borja for her assistance. Thank for the excellent report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses for the salary for HPLO staff was removed due to insufficient funds. • Asst AG Weinberg stated that the FSR provides an excellent overview to justify the need to re-evaluate the fees collected against the need. Suggested a critical review of the overall financial of the HPLO requirements to justify an increase of the budget and the fees. • The Chair suggested that the positions recommended be shared amongst all the Boards. It is clear that more works needs to be done. 	Catherine San Nicolas	12:14	Noted
VII.	HPLO Administrator's Report	Not present.	Z. Pecina		
VIII.	Legal Counsel Report	<p>Case filed against the GBAHE: Pleadings are complete and with the Court for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per the Speaker, the HPLO Board's do not have to await for the entire Rules and Regulations to be complete; but could be presented piecemeal. <p>The Chairperson requested that the Rules and Regulations are completed and submitted in its entirety. The Asst AG Weinberg stated that the publication of Agenda is part of the Open Government Law, i.e., no changes to Agenda</p>	Asst AG Weinberg	12:29	Noted
IX	GBAHE Complaints	a) GBAHE-CO-15-04 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 9/4/15. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.	GBAHE	12:30	Tabled
		b) GBAHE-CO-15-06 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 11/30/15. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		c) GBAHE-CO-17-02 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 6/16/17. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		d) GBAHE-CO-19-02 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 8/22/19. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		e) GBAHE- CO-19-03 Veterinarian pending Inv Received 11/7/19. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		f) GBAHE-CO-19-04 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 11/7/19. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		g) GBAHE-CO-20-10 Respiratory Therapist S. Melville Received 9/20/20. Reply has been submitted.			Tabled
		h) GBAHE-CO-20-09 Respiratory Therapist S. Melville Received 9/20/20. Individual not named.			Tabled
		i) GBAHE-CO-20-08 Respiratory Therapist S. Melville Received 9/20/20. Individual not named.			Tabled
		j) GBAHE-CO-20-07 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 5/4/20. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		k) GBAHE-CO-20-06 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 3/13/20. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		l) GBAHE-CO-20-05 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 3/13/20. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		m) GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 3/13/20. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		n) GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 3/13/20. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled
		o) GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 1/31/20. Need to procure an outside Veterinarian.			Tabled

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		p) GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian Pending Inv Received 1/31/20			Tabled
		q) GBAHE-CO-21-01 Chiropractor G. Miller Received 4/13/21. Need to determine if Licensee has licenses in other States.			Tabled
		r) GBAHE-CO-21-02 Chiropractor G. Miller Received 6/4/21. Need to determine if Licensee has licenses in other States.			Tabled
		s) GBAHE-CO-21-03 Acupuncturist R. Chong Received 7/6/21. R. Chong informed the GBAHE that the allegations are being address in the SCOG and the he has opened his clinic, with the requirement to ensure a female is present when serving female clients. Agreed that the Chair on behalf of the GBAHE will write a letter to the Licensee to request a response to the complaint.			Send a Letter
		t) GBAHE-CO-21-04 Audiologist S. Crisostomo Received 9/7/21. Agreed that the Chair on behalf of the GBAHE will write a letter to the Licensee to request a response to the complaint. Agreed to also attempt to obtain information from the employer to obtain information from the American Academy of Audiology and Florida Board.			Send a Letter
		u) GBAHE- CO-21-05 Acupuncturist R. Chong Received 9/17/21. Individual asked to obtain medical records from the clinic and the hospital. Pending receipt of documents.			Tabled
		v) GBAHE-CO-21-06 LPC N. Cepeda Received 10/12/21. Licensed a few months ago. Agreed that the Chair on behalf of the GBAHE will write a letter to the Licensee to request a response to the complaint.			Send a Letter
X.	Workgroup Report	The Chair reported that she will be working with N. Cepeda and V. Pereda on their portions of the Rules and Regulations they have responsibility for with the aim to bring everyone together for a final review with Asst AG Weinberg. In addition, Asst AG Weinberg will do another review to ensure it takes into account any recent changes in the law.		12:50	Noted
XI.	Old Business	None.			
XII.	New Business	a) Initial/New Applications: Motion to Approve: S.Crisotomo; 2 nd G. Miller.		12:53	
		1) Gustave, Jr. Jean-Marie A. for Registered Therapist (Cruz)			
		2) Hansen Sophia B. for Physical Therapy (Claros)			
		3) Keisling, Kate E. for Nursing Home Administrator (Balaiajdia)			
		4) Moore, Shenicki C. for Occupational Therapy (Cruz)			
		5) Smith, Brenda K. for Veterinarian (Pomes)			
		5) Sprouse, David M. for Licensed Professional Counselor (Pereda)			
		6) aSteffenn, Andrea A. for Occupational Therapy (Cruz)			
		b) Renewal: Motion to approve: G. Miller; 2 nd : Dr. Pomes	GBAHE		Approved
		1) Lowell Ramos for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle)			
		c) Collaborative Practice Agreement. Motion to approve: Dr.Pomes; 2 nd : Dr. Miller	GBAHE		Approved
		1) Lowell Ramos for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle)			

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		<p>d) Licensed Professional Counselor Supervision: N. Cepeda informed the GBAHE that individuals working on post-graduate degrees are seeking to earn internship hours; however, an application for a clinical internship program does not exist. Therefore, she had taken on the responsibility to draft an application, which was provided to a former HPLO employee but was never effectuated. Since there are others who have expressed interests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She will resubmit the draft application for consideration. 2. The Applicants would be required to be supervised by a licensed clinician (5-years experience) 3. They would have to pay the full fee as a regular licensed clinician until the Fee Schedule for internships undergoes the Triple A process. She suggests that the applicant should be less for interns. 		12:57	Noted
		<p>e) GBAHE License Certificate Required Signatures.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently License requires 3 signatures. The Chair inquired if the procedure should be changed to reduce number of signatures. Asst AG Weinberg did not see a problem once the license is approved by the Board. 2. V. Pereda made a motion for the Chair to sign, and in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair could sign. 2nd: N. Cepeda. 	GBAHE		Approved
XIII.	Announcements	a) Next Meeting - Friday, December 3, 2021, at 12:00 p.m	GBAHE	13:07	Noted
XIV.	Adjournment	Motion: N. Cepeda; 2 nd : C. San Nicolas		13:07	Adjourned

Reviewed by:

Approved by:

Secretary / Date

Chairperson / Date

Minutes By: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.