

# NoteGuam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, March 3, 2023 at 12PM

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Meeting ID: 894 4976 6147 Passcode: 751915

## MINUTES

Item		Discussion		Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia			Chair	1204	Call to Order
II	Proof of Publication	Guam Pacific Daily News: February 24, 2023 and March 1, 2023			Chair	1204	Confirmed
III	Roll Call	<b>GBAHE Members</b> <i>Present at HPLO Conference:</i> ☒ Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology <i>Virtual Attendance:</i> ☒ Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair ☒ Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair ☒ Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Secretary & Treasurer ☒ Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic Medicine ☒ Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture ☒ Dr. Paul Pomes, Veterinary Medicine ☐ Alesia Ogo, Occupational Therapy ☒ Dr. Ryan Claros, Physical Therapy ☐ Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology ☐ Raymond Tajalle, Physician Assistant ☒ Nadine Cepeda, Marriage & Family Therapist ☒ Gregory Cruz, Respiratory Therapy	<b>Other Attendees</b> <i>Present at HPLO:</i> Rosemary Carman, HPLO <i>Virtual Attendance:</i> Zennia Pecina, HPLO Administrator Kendra Taylor Amanda Perez Shania Nitaro Eddy Reyes, FTFC	Chair	1204	Quorum Established	
IV	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to adopt: N. Cepeda; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dr. Miller			GBAHE	1207	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
V	Approval of Minutes	<b>Draft Minutes, dated February 3, 2023.</b> C. San Nicolas proposed the following change: Page 3, Agenda Item IX,Q, change line 2 to read: “pay a \$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00 fine;” Motion to approve as amended: N. Cepeda; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : S. Crisostomo.			GBAHE	1208	Unanimously Approved, as Amended
VI	Treasurer’s Report				HPLO	1210	No Report
VII	Administrator’s Report	Z. Pecina reported that she is working with the Governor’s Office to fill the GBAHE vacancies as well as those with expired terms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Under the old law, the following Board members have expired terms: Dr. Balajadia, V. Pereda,</li></ul>			Z. Pecina	1211	Noted

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		S. Crisostomo and Dr. Chong; Dr. Triolo. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Under the new law, the following Board members have expired terms: Dr. Pomes, A. Ogo and G. Cruz</li></ul>			
VIII	Legal Counsel's Report	A. Lubofsky vs GBAHE	Asst AG Weinberg	1214	Not Present
IX	GBAHE Complaints		GBAHE	1215	
		A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Received 9/4/15.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
		B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Received 11/30/15.			
		C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Received 6/6/17.			
		D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Received 8/22/19.			
		E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			
		F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			
		G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.			
		H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			
		M. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			
		N. GBAHE-CO-20-08 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20, S. Melville. Report received.	S. Melville	In Progress	
		O. GBAHE-CO-20-09 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.	Referred to Off-Island Consultant	In Progress	
		P. GBAHE-CO-20-10 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.			
		Q. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Miller reported that, based on the GBAHE's discussion at the last meeting, Dr. Rodman has yet to be contacted; therefore, he expressed concern concluding an agreement with Dr. Gates.</li><li>The Chair suggested that a letter to Dr. Gates summarizing the meeting Dr. Miller had with Dr. Gates and Asst AG Weinberg; a letter to Dr. Rodman for practicing in Guan without being licensed; and a letter to the CA State Board of Dr. Rodman's violation in Guam.</li></ul> <i>Motioned to draft letters to Dr. Gates, Dr. Rodman and the CA State Board for Asst AG Weinberg and the Chair's review: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo.</i>	G. Miller	Draft Letters to Dr. Gates, Dr. Rodman and CA State Board	
		R. GBAHE-CO-21-02, Chiropractor, Received 6/4/21. <i>NOTE: Reference discussion in Agenda Item IX, Q., above.</i>			
		S. GBAHE-CO-21-03, Acupuncturist (Atty. V. Williams), Received 7/6/21. The Chair reported that the Complainant retained an attorney.	M. Balajadia	In Progress	
T. GBAHE-CO-21-05, Acupuncturist (Atty. V. Williams). Received 9/17/21. The Chair reported that Attorney J. Visosky met with complainant.					
U. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Referred to Procured Attorney	In Progress			
V. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.					
W. GBAHE-CO-22-02, Acupuncturist, Received 2/11/22.	M. Balajadia	In Progress			

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		The Chair reported that the complaint is still under investigation.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
		X. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22.			
		Y. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22.			
		Z. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
		AA. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
		BB. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
		CC. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
		DD. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
		EE. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
		FF. GBAHE-CO-22-12 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.	G. Miller	In Progress	
X	New Business	A. Initial/New Applications:	GBAHE	1224	
		1. Edubalad, Kayla-Gabrielle C. for Registered Respiratory Therapist (G. Cruz) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			Unanimously Approved
		2. Lodhia, Alicia for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			Unanimously Approved
		3. McGee, Nora K. for Occupational Therapist Assistant (G. Cruz) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			Unanimously Approved
		4. Perez, Amanda C. for Physical Therapist Assistant (R. Claros) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			Unanimously Approved
		5. Santiago, Lisa C. for Licensed Professional Counselor Intern (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			Unanimously Approved
		6. Taylor, Kendra A. for Licensed Professional Counselor (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			Unanimously Approved
		B. Collaborative Practice Agreement Applications:	GBAHE	1228	Unanimously Approved
		1. Lodhia, Alicia for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas.</i>			
		C. Sit for Exam	GBAHE	1230	Unanimously Approved
		1. Santiago, Lisa C. for Licensed Professional Counselor (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to approve: V. Pereda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda</i>			
		D. Renewals	GBAHE	1231	Unanimously Approved
		1. Angilot, Cathe L. for Licensed Mental Health Counselor (V. Pereda). V. Pereda reported that the applicant had submitted an application before the deadline; however, her application was not considered since it was unintentionally omitted from the agenda. <i>Motion to approve: V. Pereda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			
E. Letter of Request by R. Chong to change the licensure of Acupuncture to Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACOM).	GBAHE	1231			
1. To be in-line with the recently approved Statue and Rules and Regulations, Dr. Chong proposed to specify on the license the level of educational achievement when issuing a license with the appropriate designation, for example: a. For Acupuncture with Master's degree: Master of Acupuncture (MAc). b. For Acupuncture with Doctoral Degree: Doctor of Acupuncture (DAc).					

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		<p>c. For Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine with Master's Degree: Master of Acupuncture &amp; Oriental Medicine (MAOM).</p> <p>d. For Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine with Doctoral Degree: Doctor of Acupuncture &amp; Oriental Medicine (DAOM).</p> <p>2. Upon clarification and discussion, Dr. Miller and N. Cepeda supported Dr. Chong's proposal. The Chair stated that it is important for licensed professionals to properly announce/advertise their credentials based on their level of education attained; therefore, requested that the credentials for the Guam licensees be reviewed and corrected. Dr. Chong stated that he is the only licensee who has attained a Doctoral degree; he agreed with the proposal that a licensee's educational achievement be reviewed.</p> <p>3. N. Cepeda clarified the two issues being addressed: 1) Dr. Chong's proposal for new applicants to identify the educational designation attained when a license is issued; and 2) an audit of existing files of the current licensees and for licenses to accurately reflect their education achievements. Based on the foregoing:</p> <p><i>Motion to approve Dr. Chong's proposal to designate the appropriate level of educational achievement when issuing new licenses for Acupuncture and Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to review current licensee files to determine the level of education achieved and correct their licenses in accordance in-line with the Board's approval of Dr. Chong's proposal to properly designate the level of education achieved, i.e., Master's or Doctoral attainment: N, Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo.</i></p> <p>4. In addition, based on the Board's discussion:</p> <p>a. Dr. Miller stated that, he is of the opinion that the statute and Rules and Regulations require more thorough review and clarification to ensure the requirements for each profession are clearly and mutually understood by the Board to avoid misinterpretation in the future, as Board members, come and go, and since it is important for the public to clearly understand the requirements.</p> <p>b. Dr Chong stated that the requirements for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine are clear and do not require a change.</p> <p>c. Dr. Miller stated that, since it is each Board's responsibility to look beyond their respective profession, each Board member should be able to voice concerns, debate a difference of opinion/interpretation or lobby for a specific position, with the understanding that the Board will ultimately be required to decide, e.g., unanimously/by majority.</p> <p>d. S. Crisostomo suggested that Board members consider convening to review the statute and Rules &amp; Regulations for potential changes. The Chair stated that each Board member could independently review and submit changes for Board consideration; however, she stated that a working group could meet to discuss and submit changes to the Board for consideration.</p>			<p>Unanimously Approved: For New Licensees of Acupuncture or Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, List Educational Credentials</p> <p>Unanimously Approved: Audit of Licensees' Records for Acupuncture to Verify/Update Licenses based on Designated Educational Credentials</p>
		<b>F. Discussion of Other Licensure Change, e.g. Audiology License Number and Proper Usage of Academic Degree</b>	GBAHE	1301	GBAHE Members to Review and

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		The Chair reported that she sent an email to the Board members to review the designation of credentials of their respective disciplines/areas of responsibility and invited the Board members to provide comments or recommended changes to reflect their discipline/credential more accurately.			Propose Changes
		<b>G. Public Law 117-333 “Section 19. Portability of Professional Licenses of Members of the Uniformed Services and their Spouses.” And Section 705A. “Portability of Professional Licenses of Servicemembers and their Spouses.”.</b> The Chair reported that Asst AG Weinberg requested she inform the Board of a recent U.S. mandate that was introduced by the House of Representatives. Essentially, spouse of military members also do not require a license in Guam to perform professional services if already licensed in another state. She stated that the law is in effect and suggested that this information be circulated health organizations. In addition, she stated that Asst AG Weinberg would inform the other HPLO Boards.	GBAHE	1304	Note Requirements for U.S. Public Law 117-333
<b>XI</b>	<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Announcements</b> – Next Meeting - Friday, April 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.	GBAHE	1307	Set Date
<b>XII</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<i>Motion to adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Pereda</i>	GBAHE	1309	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 3/3/2023

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

*Mamie Cepeda*

Date: 4-14-23