

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, July 5, 2024 at 12PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88157254762?pwd=IqO9QDRDapXumw0f0lcWCiBfNMaZmy.1>

Meeting ID: 881 5725 4762; Passcode: 548758

MINUTES

Item		Discussion		Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia		Chair	1206	Call to Order
II	Proof of Publication	Guam Daily Post 6/27/24; 7/02/24;		Chair	1206	Confirmed
III	Roll Call	GBAHE Members <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Secretary & Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture <input type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Tajalle	Other Attendees <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Rosemary Carman Jennifer Bruan Breanna Sablan	Chair	1207	Quorum Established
IV	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to Approve: Dr. Triolo; 2 nd : S. Crisostomo		GBAHE	1209	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
V	Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes dated 4/5/2024. It was noted that the mention of Guam Board of Allied Health Members virtual attendance was incorrect, as the C. San Nicolas was not a virtual attendee because she has not yet been reinstated as a board member and should therefore be listed in the “Other Attendees” column. Motion to approve as amended: S. Crisostomo; 2 nd : V. Pereda		GBAHE	1210	Unanimously Approved as Amended
VI	Treasurer’s Report	No report.		C. San Nicolas	1211	No Report
VII	Administrator’s Report	No report		Z. Pecina	1211	No Report
VIII	Legal Counsel’s Report	No report		J. Strader	1212	No Report
IX	GBAHE Complaints	The following complaints were reviewed by the GBAHE.		GBAHE	1212	
		A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Received 9/4/15.		M. Balajadia		In Progress

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	B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Received 11/30/15.	M. Balajadia				
	C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Received 6/6/17.	M. Balajadia				
	D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Received 8/22/19. Still under review.	M. Balajadia				
	E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.	Off-Island Expert, Kevin Litwag		Still Under Investigation		
	F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19. Complaint sent to off-island veterinarian consultant.			Still under Investigation		
	G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.	M. Balajadia		In Progress		
	H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20. Legal Advice is required to move on.	M. Balajadia		Seeking legal Advice		
	I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.	V. Pereda		In Progress		
	J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.	V. Pereda				
	K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.	V. Pereda				
	L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20. Complaint has been sent to off-island consultant.	Off-Island Consultant		In Progress		
	M. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21. Will be sent to OAG.	Dr. Miller		In Progress		
	N. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress and Memo will be Drafted by HPLO		
	O. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.					
	P. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22. Dr. Balajadia met with individuals involved, but legal advice is required before any board action.					
	Q. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22.					
	R. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.					
	S. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.					
	T. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.					
	U. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.					
	V. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.					
	W. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.					
	X. GBAHE-CO-22-12 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.				Off-Island Consultant	In Progress
	Y. GBAHE-CO-22-13 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22					
	Z. GBAHE-CO-22-14 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22					
	AA. GBAHE-CO-23-02 Veterinarian Received 12/28/23	Off-Island Consultant		In Progress		
	BB. GBAHE-CO-23-03 Veterinarian Received 12/28/23	Off-Island Consultant		In Progress		
	CC. GBAHE-CO-24-02 Non-Licensed Acupuncturist Rec'd 1/29/24	Referred to OAG		In Progress		
	DD. GBAHE-CO-21-02 Unlicensed Chiropractor It was noted that a letter had been sent to the individual on Guam. However, it was decided to defer	G. Miller/M. Balajadia		In Progress		

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		further discussion to the next meeting, pending the potential return of Dr. Miller to the Board after confirmation. A letter from Dr. Rodman was received, and further discussion on the matter will be held when Dr. Miller is available.			
X.	Old Business	A. Election of Officers The election of officers has been tabled due to the need for more members. <i>Motion to Table: Dr. Triolo; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i>	GBAHE	1216	Unanimously Tabled
XI.	New Business	A. Initial/New Applications:	GBAHE	1216	
		1. Aquino, Jeno D. for Physical Therapist (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Chong; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
		2. Bruck, Brittany N. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Chong; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
		3. Callahan, Melissa M. for Occupational Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Chong; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		4. Lopez, Erica A. for Occupational Therapist (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Chong; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
		5. Valera, Tiffany A. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) (No mention of applicant)			Not Addressed
		6. Weber, Julie A. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Chong; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
		B. Approval of Licensure Renewal Form Regarding the approval of the licensure renewal form, it was decided that a meeting would take place at the end of the current meeting at GRMC to review the forms, negating the need for immediate approval due to required corrections and additions. During the meeting, it was confirmed that this review would be conducted in person. Dr. Balajadia noted that the meeting time would depend on traffic, and K, San Nicholas's office would be the location for this review. Dr. Chong was invited to attend, if possible, despite his patient schedule. A suggestion was made to simplify the application process, and there was a discussion about the necessity of a current photo for license renewal. Dr. Balajadia explained that a photo was required according to HPLO administrative rules for proper identification. Another suggestion was to use a driver's license ID instead of a photo for renewals, but Dr. Balajadia clarified that new applicants must comply with passport requirements, while the office prefers a passport-sized photo for renewals. It was also suggested that the license indicate whether the practitioner is focused on acupuncture or acupuncture-oriented medicine, marked as AC or ACOM, respectively, which was noted and confirmed as being implemented in the licensing list.			Noted, Work Session will Take Place After Board Meeting
		C. Complaints & Investigation Process A document from the Administrator had been sent to everyone, which was found to be very helpful in clarifying the responsibilities and the process for submitting complaints. This document helps to eliminate confusion about who is responsible for handling complaints and outlines the duties of board members. There was a query about whether this document is part of the new law or rules and regulations. M. Balajadia confirms that it originates from the HPLO rules and regulations.			Noted
		D. Obtaining Attorney General's Opinion			Noted

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		To obtain the Attorney General's opinion, it was noted that a formal memorandum from the office needs to be sent to the Attorney General. This procedural requirement will be complied with, as the involvement of the Attorney General is essential for handling complaints. The HPLO office will be consulted on the proper procedure to follow. Given the numerous complaints and the necessity of the Attorney General's involvement, the board acknowledged the importance of moving forward with this process.			
XII	Workgroup Session	A work group session will take place after this board meeting,	GBAHE	1224	Noted
XIII	Announcements	Announcements – Next Meeting – August 2, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.	GBAHE	1225	Set Date
XIV	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: Dr. Triolo; 2 nd : Dr. Chong	GBAHE	1225	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 7/23/2024

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

Manie Chalapadia

Date: 8/9/24