

# Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 12PM

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## MINUTES

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia		Chair	1202	Call to Order
II	Proof of Publication	7/28/2023 & 8/2/2023 Guam Daily Post		Chair	1202	Confirmed
III	Roll Call	<b>GBAHE Members</b> <u>Present at HPLO Conference:</u> ☑Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair ☑Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology ☑Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Secretary & Treasurer <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> ☑Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair ☐Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic Medicine ☑Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture ☐Dr. Paul Pomes, Veterinary Medicine ☑Alesia Ogo, Occupational Therapy ☑Nadine Cepeda, Marriage & Family Therapist ☑Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology (@1215) ☑Gregory Cruz, Respiratory Therapy ☑Dr. Ryan Claros, Physical Therapy ☐Raymond Tajalle, Physician Assistant	<b>Other Attendees</b> <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Kristan Finney, Esq., Asst AG <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Rosemary Carman, HPLO Dennis Otter Joleen Toves Eddy Reyes, FTFC	Chair	1202	Quorum Established
IV	Adoption of Agenda	C. San Nicolas proposed to amend Agenda Item X. D. 2 and 3, to read (Dietitian & Nutritionist). <i>Motion to adopt, as amended: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Crisostomo.</i>		GBAHE	1204	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
V	Approval of Minutes	<b>Draft Minutes dated 6/16/2023.</b> <i>Motion to approve: V. Pereda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Crisostomo</i>		GBAHE	1207	Unanimously Approved, as amended
VI	Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer provided an overview of the financial report based on information provided by HPLO, which was distributed to the GBAHE via email. The Treasurer reported the balances. For FY 2023 in comparison to FY 2021, there was a modest increase which took into account the new fee schedule. The Chair stated that a comparison during the renewal year in December 2024 would give the Board a better comparison on the difference, to include whether there was increase/decrease on the number of applications/renewal applications, since the new rates are currently applied to the new applicants only. With respect the contractual line-item approximately \$3,000.00 was allocated to support the Board's orientation training for GBAHE only, i.e., does not include the other HPLO boards.		C. San Nicolas	1209	Noted

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VII	Administrator's Report	<p><b>A. Mandatory Opioid CE Requirement.</b> The Chair stated that licensed practitioners, who have a DEA license for controlled substances, have to complete CEUs for Opioids, in order to renewal heir DEA license.</p> <p><b>B. Controlled Substance Registration (CSR).</b> The Chair reported that the GBME has proposed to delete the requirement for CSR; however, she will consult with HPLO to understand the rationale for this proposal. She suggested that the Chair of GBME write a letter to the GBAHE to explain the rationale for this proposal.</p>	Z. Pecma	1217	Noted
VIII	Legal Counsel's Report		Asst AG Finney	1222	No Report
IX	GBAHE Complaints		GBAHE	1222	
		<b>A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Received 9/4/15.</b>	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
		<b>B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Received 11/30/15.</b>			
		<b>C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Received 6/6/17.</b>			
		<b>D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Received 8/22/19.</b>			
		<b>E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.</b>			
		<b>F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.</b>			
		<b>G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.</b>			
		<b>H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.</b>			
		<b>I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.</b>			
		<b>J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.</b>			
		<b>K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.</b>			
		<b>L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.</b>			
		<b>M. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.</b>			
		<b>N. GBAHE-CO-20-08 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20,</b> S. Melville submitted a letter to the GBAHE indicating that the licensee had performed services within the scope of practice; therefore, the case is anticipated to be closed.	S. Melville		In progress
		<b>O. GBAHE-CO-20-09 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.</b>	Referred to Off-Island Consultant		In Progress
		<b>P. GBAHE-CO-20-10 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.</b>			
		<b>Q. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21.</b> The Chair stated she, with Dr. Miller, will meet with Dr. Gates to finalize a written agreement based on what was verbally agreed to.	G. Miller		In Progress
		<b>R. GBAHE-CO-21-02, Chiropractor, Received 6/4/21.</b> The Chair stated that this item will be addressed following actions from Agenda Item IX, Q, above.			
		<b>S. GBAHE-CO-21-05, Acupuncturist (Atty. V. Williams). Received 9/17/21.</b> The Chair stated the complaine has passed away; therefore, the procured attorney, Jon Visosky, Esq., will inform the complainant and the Chair will subsequently consult with Attorney Visosky, to determine the outcome.	M. Balajadia (Atty. V. Williams)		In Progress
		<b>T. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.</b>	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
		<b>U. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.</b>			
		<b>V. GBAHE-CO-22-02, Acupuncturist, Received 2/11/22.</b>	M. Balajadia		In Progress

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		The Chair reported that the Complainant failed to sign the release for consent, which must be written up.			
		<b>W. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22.</b>	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
		NOTE: All the complaints listed below GBAHE-CO-22-05 thru GBAHE-CO-22-14 are complaints lodged against LeBalance, who is still advertising and providing services.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
		<b>X. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22.</b>			
		<b>Y. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>			
		<b>Z. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>			
		<b>AA. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>			
		<b>BB. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>			
		<b>CC. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>			
		<b>DD. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</b>			
		<b>EE. GBAHE-CO-22-12 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.</b>			
		<b>FF. GBAHE-CO-22-13 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22</b>			
		<b>GG. GBAHE-CO-22-14 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22</b>			
X.	New Business	<b>A. Initial/New Applications:</b>	GBAHE	1229	
		1. Borja, Tatiana J. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		2. Edens, Zachary T. for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		3. Hannibal, Jason R. for Physician Assistant (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		4. Quijano, Maria Karen G. for Registered Respiratory Therapist (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda.</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>B. Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA)</b>	GBAHE		
		1. Edens, Zachary T. for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			Unanimously Approved
		2. Hannibal, Jason R. for Physician Assistant (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. San Nicolas</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>C. Renewals</b>	GBAHE		
		1. Watson, Kristen R. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2<sup>nd</sup>: N. Cepeda</i>			Unanimously Approved
		<b>D. Temporary License Issued</b>	GBAHE		
		1. Edens, Zachary #23PA01 (Physician Assistant) 7/10/23-9/9/23			Noted
		2. Crosby, Anne #23CD01 (Dietitian & Nutritionist) 7/10/23-9/9/23			Noted
		3. March, Lynda #23N01 (Dietitian & Nutritionist) 7/18/23-9/17/23			Noted
XII	Announcements	<b>Announcements – – Next Meeting - Friday, September 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.</b>	GBAHE	1235	Set Date
		C. San Nicolas reported that the public law for Nutritionists and Dietitians' scope of practice includes the authority to order nutrition-related labs and that several Guam licensed Nutritionists and Dietitians			HPLO to post

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		contributed to creating a listing of nutrition-related labs that she compiled and submitted to HPLO. The listing would be made available to local Laboratories upon request and will be posted on the Board's website by HPLO. In addition, the Chair stated the licensed acupuncturists, chiropractors and clinical psychologists will also be authorized to order labs, which eventually be posted on the website b HPLO			information on the website
XIII	Adjournment	<i>Motion to adjourn: V. Pereda; 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Cruz</i>	GBAHE	1238	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 8/6/2023

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

*Mamie Chalapadia*

Date: 9/1/23