

**Guam Board of Examiners for Optometry**  
**VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING**

*Tuesday, June 29, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.*

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**Members Present:**

- Marlene San Nicolas, Chairperson;
- Julian Archer, Treasurer;
- Jay McDonald, Member;
- John J. Kim, Member;

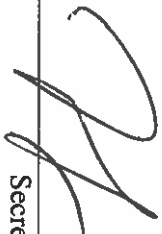
**Others Present:**

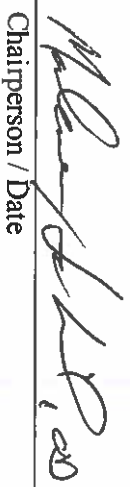
- Assistant Attorney General Robert Weinberg (OAG);
- Zennia Pecina, HPLO Administrator;
- Nicole Romero, HPLO;
- Breanna Sablan, HPLO;
- Eddy Reyes (FTFC);
- Chantay Benitez (FTFC)

	TOPIC	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIME FRAME	ACTION TAKEN
I.	Call To Order	Called to order at 8:32 a.m.	Chairperson	8:32	Called to Order
II.	Roll Call	Virtual Roll Call.	HPLO	8:33	Noted
III.	Proof of Publication	AD Posted on Pacific Daily News.	HPLO	8:34	Noted
IV.	Approval of Agenda	Approval of Agenda.	HPLO	8:34	Adopted
V.	Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes: May 25, 2021. - <i>Motion: J. McDonald 2nd: J. Kim</i>	HPLO	8:34	Approved
VI.	Treasurer Report	Treasurer Report – Dr. Julian Archer	Treasurer	8:35	No Report
VII.	HPLO Administrator's Report	- No report at this time.	HPLO	8:35	No Report
	Old Business	A. The Practice Act Revision (TPA) – On-going Discussion		8:35	On-going

VIII.		GBEO		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asst AG Weinberg sent revisions in legal format to the Board for review, with mandate and Rules and Regulations attached. Chairperson found a couple errors and will wait to discuss with him. Board has to provide a fee schedule for infractions.</li> <li>- Some other State Boards announce upcoming rule changes. A concern is for other Optometrists to be aware of the rule changes, so it's not a surprise. Board understands there cannot be advancement until laws are passed, but there will be a grace period for other optometrists to get the new rules.</li> <li>- Asst AG Weinberg summarized the following process: when the Board is ready with the final draft, they are required to hold a public hearing for comments, which is considered and voted upon; the Board could decide to meet with stakeholders beforehand; afterwards, the rules will undergo a legal review by the OAG, which will be assigned to Asst AG Weinberg making sure it conforms with the law. In addition, there are other requirements, e.g. Economic Impact Statement or other required documents. Following AG approval, it will to the Governor for signature, as to matters of policy. After the Governor approval, it will be provided to the Legislature and Senator Therese Terlaje will schedule another hearing within 75 days of filing, at which time the public provides comment to object or support, prior to the Legislative vote. If ratified, then the new Rules and Regulations become effective; otherwise, then Asst AG Weinberg will have to apply to the Secretary for Certification that they had a hearing and then they are effective by operation of law.</li> <li>- For the infractions, the Board is supposed to come up with penalties. Asst AG Weinberg has a disciplinary matrix that could be used as a framework for progressive discipline of employees.</li> <li>- Asst AG Weinberg suggested more work sessions to finalize and ensure the Board is on the same page regarding the Rules and Regulations. Work Sessions will be coordinated with the Board and Asst AG Weinberg.</li> </ul>		8:51	On-going
IX.	New Business	GBEO	9:04	None
X.	Other Business	Board	9:04	Noted
XI.	Announcement	Board	9:16	Noted
XII.	Adjournment	Board	9:17	Adjourned

Next Board Meeting: **Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.**  
 Adjourned at 9:16 a.m.  
*Motion: J. McDonald 2nd: J. Kim*

Reviewed by:  Secretary / Date 11/30/21

Approved by:  Chairperson / Date 11/30/21

Minutes by: Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.