

The Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 7:30 AM

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MINUTES

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: M. Gabriel	Chair	0737	Call to Order
		A. Roll Call: GBEP Members <i>Present at HPLO Conference:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Gabriel, Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jed Sana, Vice-Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art Mariano, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angelina Eustaquio, Secretary	Chair	0737	Quorum Established
		Other Attendees <i>Present at HPLO:</i> Baltazar (Tre) Hattori III, HPLO			Confirmed
		B. Confirmation of Public Notice: Guam Daily Post: 11/14/24 and 11/19/24			
II	Approval of Agenda	<i>Motion to Approve: A. Eustaquio; 2nd: A. Mariano</i>	GBEP	0737	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
III	Review and Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes dated 10/17/2024 <i>Motion to Approve: A. Mariano; 2nd: A. Eustaquio</i>	GBEP	0738	Unanimously Approved
IV	HPLO Administrator's Report	No Report	T. Hattori	0739	Noted
V	GBEP Complaints	GBEP-CO-16-01 – On-going. M. Gabriel confirmed that the two complaints remain ongoing and are still pending with legal.	GBEP	0739	Tabled
		GBEP-CO-24-02 – On-going A. Eustaquio report that she had met with J. Caruso after the last Board meeting, will have a report by next meeting.			Tabled
VI	Old Business	A. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS: 1. Mary Anne Connie C. Justo Pending completion of hours form.	GBEP	0740	Tabled
VII	New Business	A. PHARMACIST BY ENDORSEMENT: 1. Madelin T. Wilson <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing MPJE: A. Eustaquio; 2nd: A. Mariano</i>	GBEP	0741	Unanimously Conditionally Approved

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	B. PHARMACIST BY EXAMINATION			
	1. Keisha Dana S. Meeks <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Passing MPJE, NAPLEX, & copy of marriage certificate: A. Eustaquio; 2nd: A. Mariano</i>			Unanimously Conditionally Approved
	C. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS:			
	1. Audrey Marie G. Santos <i>Motion to Approve: A. Eustaquio; 2nd: J. Sana</i>			Unanimously Approved
	D. PHARMACIES/FACILITIES/WHOLESALERS:			
	1. Mercer Medical, LLC <i>Tabled Pending clarification of inspection report.</i>			Tabled
	2. The Hibbert Group <i>Tabled Pending registration under the law of Guam and clarification of license type (3PL or Wholesaler).</i>			Tabled
	E. SCHEDULING OF BUTALBITAL-ACETAMINOPHEN-CAFFEINE (50MG-325MG-40MG) FIORICET			
	M. Gabriel requested this be added to the agenda for discussion by the Board. She drafted a letter to be sent to physicians and pharmacies on-island. Note, Butalbital-acetaminophen-caffeine (50mg-325mg-40mg), known as Fioricet, contains butalbital, a barbiturate. While butalbital is typically classified as a controlled substance, Fioricet is generally exempt from federal scheduling due to the acetaminophen content, which was initially believed to deter abuse. However, not all versions of Fioricet are exempt, and some are classified as Schedule III controlled substances (CIII). For more information: Exempt List. On April 11, 2022, the DEA proposed revoking the exemption for all butalbital-containing products, including Fioricet. If this proposal is finalized, all such products could be classified as controlled substances. This change is still pending: DEA Proposal. To prevent confusion over differing classifications among manufacturers' products and to prepare for pending regulations: 1. Moving forward, treat all new prescriptions and refills of butalbital-containing products as Schedule III (CIII) controlled substances. 2. Follow the guidance of the Guam Uniform Controlled Substance Act (9 Guam Code §§ 67.101 - 67.801). Ensure proper labeling, filing, and documentation (e.g., prescriber DEA number, addresses, ID, date) and compliance with refill limits (maximum of 5) and expiration requirements (6 months from the date written). M. Gabriel to draft an updated letter for dissemination to the Allied Health, Medical, Dental, and Nursing Boards for comment.			On-Going
	F. DISTRIBUTION SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. (NR-PHW029) CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP TO J. KNIPPER AND COMPANY, INC.			
	Change of ownership duly noted.			Noted
VIII	Next Board Meeting	GBEP	0810	Set Date
IX	Adjournment	GBEP	0811	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: HPLO Staff

Date Submitted: 12/4/2024

Submitted by the GBEP Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBEP with or without changes:

Date:

1/9/25

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

Date:

1/9/25