

# GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## Regular Board Minutes

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 4:00 p.m.  
Guam Memorial Hospital Board Room  
850 Gov. Carlos Camacho Road  
Tamuning, Guam

Members Present: Nathaniel Berg, MD Chairperson  
Joan Gill, MD Vice Chair  
Rey Lim, MD Member  
Vincent Duenas, MD Member  
Aurelio, Espinola, MD Member  
Shannon Taitano, Legal Counsel

Absent: Kia Rahmani, MD Member  
Philip Flores, Public Member

Others Present: Roy Adonay, GRC; Ugochukwu Akoma; Roma Basa, HPLO-EMS  
Myrna Leon Guerrero, HPLO Secretary

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Guam Board of Medical Examiners Chairperson, Nathaniel Berg, MD called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm on August 8, 2018 at Guam Memorial Hospital Board Room.

II. PUBLICATION NOTICE – Dr. Berg confirmed the advertisements (5 day & 2 day).

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT – Confirmed Quorum

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. June 13, 2018 Minutes
2. July 11, 2018 Minutes

***Dr. Gill, move to approve June 13, 2018 minutes with minor corrections and move to approve July 11, 2018 minutes; seconded by Dr. Duenas; all in favor; motion carried.***

V. CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Website Online application/GBME Automation – Ongoing  
Roy Adonay, GRC, presented handouts on GBME proposed website should be ready within 30 days. Sample of GBME website domain was discussed with two (2) choices to choose and agreed to *GBME.org* instead of *GBME.gu*

2. CO-17-06 – Updated report was submitted by IHP  
***Dr. Berg, recommended to continue monitoring and provide status report.***

3. CO-18-03 – Dr. Arkless came before the board and presented himself orally and provided written explanation on his charting issues.

**Dr. Berg**, recommended for HPLO staff (Roma Basa) to arrange and request from HSP to provide the incomplete patient charts with documentations, laptop and HPLO will provide the space in order to complete his charting issues within a month.

**seconded by Dr. Duenas; all in favor; motion carried.**

*Dr. Berg recuse himself at 5:00 p.m. for the discussion of CO-18-04.*

4. CO-18-04 – Dr. Akoma came before the board and presented himself (without legal representation) orally for an Informal conference. After discussion, The Board unanimously voted there is *No Violation of the Physicians Practice Act*. The Board did express concern about the lengthy history of workplace boundary issues and recommended the following:

**Dr. Gill, motion for an informal conference agreement; seconded by Dr. Duenas; all in favor; motion carried.**

Dr. Akoma acknowledged and agreed to:

- a. Continue counseling for a minimum of 12 months subject to the board's discretion to extend the term and agrees to have psychologist submit quarterly progress report to the board.
- b. Participate in an online professional boundaries course sanction by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and submit completion to the board.
- c. Inform present and future employers to provide monitoring system and submit to the board on quarterly basis for 12 months.

*Dr. Berg joined in meeting at 6:20 p.m.*

#### 5. FULL LICENSE

- a. David Ryu – Full License (Otolaryngology) – **On Going**  
Pending completion of re-entry program and evaluation.
- b. Joan Benitez - Cardiothoracic Surgery – GRMC  
Submitted work history; Post graduate training ACGME credited programs and original fellowship program from Cleveland Clinic

**Dr. Berg, reviewed and recommended approval.**

### VII. NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1. TEMPORARY

- a. Jason Willis – Infectious Disease - GRC  
**Dr. Espinola, reviewed and recommended approval.**

#### 2. FULL LICENSE

- a. Jennifer Chen – Internal Medicine/Geriatric – IHP  
**Dr. Gill, reviewed and recommended approval.**
- b. Cheri McCue – Family Medicine/Urgent Care – FHP  
**Dr. Berg, reviewed and recommended approval.**
- c. Aaron Matlock – Emergency Medicine  
**Dr. Lim, reviewed and recommended approval.**
- d. Thomas Mick – Sports Medicine – IHP  
**Dr. Lim, reviewed and recommended approval.**
- e. Ketty Maurice – Hospitalist – GMH  
**Dr. Duenas, reviewed and recommended approval.**

- f. Steven Praske – Pulmonary Medicine/Critical Care/Internal Medicine – GRMC  
***Dr. Espinola, reviewed and recommended approval.***
  
- g. Zachary Pruhs – Internal Medicine/Rheumatology – GRMC  
***Dr. Duenas, reviewed and recommended approval.***

**DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION:**

1. ***Dr. Berg, motion to table*** full license for David Ryu and will continue to get in touch with him to provide updates to the board; ***seconded by Dr. Gill; all in favor; motion carried.***
2. ***Dr. Berg, motion to approve*** full license for Dr. Benitez; ***seconded by Dr. Gill; all in favor; motion carried.***
3. ***Dr. Berg, move to approve temporary license*** – Jason Willis; ***Full licenses*** – Jennifer Chen; Cheri McCue; Aaron Matlock; Thomas Mick; Ketty Maurice; Steven Praske; Zachary Pruhs ***seconded by Dr. Gill, all in favor; motion carried.***
4. ***Next Regular Schedule Meeting – Wednesday September 12, 2018*** at 4:00 p.m. in the GMHA Board Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Dr. Berg, move to adjourned the meeting; seconded by Dr. Duenas; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.***