

**GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 4:00 PM**

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**MINUTES**

Topic	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I.	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by: Dr. N. Berg	Chair	1605	Called to Order
	<p>A. Roll Call: GBME <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room</i> Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D., Chairperson Arania Adolphson, M.D., Secretary <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> Phil Flores, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer &amp; Public Member Annette David, M.D., Member <i>Absent:</i> Scott Shay, M.D., Member Annie Bordallo, M.D., Medical Director Luis G. Cruz, M.D., Member</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room:</i> Baltazar (Tre) Hattori III (HPLO) <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> Robert Weinberg, Asst Attorney General Zennia Pecina, HPLO Administrator Breanna Sablan, HPLO Shania Nitro, Office of Attorney Vanessa Williams John O'Connor Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center</p>	Chair	1605	Quorum Established	
	B. Confirmation of Public Notice advertised in the Pacific Daily News: 9/7/2022; 9/12/2022.	Chair	1605	Confirmed	
II.	Adoption of Agenda	<i>Motion to adopt: P. Flores; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Berg</i>	GBME		Adopted
III.	Review and Approval of Minutes	Reviewed draft Minutes, dated August 24, 2022. Agenda Item VII. Old Business: GBME-CO-2021-011 and GBME-CO-2022-006 changed to read: Dr. David reported.....and the investigation is in progress. <i>Motion to approve, as amended: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>	GBME	1606	Approved as Amended
IV.	Treasurer's Report	P. Flores, Treasurer, reported that the Governor signed the FY 2023 Budget, and he hopes to present the GBME budget allocation to the GBME at its next meeting.	P. Flores	1609	GBME budget to presented at next meeting.

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V.	HPLO Administrator's Report	<p>B. Sablan HPLO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminded GBME members to register for the mandatory Ethics Training, which will end on 30 September. HPLO to provide the GBME with the registration details and request if the class could be conducted virtually.</li> <li>Informed the GBME that new Board Orientation training is in the process of being scheduled.</li> </ul>	HPLO Administrator	1610	Register for Ethics Training
VI.	Chairperson's Report	<p>A. Emergency Issued Licenses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russell O. Kosik – GRC</li> <li>Alexandra M. Hamb – GMHA</li> <li>Juan Paolo Lirio – GMHA</li> </ol> <p>4. The Chair reported that GBME will not be represented at the upcoming FSMB Tri-Regulatory (Medical-Nursing-Pharmacy) unless a GBME expresses interest to attend. In addition, the Chair informed the GBME that Asst AG Weinberg may represent the GBME at the next meeting to be held in San Diego.</p> <p>5. Impaired Provider Program: The Chair informed the GBME that he spoke with the Chair of the HI Medical Board, who expressed interest in pursuing this initiative with GBME. Dr. David stated a GBME working group met to explore options for providing access to a Professional Health Program (PHP) for Guam professionals; she subsequently contacted representatives from PHPs in HI, WA and OR. To date, WA is unable to provide assistance, but HI has expressed interest, so a teleconference is anticipated to be held next week. She invited others to join in on the call. In addition, she stated that FHP currently has an occupational safety program which includes drug testing program, so there might be an opportunity to work with FHP on building local capacity in the long term.</p> <p>6. P. Flores reported that the GBME letter was sent to the Speaker regarding the GBME position pertaining to the proposed legislation discussed at the last meeting. He also stated that the Speaker has noted that GBME had made significant progress in addressing and closing longstanding complaints. He urges the GBME to continue its efforts to close-out complaints as expeditiously as possible.</p> <p>7. The Chair stated that he plans on discussing the application review process with the HPLO Administrator based on her observations of the FSMB process and what other jurisdictions are doing. In addition, Asst AG Weinberg agreed to review Dr. Berg's suggestion to list applicants by a number rather than their name. In the meantime, the GBME could refer to an applicant numbering system until he completes his review. Recommendations on the aforementioned issues will be provided to the GBME for consideration at a later date.</p>	Chair & HPLO Administrator	1610	<p>Emergency Licenses issued</p> <p>HPLO to work travel to Next FSMB meeting</p> <p>Continue Effort to Consider an Impaired Provider Program</p> <p>Continue to Close-out complaints</p> <p>Review Application Review Process</p> <p>Review/ Amend Applications</p>

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	8. During a review of the applications below, the Chair recommended that the applications be reviewed to ensure clear instructions on required documentation for non-US citizens (i.e., official authorization to work in the USA)			as required
VII.	<b>Old Business</b>		1628	
	A. Complaints	GBME		
	1. GBME-CO-20-005 – Received: 09/18/2020. Dr. Adolphson is still awaiting contact from the contracted attorney assigned to the case. B. Sablan reported that the attorney will be contacting Dr. Adolphson.	Dr. Adolphson		On-going
	2. GBME-CO-2021-011 – Received: 11/17/2021. Dr. David reported the investigation is in progress.	Dr. David		On-going
	3. GBME-CO-2022-002 – Received: 01/06/2022. Dr. Berg reported that the case is still awaiting adjudication from GMHA.	Dr. Shay		On-going
	4. GBME-CO-2022-003 – Received: 01/24/2022. Dr. Berg stated that he will contact Dr. Cruz and, if necessary, he would volunteer to take over the case.	Dr. Cruz		On-going
	5. GBME-CO-2022-006 – Received: 02/10/2022. Dr. David reported the investigation is in progress.	Dr. David		On-going
	6. GBME-CO-2022-010 – Received: 06/21/2022. Dr. Berg reported that Dr. Bordallo still reviewing the case, as well as awaiting receipt of the records.	Dr. Bordallo		On-going
	7. GBME-CO-2022-011. Dr. Adolphson reported that she has received all the records and she will consult with Asst AG Weinberg per the Standard Operating Procedures. HPLO will assist in setting up the meeting.	Dr. Adolphson		On-going
	8. GBME-CO-2022-012. P. Flores reported he received consent for the Surgi-Center and the Medical Referral Office. However, the Saipan Referral Office stated it would not release any information because it would be confidential under the CNMI Open Government Act.	P. Flores		On-going
	Dr. Berg reported that another complaint was received; however, the complainant did not name a physician in the complaint; the complaint is primarily against the facility, nursing and administrative staff. B. Hattori HPLO stated that he advised the complainant to consider filing the complaint with GBNE. If necessary, Dr. David stated that she would contact the complainant and advise her accordingly.			No action at this time.
VIII	<b>New Business</b>		1639	
	A. Application(s) for Full Licensure:	GBME		
	1. Alexandra M. Hamb. Dr. David reported no adverse reports. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Approved
	2. John P. Jones. Dr. Berg reported no adverse actions.			Approved

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	<i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			
	3. Barbara Sewerin. Dr. Berg reported no adverse actions; however, applicant holds a German passport; therefore, she needs to provide proof of authorization to work in the USA. <i>Motion to conditionally approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Conditionally Approved
	4. Cornelio Tomelden. Dr. Berg reported history of two complaints which were settled: 2011 for a contraindicated procedure; and 2014 for failure to properly diagnose (\$400K), resulted in death. However, both cases did not appear to be egregious. No other incidents have occurred since then. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Approved
	5. Astrid R. von Walter. Dr. David reported no adverse reports. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Approved
	6. Keitaroh Takeda. Dr. David reported applicant holds a Japanese passport; therefore, applicant needs to provide proof of authorization to work in the USA. <i>Motion to conditionally approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Conditionally Approved
	7. Dare A. Adewumi. Dr. Berg reported no adverse reports. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Approved
	8. Padma Vaela. Dr. Adolphson reported no Adverse reports. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Approved
	9. Anna H. Chacon. Dr. Berg reported no adverse actions. Although the applicant appears to meet the three (3) progressive years in training and is Board-certified, some inconsistencies require clarification. In addition, the applicant needs to submit a notarized application. <i>Motion to table: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Adolphson.</i>			Tabled
	10. Afjar Sherif. Dr. Adolphson reported no adverse reports. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Approved
	11. Charles P. Pluto. Mr. Flores reported no adverse reports. He reported he was cited for a misdemeanor for reckless operation of a motor vehicle, which occurred in 2003. No recurrences since then. <i>Motion to approve: P. Flores; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. David. (NOTE: Dr. Berg recused himself from voting)</i>			Approved
	12. Douglas J. Folzenlogen. Dr. Adolphson reported no adverse reports. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores</i>			Approved
IX.	<b>Announcement</b> Next regularly scheduled board meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 4:00 pm virtually via ZOOM. The GBME noted that the date may change due to some GBME members being off island. In reference to GBME members, Z. Pecina HPLO stated that she has informed the Governor's Office of the need to replace one GBME member due to missing three (3) consecutive meetings. Dr. David recommended recruiting a physician with D.O. credentials, and indicated that Dr. Edward Blounts, DO, had expressed	GBME	1705	Set next meeting

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	interest in serving on the Board in the past. Dr. Berg mentioned that FSMB recommends the inclusion of DOs on the Medical Board. Dr. Berg stated that he will reconfirm interests of existing GBME members on their willingness to continue.			
X.	<b>Adjournment</b> <i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Berg; 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Flores.</i>	GBME	1715	Adjourned

Reviewed by:

Secretary / Date

Approved by:

Chairperson / Date



10/12/2022