

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 08, 2022 at 4:00 PM

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MINUTES

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I. Call to Order	6/8/2022. Meeting Chaired by the Vice-Chair, Mr. P. Flores.	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIMEFRAME	STATUS		
	<p>a) Roll Call: GBME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel B. Berg, M.D., Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Flores, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer & Public Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arania Adolphson, M.D., Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annie Bordallo, M.D., Medical Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annette David, M.D., Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis G. Cruz, M.D., Member <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Shay, M.D., member 		<p>OTHERS PRESENT:</p> <p>Rob Weinberg, Asst AG Baltazar (Tre) Hattori III (HPLO) Deborah Borja, HPLO Louise Borja Shania Nitaro, Office of Attorney Vanessa Williams Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center</p>	Chair	1609	Called to Order Quorum Established
	b) Confirmation of Public Notice advertised in the Pacific Daily News: 6/6/2022; 6/1/2022.	Chair	1610	Confirmed		
II. Adoption of Agenda		GBME	1611	Adopted		
III. Review and Approval of Minutes	a) Reviewed draft Minutes, dated May 18, 2022. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. David; 2nd Dr. Adolphson</i>	GBME	1612	Approved		
IV. Treasurer's Report	<p>a) The Treasurer, Phil Flores, reported that HPLO sent the GBME an overview of the 2021 and 2022 Fiscal Balances. Salaries figures have been corrected and benefits have been properly allocated to the appropriate line-item. Increases are reflected in the odd calendar years due to the renewal of medical licenses. The Treasurer requested that HPLO provide a balance sheet of funds available and outstanding expenses to help with budget planning.</p> <p>b) The Acting Chair inquired about the status of the hiring of attorneys, and Asst AG Weinberg reported that Attorneys, Joseph McDonald and Jon Visoky, have been retained by the HPLO office for all the HPLO Boards has prosecution and disciplinary counsel for cases that appear to be moving forward for disciplinary action. This service would also include any investigatory actions or other preliminary services that may be required for the case.</p>	P. Flores	1612	Noted		

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V.	HPLPO Administrator's Report	B. Sabhan Acting Administrator (not present)	1613	Register for Ethics Training	
					a) B. Hattori, HPLPO, reminded the GBME of the requirement to register for the mandated Ethics Training, and to send HPLPO (B. Sabhan, D. Borja and B. Hattori) with the registration confirmation to process the payment. Per the request of the Acting Chair, HPLPO to resend the training information to the GBME via email.
VI.	Chairperson's Report	Chair & HPLPO Administrator	1614	Noted	
					a) Emergency Issued Licenses. B. Hattori reported that the licenses were reviewed and approved by Dr. Berg.
VII.	Old Business	GBME	1615	Tabled	
					(1) Troy M. Sterk - GMHA
					(2) Dare A. Adewumi - GRMC
					a) Determining Jurisdiction of Complaints. Flores to reach out to Berg then reach out to Rob.
					b) Complaints
					(1) GBME-CO-20-005 - Received: 09/18/2020. Dr. Adolphson inquired if this case would be assigned to one of the Attorney's recently hired by HPLPO. Asst AG Weinberg requested that an email request be sent to him for review and assessment, and he will respond accordingly.
					(2) GBME-CO-2021-011 - Received: 11/17/2021. Dr. David stated that the case has been assigned to the prosecuting counsel. There have been two meeting since and they are awaiting a response from the complainant to be interviewed by counsel.
					(3) GBME-CO-2022-001 - Received: 01/19/2022.
					(4) GBME-CO-2022-002 - Received: 01/06/2022.
					(5) GBME-CO-2022-003 - Received: 01/24/2022. Dr. Cruz reported that he has been unsuccessful in making contact with the physician, who has been off-schedule. He stated that he is working with the GMHA operator to ensure he receives the message once on-schedule.
(6) GBME-CO-2022-006 - Received: 02/10/2022. Dr. David stated that the case has been assigned to the prosecuting counsel. There have been two meeting since and they are awaiting a response from the complainant to be interviewed by counsel.					
VII.	New Business	GBME	1624	Conditionally Approved	
					(c) Full License Renewals 2021-2023 REINSTATEMENT LICENSE: (1) Maida S. Ribati. B. Hattori, HPLPO, reported that the applicant has yet to submit the required CMEs. She is currently operating under an emergency temporary license. Dr. Bordallo stated that she will attempt to reach-out to the applicant. (a) Application(s) for Full Licensure: (1) Louise Lane L. Gutierrez. Dr. David reported that the applicant is a foreign medical graduate, applying of an Internist at GMRC. No issues reported in the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Although there were some gaps in education, all was explained and accounted for. However, she was unsure of her eligibility to work in

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	<p>a U.S. territory. Asst AG Weinberg stated that federal law requires U.S. citizenship or legal authorization (e.g. VISA) to work in the U.S.A. Dr. David stated that she finished her fellowship in 2018 and worked in FL. <i>Motion to conditionally approve upon verification of legal status to work in the USA: Dr. Bordallo; 2nd. Dr. Adolphson</i></p> <p>(2) Thendrex H. Estrella Dr. Adolphson reported that the applicant's temporary license expired May 18, 2022. No issues reported in the NPDB. Completed residency in NY in 2010. Multiple medical licenses. Planning to work at GMHA. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Adolphson; 2nd Dr. Bordallo</i></p> <p>(3) Alexander J. Salazar. Dr. David reported the applicant is applying for Emergency Physician at VA Clinic. No issues reported in the Society Clinical Vascular Surgery (SCVS) or the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). <i>Motion to approve: Dr. David; 2nd. Dr. Bordallo</i></p> <p>(4) Katrina M. Ostermann. Dr. Adolphson reported the applicant is currently a US Navy employee, who will be separating soon, and she is applying for a Family Physician. No issues in the NPDB. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Adolphson; 2nd. Dr. Bordallo</i></p> <p>(5) Corey A. Annman. Dr. David reported that the applicant is applying for an Internist at GMRC. No adverse actions reports in the NPDB. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. David; 2nd. Dr. Bordallo</i></p> <p>(6) James H. Williams. Dr. Adolphson reported that the applicant is currently Emergency Room (ER) Board eligible; awaiting oral board. He currently has an active CA license. No issues reported in the NPDB. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. Adolphson; 2nd. P. Flores</i></p> <p>(7) Taylor Morgan Miles. Dr. David reported that applicant is applying for a Hospitalist at GMRC. No issues reported in the NPDB; however, there was a negative report during residency due to selfcare and clinical efficiency, which were subsequently corrected. The applicant currently has an emergency temporary Guam license, which will expire in July 2022. <i>Motion to approve: Dr. David; 2nd. Dr. Adolphson</i></p> <p>(8) Michael D. Doff.</p>			<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Denied</p>

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	<p>Dr. Adolphson reported that the applicant is applying for GMHA ER. No issues reported in the NPDB. However, the GBME noted he did not complete three (3) complete progressive years in any discipline. Dr. David cited the Medical Practice Act 10 GCA, Chapter 12 § 12205. Requirements for Full Licenseure: (c) The applicant shall have satisfactorily completed at least thirty-six (36) months of progressive postgraduate medical training approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board in an institution in the United States, its territories or possessions, or Canada approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board.</p> <p><i>Motion to deny for full medical licensure: Dr. Adolphson; 2nd. Dr. Bordallo</i></p> <p>The GBME were sensitive to the impact of a denial, as it is reportable to the NPDB. Dr. Bordallo suggested that the HPLQ upon review of an applicant could possibly forewarn the applicant of failure to meet eligibility criteria for full licensure in advance to avoid a denial of the applicant. Dr. David suggested that another checklist could be developed that looks at full licensure criteria. The Acting Chair suggested that the aforementioned suggestions be submitted in the form of an email, so that it could be addressed by GBME in a later meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Adolphson stated that it was her understanding that the applicant was referred by Global Medical Staffing, and suggested that recruitment agency could be made aware of the criteria for full licensure so that they could make applicants aware and they could better screen the referrals prior to applications being submitted. Dr. Bordallo stated that she will inform Global Medical Staffing of the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>(d) APPLICATION(S) FOR REINSTATEMENT.</p> <p>(1) Raymatie Singh.</p> <p>Dr. Adolphson reported that the applicant is a Family Practice Hospitalist and has active licenses in OK and KY. No issues reported in the NPDB. She had a temporary license in Guam during 2017-2019; she is now applying of a permanent license. However, Dr. Bordallo stated that the applicant may have exceeded the time requirement for the reinstatement. Asst AG Weinberg stated that he would reconfirm the time requirement and report back.</p> <p><i>Motion to tabled: P. Flores; 2nd. Dr. Adolphson</i></p> <p>(f) INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSING COMPACT (IMLCC) APPLICANTS.</p> <p>NOTE: With IMLCC, here are 40 states and territories, who are part o the IMLCC, which recognizes and allows a physician licensed in their home state is eligible to be licensed and practice in a IMLCC state. This practice is designed to be facilitate and expedite the process of practicing in another IMLCC recognized state/territory. Therefore, those applicants listed below are eligible to practice on Guam.</p> <p><i>Motion to accept: Dr. David; 2nd. Dr. Bordallo.</i></p> <p>(1) Leslie Nelson</p>		GBME	1650	Accepted
					Tabled

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IX. Announcement	(2) Sarah O. Ogun (3) Robert M. Wood (4) Irene E. Cornell-Ade (5) Baruch Katz (6) Brandon L. Dawkins (7) Khushali R. Shah (8) Patrice L. Scipio (9) Grace H. Akiens (10) Steven S. Pepper (11) Dorian M. Anderson Next regularly scheduled board meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm virtually via ZOOM. Dr. David and Dr. Cruz indicated that she will be off-island on July 13, so the Acting Chair proposed July 20. Dr. Adolphson will be off-island on 20 July.	GBME	1650
X. Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Adolphson; 2nd Dr. Bordallo</i>	GBME	1652

Reviewed by:  8/24/2022
 Secretary / Date

Approved by:  8/24/2022
 Chairperson / Date

Minutes By: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.