

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Thursday August 26, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

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MINUTES

Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by A. Lape. A. Confirmation of Public Notice posted on the HPLO website, Guam Daily Post: 8/01/2024; 8/06/2024.	Chair	1102	Confirmed
II	Determination of Quorum	<p>GBSW: <i>Present Virtually at Remote location</i> Angelina-Marie C. Lape, LMSW, Chair Diana Calvo, Vice-Chair Jesse Baleto, Treasurer</p> <p>Others Present: <i>Present at HPLO Conference Room:</i> Baltazar Hattori III, HPLO Breanna Sablan, HPLO Peter John Camacho, DPHSS <i>Present Virtually at Remote location:</i> Lynette Arriola</p>		1103	Quorum Confirmed
III	Adoption of Agenda		GBSW	1103	
IV	Review and Approval of Minutes	July 11 & July 18, 2024. <i>Motion to approve: D. Calvo; 2nd: J. Baleto.</i>	GBSW	1103	Unanimously Approved
V	HPLO Administrator's Report	B. Sablan informed the board that there would be no administrator's report for the day but took the opportunity to introduce the deputy director, Peter John Camacho. P. Camacho added that with the commencement of Teresa Arriola's tenure at the Department of Public Health and Social Services, they intend to regularly attend meetings of various boards and commissions to ensure active engagement and support for the work conducted both in the office and by the board members. He concluded his remarks by expressing gratitude to the Chair.	HPLO	1104	Noted
VI	Chairperson's Report	A. Lape provided the Chairperson's report, noting that there had been no updates from the ASWB as they are preparing for the delegate assembly in October. She mentioned that both she and Z. Pecina had already registered for the assembly. Other than that, A. Lape indicated that there were no new developments since the previous month's meeting.	A. Lape	1105	Noted
VII	Committee Reports	A. Finance & Budget. No report	J. Baleto	1105	No Report
		B. Statutes, Rules, and Forms 1. Update on Rules and Regulations. A. Lape provided an update on the rules and regulations, explaining that due to her being stateside in recent weeks, the board had not been able to meet regarding the matter. She mentioned that she would return to the island on Monday and suggested coordinating schedules to determine if the following Friday would still be suitable for a meeting. She added that they could finalize this arrangement	A. Lape	1106	Noted

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VIII	<p>offline.</p> <p>A. Complaint: GBSW-CO-2024-001 A. Lape addressed the complaint GBSW-CO-2024-001, referencing discussions from the previous month. She noted that the complaint was submitted anonymously, leaving no individual to follow up with. A. Lape explained that according to their draft rules and regulations and the practice act, licensees have the right to respond to or speak with the person filing a complaint. As a result, the board's policies do not allow for the consideration of anonymous complaints. After reviewing the situation, A. Lape suggested that either D. Calvo or J. Baleto take the lead in reviewing the complaint and possibly contact the licensee's employer to inform them of the complaint. The employer could then choose to investigate further or take no action, as deemed appropriate. Since the board cannot engage with the anonymous complainant, A. Lape concluded that this approach seemed to be the most prudent course of action.</p> <p>D. Calvo proposed that, given the inability to investigate the complaint due to the lack of required information, the board should at least acknowledge the complaint by sending a letter to the place of business. The letter would inform them of the received information, with the option to consult legal counsel on including language that leaves the decision to pursue the matter further at the discretion of the organization's management. <i>Motion to Acknowledge the Complaint and Send a Letter to the Employer of the Licensee: D. Calvo; 2nd: J. Baleto</i></p> <p>B. Consideration of Applications for Renewal of Licensure:</p> <p>1. Josephine Nakamura – LBSWE Pending CEU's</p> <p>2. Lynette M. Arriola – LCSWE Application requirements are complete. <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: D. Calvo</i></p> <p>C. Consideration of Applications for Initial Licensure:</p> <p>1. Barbara Pulgar – LCSWE Application requirements are complete. <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: D. Calvo</i></p>	GBSW	1106	Letter Will be Sent to Employer of Licensee in Question Acknowledging the Complaint that was Made
IX	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Consideration of Applications for Initial Licensure:</p> <p>1. Jessica Julie A. Cepeda – LBSWE <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: D. Calvo</i></p> <p>2. Paige M. Kuntz – LMSWE <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baleto</i></p> <p>3. Julio J. Gomez – LCSWE Pending a letter of recommendation from his current supervisor.</p> <p>4. Rhoda G. Orallo – LCSWE Application requires further review.</p> <p>B. Consideration of Applications for Renewal of Licensure:</p>	GBSW	1112	Unanimously Approved Unanimously Approved Tabled Tabled

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		1. Carmen A. Damian – LBSWE <i>Motion to Approve: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baleta</i>			Unanimously Approved
		2. Angelina-Marie C. Lape – LMSWE <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve Pending Photo for Application: J. Baleta; 2nd: D. Calvo</i>			Unanimously Conditionally Approved
		3. Connie Rose L. Sayama – LMSWE <i>Motion to Approve: J. Baleta; 2nd: D. Calvo</i>			Unanimously Approved
X	Announcements	Next Meeting: The Guam Board of Social Work next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on September 12, 2024, at 11:00AM.	GBSW	1122	Set Meeting date
XI	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: A. Lape; 2nd: J. Baleta</i>	GBSW	1123	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 8/28/2024

Submitted by the GBSW Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBSW with or without changes: *Angelina - Marie C. Lape* Date: 9/12/2024

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson: *Angelina - Marie C. Lape* Date: 9/12/2024