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Please see attached, **Messages & Communications Doc. No. 38GL-26-2843 through 2847** for processing:

✓	38GL-26-2843	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Prior Year Obligation to pay Data Management Resources LLC in the total amount of \$12,150.00*
✓	38GL-26-2844	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Prior Year Obligation to pay Data Management Resources LLC in the total amount of \$29,160.00*
✓	38GL-26-2845	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Prior Year Obligation to pay Data Management Resources LLC in the total amount of \$18,160.00*
✓	38GL-26-2846	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners Regular Board Meeting Packet for September 4, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2847	Port Authority of Guam	FY2026 Revenues and Expenses Report for month ending May 31, 2026*

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Messages and Communications 38GL-26-2846*

2 messages

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Fri, Sep 4, 2026 at 4:59 PM

To: 38th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov>, Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

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Please see attached M&C Doc. No. 38GL-26-2846

38GL-26-2846	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners Regular Board Meeting Packet for September 4, 2026*
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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'**Bernice Rivera*

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Date: Fri, Sep 4, 2026 at 3:36 PM

Subject: Reporting Requirement for Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners - September 4, 2026 Board Meeting

To: jean.taitano@guam.gov <jean.taitano@guam.gov>, speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>Cc: Breanna Sablan <Breanna.Sablan@dphss.guam.gov>

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Blas:

Please find attached the electronic copies from the **Guam Board of Allied Health Regular Board Meeting** held on **Friday, September 4, 2026**.

- Agenda
- Attendance Sheet
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Respectfully,**Kaysie Aguilar**

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To: "Speaker Frank Blas Jr." <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Tue, Sep 8, 2026 at 9:25 AM

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Department of Public Health and Social Services
Health Professional Licensing Office

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners – Regular Board Meeting

Friday, September 4, 2026 at 12:00 PM

194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Terlaje Professional Building Suite 209

Hagatna, Guam 96910

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85362549666?pwd=xjVcYlQmWxEdJZeUm9qSQUES2qScpJ.1>

Meeting ID: 853 6254 9666

Passcode: 955179

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** _____
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Proof of Publications
- II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of minutes dated July 17, 2026 and August 14, 2026
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- V. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- VI. **COMPLAINTS**

A. GBAHE-CO-22-03	MFT	Received 02/21/22	M. Balajadia
B. GBAHE-CO-24-03	SLP	Received 08/06/24	N. Cepeda
C. GBAHE-CO-25-09	LPC	Received 04/29/25	M. Balajadia
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Foreign Graduate Applicant**
 - i. Physical Therapy – Yeonhwa Jeong
 - B. **Approval of Clinical Supervisor**
 - i. **Licensed Mental Health Counselor/Marriage and Family Therapist**
 - a. **Cepeda, Nadine (LMHC-006/MFT-008)**
Proposed Supervisee(s):
 - Alconaba, Tricia
 - C. **Initial Applications**
 - Licensed Professional Counselor**
 - a. Wachter, Meredith (N. Cepeda)
 - Licensed Professional Counselor Intern**
 - a. Alconaba, Tricia (M. Balajadia)
 - Physical Therapy Assistant**
 - a. Capati, Raven (J. Duenas)



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Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

Department of Public Health and Social Services
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Speech Language Pathologist

- a. Frey, Megan (M. Camacho)

D. Renewal Applications

Occupational Therapist

- a. Tedtaotao, Jenny (R. Taitingfong)

Registered Respiratory Therapist

- a. Ben Brahim, Yessmine (G. Cruz)
- b. Beltran, Michael (G. Gruz)

Speech Language Pathology

- a. Coles, Christina (M. Camacho)

VIII. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- A. Next Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for: **Friday, October 9, 2026 at 12:00 PM.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: _____

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

Board Meeting Attendance Sheet

Health Professional Licensing Office Suite 209

194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Terlaje Professional Building, Hagatma, Guam 96910-5052

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Date of Meeting

Friday, September 4, 2026

X

Regular Meeting

Special Meeting

Meeting Call to Order:

12:00

Time of Adjournment:

12:42

✓

Quorum

No Quorum

BOARD MEMBER	POSITION	SIGNATURE
Dr. Mamie Balajadia	<i>Chairperson</i> Clinical Psychologist Member	Vacant
Nadine Cepeda	<i>Vice Chairperson</i> LPC/MFT/LMHC Member	Virtually Present
Dr. Velma Harper	<i>Secretary</i> Veterinarian Member	ABSENT
Rosalind Taitingfong	<i>Treasurer</i> Occupational Therapist Member	Rosalind Taitingfong
Dr. Richard Chong	Acupuncturist Member	ABSENT
Dr. Gregory Miller	Chiropractic Member	Virtually Present
Catherine San Nicolas	Clinical Dietitian/Nutritionist Member	Virtually Present
Vincent Pereda	LMHC Member	Vincent Pereda
Dr. Julianne Duenas	Physical Therapist Member	Julianne Duenas
Gregory Cruz	Respiratory Therapist Member	Gregory Cruz
May Camacho	Speech Language Pathologist Member	May Camacho
VACANT	Audiologist Member	VACANT

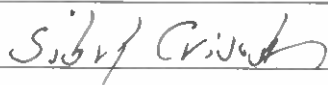
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OTHERS PRESENT

NAME	AGENCY	SIGNATURE
Kaysie Aguilera	DPHSS/HPLO	
Johnavin Villa	DPHSS/HPLO	
Yeonhwa Jeong	PUBLIC	virtually present
	PUBLIC	
Peter John Camacho	DPHSS	virtually present
Breanna Sablan	DPHSS/HPLO	virtually present

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners
Regular Board Meeting
Friday, July 17, 2026 at 12:00 PM
194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Terlaje Professional Building Suite 209
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 893 8330 8245

Passcode: 066827

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Item		Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia		Chair	1200	Call to Order
	Proof of Publication	07/10/2026 and 07/15/2026 Guam PDN and the Government of Guam Public Portal.		Chair		Confirmed
	Roll Call	GBAHE Members <u>Present:</u> ☑Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair ☑Nadine Cepeda, LPC, LMHC, LMFT, Vice-Chair ☑Dr. Velma R. Harper, Veterinarian, Secretary ☑Dr. Richard Chong, ACOM ☑Vincent Pereda, Licensed Mental Health Counselor ☑Dr. Julianne Duenas, Physical Therapist ☑Gregory J. Cruz, Respiratory Therapist ☑May Camacho, Speech Language <u>Virtually Present:</u> ☑Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic ☑Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietitian <u>Absent:</u> ☐Rosalind S. Taitingfong, Occupational Therapist, Treasurer	Other Attendees <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Breanna Sablan, DPHSS/HPLO Kaysie Aguilar, DPHSS/HPLO Angela Laygo, GBHWC Christopher Otero, GBHWC <u>Virtually Present:</u> Jiane Castro, Public Veraure Kanai, Public Jean Macalinao, Public Denisse, Public Monica Tuason, Public Frances Munoz, Public Brooke Pangelinan, Public Robyn Balance, Public Mermae Williams, Public John Formoso, Public Shae Philyaw, Public Yvette McDonald, Public Millie Nice, Public Joleen Baza, Public Bernadette Matens, Public GP, Public Julia Laurete, Public	Chair		Quorum Established

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II	Adoption of Agenda	<i>Motion to Adopt the Agenda: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Duenas.</i>	GBAHE	1202	Unanimous Adopted Agenda
III	Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes Dated: June 12, 2026 <i>Motion to Approve: V. Pereda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>	GBAHE	1202	Unanimous Approved
IV	Treasurer's Report	Tabled to Next Meeting: Dr. Balajadia	R. Taitingfong	1203	Tabled, to Next Meeting
V	Administrator's Report	B. Sablan formally welcomed M. Camacho as a new member following her official swearing-in. She expressed appreciation to M. Camacho for her willingness to serve on the Board and to the people of Guam. It was also noted that one vacancy remains on the Board for an audiologist, and efforts are ongoing to identify and secure a qualified nominee for that position.	GBAHE	1204	Noted
VI	GBAHE Complaints	A. GBAHE-CO-22-03 MFT Received 02/21/22 Still awaiting legal guidance from counsel with the Attorney General's Office per Dr. Balajadia.	Dr. Balajadia	1204	Ongoing, Awaiting Legal Counsel
		B. GBAHE-CO-24-03 SLP Received 08/06/24 This has been sent out for legal guidance and final investigation report in the Attorney General's Office per Dr. Balajadia.	N. Cepeda		Ongoing, Pending Legal Counsel
		C. GBAHE-CO-25-09 LPC Received 04/29/25 Dr. Balajadia reported that she still needed to issue a letter to the person and would bring the result to the board by the next meeting. N. Cepeda asked if Dr. Balajadia could give the background of the reports, to at least let the Board know what the gist of the complaint is. Dr. Balajadia explained the complaint involving a licensed professional counselor, a psychiatrist from Naval Hospital reported concerns regarding the counselor's apparent alcohol use during professional interactions, including an instance in which the counselor allegedly appeared intoxicated during a Zoom session. The concern was brought to the counselor's attention, but she unequivocally denied ever being intoxicated. An additional concern was discussed involving another patient who reportedly stated that the counselor had invited the patient to the pool to have a drink; however, the patient was unwilling to submit a formal written complaint. Dr. Balajadia noted that the information regarding the additional concern was corroborated through discussions with two individuals and the patient, who is also a professional. In light of the concerns raised and the length of time that had elapsed, the Board considered sending a letter to the licensed professional counselor outlining the concerns and	Dr. Balajadia		Ongoing, More Information Next Meeting

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	providing her an opportunity to respond. Depending on the counselor's response, Dr. Balajadia further considered issuing a formal letter of concern regarding the matter and any applicable regulatory requirements. N. Cepeda raised concerns regarding the status and timeline of the complaint, noting that the full details of the complaint may not be known unless a member is formally assigned to investigate the matter. N. Cepeda asked whether the licensed professional counselor should be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and respond to the concerns or questions raised, particularly if the matter proceeds through a letter of concern. She emphasized the need to clarify the current status of the complaint, establish appropriate timelines, and determine the next steps and intended course of action for addressing the matter. Dr. Balajadia stated that she intended to contact the individual regarding the most recent complaint alleging that the licensed professional counselor invited her patient to the pool. N. Cepeda expressed her view that the licensed professional counselor should be asked to appear before the Board to address the concerns raised in the complaint. It was emphasized that, as part of the investigative process, the counselor should be given an opportunity to respond to the allegations, provide her perspective, and present her side of the matter before the Board determines the appropriate course of action. Dr. Harper noted that obtaining a response from the professional who is the subject of a complaint is consistent with the manner in which complaints are generally handled and is particularly important when the allegations originate from a professional colleague. B. Sablan clarified that the complaint had not yet reached the stage of the investigation at which the licensed professional counselor would be asked to appear before the Board. B. Sablan explained she is working closely with Dr. Balajadia additional information and updates would first need to be gathered and presented to the Board before the matter could be properly processed. It was further explained that discussions and coordination with the other involved parties were still ongoing; however, obtaining the counselor's response would eventually be included as part of the investigative process.			

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		N. Cepeda expressed concern about the lack of clarity regarding the status and handling of the complaint and noted that, based on experience with other complaints, complainants and subjects of complaints should be afforded an opportunity to respond to the allegations or concerns raised. It was emphasized that establishing clear timelines is important to ensure that complaints are being addressed and progressing appropriately. The Board member acknowledged the information provided by B. Sablan regarding the sixty-day timeframe stated in the correspondence and expressed appreciation that a defined timeline was in place to demonstrate that the matter was moving forward and being addressed.			
VII	Old Business	A. Litigation Matters		1210	
		i. Status Update: Millie Nice vs. GBAHE This is pending litigation and subject to confirmation and guidance from the Attorney General’s Office. B. Sablan left it at that. Should they hear anything further she will share with the Board.	GBAHE		Pending Litigation Seeking Guidance from AG’s Office
		B. Veterinary Hospital Correspondents			
		i. Review and discussion of letter received on May 20, 2026 According to Dr. Harper, this was addressed at the last meeting. The letter was received and response was also received. Dr. Harper felt it was settled professionally. N. Cepeda requested clarification whether a formal motion was necessary or whether the Board could simply state that the matter was no longer necessary. N. Cepeda sought guidance from the Board regarding how the matter should be formally addressed. Dr. Harper noted that it was not a complaint, it was just a letter to the Board. Dr. Balajadia noted it was just information. B. Sablan verified it was just information to the Board, not an official complaint, so it was really just for situational awareness to the board members and was resolved. N. Cepeda clarified that she was following up because she had previously been the subject of a complaint and wanted the Board to ensure that complaints involving any individual are properly addressed and handled and wanted to state that for the record. Since she received guidance, she understands it was just situational awareness. She further acknowledged how a complaint, knowing the anxiety she			Professional Settled Letter to GBAHE

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		experienced, she expressed her desire for the Board to appropriately address the matter and ensure that such concerns are properly handled.			
VII	New Business	A. Review of CE Carry-Over Hours (P.L. 36-138 § 10901) C. San Nicolas discussed Section 10901 concerning continuing education requirements under rules and regulations that was passed back in December 2022. C. San Nicolas explained that the provision regarding the carryover of continuing education credits was first intended to be applied during the 2024 renewal period and provides that credit hours earned in excess of a licensee's reporting-period requirement may be carried forward to the following reporting period, subject to a limit of one-half of the required credit hours, with no more than one carryover hour in professional ethics being applied toward the two-hour professional ethics requirement. Any hours exceeding one-half of the minimum reporting-period requirement may not be carried forward. C. San Nicolas noted that the 2026 renewal period would be the first time the Board would be required to implement and track these carryover credits, and that the renewal application includes a section designated for Board use to document such credits. However, C. San Nicolas expressed concern that implementing the carryover provision would be impractical because it would require extensive recordkeeping and individual review and logging of renewal applications, creating a significant administrative burden for Board members. C. San Nicolas therefore proposed considering a motion to remove the carryover provision from the rules and regulations and questioned the process and difficulty involved in doing so. C. San Nicolas also suggested that licensees be notified that the Board would not implement the carryover of continuing education credits, thereby providing clarification regarding the administration of the continuing education requirements. Dr. Harper noted her interpretation is that the provision simply informs licensees that they may carry forward eligible excess credits and does not expressly impose a tracking or recordkeeping requirement on the Board. C. San Nicolas explained a lot of the writings that are in the law, do not really spell out how the workflow is going to be. So, when board members review license renewals, we do not even let the licensee know how much of their credits were approved. She reiterated there is no workflow in that and overall, this is just a difficult thing to comply with and she would really prefer to remove it. N. Cepeda concurred with the concerns raised by C. San Nicolas and Dr. Harper. She noted that the Board had previously discussed the issue of determining who would be responsible	GBAHE	1212	Noted

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	for administering and tracking the carryover credits and emphasized that the Board is already managing so many applications and related responsibilities. N. Cepeda expressed agreement that the provision should be removed and requested guidance regarding the appropriate process for removing a requirement that is currently included in the law. Dr. Harper clarified that each professional discipline has a specified continuing education hour requirement and emphasized that licensees are responsible for submitting the required number of hours. It was noted that if a licensee submits 1,000 in excess of the required amount, the Board should not be responsible for holding, monitoring, or accounting for the additional hours, as the licensee is expected to follow the instructions provided on the renewal application and submit only the required number of credits. Dr. Harper further stated that the carryover provision could be removed if the Board determines that it is appropriate, but even if the provision remains, it does not require the Board to be accountable. Dr. Harper also discussed the distinction between statutory requirements and provisions established through the Board's rules and regulations, noting that if the carryover provision was created through the Board's rules and regulations, the Board has the authority to modify or remove it through the appropriate rulemaking process. The Board discussed the origin and authority of the continuing education carryover provision and clarified that the provision was incorporated into the Board's rules and regulations rather than being an externally imposed statutory requirement. N. Cepeda confirmed that the provision had been developed with guidance from the Board's legal counsel at the time. Based on this clarification, it was acknowledged that the Board has the authority to modify or remove the provision through the appropriate process. B. Sablan clarified that although the Board may modify or remove the provision, any such change would not take effect immediately because it would need to undergo the required "Triple-A" process. B. Sablan explained that the process would include a public hearing to obtain public input, similar to the process previously followed for school psychology regulations, followed by submission to the Legislature. In the interim, B. Sablan indicated that the approach recommended by Dr. Harper could be used for the upcoming renewal period, noting that license renewals were scheduled to begin in September. N. Cepeda explained that, based on her experience with LPC, LMHC, and LMFT licensees, professionals do in fact submit continuing education credits in excess of their required hours. N. Cepeda acknowledged Dr. Harper's interpretation that the rules do not			

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	expressly require the Board to track excess credits but expressed concern that licensees may nevertheless expect the Board to recognize and account for those credits. N. Cepeda stated that she would be more comfortable removing the provision and initiating the appropriate rulemaking process; however, she recognized that the provision could not be removed before the upcoming renewal period. N. Cepeda further noted that, for the upcoming renewal, the continuing education information submitted by licensees would still need to be reviewed for each discipline in accordance with the existing requirements. Dr. Duenas discussed placing the burden of proof on licensees regarding continuing education credits that they seek to carry forward from a prior renewal period. It was suggested that, when reviewing credits based on their dates, licensees could be required to provide documentation demonstrating that the credits had not previously been submitted or used during an earlier renewal period. The Board clarified that the carryover provision applies to continuing education credits generally and is not limited to professional ethics credits, subject to the specific limitations established in the rules. Dr. Duenas further suggested that renewal correspondence clearly state that the burden of demonstrating that any carryover hours were not previously used rests with the licensee. Dr. Harper stated that once a licensee submits a continuing education course as part of a renewal application, the licensee has committed that course to that reporting period and cannot subsequently designate the same credit for a different period. An exception was discussed for courses completed after the prior renewal submission but before the end of the reporting period, provided the licensee can demonstrate that those courses were not previously submitted. Dr. Duenas emphasized that the burden would remain on the licensee to provide documentation establishing that the credits had not already been used. Dr. Harper thought that a matter of professional ethics. The Board recognized that implementing this approach during the upcoming renewal period could require licensees to provide information from their previous renewal period so that any excess credits could be properly evaluated. C. San Nicolas took record of carry over in the dietician nutritionist profession and indicated the amounts were not really huge. C. San Nicolas noted that most licensees submitted credits close to the required 30 hours, with only a small number submitting two or three additional hours, and that carryover amounts generally did not exceed approximately five or six hours.			

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	N. Cepeda stated that some licensees submit more than 100 hours during a renewal period and emphasized that the Board should not discourage licensees from pursuing additional professional education. However, N. Cepeda reiterated that the Board should not be responsible for determining how excessive continuing education hours are allocated or maintained beyond the established requirements. Dr. Balajadia acknowledged that the continuing education carryover provision could not be removed before the upcoming renewal period because the required public hearing and rulemaking process would take several months. In the interim, it was proposed that the renewal correspondence to licensees include a paragraph addressing excess continuing education credits and advising licensees that they should retain documentation to substantiate any credits claimed as carryover. Dr. Harper recommended keeping the renewal instructions to one sentence by identifying only the required number of continuing education hours and advising licensees not to submit additional hours beyond the requirement, noting that similar instructions are used in the US. Dr. Balajadia identified two actions for consideration: including information regarding carryover credits in the renewal letter and conducting a public hearing to obtain input from licensees regarding the carryover provision, regardless of the level of public participation. Dr. Miller additionally recommended developing a policy to address renewals submitted later in the renewal period, particularly applications submitted in December or January, when questions may arise regarding whether continuing education credits should be applied to the current or prior reporting period. It was noted that licensees may submit renewal applications as late as January 30 because their licenses expire on January 31, despite the Board's preference for applications to be submitted earlier in the renewal cycle. Dr. Miller emphasized that a clear policy would be necessary to address these situations and reduce confusion regarding the application of carryover credits. The Board reiterated that, under a straightforward approach, a licensee whose discipline requires 30 continuing education hours would be expected to submit 30 qualifying hours completed within the applicable reporting period. N. Cepeda provided context that the carryover provision had originally been proposed based on guidance from the Board's legal counsel at the time, who had recommended establishing a system allowing licensees to carry forward excess continuing education credits. Dr. Miller remembered the same. Dr. Harper recommended that the Board's renewal correspondence provide a concise			

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	instruction directing licensees to submit the required number of continuing education hours within the applicable reporting period, without addressing excess hours or carryover in the primary instruction. Dr. Aguon questioned whether renewal applications could be handled under a deadline similar to that used for initial licensees, requiring submissions a specified number of days before a Board meeting so that applications could be reviewed and placed on the meeting agenda. The Board discussed the importance of licensees submitting renewal materials sufficiently in advance to allow adequate review and consideration, noting that applications submitted after the established deadline would need to be deferred to the subsequent Board meeting. N. Cepeda emphasized that timely submission of renewal applications should be clearly reinforced in renewal correspondence because the Board is unable to alter the meeting agenda after it has been established. N. Cepeda noted that licensees should understand that failure to submit their materials within the required timeframe could result in the expiration of their licenses and that renewal applications should be submitted well before the applicable deadline. Dr. Balajadia stated that the renewal correspondence has already advised licensees for many years to submit their applications early and questioned whether the instructions could be made more prominent, such as through bolded language or headings. Dr. Harper reiterated that licensees are responsible for following the Board's instructions and meeting established deadlines. The Board further discussed the consequences of practicing after a license has expired, noting that individuals who continue to practice without a valid license would be subject to appropriate follow-up and potential disciplinary action. C. San Nicolas summarized the discussion as a proposal to establish a specific deadline for submission of renewal applications that would occur before the expiration of the current licenses. C. San Nicolas explained that the purpose of such a deadline would be to provide Board members with sufficient time to review renewal applications, evaluate the submitted continuing education credits, and approve the renewals before the new licensing period begins. C. San Nicolas clarified that although current licenses are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2026, that date should not be interpreted as the deadline for submitting renewal materials. Instead, a separate submission deadline would need to be established and communicated to licensees, with the understanding that applications submitted after the established deadline could not be guaranteed processing and issuance of a renewed			

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	license before the new licensing period. C. San Nicolas suggested that the Board formally establish and vote on an appropriate renewal submission deadline to allow adequate time for review and processing. Dr. Balajadia clarified that the practice of establishing an earlier submission deadline for renewal applications was already in place. N. Cepeda explained that, due to the Christmas holiday and the need to allow sufficient time for Board members to review and approve renewal applications before licenses expire, December 15 would serve as the deadline for submission of renewal packages for the 2026 renewal period. The Board discussed emphasizing the December 15 deadline in the renewal correspondence and using prominent formatting, such as larger or different-colored text, to ensure that licensees clearly recognize the deadline. C. San Nicolas sought clarification regarding the December 15 submission date and the timing of subsequent Board meetings needed to review the applications. It was clarified that renewal applications may be submitted beginning September 1, when the renewal notices are issued, and that December 15 represents the final deadline for submission to allow sufficient time for review before the December 31 license expiration date. The Board noted that it traditionally holds two meetings in December, providing opportunities to review and approve renewal applications submitted by the established deadline. The Board agreed to proceed with the December 15 deadline and include the information in the renewal correspondence. A. Notice of Appeal i. GBAHE-DA-2026-001 Dr. Christopher Otero was identified as appealing the Board’s decision denying or refusing his eligibility to take the psychology examination. Dr. Otero was present at the meeting to address the Board and provide information regarding his appeal. Dr. Christopher Otero explained that he understood the Board’s denial of his application to take the psychology examination if the applicable statute provided only one pathway requiring a doctorate specifically in clinical psychology. However, Dr. Otero asserted that Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 12, Medical Practices, Article 12, Section 121-202(A), provides two educational pathways, including a doctorate in clinical psychology or a doctorate in psychology with a specialization in clinical or counseling psychology from an accredited college or university. Dr. Otero stated that he believed the Board had evaluated his			Tabled, to Next Meeting

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	application under the first pathway and had not considered the second pathway applicable to his qualifications. Dr. Otero explained that he holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Northern Colorado, which he described as an APA-accredited health service psychology program, and argued that the relevant issue under the second pathway is whether his field of specialization is clinical psychology. He referenced the Board's Section 103-05, which he stated defines the determination based on the practitioner's functions, including assessing and alleviating disorders, and the settings in which those services are provided. Dr. Otero asserted that, under this functional standard, his field of specialization qualifies as clinical psychology based on more than 2,800 hours of supervised and documented clinical training across multiple clinical settings, including a university counseling center, community mental health clinic, outpatient mental health setting, correctional setting, and crisis-related setting. He stated that these experiences were supervised by licensed clinical psychologists and evaluated according to competency standards applicable to clinical psychology interns. Dr. Otero further described his postdoctoral fellowship at a local outpatient community health and mental health center and his APA-accredited internship with the Guam Psychology Internship Consortium, hosted by the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center. He stated that his internship and clinical training were recognized through a certificate of recognition from Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero and Lieutenant Governor Joshua F. Tenorio, which acknowledged his comprehensive clinical work with adults, children, and adolescents, as well as individuals experiencing substance use concerns. He noted that his training included individual and group therapy, psychological assessments, and testing, and argued that the recognition of his clinical training supported his position that his education and experience should be considered under the second statutory pathway. Dr. Otero also referenced Dr. Neal Bowen, whom he identified as a colleague on the Guam Psychology Internship Consortium faculty, and stated that the Board had previously recognized Dr. Bowen as a clinical psychologist based on the substance of his training. Dr. Otero noted that the second statutory pathway was considered when Dr. Bowen's application was initially reviewed in September 2024 and requested that the Board apply the same consideration to his application.			

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	Dr. Otero additionally raised the public interest associated with his request, referencing Public Law 13-131 and stating that the legislation documented a significant shortage of mental health providers in Guam while preserving the ability to seek dual licensure under Article 12. He argued that the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) already serves as a safeguard for the public and requested the opportunity to take the examination so that his competency could be evaluated through the established examination process. He stated that, if his training were insufficient, the examination would demonstrate that deficiency, while successful completion could contribute an additional doctoral-level mental health professional to Guam after completion of the required postdoctoral hours and subsequent licensure requirements. Dr. Otero concluded by requesting that the Board consider the full text of Article 121-202(A) and its two educational pathways, determine that his field of specialization in clinical psychology satisfies the educational or eligibility requirements under the second pathway, and authorize him to sit for the EPPP. He thanked the Board for its consideration and indicated that he was available to answer questions. N. Cepeda thanked Dr. Otero for his presentation and explained that she had been involved in the prior review of his licensure qualifications and had been designated to prepare and sign correspondence concerning the applicant's eligibility. N. Cepeda stated that the prior determination was based on the Board's interpretation of the applicable qualification requirements and the distinction between the two pathways for psychology licensure. She explained that the Board had considered the requirement for a doctoral degree in psychology with a specialization in clinical or counseling psychology from an accredited institution and acknowledged the quality of Dr. Otero's training through an APA-accredited consortium. N. Cepeda further explained that the prior determination was made through the established Board process and was based on the information and interpretation available at the time. She referenced the provision defining clinical psychology as training in clinical psychology from an accredited college or university and noted that the licensure qualification language is specific regarding the educational requirements. N. Cepeda stated that the requirements had evolved from previously			

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	focusing solely on clinical psychology and that changes had been developed through discussions with the Board's legal counsel at the time. She indicated that this interpretation formed the basis for the correspondence she had signed regarding Dr. Otero's qualifications and expressed her concerns for the Board's consideration. N. Cepeda then invited the other Board members to provide their perspectives and ask questions regarding the matter. Dr. Harper, noting she is not a psychologist, asked for clarification regarding the basis for the Board's prior determination that Dr. Otero was not eligible to take the psychology examination under the applicable statute and rules and regulations, and wanted to better understand the reasoning behind the decision. N. Cepeda and V. Pereda explained that the prior determination was based on the understanding that a doctoral degree in psychology was required for psychologist licensure and that the individual making the prior motion was not aware of the existence of two separate educational pathways. It was acknowledged that this interpretation may require further review. The discussion also referenced the Board's definitions and clinical requirements for psychologists, including the relevant areas of clinical competency and the ability to demonstrate the required educational background through academic transcripts. Dr. Balajadia expressed the need to review Dr. Otero's degree and academic documentation in relation to the applicable licensure requirements, emphasizing that the title and specialization of the doctoral degree must be considered in addition to the applicant's clinical training and experience. Concern was raised that accepting a general psychology doctorate without applying the Board's specialty requirements could undermine the distinctions established in the rules and regulations and potentially allow individuals with psychology doctorates from unrelated specialties to qualify. The Board also referenced a prior applicant's case but emphasized that each applicant should be evaluated independently based on the individual's own qualifications and merits. Dr. Balajadia further expressed concern regarding Dr. Otero's references to the Governor, other government officials, and prior applicants in support of his appeal, stating that such references were inappropriate and should not be perceived as an attempt to influence the Board's decision. The Board emphasized that Dr. Otero's eligibility should be determined solely on the basis of his education, training,			

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	documentation, and the applicable Guam laws and regulations. During the discussion, the Board noted that Dr. Otero had identified his degree as a Ph.D. in psychology and stated that the applicable statutory language requires a doctorate in psychology with a field of specialization in clinical or counseling psychology. The Board maintained that, despite acknowledging Dr. Otero's substantial clinical training and recognizing that his experience may be extensive and valuable, the documentation presented identifies his doctoral degree as being in school psychology and, in the Board's view, does not satisfy the applicable statutory requirement. Dr. Otero explained that he referenced the recognition from Guam government officials because he believed it demonstrated that his clinical training had been formally recognized; however, the Board clarified that it was not questioning the quality or extent of his clinical training but was instead focused on whether his doctoral degree and specialization met the legal requirements for eligibility to take the psychology examination. V. Pereda questioned whether Dr. Otero's Ph.D. program included the core coursework and subject areas necessary to satisfy the educational requirements associated with clinical psychology. Dr. Otero referred the Board to his official transcript and stated that his doctoral program included at least four relevant courses that he believed addressed the required areas. The discussion further considered the distinction between individuals who hold doctoral degrees in psychology but practice in counseling or mental health fields and those who seek recognition as clinical psychologists. It was noted that an individual with an appropriate doctoral degree in clinical psychology who can demonstrate fulfillment of all applicable clinical psychology requirements may pursue clinical psychology licensure, even if the individual has been practicing in another mental health discipline. V. Pereda indicated that the central issue in Dr. Otero's case was whether he could demonstrate that he met all requirements applicable to clinical psychology before proceeding to the examination. Dr. Otero clarified that he was not requesting immediate licensure but was seeking authorization to sit for the examination as part of the licensure process. He explained that his current status includes postdoctoral clinical training following completion of an APA-accredited internship and described his postdoctoral fellowship as advanced training in clinical psychology			

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	consistent with established APA training designations. Dr. Otero also referenced his status as a licensed psychology associate and his participation in postdoctoral training and stated that these credentials and experiences formed part of his pathway toward eventual psychology licensure. V. Pereda subsequently questioned the distinction between Dr. Otero's status as a licensed psychology associate and his postdoctoral training status, indicating that further clarification was needed regarding the respective roles, qualifications, and scope of practice associated with those statuses. Dr. Balajadia reviewed the history of Dr. Otero's licensed psychology associate status and his work at the Community Health Center, formerly known as the Community Mental Health Center under the Department of Public Health. It was explained that the associate license was issued because individuals providing services at the facility were required to hold an appropriate license to practice, and the license was intended to provide protection for both Dr. Otero and the Department of Public Health. Dr. Balajadia noted that additional review may be necessary to determine when Dr. Otero began working at the facility and whether he provided services to patients before obtaining the associate license, as practicing without the required license would raise a separate concern. It was further clarified that the associate license was issued pursuant to the applicable law, which permits an associate license for individuals whose educational background is in school, clinical, or counseling psychology, and that the associate license was issued following an instruction to apply rather than through an application initiated by Dr. Otero or Behavioral Health. Dr. Balajadia emphasized that an associate license does not authorize independent practice and that independent practice ultimately requires licensure as a clinical psychologist under the applicable requirements. Dr. Otero agreed with this distinction and explained that his request to take the psychology examination was intended to advance toward the independent clinical psychology licensure he is seeking. Dr. Balajadia then invited additional questions from the panel. N. Cepeda requested clarification regarding the distinction between Dr. Otero's prior work at the Community Health Center under Public Health, his Behavioral Health internship, and the circumstances under which his associate license was			

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	issued. Dr. Balajadia clarified that the Community Health Center is a Public Health facility and is distinct from the Behavioral Health internship program. N. Cepeda sought confirmation as to whether Dr. Otero's provision of services at that facility required an associate license, given that the work involved direct patient contact. Dr. Balajadia explained that, under the applicable law, individuals who provide services to patients must possess an appropriate credential or authorization to practice, which was the basis for issuing Dr. Otero an associate license. It was further clarified that an associate license permits practice under the applicable conditions and supervision but does not authorize independent clinical psychology practice. Independent practice requires the appropriate clinical psychology credential, including successful completion of the required examination and issuance of a clinical psychology license. The discussion then turned to the requirements for supervised practice. The Board acknowledged that Dr. Otero could provide services under supervision but raised concerns regarding the statutory requirement that an intern or otherwise unlicensed individual receiving supervision be physically located at the same premises as the supervising psychologist. Dr. Balajadia questioned how this requirement applied to Dr. Otero's circumstances because Dr. Nagle, identified as his supervisor, was not located at the same premises where Dr. Otero was providing services. Dr. Balajadia indicated that further clarification was necessary regarding how the supervision arrangement complied with the applicable statutory requirements. Dr. Miller recalled a similar case from approximately the mid-1990s involving an applicant who held a Ph.D. in psychology in a specialty other than clinical psychology and whose application for clinical psychology licensure was denied because the applicant did not hold a degree specifically in clinical psychology. Dr. Miller stated that the Board's historical interpretation at that time was that an applicant seeking clinical psychology licensure was required to have graduated with a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, and indicated that the records of the prior case could potentially be located through archival research for further reference. Dr. Otero reiterated his request that the Board review his appeal in light of the revisions to the applicable law and the arguments presented regarding the available licensure pathways. He stated that he was seeking authorization to take the			

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	psychology examination based on his interpretation that the law permits him to proceed toward licensure. The Board subsequently discussed the appropriate action on Dr. Otero's appeal. N. Cepeda moved to table the matter and defer further consideration until the next Board meeting, explaining that additional time was needed to review the applicable provisions, examine the historical records concerning similar cases, and ensure that Dr. Otero's due process rights were appropriately considered. The Board agreed that additional review and research were necessary before reaching a final determination and voted unanimously to postpone consideration of the appeal until the next Board meeting. <i>Motion to Table to Next Meeting: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Duenas.</i>			
	B. Certification of School Psychologist Dr. Balajadia discussed the Department of Education's certification requirements for school psychologists and noted that Guam law already provides for the licensure of school psychologists. Dr. Balajadia announced that a public hearing regarding the proposed certification requirements was scheduled for the following Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The hearing was to be held in person in the conference room, with an option for participation through Zoom, and the notice had been posted on the Board's website. N. Cepeda asked for clarification regarding the public hearing process and whether interested individuals, including herself, could attend and provide support or comments concerning the proposed requirements. B. Sablan confirmed that the hearing was open for public participation and advised that a draft of the certification requirements and a proposed fee schedule were available, with the proposed fees following the same fee structure established for clinical psychologists. It was further acknowledged that school psychology is a specialty within the field of psychology.			Noted
	B. New Applications for Licensure			
	i. Physical Therapy			
	a) Chapman, Lachelle (J. Duenas) <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	b) Natividad, Carl Mico (J. Duenas) <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	c) Munoz, Shaine (R. Taitingfong) <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	ii. Licensed Psychology Associate			
	a) Macalinao, Jean (M. Balajadia)			Unanimous

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		<i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Approved
		iii. Veterinary Medicine			
		a) Wessels, Allison (V. Harper)			Unanimous
		<i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Approved
		iv. Licensed Professional Counselor Intern			
		a) Carino, Aleah (V. Pereda)			Unanimous
		<i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Approved
		C. E. Approval of Clinical Supervisors			
		i. Licensed Professional Counselor			
		a) Pablo, Sonia (LPC-108) Supervisor			
		Proposed Supervisee(s):			
		• Carino, Aleah			Unanimous
		<i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Pereda.</i>			Approved
VIII	Next Board Meeting	Next Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for: Friday, August 14, 2026 at 12:00 PM.	GBAHE	1307	Set Date
IX	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2nd: Dr. Miller.</i>	GBAHE	1309	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 08/14/2026

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

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Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:



Date: 09/04/2026

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners
Regular Board Meeting
Friday, August 14, 2026 at 12:00 PM
194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Terlaje Professional Building Suite 209
Hagatna, Guam 96910

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I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia		Chair	1159	Call to Order
	Proof of Publication	08/07/2026 and 08/12/2026 Guam PDN and the Government of Guam Public Portal		Chair		Confirmed
	Roll Call	GBAHE Members <u>Present:</u> ☑Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair ☑Nadine Cepeda, LPC, LMHC, LMFT, Vice-Chair ☑Dr. Velma R. Harper, Veterinarian, Secretary ☑Rosalind S. Taitingfong, Occupational Therapist, Treasurer ☑Dr. Julienne Duenas, Physical Therapist ☑May Camacho, Speech Language Pathologist <u>Virtually Present:</u> ☑Dr. Richard Chong, ACOM ☑Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietitian ☑Vincent Pereda, Licensed Mental Health Counselor ☑Gregory J. Cruz, Respiratory Therapist <u>Not in Attendance:</u> ☐Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic	Other Attendees <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Beanna Sablan, DPHSS/HPLO Kaysie Aguilar, DPHSS/HPLO Johnavin Villa, DPHSS/HPLO Sibyl Crisostomo, Public <u>Virtually Present:</u> Christopher Otero, Public Millie Nice, Public	Chair		Quorum Established
II	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to Adopt the Agenda: N. Cepeda; 2 nd : M. Camacho.		GBAHE	1200	Unanimous Adopted Agenda
III	Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes Dated: July 17, 2026 The Board noted that the minutes from the July 17 meeting have been delayed and have not yet been received from the vendor. Postponed to the Next Meeting: Dr. Balajadia.		GBAHE	1201	Postponed to Next Meeting

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IV	Treasurer's Report	R. Taitingfong reviewed the July and August Treasurer's Reports and noted that there were no significant changes in the appropriation, allotments, or expenditures, with the primary difference being the available balance. The available balance decreased from \$15,586.82 in July to \$11,878.82 as of August 12. R. Taitingfong also reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 revenue figures, noting that the balance increased from \$6,435 in July to \$10,200 in the July financial report. The source of the \$10,200 revenue was initially unclear; however, B. Sablan subsequently confirmed that the amount represented year-to-date collections and that the reported revenue figures had been verified. The Treasurer's Report was then concluded, and the Board was invited by Dr. Balajadia to raise any questions or concerns regarding the report. N. Cepeda inquired about the available balance of \$11,878.82 and asked what the funds could be used for. B. Sablan clarified that the available balance may be utilized for expenditures within the object classes established for the current fiscal year, including travel, contractual services, office lease, supplies, equipment, and miscellaneous payments. She further explained that miscellaneous payments may include Board stipends, membership dues, and other obligations, including prior-year obligations that remain the responsibility of the Board. As an example, a publication that should have been provided by the vendor in Fiscal Year 2025 but was not received would constitute a prior-year obligation that would still require funding. B. Sablan also noted that the Board had available travel funds that could potentially support travel for one or two Board members before the end of Fiscal Year 2026. Since the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2026, any unspent funds could potentially be carried over if approved by the Legislature; otherwise, the remaining funds would be lost at the end of the fiscal year. It was clarified that the current allocation is not necessarily fixed because a budget modification could be requested, although the Board must consider the limited timeframe remaining in the fiscal year. The Administrator further advised that the procurement period for small purchases ended on July 31, 2026, and that efforts were therefore focused on completing any pending requisitions or purchase orders for supplies and other operational needs. B. Sablan also explained that Allied Health was not being charged rent during July and August because the available funding was insufficient to adequately support the operational costs of the HPLO. For Fiscal Year 2027, B. Sablan expressed the intention to charge rent for each applicable period to provide additional financial support, noting that the annual rent obligation is approximately \$81,200. The Board was advised that the remaining travel funds could be utilized for eligible travel through September 30, 2026, subject to the applicable requirements, including an internal deadline of 35 days to put in a travel authorization.	R. Taitingfong	1201	Noted

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	N. Cepeda expressed concern regarding unpaid provider-related obligations and emphasized the importance of ensuring that such obligations are addressed without jeopardizing any of the Board's national memberships. N. Cepeda stated that, if funding is required for these purposes, the matter should be treated as a priority and indicated an intention to advocate strongly for payment of the obligations. B. Sablan acknowledged the concern regarding the payment of membership dues and emphasized that such payments are treated as a priority, with advance budgeting and planning conducted to ensure that membership dues are paid on time. B. Sablan reported that DOA has improved the timeliness of vendor payments and noted that reminders regarding outstanding payments are helpful in ensuring follow-up, with payment confirmations generally received shortly thereafter. It was further reported that all membership dues for the current fiscal year had been paid. B. Sablan explained, however, that occasional outstanding invoices may arise due to vendors not submitting invoices promptly, including isolated obligations such as advertisements, despite ongoing efforts to track and process payments. Such expenses may be accommodated under miscellaneous expenditures and, when appropriate, funding may be transferred between object classes to address other financial needs. N. Cepeda expressed appreciation for the improved payment processing and commended B. Sablan and administration for diligently following up on purchase orders and payments, particularly those associated with the Board's national memberships. B. Sablan further explained that Public Health, along with other boards with shared operational costs, contributes toward certain shared expenses; however, the existing contributions and rate increases have not been sufficient to fully sustain the associated costs. B. Sablan stated that the intent is to obtain at least a small percentage of shared costs from the participating boards, even if contributions cannot be obtained from every board.			
V	Administrator's Report B. Sablan reported that continued coordination with the Governor's Office is underway regarding the appointment of an audiologist to ensure that the Board is fully constituted. Although it remains uncertain whether the Governor's Office has identified an individual for the position, a candidate's name was provided for consideration, and B. Sablan stated that weekly follow-ups are being conducted in anticipation of receiving an update. She also expressed appreciation to all individuals who attended the public hearing held at the HPLO on July 24, noting that the hearing was successful and provided an opportunity to receive oral testimony and discuss the school psychology certification requirements and proposed fee schedule. It was reported that no opposition was expressed during the hearing regarding the	GBAHE	1210	Noted

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		recommended certification requirements or proposed fee schedule, which was developed to mirror the fees currently charged for clinical psychologists. Dr. Balajadia requested B. Sablan to tell the Board and the audience the steps required to proceed from the public hearing to implementation of the proposed certification requirements. B. Sablan explained that, following the public hearing, the transcription minutes had been received and were needed to complete the official record. B. Sablan requested that the Board review and approve the minutes during the meeting so that the complete package, including an executive summary prepared on behalf of the Board, could be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature. Thereafter, the matter would be under the purview of the appropriate legislative committee, which could determine whether to conduct an additional public hearing, introduce legislation, or place the matter on the legislative session agenda for discussion and potential vote. B. Sablan also expressed appreciation to the six school psychologists whose applications had been submitted and were prepared for consideration at the September meeting. The Board confirmed receipt of the materials by email and acknowledged that formal Board approval and a vote were required, with the matter placed under New Business for consideration.			
VI	GBAHE Complaints	A. GBAHE-CO-22-03 MFT Received 02/21/22 Awaiting guidance from the Attorney General.	Dr. Balajadia	1213	Ongoing, Awaiting Guidance from AG
		B. GBAHE-CO-24-03 SLP Received 08/06/24 Awaiting guidance from the Attorney General.	N. Cepeda		Ongoing, Awaiting Guidance from AG
		C. GBAHE-CO-25-09 LPC Received 04/29/25 A letter of concern has been prepared and will be sent to the licensee for appropriate follow-up and resolution. The matter will be monitored based on the licensee's response and subsequent developments, with the expectation that the matter will be resolved by the following meeting.	Dr. Balajadia		Ongoing, Awaiting Follow-up
VII	Old Business	A. Litigation Matters		1214	
		i. Status Update: Millie Nice vs. GBAHE There were no new developments regarding the matter, as it remains pending guidance from the Attorney General's Office and legal counsel. B. Sablan advised that no further discussion or action is currently required unless legal counsel provides additional information or contacts the Board. Accordingly, the matter may be removed from future agendas until further developments occur, as there is no current action for the	GBAHE		Motioned to Remove from Agenda Until Further Notice

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		Board to take. <i>Motion to Remove from the Agenda Until Further Notice from the Attorney General or the Complainant: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: Dr. Duenas.</i>			
		B. Notice of Appeal			
		i. GBAHE-DA-2026-001 The Board discussed the request for the individual to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. N. Cepeda noted that the matter had already been discussed during the previous meeting, which resulted in the Board's decision to proceed with the request. The Board also had an opportunity to further address the matter through correspondence prepared on behalf of the Board by N. Cepeda. Based on the prior discussion and the Board's consideration of the matter, it was determined that no further discussion was necessary and that the matter was ready for consideration of the pending motion. <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: N. Cepeda.</i>			Unanimous Approved
VII	New Business	A. Visiting Volunteer Veterinarian i. Dr. Yuko-Ono Jones (September 1-16, 2026) Dr. Balajadia informed the Board of a letter regarding a volunteer veterinarian who will participate in and provide services for the SNIP program. Dr. Balajadia reported that the veterinarian's letter and active license from Florida had been provided for the Board's information. Dr. Jones is licensed in Florida and will be in Guam to provide services for GAIN under the supervision of Dr. Mariana Turner, the territorial veterinarian. Dr. Harper acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the veterinarian's willingness to assist GAIN and determined that the documentation was satisfactory, with no questions or concerns raised regarding the volunteer veterinarian's participation. The Board discussed whether formal Board action was required regarding the visiting volunteer veterinarian and whether the individual's participation constituted licensure, temporary licensure, or an acknowledgment of services. It was clarified that the veterinarian was not applying for a license and that the documentation provided was intended to inform the Board of the individual's temporary volunteer service. Dr. Balajadia noted that the veterinarian is properly licensed in Florida and would provide services under the supervision of Dr. Mariana Turner, the territorial veterinarian, through the Department of Agriculture's visiting veterinarian program. The Board discussed whether a motion should be made to formally acknowledge the arrangement, particularly because the minutes constitute an official legal record,	GBAHE	1217	Noted

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	but ultimately recognized that the matter did not appear to involve a full licensure action. Several Board members raised concerns regarding the legal authority and applicable exceptions governing visiting veterinarians who practice in Guam without obtaining a Guam license. The discussion included references to prior situations involving visiting veterinarians and other health professionals, including military personnel and providers working for government agencies, and the Board's past requirement that individuals practicing within Guam obtain appropriate licensure regardless of their government affiliation. N. Cepeda emphasized that, as a regulatory body, it must act in accordance with applicable law and expressed concern regarding the absence of clear legal guidance on the specific circumstances presented. It was noted that previous legal counsel had provided guidance on similar matters and that timely access to legal counsel is important when questions regarding licensure requirements arise. Dr. Harper discussed the possibility that the Department of Agriculture may have statutory authority or an existing memorandum of understanding permitting visiting veterinarians to provide services under controlled circumstances and under the supervision of the territorial veterinarian. It was acknowledged that the arrangement appeared functionally appropriate because the veterinarian is U.S.-licensed, would serve for a limited period, and would operate under the appropriate government agency and supervision; however, Dr. Harper sought clarification regarding the specific legal basis for the exemption. Dr. Balajadia referenced 10 GCA § 12.1903 regarding exceptions to licensure and indicated that the provision should be reviewed to determine its applicability. Dr. Balajadia agreed that in the future the Board would look closely into such matters when they arise.			
	B. School Psychologist Certification and Fees			
	i. Approval of Public Hearing minutes dated July 24, 2026 <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Duenas; 2nd: R. Taitingfong.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	C. Approval of Clinical Supervisor			
	i. Licensed Mental Health Counselor/Marriage and Family Therapist			
	a) Cepeda, Nadine (LMHC-006/MFT-008) <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Duenas; 2nd: Dr. Harper.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	Proposed Supervisee(s):			
	Mesa Jr., John			
	D. Initial Applications/Certifications Speech Language Pathology Assistant			

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	School Psychology			
	ii. School Psychology			
	a) Pablo, Sonia (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: C. San Nicolas.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	b) Cruz, Tony (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: C. San Nicolas.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	c) Bordallo, Sandra (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: C. San Nicolas.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	d) Baletto, Jesse (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: C. San Nicolas.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	e) Cepeda, Nadine (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: C. San Nicolas.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	f) Santos, Edward (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Balajadia; 2nd: C. San Nicolas.</i>			Unanimous Approved
	E. Renewal Applications			
	i. Renewal letter will be sent September 1, 2026. The Board was informed that renewal applications are scheduled to be sent to licensees on September 1, as required by law. Dr. Balajadia noted that the renewal application will include information regarding the issue of prorating. This will carry over and be discussed as a separate agenda item for the next meeting.			Will be Discussed Next Board Meeting
VIII	Next Board Meeting Next Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for: Friday, September 4, 2026 at 12:00 PM.	GBAHE	1239	Set Date
IX	Adjournment <i>Motion to Adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2nd: R. Taitingfong.</i>	GBAHE	1240	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 08/26/2026

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

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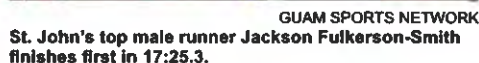
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For seniors like Decano and Fulkerson-Smith, the season is a final chance to chase their goals.

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- Amelia Desiderio (GH) 24:39.4

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LEEVIN TAITANO CAMACHO
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Big Hit

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of blood, sweat and tears."

With a combative career that started in November 2005 in Saipan's Trench Warz I, Fitial is settling in the bare-knuckle game after 37 pro MMA fights.

"BK is home for now; it's all about opportunity. It's hard to find fights in my category with MMA. Most especially around the area. Big Dawg have been very supportive in finding me fights, helping me stay active in the sport I love."

Difference of MMA and bare knuckle

More than 90% of his fights have been in MMA, but he's already well aware of the differences between the two fight games.

"The punches and tactics are most definitely different. Without gloves, blocking a punch directly can shatter your own bones or let the opponent's knuckles slide right through your guard. Relying heavily on head movement, slipping, and rolling with punches is fundamental. Bottom line, in MMA, you can be saved. BK, it's for the kill or be killed."

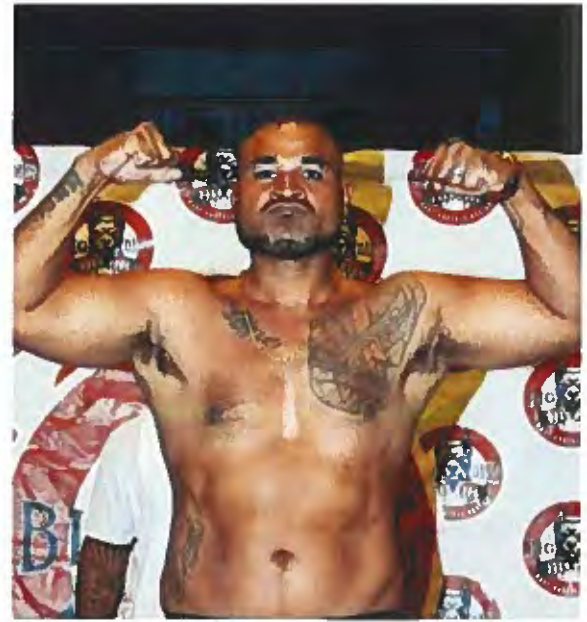


Kelvin Fitial with promoters and Guam supporters, including fellow fighter Alex Castro.

Earlier this year, Fitial had a shot at becoming the first heavyweight champion in the promotion. A heavy heart, however, affected his performance then. Now he's back on the right path to gain another title opportunity.

"I'm a proud son of NMI,

with CHamoru, Carolinian and Pohnpeian roots. Earlier this year, I had an opportunity in becoming BDBKB's first heavyweight champion but was unable to focus knowing my loved ones back home were going through a super typhoon (Sinlaku)," Fitial said. "I



Kelvin Fitial during the weigh-ins.

lost that fight due to referee stoppage, having been injured in the eye. Having the support of the Marianas out here was incredible. After the fight, I felt extremely happy and deeply humbled. This win allows me to be the #1 contender for the belt. I'm going for the belt! Another opportunity is forthcoming."

You can catch Fitial in action next on Guam in the upcoming Submit VIII on Sept. 11.

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