**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NATUROPATHY**

**THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NATUROPATHY**

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

**1:00 p.m.**

**General Session will be held via Webex at: https://statema.webex.com/statema/j.php?MTID=m4aa44938f753440b650b0a64d1ea9cdd**

**Call-In Telephone number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free) Meeting Number/Access Code: 171 922 2822**

**Meeting Password: u3DdHTtRQ63**

**All Votes Must Be Via Roll Call AGENDA**

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| **Time** | **Item #** | **Item** | **Documents** | **Staff Contact** |
| 1:00  p.m. | **I** | **Call to Order Determination of Quorum**  **Notice of Electronic Recording** |  | Board Chair |
|  | **II** | **Conflict of Interest / Approval of Agenda** | Draft Agenda | Board |
|  | **III** | **New Staff Introduction:**   1. **Steven R. Joubert, LMHC, LNHA, Executive Director, Seven Licensures** 2. **Eleanor Montgomery, Office Support Specialist** |  | AED |
|  | **IV** | **Approval of Minutes: February 25, 2020** | Draft Minutes | Board |
|  | **V** | **Administrative Review** |  | Board Counsel |

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|  | **VI** | **Flex Session**   1. Announcements    1. New email address 2. Topics for next agenda |  | ED/AED |
| . | **VII** | **Adjournment:** Next Board Meeting Scheduled for September 22, 2020 |  | Board Chair |

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF NATUROPATHY BOARD MEETING**

# Tuesday, August 25, 2020 VIA WebEx

239 Causeway Street

Room 417

Boston, MA 02114

(Open Session)

# MINUTES

Board Members Present: Paul Herscu, ND, MPH, Naturopathic Doctor 1, Chair

Anne Frances Hardy, ND, L.Ac, Naturopathic Doctor 2, Vice-Chair Mattia Migliore, PhD, RPH, Clinical Pharmacologist, Secretary Maria Maccario, Public Member

Board Members Not Present: None

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards BHPL

Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards BHPL Samuel Leadholm, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH Eleanor Montgomery, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL James Neal, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Board Investigator Multi-Boards, BHPL

Determination of Quorum

Members present via WebEx via roll call. Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Paul Herscu: yes; Maria Maccario: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Absent: None.

1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Dr. Paul Herscu, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Herscu determined with a roll call that a quorum of the Board was present in the room and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Dr. Herscu also informed everyone present that the meeting was being recorded.

1. Review of the Agenda & Conflict of Interest

Dr. Herscu asked the Board if there were any conflicts of interest in the agenda, and there were none.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Dr. Herscu made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Dr. Anne Frances Hardy. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Paul Herscu: yes; Maria Maccario: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Absent: None; Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

DOCUMENT: August 25, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda

1. New Staff Introductions:

Ms. Karen Geoghegan introduced two new staff members: Executive Director, Steven Joubert and Office Support Specialist, Eleanor Montgomery.

1. Approval of Minutes: February 25, 2020:

Dr. Herscu asked that the Board members review the minutes from the previous meeting for any edits.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Dr. Herscu motioned to accept the February 25, 2020 minutes as presented, Ms. Maria Maccario seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Paul Herscu: yes; Maria Maccario: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Absent: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

DOCUMENT: February 25, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

1. Administrative Review:

Board Counsel, Samuel Leadholm let the Board know that 273 CMR 2.00-8.00 was still under Administrative Review. He shared that DPH had not recommended any changes before moving it forward to the EOHHS.

DISCUSSION: None. ACTION: None.

1. Flex Session:

A. Announcements

Dr. Herscu asked if there was a way for the Commonwealth to expedite the Administrative Review process for 273 CMR 2.00-8.00, given the situation COVID-19. Dr. Herscu stated that he was sad that disadvantaged folks in the Commonwealth were not able to have the same access to Naturopathic Physicians as wealthy people. Mr.

Leadholm reminded the Board that, while they may have a perspective, their role is to implement regulations for Naturopathic Physicians and that they have limited authority.

Ms. Geoghegan let board members know that the domain in their state emails has changed to “mass.gov.” No action is needed on the Board Members’ parts and all mail to their old email will be automatically delivered to the new one.

ACTION: None

DOCUMENT: None

1. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, Dr. Hardy moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Herscu seconded. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Paul Herscu: yes; Maria Maccario: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Absent: None; Abstained: Maria Maccario; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:

Name Position Date