**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, December 28, 2021**

**1:00 p.m.**

**General Session will be held via Webex at: https://statema.webex.com/statema/j.php?MTID=m51a4060d5ab0e14fb68b1d33ecbe5fbf**

**Call-In Telephone number 1-866-692-3580 (toll-free) Meeting Number/Access Code: 2433 876 2647**

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| **Time** | **Item #** | **Item** | **Documents** | **Staff Contact** |
| 1:00p.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** | **Approval of Minutes: November 23, 2021** | Draft Minutes | Board |
|  | **IV** | **Public Comments on Licensing Fees under CMR 4.02 (273)** |  | Board Counsel |
|  | **V** | **Flex Session**1. Announcements
2. Topics for next agenda
 |  | Executive Director/ Chair |
|  | **VI** | **Adjournment:** Next Board Meeting Scheduled for January 25, 2022 |  | Board Chair |

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF NATUROPATHY BOARD MEETING**

# Tuesday, December 28, 2021 VIA WebEx

(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

Board Members Not Present: Maria Maccario, Public Member

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

Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL Heather Engman, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH

1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Dr. Paul Herscu, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M. and reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded. A quorum of the Board was determined with members present via WebEx as follows: Paul Herscu: present; Anne Frances Hardy: present; Mattia Migliore: present. Absent: Maria Maccario.

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 as presented which was seconded by Dr. Mattia Migliore. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Absent: Maria Maccario. Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

**Document**: December 28, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Herscu asked that the Board members review the minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting for any edits.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Dr. Herscu motioned to accept the November 23, 2021 minutes, seconded by Dr. Anne Francis Hardy. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Absent: Maria Maccario. Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

**Document:** November 23, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comments on Licensing Fees under CMR 4.02 (273)

Chief Board Counsel, Ms. Heather Engman gave an update on the legal process. She relayed that on November 1, 2021 there was a joint hearing between the Board of Registration in Naturopathy and the Office of Administration and Finance. There was one comment in support of the licensure fee and moving forward with that implementation. The next step in the process is to complete the administrative review of the public comment and file the final fee regulation with the Secretary of State. Ms. Engman expressed that since there was only one comment and that it was in support of the fee, she expected the process to move relatively quickly.

Dr. Herscu asked if any action had been taken since the last meeting. Ms. Engman explained that the process is underway. Dr. Hardy asked if the Board needed to take any action at this time. Ms. Engman replied that they did not. Dr. Herscu asked if there was anything the Board could do to expedite the process. Ms. Engman replied that there was not and that the Board could expect the process to move quickly.

1. Flex Session
	1. Announcements:

Dr. Herscu lamented that the Board was not able to complete other work as it seemed that they were working with the timeline of the parties completing the administrative review. He asked if there was an update on Board recruitment. Executive Director, Mr. Steven Joubert explained that a candidate had been sent to the Governor’s office and that he was waiting for a response.

Dr. Herscu asked if all of the documents were in place for individuals to apply for licensure once the fees have been approved. Mr. Joubert replied that they were all set.

* 1. Topics for Next Agenda None.
1. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, at 1:14 P.M. Dr. Hardy moved to adjourn the meeting, which Dr. Migliore seconded. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Absent: Maria Maccario. Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

The Board of Registration in Naturopathy