

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF NATUROPATHY GENERAL SESSION BOARD
MEETING

Tuesday, February 28, 2023
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108
VIA WebEx
1:00pm

(Open Session)
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Paul Herscu, ND, MPH, Naturopathic Doctor 1, Chair
Mattia Migliore, PhD, RPH, Clinical Pharmacologist, Secretary
Christina Bain, Public Member

Board Members Not Present: Darshan Mehta, MD Physician 1
Anne Frances Hardy, ND, LAC, Naturopathic Doctor 2, Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Catherine Goldrick, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Kayla Mikalauski, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel,
DPH

I. Call to Order

Board Chair, Dr. Paul Herscu, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. A quorum of the Board was determined with members present via WebEx as follows:
Paul Herscu: present; Mattia Migliore: present; Christina Bain: present.
Absent: Anne Frances Hardy, Darshan Mehta

II. Review of the Agenda & Conflict of Interest

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Joubert states that he has a memo to share with the Board verbally, which isn't on the agenda, but he wanted to add it so the Board could approve the agenda accurately.

III. ACTION:

Dr. Paul Herscu made a motion to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Dr. Mattia Migliore. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes.
Absent: Anne Frances Hardy, Darshan Mehta

Document: February 28, 2023, General Session Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 24, 2023, General Session Minutes

DISCUSSION: None.

V. ACTION:

Dr. Paul Herscu made a motion to approve the January 24, 2023, General Session Minutes as presented which was seconded by Dr. Mattia Migliore. The vote carried by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes.
Absent: Anne Frances Hardy, Darshan Mehta

Document: January 24, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

VI. Sub-Regulatory Clarifications Update

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Joubert stated that at this time the Board Counsel needs to thoroughly vet the regulation, as well as the Policy Director to ensure that the language is in line with other statutes and regulations. Mr. Joubert states that it is in its final stages now and it will be posted soon.

Dr. Paul Herscu asks whether the Board will see it before it gets posted. Mr. Joubert states that in a previous Board meeting there was a vote to post it when it was done being reviewed internally and Dr. Herscu recalls and agrees to this.

Chief Board Counsel, Ms. Heather Engman states that she agrees that any documents put out by the Board to have clear guidance for applicants and licensees. She also states that she will have this turned around in the next few days and would like for at least the Board Chair to review before posting.

ACTION:

No action taken at this time.

VII. FLEX SESSION:

Mr. Joubert asked if board staff would be here next month for attendance purposes? All members stated that they would be present.

Ms. Christina Bain expresses wanting to be able to get the word out about the fact that Naturopaths in Massachusetts are now licensed and have a Board like other medical professionals, and was wondering if there was any way they could educate the public on the work that they are doing as Naturopathic Doctors,

Dr. Paul Herscu states that this has been something that has been brought up in the past and would like to finish up the Sub-Regulatory Clarifications but would like to discuss this further next month.

V. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, at 1:23 PM Dr. Mattia Migliore motioned to adjourn the meeting, which Dr. Paul Herscu seconded. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes.
Absent: Anne Frances Hardy, Darshan Mehta

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

The Board of Registration in Naturopathy