

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NATUROPATHY
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Thursday, January 23, 2025
VIA ZOOM
10:00 AM

GENERAL SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
(Open Session)

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

Board Members Not Present: Dr. Anne Frances Hardy, ND, LAC, Naturopathic Doctor 2, Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Tracy Tam, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Kayla Mikalauski, Management Analyst II, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Alexandra Datalo, Project Coordinator, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH
Judith Bromley | Board Counsel, DPH

I. Call to Order
At 10:04 AM Dr. Paul Herscu, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Dr. Herscu reminded board members the meeting was being recorded and asked for a roll call vote to determine quorum. Roll call as follows: Dr. Paul Herscu: present; Dr. Mattia Migliore: present; Ms. Christina Bain: present.
Absent: Dr. Anne Frances Hardy.

II. Approval of Agenda

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Herscu asked board members to review the January 23, 2025, General Session Agenda and make a motion to approve when ready. Board members were asked to disclose any recusals with the agenda. No recusals were noted.

ACTION:

Dr. Paul Herscu made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Dr.

Mattia Migliore. The vote was carried unanimously by roll call as follows: Dr. Paul Herscu: yes; Dr. Mattia Migliore: yes; Ms. Christina Bain: yes.
Absent: Dr. Anne Frances Hardy.

Document: January 23, 2025, General Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Herscu asked board members to review the December 5, 2024, General Session Minutes and make a motion to approve when ready. Board members were asked to disclose any amendments with the minutes. No amendments were noted.

ACTION:

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

Document: December 5, 2024, General Session Minutes

IV. Discussion regarding area hospitals contemplating having Naturopathic Doctoral students conducting their residency in their facility.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Herscu stated this question was brought to the board's attention by a Naturopathic Doctor who is moving to Massachusetts and has been hired by one of Boston's Medical Centers, to be the first Naturopathic Doctor working in a Massachusetts hospital. Dr. Herscu stated the Naturopathic Doctor received a response from the hospital with questions on the Naturopathic Doctors Scope of Practice and how to move forward with the functions of employment?

Ms. Engman clarified that the hiring hospital is asking the Naturopathic Doctor if Naturopathic Doctors can work in a Massachusetts hospital? Dr. Herscu responded yes.

Ms. Engman stated the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is only able to speak to the conduct of Naturopathic Doctors and the board is not able to speak to what is allowed to happen in a hospital setting or a hospital facility. Ms. Engman stated this question should be presented to the hospital's licensure department and any requirements the hospital has, does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy. Ms. Engman stated the board can state that the doctor is licensed and refer the hospital to the regulations and the Scope of Practice documents.

Dr. Herscu clarified the response to be provided to the Naturopathic Doctor and stated the question presented is not within the Board of Registration in Naturopathy jurisdiction and the administration of the hospital should look at the statutes and regulations and make

adjustments accordingly? Ms. Engman responded yes, if the question is from the hospital and the hospital is questioning if they are allowed to have Naturopathic Doctors working there, that is not a question that this board can answer. Ms. Engman stated the question should be directed to the hospital administration.

Dr. Migliore stated she believed the Naturopathic Doctors would need undergo the credentialing process, like other non-physician clinicians that work for hospitals. Dr. Herscu asked for clarification on what the process is called? Dr. Migliore stated it is called the credentialing process, and it involves the hospital verifying an individual's credentials, licenses, job responsibilities with reference to the statutes and for the Naturopathic Doctor the scope of practice. Dr. Migliore stated it is the credentialing office for the hospital that would handle this.

V. Flex Session

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Herscu asked the board who would be present at the March 27, 2025, board meeting? All board members present at the time of this meeting, confirmed their attendance.

Mr. Joubert informed the board that Dr. Mehta submitted his resignation from the Board of Registration in Naturopathy and the board will be looking to replace him with another physician.

Mr. Joubert asked if there are topics to be added to the March 27, 2025, board meeting agenda?

Ms. Heather Engman left the meeting at 10:13 AM

Dr. Herscu stated he has received a few questions to be added to the next board meeting agenda and asked if he could send these questions in an email? Mr. Joubert responded yes, please send the email to Ms. Tracy Tam.

Mr. Joubert bid a fond farewell to the board members and stated that this is the last board meeting he will be attending, as he moving on to another opportunity elsewhere.

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Christina Bain motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dr. Paul Herscu. The vote was carried unanimously by roll call as follows: Dr. Paul Herscu: yes; Dr. Mattia Migliore: yes; Ms. Christina Bain: yes.
Absent: Dr. Anne Frances Hardy.

Let the records show the meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for March 27, 2025, at 10:00 AM via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted by:
The Board of Registration in Naturopathy