

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

Tuesday, January 24, 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 (Joined at 1:09PM)
Anne Frances Hardy, ND, LAC, Naturopathic Doctor 2, Vice-Chair

Board Members Not Present: Darshan Mehta, MD Physician 1

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Catherine Goldrick, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH
Kayla Mikalauski, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Sarah Constantino, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

I. Call to Order

Board Chair, Dr. Paul Herscu, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. A quorum of the Board was determined with members present via WebEx as follows:
Paul Herscu: present; Mattia Migliore: present; Anne Frances Hardy: present.
Absent: Christina Bain, Darshan Mehta

II. Review of the Agenda & Conflict of Interest

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Dr. Mattia Migliore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded by Dr. Anne Frances Hardy. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Anne Frances-Hardy: yes Opposed: None; Recused: None. Absent: Christina Bain, Darshan Mehta

Document: January 24, 2023, General Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of December 27, 2022, General Session Minutes

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION:

Dr. Anne Frances Hardy made a motion to approve the December 27, 2022, 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. Anne Frances-Hardy: yes
Opposed: None; Recused: None.
Absent: Christina Bain, Darshan Mehta

Document: December 27, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Sub-Regulatory Clarifications Update

DISCUSSION: Mr. Joubert stated that at this time the Bureau Director and Policy Director are still reviewing all the materials provided. Mr. Joubert stated that the Bureau Director had some feedback about some of the language in the materials and recommended that they are revised to some degree. Especially, with respect to mentioning Schedule II and Schedule III as this is largely managed by the Drug Control Program, and mentioning them in the memo may inadvertently cause some confusion with the very constituencies that we're attempting to educate about the sub-regulatory language. Mr. Joubert underscored that this was not a major obstacle, except that the Bureau advised that we adopt a memo that is in alignment with other memos utilized within the bureau and suggested that we adopt the format most utilized by the Board of Registration of Pharmacy.

Ms. Strachan stated that her understanding is that they want to make sure the memo is aligned with other boards. The Bureau has a bureau wide memo that the Bureau Director suggested this board to adopt and use the format, also stating we could use Pharmacy as an example.

Dr. Herscu stated he understood but he wanted to comment on how long the process takes, even though there was no significant debate on the matter. Mr. Joubert explained the process and stated there isn't a cause for alarm. Mr. Joubert reiterated that the process accounts for careful and precise language when posting about Board matters. Dr. Herscu stated that he understood, but he was wondering if there was any way that the completed review could be posted as they are released as opposed to being approved all at once? Mr. Joubert stated that this is possible. Once the memo is tightened up, Mr. Joubert stated that he will bring it back to the Board for their review, and that the other materials provided such as the list of colleges and universities in Naturopathy studies could be posted without bringing back to the board.

Christina Bain joined the meeting at 1:09PM

ACTION:

Dr. Paul Herscu made a motion to post the memo as soon as they are reviewed and affirmed

by the Directors which was seconded by Dr. Mattia Migliore. The vote carried by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes. Anne Frances-Hardy: yes Christina Bain: Yes Opposed: None; Recused: None. Absent: Darshan Mehta

V. FLEX SESSION:

Mr. Joubert asked if board staff would be here next month for attendance purposes? All members stated that they would be present, aside from Dr. Anne Frances Hardy

Dr. Paul Herscu asked Mr. Joubert about the official Naturopath Licenses to frame and hang up, as people have been inquiring. Mr. Joubert stated that they can be ordered from E-Gov for \$27.00.

V. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, at 1:27 PM Dr. Paul Herscu motioned to move into Executive Session, which Dr. Anne Frances Hardy seconded. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes. Anne Frances Hardy: yes. Absent: Darshan Mehta

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

Respectfully Submitted,

The Board of Registration in Naturopathy