

**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, January 26, 2021  
1:00 p.m.

**General Session will be held via Webex at:**  
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**AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Staff Contact</b>
1:00 p.m.	<b>I</b>	<b>Call to Order Determination of Quorum Notice of Electronic Recording</b>		Board Chair
	<b>II</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest / Approval of Agenda</b>	Draft Agenda	Board
	<b>III</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes: August 25, 2020</b>	Draft Minutes	Board
	<b>IV</b>	<b>Board Elections</b>		Executive Director
	<b>V</b>	<b>2021 Board Meeting Calendar</b>	Memo	Executive Director
	<b>VI</b>	<b>Flex Session</b> A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda		Executive Director/ Chair
	<b>VII</b>	<b>Adjournment: Next Board Meeting Scheduled for February 23, 2021</b>		Board Chair

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF NATUROPATHY BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**  
**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  
Maria Maccario, Public Member

Board Members Not Present: Mattia Migliore, PhD, RPH, Clinical Pharmacologist, Secretary

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards BHPL  
Samuel Leadholm, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH  
Eleanor Montgomery, 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 1:00 P.M. Executive Director, Mr. Steven Joubert let everyone know that the meeting was being recorded. A quorum of the Board was determined with members present via WebEx as follows: Anne Frances Hardy: present; Paul Herscu: present; Maria Maccario: present. Absent: Mattia Migliore.

II. 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:

Ms. Maria Maccario 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. Absent: Mattia Migliore; Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

**Document:** January 26, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Herscu asked that the Board members review the minutes from the August 25, 2020 meeting for any edits.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

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

**Document:** August 25, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Board Elections

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Hardy asked if there were any vacancies on the Board. Dr. Herscu stated that there was an opening for a Physician and that he had put calls out but had been unsuccessful due to the geographic requirement. Dr. Hardy replied that she knew a few people in the Boston area that she could reach out to. Mr. Joubert asked Board members to forward contact information for potential Board members to him so that he could assist with recruitment efforts.

ACTION:

Dr. Hardy nominated Dr. Herscu to remain as Board Chair, which he accepted.

Motion to re-elect Dr. Herscu as Board Chair for 2021 by Dr. Hardy, seconded by Ms. Maccario and unanimously approved by roll-call vote as follows: Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Paul Herscu: yes; Maria Maccario. Absent: Mattia Migliore; Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

Dr. Herscu nominated Dr. Hardy as co-chair, which she accepted.

Motion to elect Dr. Hardy as Board Co-chair for 2021 by Dr. Herscu, seconded by Ms. Maccario and unanimously approved by roll-call vote as follows: Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Paul Herscu: yes; Maria Maccario. Absent: Mattia Migliore; Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

Ms. Maccario nominated Ms. Mattia Migliore to remain as Board Secretary for 2021 but the Board determined they would defer their vote so that Ms. Migliore could accept the nomination.

Motion to defer the secretary vote until the next meeting by Dr. Hardy, seconded by Dr. Herscu and unanimously approved by roll-call vote as follows: Anne Frances Hardy: yes;

Paul Herscu: yes; Maria Maccario. Absent: Mattia Migliore; Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

V. 2021 Board Meeting Calendar

Board members were asked to review the 2021 Board meeting calendar for any conflicts.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Herscu asked if Board staff knew when in-person meetings would resume. Mr. Joubert replied that he did not have that information but that he would share it once he did.

ACTION:

None

**Document:** 2021 Board Meeting Calendar

VI. Flex Session

A. Announcements:

Board Counsel, Mr. Samuel Leadholm stated that he erroneously told the Board at the last meeting that the 273 CMR 2.00-8.00 had been sent to EHS. He received word that the regulations had actually been sent to EHS in the past week. They will be returned to the Board after they are reviewed. At that point, unless substantive changes need to be made, the Board will convene to determine the date certain that will begin the licensing cycle. Then, it will be forwarded to the Secretary of State's Office for promulgation.

Dr. Herscu asked for an update on the status of the application for licensure, Board website, etc. Mr. Leadholm replied that the Board has already reviewed and edited the application. Mr. Joubert confirmed that the applications are ready to go live.

Dr. Herscu stated that he felt that Naturopathic Doctors in Massachusetts could contribute more effectively to the COVID-19 public health emergency, but that they are unable to due to the regulations not yet being finalized. He stressed the importance of being tested for COVID-19 prior to vaccination and stated that he would like to see this become public policy. He additionally expressed his frustration with the prioritization of vaccinations within the Commonwealth.

Dr. Hardy reiterated Dr. Herscu's point about the resources that naturopathic doctors can contribute to the COVID-19 public health emergency and expressed interest in ensuring that the public was aware of their services. Ms. Maccario expressed her agreement with this, lamenting that many folks are not aware of their options for natural medicine. Additionally, she stated that for people who are interested in it, find it cost-prohibitive.

Mr. Joubert stated that Board members could reach out to their colleagues and the community at large to educate them on their services and reminded them that the process for finalizing the regulations protects the public. He reiterated that the regulations are moving along.

VII. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, at 1:38 P.M. Dr. Herscu moved to adjourn the meeting, which Dr. Hardy seconded. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Paul Herscu: yes; Maria Maccario. Absent: Mattia Migliore; Abstained: None; Opposed: None; Recused: None.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:

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Name

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Position

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Date