**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NATUROPATHY**

 **GENERAL SESSION BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

**250 Washington Street**

**Boston, MA 02108**

**VIA WebEx**

**1:00 PM**

(Open Session)

**MINUTES**

Board MembersPresent:    Paul Herscu, ND, MPH, Naturopathic Doctor 1, Chair

Mattia Migliore, PhD, RPH, Clinical Pharmacologist, Secretary

Christina Bain, Public Member

Board MembersNot 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

Tracy Tam, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Kayla Mikalauskis, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Carol Larkin, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Danielle Macfarland, Office Support Specialist

Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH

Public Member Present: Dara Bennett

1. Call to Order
At 1:13 PM 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: Paul Herscu: present; Mattia Migliore: present; Christina Bain: present.

Absent: Darshan Mehta; Anne Frances Hardy

1. Approval of Agenda

The Board reviewed the March 26, 2024, Regular Session Agenda.

DISCUSSION:
Dr. Herscu asked if anyone had a conflict of interest with the agenda as written. No conflicts of interests were noted.

ACTION:
Dr. Mattia Migliore made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Dr. Paul Herscu. The vote was carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes.

Opposed: none; Abstained: none, Recused: none

Absent: Darshan Mehta; Anne Frances Hardy

**Document**: March 26, 2024, Regular Session Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the February 27, 2024, Regular Session Minutes.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

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

Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none

Absent: Darshan Mehta; Anne Frances Hardy

**Document**: February 27, 2024, Regular Session Minutes

IV. Flex Session

None

Discussion

Dr. Herscu asked for attendance at the next board meeting scheduled for May 28th, 2024, at 1:00 PM. All Board members present stated they would be able to attend. Dr. Herscu asked if there were any other documents pending Commissioner review and Steven answered no.

V. Executive Session

Dr. Paul Herscu, Board Chair, read the Executive Session Statement as follows: “The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. 1. Specifically, the Board will review a good moral character matter and consider approving a licensee’s application in accordance with M.G.L. ch.30A, § 22(a). The Board will not reconvene in open session subsequent to the closed session(s).”.

ACTION:

Motion to move to the Executive Session was made by Dr. Paul Herscu, which was seconded by Dr. Mattia Migliore. The vote was carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes.

Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none

Absent: Darshan Mehta; Anne Frances Hardy

VI. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, Dr. Mattia Migliore motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dr. Paul Herscu. The vote was carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes.

Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none.
Absent: Darshan Mehta: Anne Frances Hardy

*Let the records show the meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.*

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, at 1:00 PM via WebEx.

Respectfully submitted by:

The Board of Registration in Naturopathy