

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

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**  
**250 Washington Street**  
**Boston, MA 02108**  
**VIA WebEx**  
**1:00 PM**

(Open Session)  
**MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Paul Herscu, ND, MPH, Naturopathic Doctor 1, Chair  
Anne Frances Hardy, ND, LAC, Naturopathic Doctor 2, Vice-Chair  
Christina Bain, Public Member

Board Members Not Present: Mattia Migliore, PhD, RPH, Clinical Pharmacologist, Secretary  
Darshan Mehta, MD Physician 1

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

I. Call to Order

At 1:05 PM Dr. Paul Herscu, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Dr. Herscu reminded the Board members the meeting was being recorded and asked for a roll call vote to determine quorum.

Roll call as follows: Paul Herscu: present; Anne Frances Hardy: present; Christina Bain: present.  
Absent: Mattia Migliore, Darshan Mehta

II. Review of the Agenda & Conflict of Interest

The Board reviewed the May 23, 2023, Regular Session Agenda.

DISCUSSION:

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

ACTION:

Dr. Anne Frances Hardy made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Ms. Christina Bain. The vote carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows:

Paul Herscu: yes; Anne Frances Hardy: yes; Christina Bain: yes.  
Opposed: none; Abstained: none, Recused: none  
Absent: Mattia Migliore, Darshan Mehta

**Document:** May 23, 2023, Regular Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the April 25, 2023, Regular Session Minutes.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

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

Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none

Absent: Mattia Migliore, Darshan Mehta

**Document:** April 25, 2023, Regular Session Minutes

IV. Communications Plan

Dr. Paul Herscu reviewed the Naturopathy Policies & Procedures Slide Show, the State Government Stakeholders, and the Naturopathy Professional & Educational Stakeholders.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Paul Herscu stated the slideshow would need to be approved by DPH first and then it can be presented to stakeholders at individual meetings, or uploaded to the website, or a combination of both.

Mr. Steven Joubert stated the document would have to go through the proper channels first by consulting with the Board Counsel, then to the Bureau Director, the Policy Director, and finally to the Commissioner's Office for approval.

Ms. Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, stated the Board can communicate directly with stakeholders and licensees after the communication has been approved by the Commissioner's Office. Ms. Engman stated communications with the media or other groups would have to go through the communications team instead. Mr. Joubert added all media communications would have to go through DPH Media Relations.

Mr. Joubert stated the Board should start by identifying key stakeholders and also review the slideshow to condense it or create a one-page advisory letter focusing on policy, procedures, and statutes.

Dr. Herscu stated the current plan would be for DPH to work on moving along the slideshow and the Board would work on narrowing down key stakeholders.

Dr. Anne Frances Hardy asked who would be working on the one page summary and whether it would be submitted at the same time as the slideshow. Dr. Herscu stated the Board needed

to work on making a one-page summary that appeals to a broader audience and it would be submitted independent from the slideshow.

**Document:** Naturopathy Policies & Procedures Slide Show

**Document:** State Government Stakeholders

**Document:** Naturopathy Professional & Educational Stakeholders

V. Investigation

*Triage(s): N/A*

*Complaint(s): N/A*

*Staff Assignment(s): N/A*

VI. Flex Session

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Paul Herscu asked for the attendance of the next board meeting scheduled on June 27, 2023. Dr. Paul Herscu, Dr. Anne Frances Hardy, and Ms. Christina Bain stated they would be able to attend.

Dr. Herscu stated he wanted to add the discussion of CEUs to the next board meeting agenda to see how far back CEUs can be used. Dr Herscu stated he also wanted to add the discussion of the slideshow and the discussion of the one-page condensed version of the slideshow to the next board meeting agenda.

Dr. Herscu asked for an update on the guidance documents. Ms. Heather Engman stated the documents will be finalized and can be ready for the next board meeting. Dr. Herscu requested those documents be added to the agenda for the next board meeting as well.

VII. Adjournment

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

Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none.

Absent: Mattia Migliore, Darshan Mehta

*Let the records show the meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM*

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 1:00 PM via WebEx.

Respectfully submitted by:

The Board of Registration in Naturopathy