

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

Tuesday, May 28, 2024
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108
VIA WebEx
1:01 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
Mattia Migliore, PhD, RPH, Clinical Pharmacologist, Secretary
Christina Bain, Public Member

Board Members Not Present: Darshan Mehta, MD Physician

Staff Present: Steven Joubert, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Tracy Tam, Assistant Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Kayla Mikalauski, Management Analyst, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Carol Larkin, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Mireilly Montanez, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel,
DPH

I. Call to Order

At 1:01 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; Anne Frances Hardy: present.

Absent: Darshan Mehta

II. Approval of Agenda

The Board reviewed the May 28, 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; Anne Francis Hardy: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes.
Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none
Absent: Darshan Mehta

Document: May 28th, 2024, Regular Session Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the March 26th, 2024, Regular Session Minutes.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Dr. Mattia Migliore made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Anne Francis Hardy. The vote was carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Anne Francis Hardy: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes.
Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none
Absent: Darshan Mehta

Document: March 26, 2024, Regular Session Minutes

IV. Flex Session

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Steven Joubert stated that Dr. Mehta asked if the date and time of the meetings could be changed to Thursdays at 10:00 am, starting after August. All Board members present agreed to the change.

Mr. Joubert asked who would be able to attend the July 23 meeting. Dr. Paul Herscu said yes; Ms. Christina Bain said yes; Dr. Migliore said no; and Ms. Hardy said no. Mr. Joubert stated there would be no quorum for the scheduled July 23, 2024, meeting. Mr. Steven Joubert suggested to reschedule the next Board meeting to July 30, 2024, at 1:00 pm and all Board members present agreed on the new date.

Dr. Anne Francis Hardy asked if there would be any discussion about FDA approved and FDA not approved equipment. Mr. Joubert stated that that subject was not on the agenda and could be discussed at another meeting. Mr. Joubert also stated that the issue was currently being addressed and if Dr. Hardy could provide more information on machines approved by the FDA, it would be helpful. Dr. Hardy stated that there are too many different types of equipment to list. Dr. Herscu stated that there are differences between FDA approved and FDA not approved. Dr. Paul Herscu stated that FDA approved equipment needs to be regulated by the FDA.

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:

The 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; Ane Francis Hardy: yes; Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none
Absent: Darshan Mehta

VI. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, Dr. Paul Herscu motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Anne Francis Hardy. The vote was carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: Paul Herscu: yes; Anne Francis Hardy: Mattia Migliore: yes; Christina Bain: yes. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none.
Absent: Darshan Mehta

Let the records show the meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30^h, 2024, at 1:00 PM via WebEx.

Respectfully submitted by:
The Board of Registration in Naturopathy