

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, February 27, 2018
1:00 p.m.

239 Causeway Street ~ Floor ~ Room 417 A/B
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Item	Documents	Staff Contact
1:00 p.m.	I	Call to Order Determination of Quorum Notice of Electronic Recording		
	II	Conflict of Interest / Approval of Agenda	Draft Agenda	Board
	III	Approval of Minutes: January 23, 2018	Draft Minutes	Board
	IV	Board Inquiry A. FNMRA: Regulatory Definitions Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	E-mail Inquiry	RC
	VI	Regulations A. Licensure Requirements and Procedures CMR 3.0 B. Scope of Practice CMR 4.0 C. Professional and Ethical Standards of Conduct CMR 5.0 D. Continuing Education CMR 6.0 E. Investigations, Complaints, and board Actions CMR 7.0 F. Reporting CMR 8.0	Draft Regulations	SL

	VII	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda:		
4:00 p.m.	VIII	Adjournment: Next Board Meeting Scheduled for March 27, 2018		

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MINUTES

Board Members Present: Paul Herscu, Naturopathic Doctor 1, Chair (*Remote Participation*)

Anne Frances Hardy, Naturopathic Doctor 2, Vice-Chair
Mattia Migliore, Clinical Pharmacologist, Secretary
Michelle Dossett, Physician
Maria Maccario, Public Member

Staff Present: Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL

Samuel Leadholm, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH
Anson Chu, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Vita Berg, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH

Staff Not Present: Philip Beattie, Deputy Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL

- I. Call to Order - Determination of Quorum
A quorum of the Board was present. Dr. Hardy, Board Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- II. Review of the Agenda & Conflict of Interest
The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Hardy asked the Board members to review the agenda and disclose if there are any conflicts of interest regarding the items on the agenda.

ACTION: Ms. Migliore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Dr. Dossett seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: January 23, 2018 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the November 28, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Dr. Dossett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Ms. Migliore seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Documents: November 28, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Regulations

A. Licensure Requirements and Procedures

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed the edits discussed at the last Board meeting, starting at CMR 3.00. After discussion, the Board decided to not add “ND”, that “N.D.” suffices to cover those iterations in 3.02(2). On 3.03(2)(b), Board decided to remove “or state” as it is unlikely for someone to have a state exam before the national exam.

The Board reviewed the list of requirements at 3.03(3) discussed at the previous Board meeting to demonstrate continuous practice. Ms. Cherfils offered that a current CV/resume would help. The Board discussed the timeframe and duration of what it means by “continuous practice”. The Board decided that “at least part-time practice during the last 10 years in a healthcare related field”. The Board considered defining “part-time” but declined to go into too much detail. The Board decided that N.D. applicant without exam will need documentation of 50 CEUs obtained over the past 2 years. The Board discussed word limit on the essay that addresses specific questions. The Board members to email specific questions to Ms. Cherfils for essay to discuss at the next schedule Board meeting.

Importance of regulating the entire profession and not address regulations for a particular individual.

Under 3.04(4), revise the text on the last line from CMR 3.03(1) through (3) to “CMR 3.03(1) and (2).”

Board members reviewed the License application at 3.04. Discussed adding requirement of a CV / resume to 3.04(1), (2) & (3) and eliminated NPDB self-query requirement as may be inaccurate. Regarding the letter of good standing for 3.04(a), eliminate Canada so it will be from the US only.

For 3.05, Ms. Cherfils informed the Board that she is still waiting to hear back from the IT department to see if there are other Board's occupying the renewal period she is looking into. But unanimously, the Board decided that it is required to have 50 CEUs for a 2 year period.

Document: Draft Regulations

B. Scope of Practice

DISCUSSION: Dr. Hardy reviewed some of the scope of practices and duties as a Naturopathic Doctor. Dr. Herscu explained of the scope that he does as well. Dr. Hardy also informed the Board that in certain states, they have a separate license for a specialty practice. Dr. Herscu mentioned the specialty needs to be addressed and incorporated in the CEU section as well. Ms. Berg informed the Board that since the statute already has two sections on what ND can and cannot do, Board staff will work on the regulations based on statute. Eventually will have to add another section for specialty practice. Board members to email Ruby on what is considered invasive. Ms. Cherfils also wants the Board member's opinion requiring specific CEUs, such as ethic courses. Ms. Berg asked Board members to think about the type of CEUs they will allow such as online, webinar, live conference, etc.

Document: Draft Regulations

C. Professional and Ethical Standards of Conduct

DISCUSSION: No discussion.

Document: Draft Regulations

D. Continuing Education

DISCUSSION: Dr. Dossett informed Board members that Physicians/MD have required Category I and Category II CEUs. Is there an accredited or well-established body that provides CEUs? Dr. Herscu informed the Board that based on his research, other states have different categories of the type of CEUs but only a few states do it.

Document: Draft Regulations

E. Reporting

DISCUSSION: Ms. Berg reviewed the requirement on mandated reporting and distributed an overview of what is considered as reportable, who is responsible for reporting it, and who do they report the incident to: no central/universal report. After review, Board members to decide between BORN and BORIM reporting.

Document: Draft Regulations

V. Flex Session

A. Announcements

1. None

B. Topics for next agenda

1. None

VI. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, Dr. Dossett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Maccario seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:

Name

Position

Date