

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

October 24, 2017
1:00 p.m.

239 Causeway Street ~ 4th 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		
	II.	Conflict of Interest / Approval of Agenda	Draft Agenda	Board
	III.	Approval of Minutes: N/A	N/A	N/A
	IV.	Board Elections A. Chair B. Vice Chair C. Secretary	Floor Nominations	RC
	V.	Board Meetings A. Remote Participation by Board Members		Chair
	VI.	Educational Presentation A. Naturopathy Overview Dr. Amy Rothenberg, ND 2017 AANP Physician of the Year Past President, MA Society of Naturopathic Doctors	Presentation	AR

	VII.	Legal Presentations A. Conflict of Interest B. Board Indemnification C. Regulations and Promulgations a. Statutory Framework b. Regulatory i. Draft ii. Submission iii. Administrative Review Approval iv. Administration & Finance Approval v. Public Hearing vi. Board Review vii. Final Submission viii. Promulgation	Presentations Statute	SL
	VIII.	Regulations A. Purpose, Authority, & Definitions B. Registration of Licensure	Draft Regulations	SL
	X	Flex Session A. Announcements a. Annual meeting of the Federation of the Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities (FNMRA) b. North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE) request for NPLEX notification for MA B. Topic for next agenda	Verbal	RC/Board
4:00 p.m.	XI.	Adjournment		

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MINUTES

Board Members Present: Paul Herscu, Naturopathic Doctor 1
Anne Frances Hardy, Naturopathic Doctor 2
Mattia Migliore, Clinical Pharmacologist
Maria Maccario, Public Member

Board Members Michelle Dossett, Physician

Not Present:

Staff Present: Philip Beattie, Deputy 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:

Guests: Amy Rothenberg

- I. Call to Order - Determination of Quorum
A quorum of the Board was present. Mr. Beattie called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

- II. Review of the Agenda & Conflict of Interest
The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Beattie asked the Board members to review the agenda and disclose if there are any conflicts of interest regarding the items on the agenda. Mr. Beattie explained what kind of conflict of interest might appear and this Board will probably not see any for a while.

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

Document: October 24, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes
N/A

IV. Board Elections

A. Chair

DISCUSSION: Dr. Herscu nominates himself for the Board Chair position. Dr. Herscu accepts.

ACTION: Dr. Herscu made a motion to accept the recommendation; Dr. Hardy seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: None

B. Vice Chair

DISCUSSION: Dr. Hardy nominates herself for the Board Vice-Chair position. Dr. Hardy accepts.

ACTION: Dr. Hardy made a motion to accept the recommendation; Dr. Herscu seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: None

C. Secretary

DISCUSSION: Ms. Migliore nominates herself for the Secretary position. Ms. Migliore accepts.

ACTION: Ms. Migliore made a motion to accept the recommendation; Dr. Herscu seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: None

V. Board Meetings

A. Remote Participation by Board Member

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leadholm explained remote participation in a Board meeting by board members. Remote participation allows board member to participate without physically being

present. However, someone who is participating remotely cannot count towards quorum. Members participating remotely may vote on matters on the agenda. Prior to using remote participation, Board needs to approve.

ACTION: Dr. Herscu made a motion to adopt remote participation; Dr. Hardy seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: None

VI. Educational Presentation

A. Naturopathy Overview

Dr. Amy Rothenberg, ND

2017 AANP Physician of the Year

Past President, MA Society of Naturopathic Doctors

DISCUSSION: Dr. Rothenberg presented the Naturopathy overview to the Board and discussed in detail what Naturopathic Doctors (ND) do. The presentation covered the education and training required to earn a degree in Naturopathy including completing roughly 1400 clinical hours. The presentation also covered the licensing process in other jurisdictions which includes information such as the year and current status.

Document: Presentation

VII. Legal Presentations

A. Conflict of Interest

DISCUSSION: Deferred

ACTION: Dr. Herscu made a motion to defer this item for the next schedule Board meeting; Ms. Migliore seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Presentations

B. Board Indemnification

DISCUSSION: Deferred

ACTION: Dr. Herscu made a motion to defer this item for the next schedule Board meeting; Ms. Migliore seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously.

Document: Presentations

C. Regulations and Promulgation

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leadholm presented the overview of administrative rulemaking to the Board. Ms. Berg informed the Board that staff and Board operational/administrative processes and functions are not a subject for regulations. Mr. Leadholm describes what regulations are. Each Board is assigned with a CMR number that is specific for that Board. Ms. Berg explains to the Board that legal counsel's role is to provide guidance for the Board members and Board members come up with the general policy based on their expertise (i.e., duties that a Naturopathic Doctors can perform) from which Board Counsel drafts the regulations. Mr. Leadholm explains how regulations, once drafted, are promulgated including convening a public hearing to solicit and obtain comments from the public. Open meeting law was discussed briefly where any documentations used at the Board meeting will become a public document and the meeting itself is open to the public.

ACTION: None

Document: Presentations

VIII. Regulations

A. Purpose, Authority, & Definitions

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leadholm reviews the draft regulations with the Board. There will be 3 – 4 pathways to licensure. Section 3.03 relates to eligibility for licensure and this is where the Board will set the standards to obtain a ND license in Massachusetts. One of the Board members has a question regarding the Baccalaureate Degree requirement and Ms. Berg explained about an incident regarding the Board of Physician Assistant. Another Board member brought up “Good Moral Character” (GMC). Ms. Berg explains GMC is essentially questions that relate to the suitability of an individual to practice as a ND. An individual criminal and disciplinary history may be relevant to GMC. The GMC is in the Board's statutes. Ms. Berg explains the renewal process and retirement and gave examples of the other Boards in the Bureau and their current process. A Board member informed Board Staff about the typo on 5.02 (20) that it refers to the Board of Nursing Home Administrators. Ms. Berg explains that Section 7.00 is uniform throughout all the Boards in this Bureau and advised not to make any changes to stay consistency. All 9 Boards have adopted Section 7.00.

Document: Draft Regulations

IX. Flex Session

A. Announcements

1. Annual meeting of the Federation of the Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities (FNMRA)

DISCUSSION: Dr. Herscu informed the Board that the FNMRA typically look for an individual from the Board to attend the annual meeting.

2. North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE) request for NPLEX notification for MA

DISCUSSION: Dr. Herscu informed the Board that this is the organization that develops the national specialty based exam and requesting for a Board member to give input on the examination.

B. Topics for next agenda

1. None

X. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Migliore made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Herscu seconded the motion. Motion passed with Board members present and voting in favor unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:

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