

# Board of Naturopathic Examiners

Monday, July 22, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
Public Minutes

The July 22, 2019 meeting of the Board of Naturopathic Examiners (the “Board”) convened at 9:10 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH with the following members present:

Deborah Sellars, ND, Chair

Erik Nelson, ND

Glee Corsetti-Hooper, Public Member

Bert Mathieson, ND

OPLC staff:

Tom Broderick, Esq., Board Rules Advisor

Yvonne Marcotte, Board Administrator

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. The minutes of the June 17, 2019 public session were approved unanimously as amended upon motion of Deborah Sellars, with a second by Glee Corsetti-Hooper.
- b. Upon motion by Erik Nelson, N.D., with a second by Bert Mathieson, N.D., the board voted unanimously to appoint Glee Corsetti-Hooper vice chair and to allow Deborah Sellars, N.D. to continue as chair until January when her term ends.
- c. Board vacancies will be announced by letter to all licensees.
- d. The next board meeting will be September 23 at 9:00am followed by the initial Formulary Council meeting at 12:00 noon.
- e. The Naturopathic Medical Education Information Report will be referenced to approve licensees. The report will be placed on the FAQ now in development.

## 2. RULES

Attorney Tom Broderick discussed the statuses of board term limits; nominees must be licensed for 5 years and serve terms of 2 years according to RSA 328-E: 7(2). Board staff will update members’ term dates on the board website.

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New FAQ on Naturopathic Examiners website

The board reviewed initial questions for the FAQ in development for the public website; FAQs will be posted after Board authorization and approval at the next meeting.

- b. Biennial Inventory of Controlled Substances

Documentation will be on the FAQ. If NDs have a DEA number, the FAQ will provide what is required of them.

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4. **PUBLIC HEARING** – N/A

5. **DISCUSSIONS**

a. Formulary Appointment Update

Dr. Rachel Wagner has agreed to participate on the Formulary Council; Board members to the Council are Erik Nelson, Chair, and Andrew Chevalier

Attorney Tom Broderick is submitting the rules for the Formulary Council to JLCAR

b. Upon motion by Deborah Sellars, N.D. with a second by Bert Mathieson, N.D., the Board voted unanimously to approve revised Renewal Notice and CE form(s).

6. **APPLICATIONS** – On motion by Erik Nelson, N.D., with a second by Glee-Corsetti-Hooper, all applications submitted for temporary licensure were approved unanimously.

- JUST, Scott
- SELUZHYTSZAYA, Natalia
- SPAULDING, Keith

7. **QUESTIONS**

Question #1 from Billy Obenauer, researcher from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Mr. Obenauer requested assistance in a project from naturopathic doctors in New Hampshire which needs a sample of professionals to complete an online survey

Answer: The NH board does not support research projects. Persons or institutions interested in conducting research should contact the Association of Naturopathic Doctors. The Board does not support or endorse studies. You should refer to the guidelines of NH-HAND

Question #2 from Adriana Berusch Gerardino, 3<sup>rd</sup> year naturopathic medical student

Are naturopathic doctors required to carry malpractice insurance in the state of New Hampshire? Also, is that information online somewhere within the website?

Answer: Malpractice insurance is not required but highly recommended. This question will be posted on the website. The Board will take up a rules change to require malpractice insurance.

Question #3 from Laura Farr

Ms. Farr inquired about lay naturopaths being grandfathered into NH statutes.

Answer: This is moot since the grandfather initiative has been settled.

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(Questions continued)

Question #4 from Anne Tamposi

May licensed naturopathic doctors in New Hampshire take positions as medical directors in a spa setting?

Answer: Yes, as long as NDs follow the rules and guidelines of a naturopathic doctor in New Hampshire.

Question #5 from Kimberly Loeber

A representative from the postgraduate department of National University of Health Sciences asked how to make sure their institution has the most up-to-date and accurate information regarding continuing education credits for states that license NDs. Is there an application process for institutions to apply their courses for approval? Is there a procedure we would need to go through in order to have our courses approved by the board?

Answer: The institution above is already approved for continuing education credits.

## 8. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

### **Motion to commence non-public session:**

At 12:40 p.m. by motion of Deborah Sellars N.D., with a second by Glee Corsetti-Hooper, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

### **[Minutes kept separately]**

At 1:05 p.m., upon motion by Deborah Sellars, N.D. with a second by Erik Nelson, N.D., the Board unanimously voted to go out of non-public session and back into public session.

At 1:06 p.m., upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a second by Erik Nelson, N.D., the Board unanimously voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

On motion of Deborah Sellars, N.D. with a second by Erik Nelson, N.D., the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.