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NATUROPATHIC BOARD OF EXAMINERS

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PUBLIC MINUTES

NATUROPATHIC BOARD OF EXAMINERS

July 31, 2023

I. Call to Order:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Naturopathic Board of Examiners was held at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH on July 31, 2023. The members present and participating were;

Erik Nelson, ND and Board Chair Candice Scholl, ND and Vice Chair Bert Mathieson, ND Member Glee Corsetti-Hooper, Board Member David Olarsch, ND Member via zoom; Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel Charlene Anstead, Board Administrator

Erik Nelson Board Chair, opened the meeting at 9:45 am.

Motion to commence 1st non-public session:

10:36 am. On motion of Erik Nelson and seconded by Glee Corsetti-Hooper, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, Naturopathic Doctor applications with irregularities 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 roll call vote of all members present.

10:57 am. On motion of Erik Nelson and seconded by David Olarsch, the Board



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voted to return to public session. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

Motion to keep minutes of 1st non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion of Erik Nelson and seconded by Bert Mathieson, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV or RSA 329:29. However, forty-eight hours after the mailing of any order, its respective vote shall automatically become public in accordance with RSA 329:18-a. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

Motion to commence 2nd non-public session:

11:09 am. On motion of Erik Nelson and seconded by Glee Corsetti-Hooper, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, physician applications with irregularities 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 roll call vote of all members present.

Motion to keep minutes of 2nd non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion of Candice Scholl and seconded by Bert Mathieson, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV or RSA 329:29. However, forty-eight hours after the mailing of any order, its respective vote shall automatically become public in accordance with RSA 329:18-a. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.



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II. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Candice Scholl and seconded by Bert Mathieson, the Board voted all in favor to approve the minutes of March 27, 2023 as amended.

III. New Licenses Issued:

The Board was informed that three ND Licenses were issued since last meeting of March 27, 2023;

- A. Cindy M. Azevedo, ND
- B. Sean Foss, ND
- C. Caitlin R. Walker, ND

IV. <u>Public Appearances – Hearings</u>:

None

V. <u>Board Chair Updates</u>:

Erik Nelson informed the Naturopathic Board that the Formulary Council will now continue to meet with the addition of the new Pharmacist member, Michael Fanaras. The first meeting of the Formulary Council took place on Monday July 31, 2023 at 8:16 am. Erik Nelson also advised that the Formulary Council will be seeking an additional member, to be appointed by the Board of Medicine.

VII. OPLC and/or administration updates:

OPLC Division Director Bethany Cottrell gave the Board an update on the intention to perpetuate new licenses by endorsement and reciprocity. Ms. Cottrell suggested a matrix be composed and mapped out by this Board and review other states requirements to ensure New Hampshire is line with other states. Ms. Cottrell asked the Board if there are any other rules that they may seek to change because of the time lapse since any revisions.



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The Board Informed Ms. Cottrell that the Board of Naturopathic Examiners has a membership with the Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authority (hereinafter "FNMRA").

The Board asked Ms. Cottrell if she had any updates on the jurisprudence exam. She did not however, she will update them at the next scheduled Board meeting.

VIII. <u>Legislation</u>:

Board Counsel Elizabeth Eaton updated the Board on recent OPLC Rules changes and a company that has been sourced to support OPLC rulemaking processes. Also discussed is how complaints and hearings will be handled moving forward.

IX. Old Business:

A. Telemedicine

Board Counsel Elizabeth Eaton will perform groundwork to develop a framework of how the Naturopathic Board prefers to have this topic structured. An update will be forthcoming at next scheduled meeting.

On a motion by Erik Nelson and seconded by Candice Scholl, the Board voted to table telemedicine at this time.

Adjourn:

On a motion by Erik Nelson and seconded by Bert Mathieson, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:41 am.



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