

**BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).

Date: Friday, October 21, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: David Kern, N.D.  
Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D.  
Rodney Chun, N.D.  
Constance Cabral, Executive Officer  
Rodney J. Tam, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Susan Reyes, Secretary

Guest: None.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Executive Officer Cabral at 2:00 p.m.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairperson. Dr. Taketa-Wong nominated Dr. Kern as Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Chun. As there were no other nominations for Chairperson, Dr. Kern was elected Chairperson by proclamation.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson. Dr. Kern nominated Dr. Taketa-Wong as Vice Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Chun. As there were no other nominations for Vice Chairperson, Dr. Taketa-Wong was elected Vice Chairperson by proclamation.

Additions and Revisions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of the June 15, 2016 It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to approve the open meeting minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting as circulated.

Applications:

Ratifications

i. Ratifications list

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chung, and unanimously carried to ratify for licensure, the following naturopathic physician applications:

- Bryce H. Healy
- Neta Caspi

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chung, and unanimously carried to ratify for authorization, the following applications to administer parenteral therapy:

- Anne Marie Lambert

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chung, and unanimously carried to ratify for authorization, the following applications to administer parenteral therapy and minor office procedures:

- Sally B. Boyd
- Bryce H. Healy
- Neta Caspi

Old Business:

a. Natural Childbirth

The Board reviewed Dr. Lori Kimata's suggestions regarding requirements for naturopathic physicians who wish to practice natural childbirth in an out-of-hospital setting.

Dr. Taketa-Wong advised the Board that natural childbirth is covered to a limited degree in the current curriculum of naturopathic schools. One course covers the basics but does not include hands-on experience. For more training, students complete a separate program and obtain a midwifery certificate, which some states require in order to practice natural childbirth. Dr. Taketa-Wong went on to say that there are no CE-specific courses related to natural childbirth.

When asked whether Dr. Kimata's proposal could be implemented through rule revisions, DAG Tam thought not, and stated that legislative revisions would be needed. DAG Tam reminded the Board that it had informally opined that natural childbirth is with the naturopathic physician's scope of practice. However, if the board wants to impose criteria for which naturopathic physicians can practice, then legislation is needed.

Dr. Kern suggested that the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (“HSNP”) might want to develop a “Bill of Rights” under which naturopathic physicians can practice. The “Bill of Rights” could offer guidelines to newly licensed naturopathic physicians. There are approximately 6-10 N.D.’s currently practicing natural childbirth in Hawaii.

The Board thought that Dr. Kimata should work with HSNP to develop standards of practice.

New Business:

a. Rules Revisions

DAG Tam reviewed the rule revisions that were submitted to him earlier. In addition to minor and technical changes, he recommended that the Board remove the following from the proposed section relating to associations and organizations approved by the board:

state naturopathic licensing boards;  
state medical licensing boards;  
state osteopathic licensing associations;  
state chiropractic licensing boards;  
state physical therapy licensing boards; and  
colleges of naturopathic medicine accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education

As stated in Hawaii Revised Statutes, the definition of “continuing education courses means courses approved by a professional association or organization representing a licensed profession whose program objectives are related to naturopathic medicine; provided that the professional association or organization is approved by the board.”

The proposed section is being created to identify those courses that have been approved by the board within the parameters of the definition. Because state licensing board and associations and colleges of naturopathic medicine do not fit within the definition, the board agreed to remove these.

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to approve the rule revisions as discussed.

Correspondence:

a. NABNE Advisory Council Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of NABNE’s August 4, 2015 meeting and the agenda of its July 29, 2016 meeting.

Announcements: The Executive Officer Cabral reminded the board that there are still two public member positions to fill. Anyone interested may to <http://boards.hawaii.gov> and apply online.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, January 27, 2017  
2:00 p.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Constance I. Cabral

/s/ Susan A. Reyes

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constance I. Cabral  
Executive Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan A. Reyes  
Secretary

CIC:sar

11/09/16

[ X ] Minutes approved as is.

[ ] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.