

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: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Kevin Gibson, N.D., Chairperson
Rodney Chun, N.D., Vice Chairperson
Audrey Ng, Member
Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., Member
Constance Cabral, Executive Officer
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gibson at 2:03 p.m.

Additions and Revisions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of the February 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Ms. Ng, seconded by Dr. Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to approve the February 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Old Business: a. Natural childbirth

At its February 11, 2015 board meeting, while members informally believed that natural childbirth is within their scope of practice, they felt that legislative amendments would clarify this position.

Dr. Taketa-Wong indicated that proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules should specify additional training in natural childbirth.

Dr. Gibson indicated that the board does not have the expertise to establish the minimum requirements for licensed naturopathic physicians to practice natural childbirth.

Dr. Taketa-Wong would inquire with the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians as to its definition of natural childbirth.

Dr. Gibson suggested that the Board review the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians and other state board's definition of natural childbirth.

This matter will be discussed at a later meeting.

New Business:

- a. Proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 88

A draft of the proposed administrative rules on Continuing Education was distributed to members for their review and comments.

A new subchapter is being added to implement Act 222, Section 2014 ("Act 222"). Act 222 requires the Board to adopt administrative rules that requires naturopathic physicians to complete a minimum of thirty-five hours of continuing education courses, including a minimum of fifteen hours of pharmacology, during each licensing biennium commencing January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017.

It was moved by Ms. Ng, seconded by Dr. Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to approve the draft proposed rules on continuing education.

Naturopathic Formulary:

None.

Applications:

- a. Ratifications

It was moved by Dr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to ratify the following application for licensure:

- Gusmano, Pragati P.

Announcements:

Chairperson Gibson announced that this will be Ms. Ng's last meeting. The Board is very thankful for all the hard work put in over the years by Ms. Ng. In particular, her attention to detail and

public perspective as extensive administrative rules were drafted and refined was critical to the naturopathic profession and public safety.

The Board and public at large are fortunate to have her as a volunteer servant with such skill and consideration.

Next Meeting Wednesday, August 5, 2015
Date: 2:00 p.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Faith Nishimura
Faith Nishimura
Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Constance Cabral
Constance Cabral
Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____.