

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, January 31, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: David Kern, N.D., L.Ac., Chair
Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., Vice Chair
Kristen Coles, N.D., L.Ac., Member
Joy Kimura, Member
Relley Araceley, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Susan Reyes, Secretary

Not Present: None.

Guest: Rachel Klein, N.D., D.C. – Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians
Association (“HSNP”)

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

Approval of the December 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Coles, seconded by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong and carried to approve the open session and executive session meeting minutes of the December 20, 2019 meeting as circulated.

Joy Kimura arrived at 2:08 p.m.

Executive Officer’s Report:

- a. Disciplinary Actions from December 2019
EO Araceley said that there were no disciplinary actions for Hawaii-licensed Naturopathic Physicians through December 2019.
- b. Legislative Info and Updates
EO Araceley said there were no updates.

Executive Session: At 2:12 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Coles, seconded by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses in accordance with HRS §92-5(a)(1), and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, immunities and liabilities in accordance with HRS §92-5(a)(4).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:17 p.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session and the Board reconvened its scheduled public meeting.

Applications:

a. Naturopathic Physician

i. Laura A. James

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Dr. James.

b. Ratifications

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

Naturopathic Physician

i. ND 315 Heather Becker-Brungard

New Business:

a. 2020 Legislative Session

The Board to discuss the following bills from the 2019 legislative session and naturopathic subjects that may be introduced in 2020.

i. HB1797-Relating to Health

Authorizes naturopathic physicians to provide written certification to provide written certification to qualifying patients for medical cannabis use.

EO Araceley stated that this bill was heard this week and it passed one committee and is moving on to the next committee.

Dr. Klein stated she was concerned about the language that specifically says that they will be able to register for the DEA number in order to do the cannabis certification, providing that they do not prescribe any other controlled substances. HSNP feels that the language should be removed because it conflicts with the fact that it's the Board's purview to control our formulary. Because the Board just removed the overall statement of no controlled substances, it is very clear that the Board has the purview to maintain the formulary and putting that language into this cannabis law would conflict with that. Dr. Klein stated that they had asked the Judiciary committee to make the change, but the request, she feels, should come from the Board to be effective. She also feels that the Health committee did not agree that there was a conflict or understand what the conflict was and was told to bring it up with the Board. Dr. Klein also stated that the Department of Public Safety was there, and although the Department of Safety did not submit written testimony, they did say that they would issue the DEA numbers if this bill passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Coles, seconded by Ms. Kimura, and unanimously carried to support the bill with amendments that excludes language limiting the role of the board. Therefore, supporting that the Board has ultimate control over what is included in the formulary.

- ii. Board to discuss bills introduced related to Naturopathic Medicine.

Dr. Klein asked the Board about SB2413 – Relating to General Excise Tax Exemptions. She stated that HSNP, HSCA and other state associations did testify in support and she wanted the Board to take a position on this.

Dr. Taketa-Wong noted that this bill was deferred by the committee on CPH on 1-29-20.

DAG Leong stated that if it deferred, it will probably not be moving on.

Dr. Klein asked about HB1182 – Relating to Vaccinations and Conscientious Objectors. She said that this was carried over from last year.

The Board stated that on this bill, they are not taking a position and it will only be tracked.

Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda may be considered by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Board is precluded from discussing or acting on items raised by public comment that are not already on the agenda. The public may comment by signing-in before speaking during the Public Forum section. Public comment will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting Friday, April 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Relley Araceley
Relley Araceley
Executive Officer

/s/ Susan A. Reyes
Susan A. Reyes
Secretary

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