

**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, August 27, 2021
- Time: 2:00 p.m.
- Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)  
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/93927454659>
- 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  
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Kawehi Mau, Secretary  
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary (tech support)  
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary (tech support)
- Not Present: None.
- Guest: Dr. Rachel Klein  
Baron Glassgow  
Lee Ann Teshima
- Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").
- A brief video explained meeting procedures and information on how members of the public can participate during the meeting.
- Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Kern at 2:13 p.m.

Chair Kern asked if there was any comment from the public, there was none.

Approval of the  
June 4, 2021  
Meeting Minutes:

Chair Kern asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles and unanimously voted to approve the June 4, 2021 minutes as circulated.

Executive Officer's  
Report:

EO Fernandez informed the Board that there were no disciplinary actions reported for Naturopathic Physicians from May 2021 through July 2021.

EO Fernandez shared a copy of the letter being sent to licensees, as a reminder of the Continuing Education requirement, which is due at the December 31<sup>st</sup> renewal deadline. The memo will be sent out two months prior to the renewal deadline and be posted to the Boards website, available for the public.

Executive Session:

At 2:27 p.m., upon a motion by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles, 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 2:49 p.m., upon a motion 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.

Application  
Ratifications:

- a. Applications Review for Approval
  - i. Request for Approval of Qualifying Course on Parenteral Therapy

- A. Request by Dr. Virginia Osborne of the International IV Nutritional Therapy (IIVNTP) for course from March 4th to 7th, 2021.
- B. Request by Dr. Virginia Osborne for course from September 9th to 12th, 2021.

Based on Dr. Osborne's response to the Board's written request to confirm that all or part of IIVNTP parenteral therapy courses include in-person hands-on training in the practice of parenteral therapy, and upon a motion by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles, the Board voted unanimously to grant the request for approval of both Qualifying Courses on Parenteral Therapy listed above.

The Board noted the information provided by Dr. Osborne, mainly that the 4-day full course contains 2-days of in-person practicum training in the mixing and administering of IV, and final examination, meets the requirements set forth by subchapter 9 of Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §16-88.

The Board further noted that it will not accept the shorter 2-day course for applications for the parenteral therapy privilege, but that if courses meet the requirements set forth by HRS §455-8 regarding continuing education courses ("CE"), they may be used to meet the biennial CE requirements.

b. Ratification of Approved Applications

i. Naturopathic Physician

ND-332 Analiah Patrice  
ND-333 Hue Ngoc-Le Foo  
ND-336 Whitney J Miller-Caporaso  
ND-334 Christine M Schaffner  
ND-335 William Schefer

Upon a motioned by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles, and unanimously voted to accept the application ratification of Naturopathic Physicians.

Executive Session: At 2:55 p.m., upon a motion by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Ms. Kimura, 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 3:06 p.m., upon a motion 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.

There was none.

Regulated  
Industries  
Complaints  
Office (RICO):

#### Advisory Committee Members

Upon a motioned by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles and unanimously voted to approve the list of Advisory Committee Members.

Definitions:  
Scope of  
Practice:

#### Naturopathic Physician and Scope of Practices

EO Fernandez informed the Board that the correspondence was sent to Department of Health (DOH), however, the Board has not received response from DOH.

EO Fernandez informed the Board he will reach out for a follow up.

Ms. Kimura stated there may be need for administrative or legislative correction and agreed reaching out to follow up would be beneficial.

Scope of  
Practice:

Vaccinations

Chair Kern informed the Board he reached out to the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians ("HSNP") inquiring if the organization would be making a public statement regarding Naturopathic Physicians being in support of the science behind vaccinations. He acknowledged his concern, that there may be perceptions that Naturopathy is opposed to vaccine therapies for COVID-19 and asked what other member's thoughts were on providing a Board statement in support of the science behind the vaccinations.

Vice Chair Taketa-Wong stated she supports the science behind the vaccine and takes an individual approach when providing care to her patients mentioning there are side effects with all vaccines; she is currently treating patients with adverse symptoms after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

Dr. Coles stated that this Board is looked to for providing appropriate medical care in Hawaii and would be in support of making a public statement that is agreed upon.

EO Fernandez reminded the Board that there are several safeguards in place for the public in relation to patient care, including: HRS §455-11 Discipline; grounds; proceedings: hearings; HAR §16-88 Subchapter 11 Standards and Practices of Care; the Naturopathic Physician formulary; and HRS §436B. The Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") use these, as well as any other relevant statutes and rules, to review complaints about licensee patient care.

Chair Kern stated there is no specific wording for a public statement at this time but wanted to hear from his colleagues.

After further discussion the Board agreed to not issue a formal public statement on the topic of vaccinations, as the Board's main focus is to regulate the licensing requirements of Naturopathic Physicians within the state.

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Next Meeting            Friday, December 17, 2021  
Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Adjournment:        There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was  
adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez  
Christopher Fernandez  
Executive Officer

/s/ Kawehi Mau  
Kawehi Mau  
Secretary

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