

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, May 20, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/93500995226>

Present: David Kern, N.D., L.Ac., Chair
Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., Vice Chair
Kristen Coles, N.D., Member
Joy Kimura, Member
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Kawehi Mau, Secretary
James Skizewski, Executive Officer (tech support)
Mia Hoang, Office Assistant (tech support)

Excused: None

Guest: Julie Parke

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Kern at 2:14 p.m; all members confirmed that they were alone in their respective locations.

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

Chair Kern moved amended agenda item number 4, Chapter 91, HRS, Adjudicatory Matters, to read, “In the Matter of Practice Naturopathic Physicians License of Michele N. F. Sayball (NAT-2021-4-L).” Seconded by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, and with no objections by members present, the motion was passed.

Approval of the It was moved by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles

February 4, 2022
Meeting Minutes:

and unanimously voted to approve the February 4, 2022 open minutes as circulated.

It was moved by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles and unanimously voted to approve the February 4, 2022 executive session minutes as circulated.

Executive
Officer's
Report:

EO Fernandez stated there have been no disciplinary actions since the February Board meeting.

EO Fernandez stated he attended a meeting with the FNMRA. The meeting discussed certain subjects such as some states, e.g. California, are seeing an increase of unlicensed practice of naturopathic medicine. He stated that with changes in the structure of naturopathic regulation, such as boards being re-organized under the umbrella of another board or commission, the response, including investigations and disciplinary action, to these instances of unlicensed practice are delayed or having a hard time keeping up with the influx.

EO Fernandez stated if the Board has any concerns, they would like to address for the next FNMRA meeting to contact him by email.

Chair Kern asked if there was any further comment.

Julie Parke was recognized by the Board.

After clarifying that her comments were meant for review of her application, Ms. Parke introduced herself, provided some history of her professional career and desire to return to Hawaii to practice as a Naturopathic Physician, and thanked the Board for taking the time to review her Application on today's agenda.

Chair Kern thanked Ms. Parke for her comment.

Chapter 91,
Hawaii Revised
Statutes ("HRS")
Adjudicatory
Matters:

a. In the Matter of Practice Naturopathic Physicians License to of Michele N. F. Sayball (NAT-2021-4-L) – Settlement Agreement

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

RECESS:

At 2:26 p.m. Chair Kern called for a recess in order to review settlement agreement (NAT-2021-4-L).

RECESS OUT:

At 3:06 p.m., the Board reconvened their meeting.

Executive Session:

At 3:13 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 3:40 p.m., upon a motion by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Ms. Kimura, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session and the Board reconvened its scheduled public meeting after confirmation by all members that they were alone in their respective locations.

Applications:

a. Naturopathic Physician

i. Julie Parke - ND

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

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles, and unanimously voted to approve Ms. Parke's application.

b. Ratification List

i. Karin Elizabeth Taylor Wu

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Taketa-Wong, seconded by Ms. Kimura, and unanimously voted to approve the ratification list.

Preparation for Legislative Session:

EO Fernandez reported that all bills in the 2022 legislative session died.

EO Fernandez further asked the Board if it was interested in requesting an administrative bill that would use the language from SB1273-Relating to Health Care Professionals, introduced this last legislative session. The bill language is as follows:

SECTION 2. Section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "continuing education courses" to read as follows:

""Continuing education courses" means courses approved by a state or province naturopathic licensing board; university, college, or institution of naturopathic medicine program accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education; or 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."

SECTION 3. Section 455-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(f) Prior to December 31 of each odd-numbered year, each licensee shall:

(1) Complete the renewal form prescribed by the board and certify that the licensee has complied with the continuing education requirement of this section for the applicable renewal period; and

(2) Submit evidence of completion of the continuing education courses taken during the applicable renewal period to the board, including but not limited to certificates of completion. At a minimum, documentation shall contain the following information:

(A) Name of the licensee;

(B) Title of the continuing education course taken;

(C) Date that the continuing education course was taken;

(D) Name of the state or province licensing board; university, college, or institution of naturopathic medicine program; or professional association or organization that approved the continuing education course;

(E) Number of hours for the course; and

(F) Number of hours for the course in pharmacology."

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

to be introduced in the 2023 Legislative session.

After a brief discussion, and upon a motion by Chair Kern, seconded by Ms. Kimura, and unanimously voted to instruct EO Fernandez to prepare a bill draft, using the language of SB1273 as a template, for submission to the division to request approval for introduction in the 2023 legislative session as an administrative bill.

Next Meeting:

TBD, as the Board may need to reschedule for purposes of quorum.

2:00 p.m.

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Adjournment:

Chair Kern took a moment to thank Vice Chair Taketa-Wong for her service on the Board recognizing her invaluable input and dedication to the regulation of naturopathic medicine.

Vice Chair Taketa-Wong thanked everyone.

EO Fernandez stated that she would be receiving her certificate from the division thanking her for her service on the Board by mail since the meeting was hybrid and they could not present it to her in person.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m. by Chair Kern.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez
Christopher Fernandez
Executive Officer

/s/ Kawehi Mau
Kawehi Mau
Secretary

CF:km

11/29/22

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____.