

**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 posted to the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).

Date: Friday, November 4, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
HRH King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)  
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/92772669783>

Present: David Kern, N.D., L.Ac., Chair  
Kristen Coles, N.D., Licensed Member  
Corinne De Soto, N.D., Licensed Member  
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary  
Johnny Li, (tech support)  
Mia Hoang, Office Assistant (tech support)

Excused: None

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

Call to Order and Introduction of New Member There being quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair Kern at 2:08 p.m.

Chair Kern asked if there was any testimony from the public, there was none. He then introduced Dr. Corinne DeSoto, ND to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, providing attendees with a brief overview of Dr. De Soto’s credentials, knowledge, and experience as an ND in Hawaii and providing her basic orientation information on participation and the procedures of the meeting.

Dr. De Soto thanked Chair Kern and expressed her appreciation for being appointed to the Board and desire to fulfill her role.

Election of  
Officers

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

EO Fernandez explained that since Dr. Taketa-Wong completed her time with the Board as the Vice Chair that that position needed to be filled. He also noted that it had been at least a year since the Board had voted in new Board officers pursuant to HRS §436B-6(a).

Chair Kern thanked EO Fernandez for the information.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Dr. De Soto to nominate Dr. Coles to the role of Vice Chair. The Motion was seconded by Chair Kern, and with no objections from members, the motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion, it was then moved by Vice Chair Coles to have Dr. Kern remain on as the Chairperson of the Board. Motion was seconded by Dr. De Soto, and with no objections from members, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the  
May 20, 2022  
Meeting Minutes:

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

After briefly reviewing the open and executive session minutes, it was motioned by Vice Chair Coles to approve the meeting minutes for the Board's 5/20/22 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. De Soto, and with no objections from members, passed unanimously.

Executive  
Officer's  
Report:

a. Disciplinary Actions

EO Fernandez stated there have been no disciplinary actions since the May 20, 2022, Board meeting.

b. Board meeting schedule for 2023

EO Fernandez reminded the Board that its first meeting of 2023 will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He stated that this would be the first opportunity for the Board to hold a meeting to discuss bills introduced in the legislature related to the practice of

Naturopathic Medicine. He also stated that the schedule would consist of 4 meetings but could include more scheduled meetings if needed.

Vice Chair Coles asked if the Board would be getting the schedule soon.

EO Fernandez confirmed that it would so its members could block out those days in their schedule and also the schedule would be added to the Board's website.

Legislative  
Session 2023

Chair Kern asked if there was any testimony from the public.

Dr. Rachel Klein of the HSNP raised her hand to provide testimony. She thanked Chair Kern for the opportunity to share HSNP's plans for the legislative session and began by stating that HSNP would be focusing on legislation regarding such matters as NDs being included in statutes to provide medical cannabis certification. She added that HSNP would not be focused on bills related to updating the continuing education ("CE") definition since this was supposed to have been added to an administrative package. They instead have had to make a decision to use their energies elsewhere. Dr. Klein added that the CE bill did not do well as a publicly introduced bill and so was wondering what the Board's plan was moving forward.

EO Fernandez updated the Board that the administrative bill request that he had prepared on its behalf this past June which would have updated the definition of continuing education to include CE approval by regulatory boards and certain naturopathic education institutions was not accepted by the DCCA for inclusion in its package. He stated that it was noted that the amendment appeared to be more in the wheelhouse of industry standards. He added that even if an admin bill request is submitted, it does not mean that it will be accepted, let alone passed in the legislature.

Chair Kern asked DAG Leong if there was anything he could add about the difference between amendment bills being introduced in administrative bill packages versus by the public.

DAG Leong stated he did not have much more to add just emphasizing that there are no additional guarantees that an administrative bill would pass through legislature and that just because a publicly introduced bill has not yet been successful in

updating statutes does not mean that the introducers should stop trying.

Chair Kern stated that whether a bill is introduced publicly or as part of an administrative package, it requires support from the association. His recollection regarding previously introduced CE bills was that there was not a strong push by HSNP to support said bills. He could not recall HSNP having members, and even their patients, contact legislators to support the bills. He added that the Board is supportive of such language as SB777 (2020) but wonders to what extent the HSNP has been able to rally the troops to garner enough support needed to effectively lobby the legislature; to get language introduced that the Board can then do its duty to review, but also does not die being set off to the side by legislators due to what appears to be low public support.

Dr. Klein responded that since HSNP believes the CE bills such as SB777 are administrative in nature, and, that there are work arounds in place, such as HSNP completing review and approvals of CE that would not meet the definition set forth by HRS §455-1, the priority is not there and HSNP leadership has chosen to focus its efforts elsewhere. She added that if the bill was introduced as a part of an administrative bill on 2023 or 2024, HSNP would be in a better position to support it.

EO Fernandez reminded the Board that if it chose to attempt another administrative bill request in the future, it may wish to look at other possible amendments to HRS §455 it could add to CE changes and create a fuller request.

Dr. Klein lastly informed the Board that HSNP's legislative efforts will be focused this session on introducing a new bill regarding cannabis certification by NDs, similar to HB1797 and SB2476 (2020), and SB1272 (2021). She also wished to make the Board aware of a Senate bill being put forward by the chiropractic association which mentions NDs and is related to personal injury insurance limits.

Chair Kern asked if there were any further questions.

Dr. Klein asked if the Board would be forming a legislative committee for the session.

EO Fernandez reminded Chair Kern that forming a legislative committee was included on the agenda if the Board so wishes to create one.

After some discussion, Vice Chair Coles offered to remain on the legislative committee and Dr. De Soto offered to join her. It was motioned by Vice Chair Coles to form a Legislative Session Committee, consisting of members Dr. Coles and Dr. De Soto, for the 2023 legislative session. The motion was seconded by Dr. De Soto, and with no objections by members, passed unanimously.

Applications:

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

a. Applications Review for Approval

Request for Approval of Qualifying Course of Parenteral Therapy

1. Request by Dr. Virginia Osborne for course from September 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Boise, ID.
2. Request by Dr. Virginia Osborne for course from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023: San Diego, CA.

It was motioned by Vice Chair Coles to approve the non-school courses in parenteral therapy above. The motion was seconded by Dr. De Soto and with no objections from members, passed unanimously.

b. Ratification List

ND-347	AUDREY ELIZABETH ROWAN
ND-348	JUSTIN J LANGLAIS
ND-349	JULIE PARKE
ND-350	ASHLEY JANE LONG

It was motioned by Vice Chair Coles to approve the ratification list. The motion was seconded by Dr. De Soto and with no objections from members, passed unanimously.

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Next Meeting: Friday, February 3, 2023  
9:00 a.m.  
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez  
Christopher Fernandez  
Executive Officer

/s/ Kellie Teraoka  
Kellie Teraoka  
Secretary

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|  Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.