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Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine – December 9, 2024, Bi-Monthly Board Public Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Board Chair Ryan Minarik, ND, Board Co-Chair Meghan Larivee, ND; Board Members: Bill Water, ND; Ryan Martin, ND, Zia Robles-Hernandez, ND; Public member Josh Luper, Joanna Tucker Davis, AAG, Doug Cook, Investigator & Mary-Beth Baptista, Executive Director. No members of the media were present.

Public member Kate Watkinson Wright & Haylee Morse-Miller, Senior Legislative Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Office on Zoom

DATE / TIME: December 9, 2024, approximately 12:30pm

LOCATION: 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 445, on the fourth floor Portland, OR.

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1. **ACTION ITEM –MEETING DISCUSSION: Board & Formulary Council Stipend /**

Discussion regarding statutory mandate regarding Board stipends. Per statute all qualifying members must be paid mandated stipend for performing Board work. Per statute non-qualifying members may be paid mandatory stipend if the Board budget allows. The Board budget cannot support paying non-qualified members. Board members discussed the time spent and time spent away from work and importance of compensation for Board work. Board discussion whether there are other sources of income the Board can bring to offset Board stipend for non-qualifying members. Discussion whether raising licensure fees can offset stipend. ED discussion regarding having to raise fees in the last two budget cycles, and the legislature may have concerns about the ability to remain independent if cannot maintain the functions of the Board without raising fees a third time. Hari Vellaipandian, Assistant Policy & Budget Analyst CFO, joined the discussion via Zoom explaining that generally the legislature view is that Board fees should be raised once a decade, and raising fees again could call into question the Boards sustainability. No decision was made regarding stipends, tabled for further discussion at a future meeting when the budget picture is clearer. One member voluntarily waived Board stipend.

- https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_685.190
- https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_292.495
- [850-005-0190](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_850.005-0190) Board and Formulary Council Member Compensation
 - Discussion regarding rule change from putting in the amount of Board stipend since it fluctuates year to year based on the federal guidelines and replace it with the statute number that requires the stipend.

2. Complaint / Investigation / Discipline Recommendations / Case Resolution Update.

(21-08-25) 7-0 Board Vote to issue a NOPD

(22-12-31) 7-0 Board Vote to issue a NOPD

(23-10-35) 7-0 Board Vote to issue NOPD:

(24-02-05) 7-0 Board Vote – Dismissal.

(24-03-06) 7-0 Board Vote – Dismissal.

(24-03-08) 7-0 Board Vote – Dismissal.

(24-04-10) 7-0 Board Vote – Dismissal.
(24-10-24c) 7-0 Board Vote – Dismissal.

INVESTIGATIONS OVER 120 DAYS: Board Vote 7-0 to continue all investigations over 120 days.

3. October 10, 2024, Executive & Public Meeting Minutes – Approved 7-0 Board vote.
4. Oregon Administrative Rules - Division 40 – Continuing Education – Submitted as final, in effect on January 1, 2025. <https://www.oregon.gov/obnm/Pages/Notice-of-Proposed-Rules-for-Public-Comment.aspx>
5. Discussion regarding establishing a rules committee to review recommended amendments to Oregon Administrative Rule [850-035-0230](#) Requirements for Certification to Practice Natural Childbirth
6. Public and ND Board Member Vacancies/Applications for Reappointment and Appointment due in Workday by January 24: <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/board-list.aspx>
 - Kate Watkinson Wright – Public Member: Due to Kate filling Jenny Anderson’s seat mid-term, she must reapply this appointment round. Adjustments will be made at the end of her next term to ensure she may serve the full 3 years.
 - ND Member Vacancy - Bill Walter terms off in June: Please spread the word regarding the ND vacancy on the Board. MBB announced vacancy in newsletter and will send a reminder on / about December 5th.
 - Board will discuss applications and recommendations to the Governor at the **rescheduled February 3rd meeting**. NOTE: meeting was rescheduled to meet the recommendation deadline of January 31.
7. ND Board Member Reappointment: Dr. Meghan Larivee and Dr. Ryan Minarik were appointed by the Senate to serve an additional 3-year term (beginning June 2025)
8. Directors Report
 - 25-27 Legislative Session Update - Board/ Legislative Concept & Governor’s Approved Budget
 - ED Annual Review Completed on November 5, 2024
 - **Reminder FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEB. 3RD**
9. Dr. Walter Agenda Request: Discussion regarding communicating with licensees regarding contraception and gender affirming care and communication with licensees about this work.

Public Comment: No public comment