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Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine –Bi-Monthly Board Public Meeting - Minutes

DATE / TIME: February 3, 2025 @ approximately 1230pm.

LOCATION: 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 445, (fourth floor) Portland, OR.

Zoom Link Available for Public Session. Public Participant: Dr. Timothy McVeigh (approximately the first 30m)

Attendees: Members Present: Board Chair Ryan Minarik, ND; Board Co-Chair Meghan Larivee, ND, Board Members: 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.

Excused Absence: Dr. Bill Walter, ND; Kate Watkinson Wright (public member)

1. **Review December 9, 2024, Executive & Public Meeting Minutes:** Approved 5-0
2. **Complaint / Investigation / Discipline Recommendations / Case Resolution Update:**
 - (N12-08-23) – Terminate Probation Approved - Board Vote 5-0.
 - (22-10-24) – License Revocation - Board Vote 5-0
 - (23-07-28) – Does not meet the burden of proof – Dismiss/No Discipline – Board Vote 5-0
 - (23-10-37) – Does not meet the burden of proof – Dismiss/No Discipline – Board Vote 5-0
 - (23-10-39) – Does not meet the burden of proof – Dismiss/No Discipline – Board Vote 5-0
 - (23-11-40) – Does not meet the burden of proof – Dismiss/No Discipline – Board Vote 5-0
3. **Board Discussion For Public Member Appointment / ND Board Member Appointment:**
 - Reviewed Governor's statement regarding Board participation and her commitment to ensuring that all Boards and Commissions represent the growing age, racial and gender diversity of the state. <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/board-list.aspx>
 - Board review of public member application for recommendation for nomination to the Board. Public member vacancy re/appointment necessary/required because Wright filled the seat left vacant when prior public member resigned mid-term.
 - Board Vote 5-0 - Recommendation for Nomination: re-appointment of current public member Kate Watkinson Wright, Oregon City, and a native Oregonian. Kate Watkinson Wright has served as a public member of the Board since December 2023. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Stanford University and earned her Juris Doctorate at University of Oregon. Ms. Watkinson Wright has practiced employment law for nearly 20 years.
 - Board reviewed all applications submitted by Oregon licensed naturopathic doctors to fill the upcoming vacant ND seat on the Board. Discussion regarding the current make-up of the Board and recommending applicants for nomination who were best suited to diversify and raise the efficacy of the Board; including years of experience practicing naturopathic medicine, filling practice gaps / expand the practice areas represented among the ND

members on the Board, enhancing inclusion of non-majority populations and geographic representation.

- Board Vote 5-0 - Recommendation for Nomination: Dr. Shehab El-Hashemy, ND, Eugene/Lane County. Dr. El-Hashemy has a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degree (MBChB) from the Faculty of Medicine at Cairo University (Egypt), a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine degree (ND) from the Canadian College of Naturopathic medicine (Toronto, Canada) and a 2-year postgraduate residency certification in family practice. He currently serves as a primary care physician for the Federally Qualified Health Centers of Lane County. His clinical experience includes 13 years as a generalist healthcare provider focusing on Integrative Medicine and Developmental Pediatrics (Ontario, Canada), followed by 6 years as a primary care provider in Patient Centered Primary Care homes (Oregon, USA). He authored two books on Naturopathic family medicine and Integrative primary care.
- 4. Discussion regarding establishing a rules committee to review recommended amendments to Oregon Administrative Rule [850-035-0230](#) Requirements for Certification to Practice Natural Childbirth. ED MBB will work with Dr. Ryan Martin, ND to create a list of potential ND midwives to reach out to serve on the committee.
- 5. Draft Rule Submitted for Public Comment: OAR 850-005-0190
 - https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_685.190
 - https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_292.495
- 6. Directors Report
 - 25-27 Legislative Session Update - Board/ Legislative Concept moving forward. Governor approved OBNM proposed budget. ED MBB to present budget to Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025

Public Comment: Letter to the Board re: AI Scribe Statement. No action is necessary at this time.