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Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine –Bi-Monthly Board Public Meeting Minutes October 13, 2025

Public Session held according to OAR 192.610 to 192.690 Public Meetings Laws.

LOCATION: 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 1C, on the first floor Portland, OR / Zoom

Meeting Open/Close: 1:41pm (Board continues working lunch) – 2:12pm

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Board Chair Ryan Minarik, ND; Board Co-Chair Meghan Larivee, ND, Board Members: Ryan Martin, ND, Zia Robles-Hernandez, Shehab El-Hashemy, ND – **VIA Zoom:** Josh Luper, DAc, LAc, BCSI (public member)

Excused Absence: Kate Watkinson-Wright (public member)

Staff Present: Mary-Beth Baptista, Executive Director

2. Case Resolution Update / Discipline Recommendations

(22-11-30) – Notice of Civil Penalty – Board Vote 6-0

(24-03-09) – Investigation Closed – No Violation – Board Vote 6-0

(24-06-17)- Investigation Closed – No Violation – Board Vote 6-0

(24-11-35) & (24-11-36) – Notice of Proposed Discipline – Board Vote 6-0

- Violations found 850-050-0010(a)(C); OAR 850-050-0190(3)(1); OAR 850-050-0190(3)(4); OAR 850-050-0190(3)(8)(c); 850-050-0190(4)(c) ORS 685.110(14) and ORS 685.110
- Probation five years, \$25,000 civil penalty and three months suspension of license.
- Chaperone required while patient is under the influence of a sedative or during a sensitive exam, and a chaperone must be offered for all procedures, the chaperone cannot be a family member of the doctor.

(25-01-04) - Investigation Closed – No Violation – Board Vote 6-0

3. Board Vote 6-0 Motion Passes – Continue Investigations over 120 Days

4. Board Vote 6-0 Motion Passes - Approval of August 11, 2025, Executive & Public Meeting Minutes

5. [West Coast Health Alliance statement in response to ACIP meeting](#): Brief Board discussion that Washington, Oregon, and California have formed an alliance to ensure medical standards these states currently maintain due to the national political climate and changes in CDC recommendations CDC / the federal government are making that are not in keeping with medical standards the allied states have upheld.

6. [HB 2143](#): Five-Needle Protocol –Brief Board discussion that the rule changed, expanding this practice beyond licensed acupuncturists and the Oregon Medical Board will be engaging in rule making re: training and certification requirements.

7. [Should Prescribing Oral Ketamine Require Education?](#) Baptista realized she made an error during the last rule update (effective Jan 1, 2025) – the revision was not meant to change the

education requirements, just to remove extraneous language regarding the effective date of the rule and those that were exempt from the rule, and put the rule into the more appropriate continuing education chapter. Baptista made an error when titling the rule in the new chapter and it is misleading and inaccurate capture of what areas of practice require education as stated in the rule. Baptista will revise the rule for Board approval at the December meeting.

8. UPDATES:

- Draft OAR – Implemented / Final Rule Repealed: **REPEAL: 850-010-0301** RULE TITLE: Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Requirements
- No Action Taken on [SB 1552 Section 44](#) – Continue discussion at December meeting

9. Director's Report

- a) Budget challenges / fee increases. There is a significant shortfall in the Board budget. The short fall is not from overspending, but under estimating / under projecting the increase SFS/DAS, IT and AAG would raise fees. At first glance it appeared we were going to run out of cash by the end of the year, but fortunately that was an administrative error. But we will run out of limitation and cash by the end of the biennium if we do not raise fees in the Feb. special session. The decision point isn't whether we raise fees, but whether we raise fees a small amount to resolve our short-term cash flow / limitation problem, or raise fees more significantly to get through the 27-29 biennium. Board discussion to raise fees to get through the 27-29 biennium. Board agreed to raise fees through AY 29. Baptista discussed wanting to get creative with how to raise revenue without discouraging new or reciprocal licensee's practicing in Oregon. Baptista will bring draft rules with fee increases and supporting documents to the December Board meeting for approval. Baptista also warned that the Board may have to implement some of the reduction measures included in the 25-27 budget which may include reductions in the non-qualified stipends and in-person meetings.
- b) Review of OBNM Expenditure Document

10. Public Comment – Shehab El-Hashemy, ND requested to put ND chaperone policy on the next public meeting agenda for discussion.

No public or media in attendance / no other public comment
https://oregon.public.law/rules/oar_918-040-0040.