

\*\*Minutes of the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners (NVBHME)\*\*

\*\*Meeting Date: December 7, 2022\*\*

\*\*Time: 6:00 PM PDT (commenced after technical setup at approximately 6:34 PM PDT)\*\*

\*\*Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom\*\*

\*\*1. Call to Order and Roll Call\*\*

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:34 PM PDT by President Sean Devlin, DO HMD, following technical setup and member admission.

- \*\*Members Present\*\*: Sean Devlin, DO HMD (President), Charles Green (Secretary-Treasurer), Kathleen Peele, APH, David Edwards, MD HMD (joined late), Dr. Bruce Fong, DO HMD (joined late).

- \*\*Members Absent\*\*: None after all members were admitted.

A quorum was established with the presence of Sean Devlin, Charles Green, and Kathleen Peele at the start, with David Edwards and Dr. Bruce Fong joining later.

\*\*2. Approval of Agenda\*\*

Charles Green moved to approve the agenda as presented. Kathleen Peele seconded the motion.

- \*\*Agenda Items\*\*:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2021
4. President's Report
5. Public Comments
6. Board Panel Interviews
7. Secretary's Notes
8. Discussion on Governor Lombardo's Executive Orders
9. Discussion on SB 336

10. Legislative Mandate SB 98
11. Discussion on Legislature Sunset Committee Meeting
12. Compensation for Secretary-Treasurer and Staff
13. New Business
14. Additional Public Comments
15. Scheduling of Next Meeting
16. Adjournment

- **\*\*Vote\*\*:** Unanimous in favor (Devlin, Green, Peele).

- **\*\*Result\*\*:** Agenda approved.

**\*\*3. Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2021\*\***

The board reviewed the minutes from the December 21, 2021, meeting, which were distributed in advance by Charles Green.

- **\*\*Discussion\*\*:** David Edwards raised a point of information regarding the number of scheduled board meetings in 2022, noting one attempted meeting and one other scheduled meeting were canceled. Charles Green provided dates of mailed meeting notices (March 18, 29, 30, 31, and April 24, 2022). Edwards also questioned the absence of an adjournment time per Robert's Rules, though Joel Becker clarified the board is not strictly bound by Robert's Rules unless specified in bylaws. Bruce Fong noted the bylaws adopted Robert's Rules of Order (10th edition) in the early 2000s.

- **\*\*Motion\*\*:** David Edwards moved to approve the minutes. Kathleen Peele seconded.

- **\*\*Vote\*\*:** Aye – Devlin, Green, Peele, Edwards; Nay – None.

- **\*\*Result\*\*:** Motion passed; minutes approved.

**\*\*4. President's Report\*\***

Sean Devlin provided an update:

- The board attempted one meeting in 2022, canceled due to potential violations, with no follow-up scheduled due to various reasons. Devlin accepted responsibility for not setting additional meetings.

- Charles Green transferred data from the Reno office to Las Vegas and is streamlining online applications and renewals.
- The Reno office remains for storage, with hard copies secured in locked cabinets. New banking was established, with Devlin and Green added to the account.
- The board's name was updated (removing "State" and adjusting wording), to be documented post-meeting.
- Two applicants passed exams and were interviewed during this meeting.
- **\*\*Action\*\*:** No formal action taken; report noted.

#### **\*\*5. Public Comments\*\***

- **\*\*Dr. Bruce Fong\*\*:** Noted the board's bylaws mandate Robert's Rules of Order (10th edition) and expressed appreciation for board members' efforts.
- **\*\*John Glavinovich, MD HMD\*\*:** Commended Charles Green's efforts in auditing books and updating records, mentioning planned meetings with a national organization to expand the board's role.
- **\*\*Duration\*\*:** Three minutes per speaker, with no further comments received.

#### **\*\*6. Board Panel Interviews\*\***

- **\*\*Dr. Nicole Hujer, ND\*\*:**
  - Introduced herself with a background in nutrition and naturopathic medicine, currently working with Dr. Pfau. She discussed her focus on metabolic health, mold cases, and cancer training with Nasha Winters.
  - **\*\*Questions\*\*:** Devlin and Green inquired about her career choice, aspirations, and training. Hujer highlighted her interest in homeopathy, influenced by a mentor, and her goal to expand access to natural therapies in Nevada.
- **\*\*Motion\*\*:** Charles Green moved to approve Hujer's APH certification, conditioned on a protocol from Dr. Pfau. David Edwards seconded.
- **\*\*Vote\*\*:** Aye – Devlin, Green, Peele, Edwards; Nay – None.
- **\*\*Result\*\*:** Motion passed; certification approved pending protocol submission.

- **Dr. Eric Soria**:

- Interview conducted in closed session (see Item 13).
- **Motion**: David Edwards moved to grant Soria's APH certification pending a protocol from Dr. Pfau. Kathleen Peele seconded.
- **Vote**: Aye – Devlin, Green, Peele, Edwards; Nay – None.
- **Result**: Motion passed; certification approved pending protocol.

#### **7. Secretary's Notes**

Charles Green presented:

- **Financial Report**: Beginning balance (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) was \$33,000, ending at \$41,813. Q3 2021 expenses were \$2,148, Q4 \$1,481. Current balance (2023) is \$50,309, with \$5,200 in expenses. He reported thwarting an attempted embezzlement of \$10,000-\$15,000 in 2021, leading to a new bank account.
- **Membership**: 14 HMDs (2 under NRS 630A, 8 under 630/633, 3 out-of-state), 20 APHs, 8 HAs, totaling 42 members.
- **Website Updates**: Gained control of the website, updated licensee lists, applications, and digitized records. Purchased new hardware and software, with ongoing plans to scan 30+ years of Reno records.
- **Proposal**: Suggested an online portal with DocuSign for licensees to update professional information, including notarized attestations for supervisory roles.
- **Discussion**: Edwards and Fong opposed annual notarization for renewals, suggesting attestations on renewal forms. Joel Becker clarified notarization is required for initial applications (since 2009) but not necessarily renewals.
- **Motion**: Charles Green moved to table the notarization topic and consider a committee. No second was received.
- **Result**: Motion failed; topic remains open for future discussion.

#### **8. Discussion on Retired/Displaced Supervisors**

- Charles Green raised the issue of APHs displaced by retired HMDs, proposing a mechanism or committee to allow practice until new supervision is secured.

- **Discussion**: Bruce Fong cited precedent where retiring HMDs find new supervisors, suggesting the board could temporarily supervise (not previously done). Kathleen Peele and Fong proposed exploring independent practice for qualified APHs. Edwards noted discomfort with remote supervision and past legislative efforts to elevate APH status to HMD with supervised experience.

- **Action**: No formal action taken; topic suggested for tabling or committee review.

**9. Administrative Break**

- **Motion**: David Edwards moved for a 10-minute break at 7:34 PM PDT, to reconvene at 7:44 PM PDT. Second not specified but agreed upon.

- **Result**: Break taken; meeting resumed at 7:44 PM PDT.

**10. Adjournment**

- The meeting concluded with no formal adjournment motion recorded, ending at approximately 8:28 PM PDT after covering agenda items.

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**Date**: 7-30-25