

Minutes of the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners (NBHME)

Meeting Date: April 28, 2023

**Time: 12:10 PM PDT- **

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM PDT by President Sean Devlin, DO HMD.

- **Members Present**: Sean Devlin, DO HMD (President), Charles Green (Secretary-Treasurer), Kathleen Peele, APH, Joel Becker (Attorney General Representative).

- **Members Absent at Start**: Dr. David Edwards, MD HMD (joined late)

Public - Dr. Bruce Fong, DO HMD (joined late). Melissa Monahan APH

A quorum was established with the initial presence of Sean Devlin, Charles Green, Kathleen Peele, and Joel Becker.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

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

- **Result**: Agenda approved.

3. Administrative Updates

- Certificates for two APH applicants were finalized after receiving supervising physician directives.

- Melissa Monahan (APH licensee) and Kathleen Peele raised concerns about delayed license renewal certificates due to the board's name change to Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners. Charles Green committed to resolving the issue swiftly and ensuring notifications are sent to licensees.

- **Action**: Charles Green to oversee the resolution of delayed certificates and ensure updated certificates reflect the new board name.

****4. Discussion on Governor's Executive Order 2023-004 (For Possible Action)****

Joel Becker presented a draft report, due by July 1, addressing licensure regulations and reciprocity as mandated by Governor's Executive Order 2023-004. The report identified key regulations (applications, exams, fees) as necessary for public health and consumer choice, with recommendations to streamline vetting processes and adjust fees for efficiency.

- **Discussion**: The board reviewed the draft and discussed the need for further refinement.

- **Action**: No formal action taken; report to be refined further.

****5. Discussion on Reciprocity****

The board discussed reciprocity with Arizona, the only other state with similar homeopathy licensing. They supported flexible regulations, proposing licensure via interview for candidates with comparable qualifications, with potential extension to regions like Europe or South America.

- **Action**: No formal action taken; discussion to be continued in future meetings.

****6. Discussion on SB 336 Legislation (For Possible Action)****

Charles Green announced that SB 336, now signed into law, protects NBHME doctors from DO board prosecution for using homeopathic protocols. Dr. David Edwards (joined late) expressed skepticism about enforcement, citing past resistance from the MD board despite legal protections.

- **Action**: No formal action taken, as the legislation is already in effect.

****7. Website Improvements (For Possible Action)****

Charles Green proposed an optional online portal for practitioners to update professional information (name, location, education, specialties, homeopathic therapies, scope of practice) and renew licenses digitally. The portal would include a username and password system for secure access. Concerns were raised by Sean Devlin, Kathleen Peele, and Joel Becker about potential liability and the portal resembling advertising. The board agreed to

simplify the portal to include only basic licensee data (name, contact information, license status) as an optional feature.

- ****Action**:** Proposal simplified; to be revisited in future meetings. No formal motion recorded.

****8. Compensation for Secretary-Treasurer (For Possible Action)****

Charles Green requested compensation of \$2,500/month from July to December 2023 for his administrative duties as Secretary-Treasurer, citing a personal investment of \$48,000 into the board over 18 months. Financial overview: the board has ~\$48,000 in the bank; the proposed \$15,000 stipend would leave \$28,000-\$40,000 by year-end, assuming new memberships add \$20,000. The AG's office bill is ~\$130,000, with Joel Becker suggesting a payment plan to manage the debt without bankrupting the board.

- ****Discussion**:** Tensions arose as Dr. David Edwards expressed reluctance to commit to long-term payments, citing historical reliance on an executive director and the upcoming board transition. Kathleen Peele suggested paying Green for one month (July) and revisiting the issue.

- ****Motion**:** Kathleen Peele moved to pay Charles Green \$2,500 for the month of July 2023 and revisit the compensation discussion at a future meeting. No second was received.

- ****Result**:** Discussion tabled due to lack of consensus. To be addressed at the next meeting.

****9. Financial Overview and AG Debt****

The board discussed its financial status and outstanding debt to the Attorney General's (AG) office.

- Current balance: ~\$48,000.
- Projected expenses: \$15,000 for Green's stipend (July-December 2023).
- Projected revenue: \$20,000 from new memberships.
- Estimated year-end balance: \$28,000-\$40,000.

- AG debt: ~\$130,000. Joel Becker advised the board to prioritize operational expenses over AG debt and suggested submitting a payment plan to the AG's office or comptroller to address accruing debt.

- ****Action**:** Board to explore a payment plan with the AG's office; no formal action taken.

****10. Board Transition and Scheduling of Next Meeting****

The board noted that several members' terms have expired, but per NRS 630.120, they must remain until replacements are appointed by the governor. Delays in appointments were discussed, with a follow-up meeting scheduled to address unresolved compensation issues.

- ****Scheduled Meeting**:** July 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM PDT via Zoom.

- ****Agenda for Next Meeting**:**

1. Discuss compensation for the Secretary-Treasurer position (Charles Green).
2. Review Joel Becker's legislative work, including potential workshops for NAC revisions.

- ****Action**:** Meeting scheduled; agenda items noted.

****11. Public Comment****

- ****Melissa Monahan (APH Licensee)**:** Initially hesitated to speak but, prompted by Kathleen Peele, raised concerns about missing renewal certificates, which was addressed administratively.

- ****Dr. Bruce Fong**:** Provided comments on the need for cooler heads and expressed gratitude for the board's efforts.

****12. Technical Issues and Attendance****

Dr. Bruce Fong and Dr. David Edwards faced delays joining the Zoom meeting. Both eventually participated.

- ****Action**:** No action required; noted for the record.

****13. Adjournment****

Kathleen Peele moved to adjourn the meeting. Sean Devlin seconded.

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

- ****Result**:** Meeting adjourned

****Prepared by**:** Frank Shallenberger

****Date**:** 7-30-25