

Minutes of the Meeting of the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 03, 2023, 4:45 PM PDT

Place: Virtual Meeting (via Zoom teleconference)

Compliance Statement: This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241), with proper notice provided, a quorum established, and public access ensured via teleconference.

Members Present:

- Sean Devlin, President
- Kathleen Peele
- Charles Green, Secretary-Treasurer
- Dave Edwards (via teleconference, with initial technical difficulties)

Members Absent:

- None (quorum established with four members present)

Others Present:

- Joel Becker, Deputy Attorney General
- Dr. Bruce Fong (former President)
- John Glavinovich
- Dr. Nicole Hujer, ND (applicant)
- Dr. Eric Soria (applicant, discussed in closed session)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- The meeting was called to order by Sean Devlin at 4:45 PM PDT.

- Charles Green managed technical aspects, admitting participants from the waiting room.
- Roll call conducted by Sean Devlin established a quorum:
 - Kathleen Peele: Present
 - Dave Edwards: Present (after unmuting)
 - Charles Green: Present
 - Sean Devlin: Present

Agenda Item 2: Approval of Agenda

- Charles Green outlined the agenda:
 1. Approval of Agenda
 2. Approval of Minutes from December 2021 Meeting
 3. President's Report
 4. Public Comments
 5. Board Panel Interviews
 6. Secretary's Notes
 7. Discussion on Governor Lim Bartos' Executive Orders
 8. Discussion on SB 336
 9. Legislative Mandate SB 98
 10. Discussion on Legislature Sunset Committee Meeting
 11. Compensation for Secretary-Treasurer and Staff
 12. New Business, Additional Public Comments, Next Meeting, Adjournment
- ****Action Taken:**** Motion to approve the agenda by Charles Green, seconded by Kathleen Peele.
 - Vote: Unanimous (4-0, Aye)

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Minutes from December 2021 Meeting

- Sean Devlin noted minutes were distributed in advance by Charles Green.
- Bruce Fong raised points of information regarding meeting frequency and adherence to Robert's Rules, which Joel Becker clarified are not mandatory under NRS but noted in bylaws (10th edition).
- ****Action Taken:**** Motion to approve minutes by Bruce Fong, seconded by Kathleen Peele.
- Vote: Unanimous (4-0, Aye)

Agenda Item 4: President's Report

- Sean Devlin reported:
 - One attempted meeting in 2022 was canceled due to potential violations; no follow-up scheduled.
 - Charles Green transferred data from Reno to Las Vegas, implementing online applications and renewals.
 - Reno office serves as storage; new banking established with Devlin and Green as signatories.
 - Two applicants passed exams and were interviewed.
- No actions taken.

Agenda Item 5: Public Comments (First Period)

- Dr. Bruce Fong commented on the board's adoption of Robert's Rules of Order (10th edition) since the early 2000s, expressing appreciation for board efforts.
- John Glavinovich commended Charles Green's efforts in auditing and expanding the board, mentioning planned meetings with a national organization.
- No actions taken.

Agenda Item 6: Board Panel Interviews

a. Dr. Nicole Hujer, ND – APH Certification

- Dr. Hujer introduced herself, detailing her background as a dietitian with a master's in nutrition, transitioning to naturopathic medicine, and current work with Dr. Pfau focusing on metabolic health and cancer therapy.
- Questions from Sean Devlin and Charles Green addressed her career choice, aspirations, and qualifications.
- Bruce Fong questioned her 300-hour homeopathy requirement under policy, noting clinical shifts might qualify her hours.
- ****Action Taken:**** Motion by Charles Green to approve Dr. Hujer's APH certification, conditioned on a protocol from Dr. Pfau, seconded by Kathleen Peele.
- Vote: Unanimous (4-0, Aye)
- Dr. Hujer was congratulated and excused.

b. Dr. Eric Soria – APH Certification

- Closed session held for interview (see Agenda Item 13).
- ****Action Taken:**** Motion by Bruce Fong to grant Dr. Soria's APH certification pending a protocol from Dr. Pfau, seconded by Kathleen Peele.
- Vote: Unanimous (4-0, Aye) (post-closed session)

Agenda Item 7: Secretary's Notes

- Charles Green presented:

- Financial Report (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022): Beginning balance \$33,000, ending balance \$41,813; 2021 Q3/Q4 expenses \$2,148/\$1,481; 2023 expenses \$5,200; current balance \$50,309.

- Membership: 14 HMDs, 20 APHs, 8 HAs (total 42).

- Website updates: Secured control, updated licensing/renewal applications, digitized records, purchased hardware/software.

- Proposed online notarization for renewals via DocuSign to enhance security and accountability.

- Discussion:

- Dr. Bruce Fong opposed annual notarization, suggesting attestation on renewal forms.

- Joel Becker clarified notarization's legal weight, noting online notarization is accepted in Nevada.

- Concerns raised about alienating licensees due to past inconveniences.

- ****Action Taken:**** Motion to table the notarization topic by Charles Green lacked a second and failed.

- Sub-item: Discussion on displaced APHs due to retired HMDs.

- Dr. Bruce Fong suggested board supervision as a precedent, though never implemented.

- Kathleen Peele proposed independent practice for qualified APHs; Dr. Bruce Fong suggested elevating APHs to HMDs after supervised experience.

- ****Action Taken:**** No motion made; topic tabled for future discussion.

Agenda Item 8: Discussion on Governor Lim Bartos' Executive Orders

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Agenda Item 9: Discussion on SB 336

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Agenda Item 10: Legislative Mandate SB 98

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Agenda Item 11: Discussion on Legislature Sunset Committee Meeting

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Agenda Item 12: Compensation for Secretary-Treasurer and Staff

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Agenda Item 13: Closed Session

- **Action Taken:** Motion by Kathleen Peele to enter closed session, seconded by Charles Green.

- Vote: Unanimous (4-0, Aye)
- Closed session held to interview Dr. Eric Soria.
- ****Action Taken:**** Motion by Kathleen Peele to return to open session, seconded by Charles Green.
- Vote: Unanimous (4-0, Aye)
- Outcome: Certification approval for Dr. Soria pending protocol (see Agenda Item 6b).

Agenda Item 14: Administrative Break

- ****Action Taken:**** Motion by Joel Becker for a 10-minute break (7:30 PM – 7:45 PM), seconded by Kathleen Peele.
- Vote: Unanimous (4-0, Aye)

Agenda Item 15: New Business

- No specific new business discussed
- No actions taken.

Agenda Item 16: Public Comments (Second Period)

- No comments received.
- No actions taken.

Agenda Item 17: Next Meeting and Adjournment

- Next meeting date not specified; to be determined.
- ****Action Taken:**** Motion to adjourn by [not specified], seconded by [not specified].
- Vote: Unanimous (4-0, Aye)
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM PDT.

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

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