

MINUTES OF THE NEVADA BOARD OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Time: 6:03 PM PDT – 6:30 PM PDT

Location: Sierra Integrative Medical Center, 521 Hammill Lane, Reno, NV 89511, and Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Recording: Recorded to the President's computer; notes to be supplemented for unrecorded initial portion

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

- Dr. Fong (President)
- Dr. Shellenberger
- Karen Dickerson
- Dr. Nario
- Dr. Olson

Staff Present: - Matthew Feeley (AG Office)

Public Present: No members of the public at the physical site; no online public comments

Note: A full complement of the Board was present, establishing a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order by Bruce at 6:03 PM PDT.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Motion:** Dr. Olson moved to approve the agenda.

- **Second:** Dr. Schaumburg seconded.
- **Discussion:** None.
- **Vote:** All members voted "Aye"; no "Nay" votes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Initial Call:** No public comments received at the physical meeting site or online.
- **End of Meeting:** No additional public comments received.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

1. **Item 4: Hiring of Executive Director**

- **Action:** Tabled due to uncertainty about the candidate's role (potentially only interested in bookkeeping). Bruce to clarify before resubmission.

2. **Item 5: Hiring of Lobbyist (Mr. Elliott Malin, Alpine Strategies LLC)**

- **Motion:** Dr. Nario moved to approve hiring Mr. Elliott Malin as lobbyist and finalize the contract.

- **Second:** Dr. Olson seconded.

- **Discussion:**

- Bruce shared the proposed contract on screen, reading it into the record.
- Contract terms: Services from January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, for \$5,000, with reimbursement for expenses upon receipt submission. Consultant acts as an independent contractor with no employee benefits. Termination possible with 30 days' notice or for cause. Confidentiality and proprietary rights assigned to the client (Board).

- Clarification: Mr. Malin has advised unofficially and will represent Board interests, including opposing the Governor's bill to merge boards and addressing homeopathic medicine issues.

- Date adjustment (to start on April 10, 2025) proposed and to be finalized with Mr. Malin.

- Dr. Nario asked about specific lobbying focus; Bruce clarified Mr. Malin will represent the Board on medical and homeopathic issues, including the fight for board independence amidst proposed mergers.

- **Vote:** All members (Bruce, Dr. Shellenberger, Karen, Dr. Nario, Dr. Olson, Dr. Schaumburg) voted "Aye"; unanimous approval.

- **Action:** Bruce to finalize the agreement with Mr. Malin.

3. **Legislative Review (Item Not for Possible Action)**

- Update: Senator **James Ohrenschall** bill to place naturopaths under the Board was pulled due to infeasible prescribing rights and Pharmacy Board opposition. Bruce will work with Senator **James Ohrenschall** to redraft during the interim session (next year) for clearer naturopath roles.

4. **Items 7 & 8: New Business and Regulations Workshop**

- **Discussion:** Plan a workshop in 2-3 weeks to draft regulations, inviting public input. Process includes hosting the workshop, reviewing feedback, modifying regulations if needed, and submitting to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). Board members to provide availability via group text.

PUBLIC COMMENT (End of Meeting)

- No additional public comments received.

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion:** Dr. Frank moved to adjourn.

- **Second:** Greg Olsen seconded.

- **Discussion:** None.

- **Vote:** All members voted "Aye"; unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Bruce requested board members (Dr. Olson, Karen) to submit photos for the website, as current internet images are inadequate.
- Minutes and contract to be included in the record; website updates discussed.
- Next meeting anticipated discussion for the regulations workshop.

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

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