

****Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners****

****Regular Meeting****

****February 11, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.****

****Held via videoconference (Zoom)****

****Physical location: Board member present alone at designated public building****

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Bruce Fong.

****Roll call / establishment of quorum****

- Bruce Fong – Present

- Karen Dickerson – Present

- Greg Olsen – Present

- Frank Shellenberger – Present

- Melvin Nario – Present

- Robert Quinn – Present

****Quorum present****: Yes (all members present via videoconference).

No members of the public physically present at the board's designated location.

Others in call:

Carrie porter

Marina Kropp

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Rosalie Bordelove

Priscilla ND

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Frank Shellenberger to approve the agenda as presented.

Second by Greg Olsen.

No discussion.

Vote: Unanimous approval (all ayes).

3. Public Comment

Limited public comment period opened.

- One member of the public (identified later as Priscilla) briefly appeared and stated no comment at that time.
- No other members of the public offered comment during this agenda item.

4. Executive Director's Report – christy

ED presented the financial report (shared screen):

- Bank balance (as of February 11, 2026): **\$21,584.19**
- Recurring monthly deductions: \$274 (rent – 1301 Quarter Ave) + \$75 (QuickBooks)
- Pending deposits (renewals): **\$16,600** total
 - 7 Homeopathic Assistant renewals → \$1,400
 - 16 HMD license renewals → \$8,400
 - Additional renewal / re-inquiry applications pending

Discussion:

- Board members inquired about follow-up on non-renewing licensees.
- Consensus: ED to contact non-responders by phone/email to confirm intent to renew and verify contact information.

No formal action taken.

5. Payment of Bookkeeper – Anne Carpenter

Invoices presented:

- August 1, 2025: \$136.25
- November 1, 2025: \$475.00

****Total due****: \$611.25

Motion by Frank Shellenberger to approve payment of \$611.25 to Anne Carpenter for bookkeeping services.

Second by Robert Quinn.

Discussion:

- Anne Carpenter assists with audits, state inquiries, annual paperwork, and Sunset Committee preparation.
- Expense considered occasional / as-needed, not monthly fixed cost.

Vote: Unanimous approval (all ayes).

****Action****: ED authorized to prepare and issue check; President Fong to sign.

6. Sunset Committee Appearance (Legislative Counsel Bureau) – Preparation & Draft Responses

Melvin presented draft responses to the Sunset Review Questionnaire (two forms provided via screen share).

Key discussion points:

- Board website (new official site identified; old site needs forwarding or de-optimization from search engines)
- P.O. Box established for mail security (address to be updated in questionnaire)
- No recent regulation adoptions in past five years; pending workshop noted

- No vacancies on board; terms expire 2027 (most members)
- Fee schedule, complaint process, transparency, overlap with other boards, tax status, and efficiency improvements discussed
- Fingerprinting portal compromise previously delayed applications (to be noted)
- Arizona remains only other active homeopathic medical board in U.S. for comparison

Board consensus:

- All members to review emailed draft documents individually.
- Submit suggested edits/additions **only to ED** (not full board reply-all).
- Melvin, Bruce Fong, and ED to coordinate final revisions.
- Appearance scheduled for **May 8, 2026**.
- Recruitment, complaint handling, public/continuing education, and modernization to be emphasized.

No formal vote taken; work continuing toward May deadline.

7. Regulation Workshop – Scheduling

Proposed date for public workshop on pending regulation changes (primarily fee schedule update and clean-up..etc):

****February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** (Thursday) - temporary**

No objections raised.

****Action**:** ED to post public notice and prepare agenda.

8. Future Board Accessibility & Modernization (Electronic Renewals / Payments)

Discussion: Move toward online renewal portal, electronic payments (credit card), document upload, faster certificate issuance.

- Option to maintain paper/mail process for those who prefer it.

- Potential use of third-party payment processor linked from official board website.
- Goal: Improve efficiency, reduce lost mail/applications, enhance accessibility.

No formal vote; item announced as future action item.

****Next steps****: ED will consult web expertise, Frank Shellenberger (Secretary/Treasurer), and interested members to develop costed proposal for board vote at future meeting.

9. Recognition of American Osteopathic Society of Integrative Medicine (AOSIM) as Preferred CME Provider

Motion by Frank: Approve AOSIM (and associated Congress in Medical Excellence events / Tuesday webinars) as preferred provider of continuing medical education credits for license renewal.

Second: Quinn

Discussion: Clarification that AMA credits from AOSIM events generally qualify as well

Vote: Unanimous approval (all ayes).

10. Board Office Location & Security

Discussion: Current location (1301 Quarter Ave) deemed non secure (open mailbox slot, homeless activity reported in building, safety concerns for staff after hours).

- Month-to-month rental (~\$274/mo).
- P.O. Box already implemented for security.
- Desire for small neutral office space (~120 sq ft) with 24/7 key access for staff/board, no conflict-of-interest location (e.g., not inside licensee's private practice).

No vote taken; board directed to identify potential locations for future discussion.

11. Recognition of Integrative Medicine Fellowships (Andrew Weil, others) for NRS 630A.270(3) Waiver Purposes

Extensive discussion regarding possible recognition of Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine Fellowship and similar programs to satisfy and waive the requirements in subsection 1(b) (3 years of postgraduate training) and subsection 1(c) (additional 6 months in homeopathic medicine) for an applicant who is a diplomate of an approved specialty board recognized by the Board.

Points raised:

- Statutory definition of “homeopathic medicine” (NRS 630A) is broad and includes integrative/alternative modalities.
- Concern that waiving specific classical homeopathy training could undermine board identity/exam integrity.
- Counterpoint: Board exam remains rigorous (significant classical homeopathy content); waiver would expand applicant pool.

Motion by Frank Shellenberger to refer matter to newly formed **Legislative / Regulation Committee** for development of proposed NAC language.

Second by Greg Olsen.

Vote: Unanimous approval (all ayes).

****Action****: President Fong to appoint committee members (volunteers via text to (775) 233-8828). Frank Shellenberger tentatively to chair.

12. Recruitment Strategies & Potential Name Change Discussion

Discussion: Strategies to increase licensees (conference presence, fellowship recognition, possible name change to reflect integrative scope, naturopathic board integration proposal).

Motion (as amended): Refer potential name change and related NRS amendments to Legislative / Regulation Committee.

Vote: Unanimous approval (all ayes).

13. Future Meetings

- ****Regulation Workshop****: February 26, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. - temporary
- ****Next Regular Board Meeting****: Tentatively March 11 or 12, 2026 (exact date to be confirmed) – focus on finalizing regulations for LCB submission and Sunset preparation.
- Sunset Committee appearance: May 9, 2026. - temporary

14. Public Comment (Closing)

Several members of the public spoke:

- Emphasis on preserving legacy of Nevada as first U.S. homeopathic board.
- Support for name change / integrative expansion while honoring classical homeopathy.
- Recruitment suggestions (foreign graduates, naturopaths, Arizona reciprocity).
- Historical remarks on global prominence of homeopathy (1835–1891).

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Frank Shellenberger.

Second: Voice second.

Vote: Unanimous approval (all ayes).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m.

****Minutes prepared by****: Frank Schallenberger to be reviewed / certified by Executive Director Christy Steele