

**\*\*NEVADA HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD\*\***

**\*\*Regular Meeting Minutes\*\***

**\*\*Date:\*\*** February 26, 2026

**\*\*Time:\*\*** Called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. PST

**\*\*Location:\*\*** 521 Hamil Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502 (physical location); Zoom videoconference (virtual participation)

**\*\*Meeting Notice & Agenda:\*\*** Posted in accordance with NRS 241.020 on the Nevada Homeopathic Medical Board website and at the physical meeting location.

**### Board Members Present (quorum confirmed)**

- Bruce Fong, President (presiding)
- Frank Shellenberger
- Greg Olson
- Melvin Nario
- Robert Quinn

**\*\*Absent:\*\*** Dickerson (notified in advance due to illness)

**\*\*Staff / Others Present\*\***

- Christy (Executive Director)
- No members of the public physically present
- cora ibarra, ben zvenia, Ahmed mosoud, marina Kropp, George Eversaul, Jessica Joslyn, Dr. Edwards, Aaron wolfe

**### 1. Call to Order & Roll Call / Quorum Determination**

Meeting called to order by President Bruce Fong at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Quorum confirmed after roll call (verbal affirmations provided by members present).

### ### 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Frank Shellenberger

Seconded by: Greg Olson

Discussion: Point of order noted — opportunity provided for any member to request removal/modification of items (none requested).

Vote: Unanimous approval (ayes verbalized by members present).

### ### 3. Public Comment (NRS 241.020(2)(c))

No public comment received (in-person or virtual). Period closed.

### ### 4. Executive Director Report – Christy

- Reported on licensee renewal status: Only three licensees with unresolved paperwork; one confirmed non-renewal (reason: not interested at this time).
- Following up with the three outstanding cases.
- Board reminded non-renewing licensee that re-application after >1 year may require re-examination and full board review/interview process.

### ### 5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from July 20, 2025 (prior year)
- Minutes from most recent meeting (approximately early February 2026)

Motion: Approve both sets of minutes.

Moved by: Greg Olson

Seconded by: Frank Shellenberger

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous approval.

### ### 6. Complaint Committee Report – Frank Shellenberger (Chair)

- Reviewed anonymous complaint letter alleging ~20+ individuals falsely claiming homeopathic licensure or practicing without license.

- Committee investigation categorized complainants into three groups:

1. Individuals actually licensed (no issue; possible website/Google confusion noted).
2. Licensed MD/DO/Oriental MDs using homeopathy without homeopathic license (legal per current interpretation; no board action recommended).
3. Three individuals falsely claiming board licensure/certification (recommended referral to Attorney General for unauthorized practice investigation).

#### \*\*Motion 1\*\* (Complaint Committee recommendation):

Refer the three individuals who falsely claimed licensure/certification by this board to the Nevada Attorney General for investigation of unauthorized practice of medicine.

Moved by: Frank Shellenberger

Seconded by: Greg Olson

Vote: Unanimous approval.

#### \*\*Motion 2\*\*:

Board to send outreach letter to unlicensed naturopaths/practitioners of natural medicine in Nevada, informing them of ability to become licensed under this board (and potential consequences of continuing without licensure). Letter wording to be finalized by Chair Shellenberger and interested members.

Moved by: Frank Shellenberger (with refinements by President Fong and others)

Seconded by: Greg Olson

Vote: Unanimous approval.

- Discussion deferred (to future meeting / bylaws/policy committee): Whether low-potency / commercial homeopathic products recommended by non-homeopathic licensed providers fall under board jurisdiction.

### ### 7. NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) Regulation Changes – Workshop Preparation

Extensive discussion of proposed amendments to NAC Chapter 630A (homeopathic medicine regulations). Key items included:

- Adding classifications: Certified Tribal Practitioner, Certified Tribal Healer, Certified Tribal Technician, Biologic Dentist, etc., as eligible categories for Advanced Practitioner of Homeopathy (APH) and Homeopathic Assistant (HA) applications.
- Telehealth license category (new proposed out-of-state license for telehealth only at **\*\*\$400\*\***).
- Proctoring examinations at third-party testing centers.
- Updating approved fellowship/waiver programs (Andrew Weil Center, A4M, etc.).

#### **\*\*Proposed Fee Adjustments Discussed & Acted Upon\*\*:**

1. For the annual renewal of a license to practice homeopathic medicine (HMD)..... [\$600] **\*\*\*\$800\*\*\*** (proposed increase; carried over from prior minutes/discussion).
2. For the annual renewal of a certificate to practice as an advanced practitioner of homeopathy (APH/AP)..... [\$400] → **\*\*\$600\*\*** (proposed increase).
3. For the annual renewal of a certificate to practice as a homeopathic assistant (HA)..... [\$200] → **\*\*\$300\*\*** (motion passed unanimously during meeting to increase from current \$200).
6. Out-of-state license (telehealth only) ..... **\*\*(\$400)\*\*** (new proposed category for practitioners conducting telehealth from outside Nevada; consensus to set at \$400, rounded from midpoint of other states' telehealth fees).

- Re-examination fees (after failure): Generally unchanged in discussion (e.g., HMD \$400, APH \$215–\$300 range per prior codification; to be confirmed in final document).
- Other notes: Board emphasized need for increases due to tight operating budget; no reductions approved. Fees remain proposed until workshop, final approval, and LCB review.

**\*\*Action Taken:\*\***

Motion: Hold a follow-up/special meeting within the next 7–10 days to review and finalize the complete redline/strikeout document (proper legislative format: red strikeout for deletions, blue/underline for additions), incorporating the above fee proposals, then schedule public workshop.

Moved by: (verbal consensus; formal motion acknowledged)

Seconded: Multiple members

Vote: Unanimous approval.

→ Item 8 (setting workshop date) officially tabled until document is finalized.

### ### 8. Sunset Committee Update

Deferred to next meeting.

Members reminded to review assigned sections of the Sunset Review checklist (financials, activities, etc.).

Sunset hearing confirmed for May 8, 2026 (in-person – primary Las Vegas; secondary Carson City; televised).

### #9 Recognition of affiliations/fellowships: (e.g., Andrew Weil Integrative Medicine Fellowship, A4M) as qualifying for specialty board waivers

Statutory basis: Tied to **NRS 630A.270(3)**, which allows the Board to waive certain postgraduate training requirements (paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 1) for diplomates of an approved specialty board recognized by the Board. This supports flexible pathways for foreign medical graduates and integrative practitioners while preserving standards through board review and approval.

Rosalie (via referenced email/AG input) confirmed existing authority under NAC/NRS to approve such fellowships on a case-by-case basis initially; formal NAC wording can be refined if high volume of applicants emerges.

Board consensus: Incorporate the proposed language into the NAC redline package for the upcoming workshop. Initial approvals for applicants from these programs will proceed via case-by-case board interrogation and vote.

### ### 10. New Business / Announcements

- Recruitment/outreach meetings scheduled (starting with Homeopathic Association of North America – February 27, 2026).

- Recruitment Committee expansion (Dr. Wolf added).
- Coordination with Attorney General's office regarding outstanding fees/payment plan.
- Legislative Committee update (current members: Dr. Shellenberger, Dr. Majeed, Marina, fnu dhaani).
- Public question (via chat – Marina): Clarification on whether singly-licensed HMDs may prescribe allopathic medications or order imaging.
  - Informal board consensus: Limited to homeopathic doses only; full allopathic prescribing generally requires pharmacy board compliance / dual licensure.

#### ### 11. Public Comment

No additional public comment received.

#### ### 12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Frank Shellenberger (or Greg Olson – verbal consensus)

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10–8:15 p.m. PST.

**\*\*Next Meeting:\*\*** Special/follow-up meeting within 7–10 days (exact date/time to be noticed by Executive Director after document finalization).

Approved by:

Executive Director – Christy Steele

Secretary Treasurer – Frank Schallenberger