

**Board of Naturopathy
Business Meeting Minutes**

February 7, 2025

9:00 a.m.

On February 7, 2025, the Board of Naturopathy held a hybrid business meeting at Department of Health, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501, Town Center 1, Room 164 with access via Zoom. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were published on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

Board Members:

Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair
Joanne Hillary, ND, Vice Chair
Amira Ahdut, ND, LAC
Chad Aschtgen, ND
Elias Kass, ND
Brooke Fotheringham, Public Member
Vacant, Public Member

Staff:

Rachel Phipps, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Assistant
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support
Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General
Rayne Pearson, Supervising Staff Attorney
Marlon Basco-Rodillas, Policy Analyst

Public Attendees:

Kate Reynolds
Angela Ross
Cesile Cocks
Laura Wagner
Lorinda Sorensen
Sheryl Wagner
Tammy McInnis
Teresa Richter
Erin Sweet
Karen Appel

Julia Tabak
Lydia Amevi
Letitia Dick-Kronenberg
Kristina Conner
Suzanne McMurray
Nina Walsh
Justin Steurich
Ludwig Mantay
Michelle Brown-Echerd

Open Session**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Dr. Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington State Board of Naturopathy to order at 9:03 a.m. on February 7, 2025.

1.1 Introductions

Dr. Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair, introduced board members, staff, and guests. She then offered an introductory statement explaining the procedure for remote attendance and instructions for public comments.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the agenda for February 7, 2025, business meeting. The motion was moved by Dr. Ahdut and seconded by Dr. Aschtgen. The motion was passed.

1.3 Approval of November 8, 2024, business meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the November 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Dr. Aschtgen and seconded by Dr. Ahdut. The motion was passed.

2. Rules Hearing

The board held a rules hearing for the purpose of amending rules for licensure requirements relating to jurisprudence examinations as a condition for licensure for naturopathic physicians, and to clarify, update, and simplify rules to comply with RCW 18.130.077.

- Dr. Angela Ross provided comments suggesting additional clarifications regarding the proposed changes to 18.130.077.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the proposed changes to comply with RCW 18.130.077, to include the change of naturopath to naturopathic physician. The motion was moved by Dr. Aschtgen and seconded by Dr. Hillary. The motion was passed. The hearing was concluded at 9:26 a.m.

3. Public Comment— Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

The board heard comments from the public. The public was given the opportunity to request items to be placed on a future meeting agenda.

Public Comment

Members of the public were invited to introduce themselves and share comments not related to an agenda item or to the rules hearing.

Comments Received:

There was no public comment shared at this time.

4. Presentation: Ethics – Kate Reynolds, Executive Director, Ethics Board

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- Kate Reynolds, Executive Director of the Ethics Board, gave a presentation about ethics and conflicts of interest.

5. Old Business —DISCUSSION/ACTION— Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

5.1 Committees

The Business Plan Committee meeting was scheduled for February 21, 2025, after the disciplinary meeting.

The Telemedicine Committee meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2025, before the disciplinary meeting.

6. New Business—DISCUSSION/ACTION— Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

6.1 Board Leadership (chair/vice chair)

MOTION: A motion was made to delay a vote for new chair and vice-chair until the next board meeting on May 9, 2025. The motion was moved by Dr. Aschtgen and seconded by Brooke Fotheringham. The motion was passed.

7. Correspondence—DISCUSSION/ACTION— Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

The board reviewed and discussed any correspondence received since the last meeting.

No new correspondence has been received since the last business meeting.

8. Program Reports-DISCUSSION- James Chaney, Executive Director; Rachel Phipps, Program Manager

8.1 Budget reports – *Ms. Phipps, Program Manager gave an update regarding the current budget to the members and answered any specific questions related to fees and our budget.*

8.2 Credentialing statistics report – *Ms. Phipps, Program Manager, gave an update to the members on the current credentialing statistics report.*

8.3 Recruitment update – *Mr. Chaney, Executive Director, gave an update regarding board member recruitment; we are still waiting on the Governor's office to finalize appointments to be made for board members whose terms expired in 2023.*

8.4 Legislative update – *Mr. Chaney, Executive Director, gave an update letting the board know that they would be sent general information regarding any new bills that are introduced that affect the profession.*

9. Future Business

The board will discuss agenda items identified or suggested for future meetings.

9.1 Robert's Rules of Order – Luke Eaton, AAG

10. Settlement Presentations- Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

- There were no settlement presentations.

11. Adjournment of Public Meeting-

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. Dr. Richardson, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Date: May 9, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid - Virtual Zoom Meeting with a physical location at the Department of Health.