Board of Naturopathy
Business Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2026
9:00 a.m.

On May 8, 2026, the Board of Naturopathy held a hybrid business meeting at Department of Health. 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501, Town Center 2, Room 153, 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
Elias Kass, ND, Vice Chair
Kelsey Klausmeyer, ND
Brooke Fotheringham, Public Member
Sunita Iyer, ND
Laura Flanagan, ND
Chad Aschtgen, Pro Tem
Joanne Hillary, ProTem
Amira Ahdut, Pro Tem

Staff:
Danielle Dooley, Program Manager
Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support
Jennifer Osmun, Program Support
Alyssa Gehrig, Admin Support
Marlon Basco, Policy Analyst
Rachel Sahi, Policy Analyst
Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General

Public Attendees:
Angela Ross, ND
Billie Dickinson
Karen Appel
Lisa Price
Shannon Hirst
Traci Pantuso
Jared Zeff
Rachel Bennett

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 9:07 a.m. on May 8, 2026.

1.1 Introduction

Introduction of board and supporting staff members

1.2 Approval of May 8, 2026 Agenda

AMENDMENT: Dr Richardson requested to add board elections to agenda item 4.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the amended agenda with the addition of board elections. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3 Approval of February 13, 2026, business meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the February 13, 2026, regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. 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:

- Shannon Hirst, an ND from Woodinville, WA, commented that board members with leadership roles in naturopathic organizations should abstain from voting in cases where the organizations directly financially benefit.
- Tracy Pantuso, ND in WA state, commented her concern regarding continuing education and issues affecting naturopathic schools.

3. Old Business – DISCUSSION/ACTION – Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

3.1 Continuing Education

- Discussion surrounding continuing education was tabled pending new board member training.

3.2 Signature Delegation Form

- Dr. Richardson confirmed that the signature delegation form has been completed, signed, and filed.

4. New Business – DISCUSSION/ACTION – Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

4.1 Five-year rule review

4.2 Discussion about creating a new rule for expired reactivation

4.3 Discussion related to Controlled Substance and Intravenous Therapy endorsement

MOTION: A motion was made to table these three agenda items until the new board members had completed their training. The motion was seconded and passed.

4.4 Board elections

MOTION: A motion was made to reelect Dr. Krystal Richardson as chair of the board. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to elect Dr. Elias Kass as vice-chair of the board. The motion was seconded and passed.

5. Correspondence – DISCUSSION/ACTION – Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

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

- The board received a request for a formal advisory opinion regarding scope of prescribing testosterone products.

MOTION: A motion was made that the board directed program staff to respond to this request using the 2023 adopted policy statement regarding scope of practice questions. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. Program Reports – DISCUSSION – Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; Danielle Dooley, Program Manager; Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support

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

6.2 Credentialing statistics report – *Ms. Dooley, Program Manager gave an update to the members on the current credentialing numbers and timelines.*

Dr. Kass had requested program to pull statistics of applications received year to year for a 5 year period to be presented at the August meeting.

6.3 Recruitment update – *Ms. Dooley, Program Manager, gave an update regarding recruitment.*

6.4 Newsletter (Fall edition) – *Ms. Dooley, Program Manager, shared that we were soliciting ideas for the next newsletter.*

7. Future Business

The board discussed agenda items identified or suggested for future meetings.

- Roberts Rules of Order and Open Public Meetings Act presentations – *(Luke Eaton, AAG. tabled until November 13, 2026, meeting.)*
- Washington State Ethics Act – *(Kate Reynolds, Executive Ethics Board)*
- Payroll presentation – *(Alyssa Gehrig, Admin Support)*

8. Settlement Presentations- Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

- There were no settlement presentations.

9. 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 10:30 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting:
Date: May 8, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Hybrid - Virtual Zoom Meeting
with a physical location at the Department of Health.

Submitted:	Approved:
On File	On File
Danielle Dooley, Program Manager	Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair