Board of Naturopathy
Business Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2026
9:00 a.m.

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On August 14, 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 Present:
Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair
Elias Kass, ND, Vice Chair
Kelsey Klausmeyer, ND
Laura Flanagan, ND

Board Members Absent:
Sunita Iyer, ND
Brooke Fotheringham, Public Member

Staff:
Danielle Dooley, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support
Jennifer Osmun, Program Support
Alyssa Gehrig, Admin Support
Marlon Basco, Policy Analyst
Rachel Sahi, Policy Analyst
Dominique Crisp, Supervising Staff Attorney
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

Guest Presenters:
Angela Ross, ND |WANP Executive Director
Kate Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General

Public Attendees:
Traci Pantuso
Kristina Conner
Shannon Hirst
Justin Steurich
Joy Nauman
Laura Wagner

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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 9:02 a.m. on August 14, 2026.

1.1 Introduction

Introduction of board and supporting staff members

1.2 Approval of August 14, 2026 Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the August 14, 2026, agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3 Approval of May 8, 2026, business meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the May 8, 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, expressed concerns regarding Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME).

3. Presentations

3.1 Bastyr University & CNME Updates – Dr. Angela Ross, ND shared a presentation to the board regarding updates on Bastyr University and CNME.

3.2 **Washington State Ethics Act**- Kate Reynolds shared a presentation to the board regarding Washington State Ethics Act.

3.3 **Payroll** – Alyssa Gehrig shared a presentation to the board regarding information on the payroll process for board members

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

4.1 Board Elections

- Elections will be held in May of 2027.

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

5.1 Discussion about consideration of creating a new rule for expired reactivation

MOTION: A motion was made to rescind the CR-101 creating a new rule for expired reactivation, disband the subcommittee, and move it in the five-year rule review subcommittee. The motion was seconded and passed.

5.2 Five-year rule review

MOTION: A motion was made to establish a subcommittee to review the existing rules. The motion was seconded and passed.

5.3 WAC 246-836-080 Continuing Competency Program

MOTION: A motion was made open a CR-101 to make further changes to the continuing education rules. The decision was tabled until the Board has received additional information.

5.4 Controlled Substance (CS) and Intravenous Therapy (IV) Process

MOTION: A motion was made to form a subcommittee to establish a process for reviewing and validating IV therapy and controlled substance coursework to ensure compliance with existing rules. The motion was seconded and passed.

5.5 Proposed 2027 meeting dates

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the proposed 2027 meeting dates of Friday, Feb 12 | Friday, May 7 | Friday, Aug 13 | Friday, Nov 12. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

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

- The board received an email regarding CNME accreditation and recent decisions.

7. Program Reports – DISCUSSION – James Chaney, Executive Director; Danielle Dooley, Program Manager

7.1 Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) – *Mr. Chaney, Executive Director, shared that program staff along with board leadership will be reviewing the JOA to make any necessary changes or updates before being signed by the board chair.*

7.2 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.*

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

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

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

8. Future Business

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

- Open Public Meetings Act presentations – *(Luke Eaton, AAG. is scheduled for November 13, 2026 business meeting)*
- Robert's Rules of Order presentation – *(Luke Eaton, AAG. tabled until 2027)*

9. Settlement Presentations- Krystal Richardson, ND, Chair

- There were no settlement presentations.

10. Adjournment of Public Meeting-

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MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. Dr. Richardson, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Date: November 13, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Hybrid - Virtual Zoom Meeting
with a physical location at the Department of Health.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Dooley, Program Manager

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