

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee (NMAC)
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Room 100
Friday, March 21, 2025

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT VIA
ZOOM:

Melissa A. Clark, M.D., Nicole M. Farmer, M.D., Kristaps Paddock, N.D,
Edward V. Meeks, Consumer Member

ABSENT: Kevin Passero, N.D., Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Manager, Melissa Schober, Manager, Policy/Legislation, Madeline DelGreco, Health Policy Analyst, Margaret Ellis Jury, Lead Allied Health Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Dr. Passero, Ms. Wright called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Farmer and seconded by Dr. Paddock, the NMAC unanimously voted to table the approval of the Open and Closed Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2024, until the next meeting because three of the four members present were not present at the September 20, 2024 meeting. Therefore, they were unable to vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. DelGreco presented proposed amendments to COMAR 10.32.21 *Licensure, Regulation, and Discipline of Naturopathic Doctors*. The amendments clarified that a collaboration and consultation agreement must be maintained to practice naturopathic medicine, inserted standard language for reinstatement of a license after lapse or expiration, and inserted standard language for reinstatement of a license after revocation or surrender. On a motion by Dr. Paddock and seconded by Dr. Farmer, the Committee voted to recommend the amendments to the Board.

Ms. DelGreco provided an update on SB 423/HB 776 - Maryland Medical Practice Act and Maryland Physician Assistant Act - Revisions ("General Revisions") and explained the changes to the naturopathic medicine statute.

Ms. DelGreco also provided an update on HB 867 - State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Prescriptive Authority and Administration of Medicine. She explained that the bill would repeal the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council, alter the prescriptive authority of

naturopathic doctors, and alter the methods by which a naturopathic doctor may administer medication.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of New Chair

On a motion by Dr. Farmer and seconded by Clark, the NMAC unanimously voted to elect Dr. Kristaps Paddock as chair.

Allied Health Committee Members

Ms. Wright reminded the Committee that their Financial Disclosure Statements for 2024 must be completed and submitted by April 30, 2025. She also reminded the Committee that Termination Disclosure Statements must be completed and submitted at the end of a member's term.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dr. Paddock and seconded by Dr. Farmer, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File
Margaret Ellis Jury
Lead Allied Health Analyst