



Washington State Department of Health  
Board of Naturopathy  
Meeting Minutes  
**May 29, 2015**

**Location:** This meeting took place at the following locations utilizing videoconferencing.

Primary Meeting Site

Department of Health  
Point Plaza East, Rooms 152/153  
310 Israel Road SE  
Tumwater, WA 98501

Secondary Meeting Site

Department of Health  
16201 E Indiana Ave Room 112  
Spokane Valley, WA 99216

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Amira Ahdut, ND, LAc (absent)  
Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair  
Marsha Moody, Public Member  
Dean Neary, ND  
Elizabeth Prater, ND  
Michael Whitney, ND, DC  
Deborah Wright, Public Member, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Susan Gragg, Program Manager  
Chris Humberson, Executive Director  
Debra Defreyn, Assistant Attorney General  
Irina Tiginyanu, Health Services Consultant  
Deborah Johnson, Policy Analyst  
Kristi Weeks, DOH Review Officer/Policy Counsel  
Chris Baumgartner, PMP Executive Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Adam Geiger, ND, WANP  
Angela Ross, ND, WANP  
Eva Kozura, ND, WANP  
Kari Boiter, KLB Ventures

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Chair Chad Aschtgen, ND, called the meeting of the Washington State Board of Naturopathy (board) to order at 8:44 a.m. on May 29, 2015. All those in attendance introduced themselves.

**2. Consent Agenda**

The board approved the following by a single action:

- 2.1. Approval of May 29, 2015, meeting agenda
- 2.2. Approval of February 27, 2015, meeting minutes
- 2.3. Approval of the March 6, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes
- 2.4. Approval of the April 3, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes
- 2.5. Approval of the April 17, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes
- 2.6. Approval of the May 1, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes
- 2.7. Approval of the May 15, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes

## CLOSED SESSION – 8:46 AM

### 3. Disciplinary Case Decisions

## OPEN SESSION – 10:00 AM

### 4. Discuss Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent agenda.

### 5. Old Business

#### 5.1. Rule Project Update

5.1.1. The board approved the latest draft rule language that incorporated changes made by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1424 (Laws of 2015).

5.1.2. The board deferred the sexual misconduct rule project discussion to a future meeting in order to have a DOH representative available for questions from the board.

### 6. New Business

#### 6.1. Legislative Wrap-Up

6.1.1. Kristi Weeks, Department of Health Review Officer/Policy Council, and Chris Baumgartner, Executive Director for the Medical Marijuana Program, gave the board with an in-depth overview of the implementation of Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052 (Laws of 2015), the Cannabis Patient Protection Act.

6.1.2. Mr. Humberson and Ms. Gragg gave the board a report on Substitute Senate Bill 5175 (Laws of 2015) regarding hospital reimbursement for telemedicine services.

6.1.3. Mr. Humberson and Ms. Gragg gave the board a report on Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1424 (Laws of 2015) regarding updates to the suicide prevention education. This report covered parts of the Bill other than those impacting the rule discussed under agenda item 5.1.1.

6.1.4. Mr. Humberson and Ms. Gragg gave the board a brief report on House Bill 1339. Although this Bill did not pass, it may be reintroduced in the 2016 legislative session.

6.2. The CITRIX report and demonstration was deferred to a future meeting.

6.3. The board discussed a request for approval to receive a list of addresses of licensed naturopathic physicians by Haase & Associates (dba Haase Seminars) for continuing education purposes.

**MOTION:** The Chair entertained a motion to approve the request by Haase & Associates. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6.4. The board discussed a request from a licensee for an extension to complete continuing education requirements.

**MOTION:** The Chair entertained a motion to approve the request for extension of twelve months to complete the licensee's continuing education requirement. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- 6.5. Ms. Gragg provided the board with a report regarding the current status of board member recruitment efforts. The two positions eligible for recruitment are Positions 1 and 2, which are currently held by Drs. Ahdut and Aschtgen. Both members are eligible for reappointment.
- 6.6. The board discussed chapter 18.340 RCW. The department encourages all regulatory boards and commissions to consider adopting rules to issue temporary permits for military spouses and domestic partners.

**MOTION:** The Chair entertained a motion to initiate rule-making for temporary permits for military spouses and domestic partners. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

## 7. Program Reports

### 7.1. Program Reports – Susan Gragg

Budget – Ms. Gragg gave a brief overview of the board’s budget.

Statistical Reports – Ms. Gragg provided the credential count report (1,215 active licensees).

Active Case Report – Ms. Gragg shared the current active case report; there are currently 58 open complaint cases.

### 7.2. Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Report – Debra Defreyn, AAG Adviser

There was no AAG Adviser report.

## 8. Open Forum/Future Agenda Items

None.

## 9. Presentations

There were no Agreed Orders for presentation.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Submitted by:

  
Susan Gragg, Program Manager  
Naturopathy Program

Approved by:

  
Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair  
Board of Naturopathy