

**STATE OF NEVADA
HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS BOARD**

MINUTES (DRAFT)

TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday February 11, 2009
5:30 p.m. (Pacific Time)**

**LOCATION OF MEETING:
Sierra Integrative Medical Center
6512 South McCarran Blvd. #E
Reno, NV 89509
&
Nevada Clinic
3663 Pecos McLeod Int
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND STAFF: The following persons are either members of the Board or staff, and were present or listed as absent:

Cyrus Pourzan, President
Robert Eslinger, Vice President
Bruce Fong, Secretary Treasurer
Fuller Royal, Member
Diane Kennedy, Member (absent)
Leticia Gardea, Member (absent)
KJ Smith, Member
Executive Director, Nancy Eklof
Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board, Robert Bryant,

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Dennis Grover
Janine Hansen
Maged Maged
David Holt
Tiffany Vanderstokker
Michael Gerber

1. **President Cyrus Pourzan called the meeting to order conducted roll call and determined there was a quorum.**
2. **President Pourzan welcomed members of the public and requested that all visitors sign in on the roster.**
3. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Discussion/Action: Bruce Fong motioned to approve, Robert Eslinger seconded, motion passed

4. **Discussion and action regarding the required legislative review of NRS Chapter 630A and all statutes which may impact it and suggested changes to NRS 630A for 2009.**
President Pourzan turned the discussion over to NRS Committee Member Bruce Fong:

Discussion: The public was invited to participate in the discussion: Of the suggested changes, the name of the Board From homeopathic to alternative was discussed:

Dennis Grover (public) was concerned about changing the name from Homeopathic to Alternative due to Codex Almaterius (codes of practice). He felt the board should remain as Homeopathic versus Alternative due to Codex.

Following a discussion, Dr. Pourzan asked if there were any further comments. Dr. Fong suggested not changing the name of the board, but would address that motion following the next two recommendations to the LCB.

Composition of the Board was discussed and the recommendation to the LCB is to change the composition to five licensees and one lay person – which is what the other medical boards in the state are composed of. Currently there are three medical members, one representing the indigent and three lay persons.

Dr. Royal concurred. KJ Smith added that government likes more lay people to balance a board (5-2 ratio). The Board of Osteopathy and the Allopathic Board are made up of all physicians and two lay persons. In addition, suggested to change the verbiage to include both licensee and certificate holders that would be able to serve on the Board representing the professional members of the board.

Dr. Fong addressed the next recommendation to 630A: Change post graduate training from currently three years in homeopathy to one year. Dr. Fong reported, that concerns from licensees and certificate holders in the community, that there should be consideration given to reducing the post graduate training requirements from three years to one year. The reasoning behind this was that there was a lack of bon-a-fide alternative or complimentary training programs that could provide such a requirement. Also several members of the public indicated. It was felt that it was unwarranted to have licensees be forced to undergo three years of training in specialties that they would not necessarily practice later on. Dr. Fong commented that there was a need to show competency at the least in regards to emergent situations and if referrals to the hospital were needed.

Dr. Royal clarified that the recommendations to 630A to the LCB is not a BDR – it is just the Boards' recommendation and the LCB will either accept or reject. Suggested striking name change from the recommendation. NRS Committee Member George Eversaul referencing Page 1 Section 5 – “retain” the name and keep the term Alternative for those practitioners practicing Alternative methods of medicine - not necessarily homeopathic medicine. Alternative Medical Doctor – Homeopathic Medical Doctor.

Dr. Pourzan wondered if the legislators even know the difference in terms.

DAG Bob Bryant asked if there is a reason to change to Alternative from Homeopathy.

Dr. Fong explained that Alternative is considered more of a universal term – than Homeopathy.

DAG Bryant was concerned about the issues in changing Homeopathy to Alternative.

George Eversaul stated the term Alternative opens up the field to Psychologists, Chiropractors, etc. He also suggested that in the next few years Alternative Medicine may be earmarked for funding which would be another reason to change the name.

DAG Bob Bryant suggested that he review the recommendations and revisions to the LCB and advise at a future meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Fong made a motion to have DAG Bryant review the document specifically the name change as it pertains to licensees and certificate holders and reconvene in one week.

SECOND: Dr. Eslinger seconded

MOTION Passed

5. SENATE BILL 69

Dr. Pourzan opened the discussion to the public.

Dr. Pourzan asked if anyone was in favor of Senate Bill 69. There was no response.

Public: Janine Hansen stated the bill has a small number and will be coming up soon and the sponsor of the bill is the vice chair of the Committee. She suggested that any action should be taken as soon as possible.

Dr. Eslinger stated that a letter needs to be developed to be sent to the committee from as many certificate and license holders stating their objection to the bill.

MOTION: Dr. Fong moved that a letter be created through the Nevada Homeopathic Association and Integrative Medical (the association) stating opposition to Senate Bill 69.

SECOND: Dr. Eslinger

PASSED

Dr. Pourzan stated that for the record the State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners opposes Senate Bill 69.

MOTION: Dr. Fong amended his motion and added that the Board opposes Senate Bill 69.

SECOND: Dr Eslinger

PASSED

MOTION: Dr. Fong motioned that the Board would work hand in hand with the association to oppose Senate Bill 69.

SECOND: KJ Smith

PASSED

There were no further comments.

6. The next meeting of the Board regarding the Recommendation to 630A will be Thursday February 19, 2009 at 5:30 pm.

MOTION: Bob Eslinger made the motion

SEOND: Dr. Fong seconded

PASSED

7. MOTION: President Pourzan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45.

SECOND: Dr. Eslinger

PASSED