

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Room 100
Friday, March 20, 2026

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT VIA

ZOOM:

Kristaps Paddock, N.D., Chair, Melissa A. Clark, M.D., Nicole M. Farmer, M.D.,
Stacey J. Kargman, NMD L. Ac, Rev. Edward V. Meeks, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Paddock called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Farmer and seconded by Rev. Meeks, the Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee (NMAC) unanimously approved the Open meeting Minutes for September 19, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. DelGreco informed the NMAC of regulatory updates, which include: (1) standardizing language, (2) updating outdated information, (3) establishing a central location for provisions applicable to all licensees and applicants, and (4) establishing a centralized location for provisions affecting all employers.

Ms. DelGreco responded to a comment from a Committee member, who requested more details on the specific membership criteria for a physician with experience collaborating with naturopathic doctors. The Committee concluded that, although specificity was helpful, the current language was too prescriptive. On a motion by Dr. Paddock, seconded by Dr. Farmer, the Committee approved the following language.

"One member shall be a physician with experience working with naturopathic doctors by having met criteria as determined by the NMAC, including but not limited to:

(a) Worked in the same clinical practice as a licensed naturopathic doctor;

(b) Named in an attestation submitted by a licensed naturopathic doctor;

(c) Employed by a naturopathic medicine program accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education; or

(d) Worked with, or supervised, a naturopathic resident completing a naturopathic medical residency accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education."

Ms. DelGreco informed the NMAC that HB 520 - State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Scope of Practice, Renewals, and Professional Liability Insurance, as amended, would allow naturopathic doctors to prescribe non-CDS drugs and bioidentical hormones and would eliminate the Naturopathic Doctor Formulary Council. She also mentioned that HB 520 had advanced to the other chamber, but no hearing has been scheduled yet.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Naturopathic Doctor/Physician Required Collaboration and Consultation Agreement

Ms. Wright informed the NMAC that the Board was aware of the difficulties naturopathic doctors were experiencing in finding physicians to collaborate with. She stated that the Board will refer all naturopathic doctors seeking collaborating physicians to the professional association for assistance.

Allied Health Committee Members

Ms. Wright reminded Committee members to submit their Financial Disclosure Statements for the previous year by April 30, 2026, and to complete a Termination Disclosure Statement at the end of their term.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

CONVENE TO CLOSE

Pursuant to Maryland Code Annotate, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1), on a motion by Dr. Farmer and seconded by Dr. Kargman, the Committee unanimously voted to go into Closed Session at 2:35 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a new committee member.

Submitted by:

Signature on File

Margaret Ellis Jury
Lead Allied Health Analyst