

Current Board Members and Officer Positions

Chair – Dara Thompson, ND

Vice Chair – Vacant

Secretary – Not formerly established.

Name	Classification	Appointing Authority	Appointment Date	Term Expiration
<u>Dara Thompson, N.D.</u> <i>Chair</i>	Professional	Governor	12/20/2022	01/01/2026
VACANT <i>Former Vice Chair</i>	Professional	Governor	TBA	
<u>Bruce Davidson, PhD</u>	Public	Senate Rules Committee	01/24/2022	01/01/2026
<u>Diparshi Mukherjee, D.O.</u>	Physician	Governor	2/14/2022	01/01/2026
<u>Vera Singleton, N.D.</u>	Professional	Governor	12/20/2022	01/01/2026
VACANT	Physician	Governor	TBA	TBA
VACANT	Professional	Governor	TBA	TBA
<u>Andrew Yam, MPP</u>	Public	Speaker of the Assembly	06/26/2023	01/01/2026
<u>Minna Yoon, N.D.</u>	Professional	Governor	12/20/2022	01/01/2026
<u>Setareh Tais, N.D.</u>	Professional	Governor	03/05/2024	01/01/2026

Current member bios:

Dara Thompson, N.D., received her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California at Santa Cruz and her doctorate in naturopathic medicine from The National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Oregon. After 5 years of clinical practice, she completed a 1-year post-graduate training in Environmental Medicine. Dr. Thompson taught Anatomy and Physiology as well as Clinical Nutrition and the Hawaii College of Oriental Medicine for 9 years.

Dr. Thompson currently has a private practice in the Bay Area. Prior to opening her own practice, Dr. Thompson worked with a Chiropractic practice. In this dynamic setting, she enjoyed active collaboration with medical doctors and chiropractors. Dr. Thompson has been in practice since 2002 and her passion for medicine continues to grow. She combines the foundations of naturopathic medicine with her knowledge of environmental influences and genomic analysis to find solutions for complex medical conditions.

Dr. Thompson is currently the Acting Chair of the CBNM and IV and Advanced Therapy Subcommittee. She was also the former Chair of the CBNM Formulary Subcommittee.

Dr. Thompson was appointed to the Committee by former Governor Brown in December 2015 and reappointed by Governor Newsom in December 2022.

Bruce N. Davidson, Ph.D. has held executive positions in healthcare performance improvement, quality analytics, and data governance for prominent healthcare delivery organizations in Southern California. With 40 years of experience in health services delivery and evaluation, Dr. Davidson currently consults to healthcare and human service organizations nationwide. As of October 2021, Dr. Davidson is retired. He was also an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, where for nine years he taught the Quality Improvement course in the Executive Master of Public Health program. Dr. Davidson's prior public service includes three annual appointments as a Member of the Board of Examiners for the national Malcolm Baldrige Performance Excellence Program.

Dr. Davidson earned his Ph.D. in Health Policy and Health Services Research and a Master's degree in Population and Family Health from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. He was a Pew Health Policy Fellow at RAND during his doctoral studies. He also has a Master's degree in Social Policy and Planning from USC's School of Urban & Regional Planning, and earned his BS from MIT.

Dr. Davidson was appointed by Senate Rules Committee in August 2018 as a public member and reappointed in January 2022.

Diparshi Mukherjee, D.O. received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a Master of Science in Education in Sports Medicine from the University of Miami (FL) and his osteopathic medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Florida and sports medicine fellowship at the University of Maryland.

He has worked with high level college Division I teams at the University of Miami (FL) and University of Maryland. He has also worked with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars,

Baltimore Ravens and MLB's Baltimore Orioles. He worked at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics and the professional ATP tennis tour as well.

Presently, Dr Mukherjee is an internist and sports medicine specialist with Kaiser Permanente. He has been with The Permanente Medical Group since 2004. He has served as the Chief of Pain Medicine and as an adjunct clinical professor at the Touro University of Osteopathic Medicine. At present, he is the Regional Opioid Lead for Northern California Kaiser Permanente and also the local lead for Pharmacy and Therapeutics. He also works as a communication consultant for his local physicians. He is a member of the National Kaiser Permanente Controlled Substances Workgroup to develop strategies to manage opioid and benzodiazepine care in Kaiser Permanente.

For over 17 years, he has been providing comprehensive primary care and wellness to thousands of patients in a large and diverse metropolitan community. He places a focus on holistic and preventative care for his patients. He believes in helping patients lead healthier and more active lifestyles through exercise, proper diet, and a positive outlook.

He is involved with martial arts and enjoys travelling, reading and being outdoors.

Dr. Mukherjee was appointed to the CBNM by Governor Newsom in February 2022.

Vera Singleton, ND, MBA, is an honored graduate of Southwest Naturopathic Medical College with publications in the FASEB Journal on cell activation and wound healing. She is an active member of the California Naturopathic Doctor's Association, Alumni of the University of Michigan (B.S.) and Wayne State University (MBA).

Dr. Singleton's practice is based in Lafayette, CA, where she enjoys assisting high performing professionals regain control of their health. For over 8 years, she has been successfully helping professionals burning the candles at both ends to restore their bodies holistically using philosophies of natural medicine and performance coaching to get empowered and productive again. As a MBA and former project manager, Dr. Singleton tailors her health programs for working professionals, so clients can find clarity and focus on what matter in life instead of worrying about health problems.

Dr. Singleton is an active member of the community appearing on local news outlets and keynoting in many community events. She was awarded East Bay Express' 2018's Best Doctor of the East Bay and has collected numerous awards in leadership over the years. In 2015 she organized and hosted one of the largest integrative fertility conferences in California.

Dr. Singleton was appointed to the CBNM by former Governor Brown in July 2018 and reappointed by Governor Newsom in December 2022.

Andrew Yam, MPP received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine and his Masters of Public Policy from the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. Andrew brings a number of years working in various policy topics through his prior experience at the local government level and currently works as a Policy Analyst with a nonprofit based in Los Angeles. Andrew's work is driven by his commitment to support and uplift the communities he serves.

Andrew also holds deep experience in public service having been appointed to commission positions in his hometown of Monterey Park and the County of Los Angeles. His service over the years had included the Monterey Park Library Board of Trustees, the Los Angeles County Library Commission, and most recently, the Los Angeles County Public Social Services Commission. Andrew was also elected to the Board of Education of his local school district in November 2022.

In his free time, he enjoys supporting the diverse food and boba choices within the San Gabriel Valley region.

Mr. Yam was appointed to the CBNM by the Speaker of the Assembly in June 2023.

Minna Yoon, ND, MSTOM received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1997, her Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine from Bastyr University in Seattle, Washington in 2002, and her Master of Science in Traditional Oriental Medicine at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in San Diego, California in 2004. For over 10 years, Dr. Yoon has been practicing at her clinic Bay Natural Medicine in San Francisco with an emphasis on treating adults with chronic illnesses, hormone imbalances, and digestive issues. She is also a licensed acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist.

Dr. Yoon served as the Legislative Chair for the California Naturopathic Doctors Association from 2009-2015 and was awarded "Doctor of the Year" by the California Naturopathic Doctors Association in 2013.

Dr. Yoon was appointed to the CBNM by former Governor Brown in July 2018 and reappointed by Governor Newsom in December 2022.

Setareh Tais, ND received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Physiology and Neuroscience from the University of California, San Diego and her Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine from Bastyr University in 2009. After she completed a 3-year family medicine residency in Marysville, Washington in 2012, she moved back to her hometown of Fresno, CA where she is currently seeing patients at her private medical practice, Fresno Holistic Medicine.

Dr. Tais served on the board of the California Naturopathic Doctors Association and co-chaired the Professional Development and Public Affairs Committees; She also served a two-year term as president of the CNDA from 2014-2016. She was also a Founding Director of the Endocrinology Association of Naturopathic Physicians from 2013-2016. She was also recognized as the “2018 Doctor of the Year” for her contributions to the practice of naturopathic medicine in California.

In 2019, she co-founded a non-profit **Level the Playing Field** with her 10-year-old son. Together they work to support youth athletes in the Central Valley.

Dr. Tais was appointed to the CBNM by former Governor Newsom in March 2024.