

Current Board Members and Officer Positions

**Chair** – Dara Thompson, ND

**Vice Chair** – Currently vacant

**Secretary** – Newly established position

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

**Nomination for President (1 nomination):**

- ***Dara Thompson, N.D. (Motion/Yoon, Second/Davidson):***

**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.*

### **Nomination for Vice President (3 nominations):**

- ***Vera Singleton, N.D. (Motion/Yoon, Second/Tais)***

**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 an 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.*

- ***Minna Yoon, N.D. (Motion/Davidson, Second/Yam)***

**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.*

- **Andrew Yam (Motion/Yam, Second/Mukherjee)**

**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.*

**Nomination for Secretary (1 nomination):**

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