

**GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2005**

A Board Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians was held on October 14, 2005 10:00 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Lula Hutchinson, RD, LD, Chair
Tracey Neely, MS, RD, LD, Vice Chair
Deedee Williams, Consumer Member
Jessie Wright, MS, LD, RD, Cognizant
Joan Fischer, PhD, RD, LD
Nancy Walters, MMSc, RD, LD

Absent:

Others Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary, Serena Gadson, Applications Specialist, Susan Griffin, GDA Liaison, Kathy Harvey, Enforcement, Kristen Thigpen, Dixie Thigpen, Barry Middleton.

Ms. Hutchinson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Ms. Walters moved and Ms. Neely seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(1)(2), 43-1-19(h)(2)&(4), §43-1-2(k)(4) and 50-14-2(1) and to discuss Applications, receive information from Cognizant Report, Investigations and the Attorney General's Report. In favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Hutchinson, Neely and Wright. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

The Board reviewed and revised the Agenda.

Ms. Walters requested Scope of Practice be added to the December 2005 agenda.

Ms. Neely moved and Ms. Wright seconded and the Board voted to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2005 and September 6, 2005.

Correspondence:

Fritha S. Dinwiddie, RD, LD: Provisional license: Why is there no grace period? Would a grace period not provide adequately for these situations if the Board could not convene? Who is accountable for information given out by hourly paid state employees? What training and oversight are provided to the workers who speak for the law, etc. **Board Response:** Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Gadson will formulate a response and forward to the Board President for approval before sending. Ms. Hutchinson has given express permission for Mr. Zimmerman to sign in her stead.

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Ms. Gadson advised the Board of steps taken for Provisional Licensing.

Ms. Neely requested Georgia Dietetic Association (GDA) to lobby the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) to send test scores to the licensing board.

Mr. Zimmerman will formulate a letter to CDR requesting Candidate Score Reports. After formulation the letter will be sent to Ms. Neely for review. The Board President gave express permission for Mr. Zimmerman to sign the letter.

Rule 157-2-.04 – Late Renewal:

Ms. Neely moved and Ms. Walters seconded and the Board tabled the vote to post the Notice of Intent to Adopt and Notice of Hearing for the proposed rule change to rules 157-2-.04 until the November 7, 2005 scheduled conference call to correct minor errors discovered in the format of the rule as presented. The Board will consider the vote to post the Notice of Intent to Adopt and Notice of Hearing for the proposed rule change to rule 157-2-.04 for no less than 30 days prior to December 9, 2005 when the Board will hold a hearing on the rule and intent to adopt the proposed rule change at that time.

RULES OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS 157-2-.04 RENEWAL OF LICENSE AND PENALTIES, AND REINSTATEMENT. AMENDED.

157-2-.04 Renewal of License and Penalties, and Reinstatement. Amended.

(1) Renewal of License and Fees.

(a) A license issued by the Board shall expire on March 31st of even numbered years. The license may be renewed upon payment of the renewal fee and completion of the renewal application, provided all requirements have been met.

(b) The license of any licensee who fails to apply for renewal by March 31st of the renewal year ~~will be deemed lapsed and an application for reinstatement will be required.~~ may be renewed by June 30th of that year by the payment of the current renewal fee plus an additional late renewal fee. See fee schedule. Practicing with an expired license is prohibited by law and practice during this period may result in disciplinary action for unlicensed practice.

(c) Each licensee applying for renewal must satisfactorily complete any continuing professional education requirements established by the Board.

(d) The Board may request additional verification of any requirements or credentials, as it may deem necessary.

(e) The failure to renew a license by June 30th following the March 31st expiration date shall cause the license to be administratively revoked and subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the board.

(2) Reinstatement of License.

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~~(a) A canceled license is a non-current license due to failure to renew the license before April 1st of the renewal year. A canceled license is considered the same as a revocation of said license and subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the Board. A license that is no longer active shall be reinstated by the licensee upon meeting the conditions set by the board.~~

(b) To reinstate a license the applicant must:

1. submit an application for reinstatement, supplied by the Board;
2. pay the required reinstatement fee;
3. submit proof of having met Continuing Professional Education Requirements.
4. the Board may request additional verification of any requirements or credentials, as it may deem necessary.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§43-1-4; 43-1-7; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-11A-7; 43-11A-14; 43-11A-15.

(3) Inactive license status

(a) The holder of an active license may request to place the license on inactive status by submitting a written request to the board no later than June 30th following the March 31 expiration date.

(b) The holder of an inactive license that continues to practice is subject to disciplinary action for unlicensed practice.

(c) An inactive license may not be held inactive for longer than two renewal periods and at the end of the second renewal period the inactive license will be considered lapsed.

(d) An inactive license may be reinstated by application for Reinstatement as provided in Rule 157-2-.04(2).

(e) The holder of an inactive license is required to obtain the required continuing professional education units that are obtained by active licensees.

Probation Report:

Heather Peebles: Ms. Walters moved and Ms. Neely seconded and the Board voted to accept the quarterly report.

Amy Renee Jewell: Ms. Walters moved and Ms. Neely seconded and the Board voted to accept the quarterly report.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Zimmerman discussed the following items of interest:

- Staff Open Positions
- Dietetic Conferences
- 2006 Meeting Dates

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The Board briefly discussed the June 2006 GDA meeting: Public meeting and the possibility of securing a booth for the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians.

Although the Board would be pleased to have all Board members attend the June 2006 meeting, Mr. Zimmerman advised the Board that the State would possibly pay for one member and an alternate member only.

2006 Board Meeting Dates:

Mr. Zimmerman submitted the following 2006 meeting dates for Board approval:

February 9, 2006

April 6, 2006

June 15, 2006

August 10, 2006

October 12, 2006

December 15, 2006

The Board requested to meet on Fridays. Mr. Zimmerman will review and revise for approval at the upcoming meeting.

December 9, 2005 Meeting Date:

The Board requested a full Board meeting in lieu of a conference call.

Georgia Dietetic Association (GDA) Liaison Report:

- Request number of licensees via Amnesty.
- Request figures presented to Board by Laura Meadows, Asst. Secretary of State

Ms. Griffin requested the budget figures released to the Board(s). Mr. Zimmerman will review and determine if the figures presented by Laura Meadows, Asst. Secretary of State, can be disseminated. He will release the requested information to Susan Griffin, Liaison, and the Board, if possible.

Enforcement Report:

Diet050045: Ms. Walters moved and Dr. Fischer seconded and the Board voted to offer a Cease and Desist and to send a letter to the doctor.

Diet050049: Ms. Walters moved and Dr. Fischer seconded and the Board voted to close.

Diet050058: Ms. Harvey gave a brief synopsis of case.

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Ms. Wright moved and Ms. Williams seconded and the Board voted to accept the Enforcement Report.

Cognizant Member's Report:

Diet040028: Dr. Fischer moved and Ms. Walters seconded and the Board voted to forward the Enforcement file to the peer reviewer and to request additional information from the respondent.

Ms. Wright moved and Ms. Williams seconded and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant Member's Report.

Applications:

Ms. Gadson informed the Board that the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) located on the Board's website is being updated.

The Board discussed obtaining score reports directly from the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) for candidates for Examination in order to avoid issuance of license with a consent agreement and fine for unlicensed practice.

The Board voted to formulate a letter to CDR requesting reports with review and assistance from Ms. Neely.

The Board requested the Application Specialist to obtain the number of licensees approved for licensure by the Amnesty Policy and forward number to the GDA Liaison, Susan Griffin.

The Board requested the Application Specialist to include those approved under a consent agreement on the approved between Boards meeting list.

Ms. Neely moved and Ms. Wright seconded and the Board voted and agreed to above applications request(s).

Ms. Neely moved and Ms. Walters seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by examination:

R.E.M.: Issue upon receipt of signed/docketed consent agreement with fine.

Ms. Neely moved and Ms. Williams seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by registration with the Commission for Dietetic Registration:

April Ann Rascoe:

Approved

K.L.L.:

Issue upon receipt of signed/docketed consent agreement with fine.

Ms. Walters moved and Ms. Neely seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by restoration:

Karen J. Andry: Approved
B.G.H.: Adhere to waiver process of Board Rule or issue upon receipt of documentation of Continuing Education.
Carrie A. Patterson Approved

Ms. Walters moved and Ms. Neely seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications pending approval of consent agreement:

Kristen Thigpen: Ms. Walters moved and Ms. Neely seconded and the Board voted to accept the signed consent order for licensure. Docket Number 2005-1721.

Alicia D. Brown: Approved
Mary J. George: Approved

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Walters seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Name	Obtained By	Issue Date
LD002897	Gatewood, Phyllis Ann	Registered	8/1/2005
LD002898	Blazier, Heather T.	Examination	8/2/2005
LD002899	Dartt, Rachel Rene	Examination	8/2/2005
LD002900	McNelis, Donna Leigh	Registered	8/11/2005
LD002901	Stahnke, Barbara Jane	Registered	8/11/2005
LD002902	Trahan, Denee Rechelle	Registered	8/11/2005
LD002903	Lyon, Karyn Ann	Registered	8/11/2005
LD002904	McCain, Amy Celia	Examination	8/12/2005
LD002905	Sharma, Aparna	Registered	8/12/2005
LD002906	McCant, Kenya Latrica	Examination	8/12/2005
LD002907	Moody, Tamara Layana	Examination	8/18/2005
LD002908	Bahns, Michele Elaine	Examination	8/18/2005
LD002909	Crosby, Marva	Registered	8/29/2005
LD002910	Christaldi, Joanne	Registered	8/29/2005
LD002911	Zechariah, Sunitha	Registered	8/29/2005
LD002912	Miller, Amanda Michelle	Examination	8/29/2005
LD002913	Cox, Kylie Beth	Examination	8/29/2005
LD002914	Swary, Jessica Elizabeth	Examination	8/29/2005
LD002915	Carter, Natasha Elizabeth	Registered	8/29/2005
LD002916	Boyd, Marion Robertson	Examination	8/30/2005
LD002917	McCans, Malia Christine	Examination	9/6/2005
LD002918	Ometer, Jane Lynne	Registered	9/6/2005
LD002919	Moore, Lynn Brownell	Registered	9/6/2005
LD002920	Webb, Ashley Elizabeth	Examination	9/6/2005

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LD002921	Kang, Yu	Examination	9/6/2005
LD002922	Nalley, Margaret Mary	Examination	9/6/2005
LD002923	Pacini, Tracy Grendzinski	Registered	9/13/2005
LD002924	Barrs, Meredith Anne	Registered	9/13/2005
LD002925	Montamat, Josephine L.	Registered	9/13/2005
LD002926	Smith, Joye Denise	Examination	9/13/2005
LD002927	Malone, Laura Michelle	Examination	9/14/2005
LD002928	Fordyce, Janice Lynn	Examination	9/14/2005
LD002929	Meneilly, Stacey Lynne	Registered	9/22/2005
LD002930	Mascoe-Maxwell, Sharon Joy	Registered	9/22/2005
LD002931	Douglas, Trevor Nelson	Examination	9/22/2005
LD002932	McDuffie, Iris Abigail	Registered	9/22/2005
LD002933	Quebedeaux, Casey E.	Examination	9/22/2005
LD002934	Morrow, Glenn Cleveland Jr.	Registered	9/22/2005
LD002935	Ebel, Kimberlyn K. Holy	Registered	9/22/2005
LD002936	Mixon, Catherine Delia	Registered	9/22/2005
LD002937	Tressler, Kasey Lynn	Registered	9/22/2005
LD002938	Wiley, Katherine Keehan	Examination	9/23/2005
LD002939	Hammett, Tamra Lashea	Examination	9/29/2005

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Walters seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for restoration determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Name	Issue Date
LD000180	Elkins, Catherine Smith	8/10/2005
LD000157	Fehlenberg, Judy M.	8/11/2005
LD000812	Vella, Donna Castigliero	8/29/2005
LD000196	McTeague, Pamela G.	9/6/2005
LD000867	O'Neil, Carolyn A.	9/6/2005
LD000726	Fussell, Barbara A.	9/12/2005

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Walters seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for provisional licensure determined to have met requirements as follows:

Name	Issue Date
Lee, Hee-Jae	8/1/2005
Cox, Kylie Beth	8/2/2005
Kang, Yu	8/11/2005
Cateau, Keya Coward	8/18/2005
McMillan, Shalese A.	8/18/2005
Sandoval, Nancy G.	8/29/2005
Wong, Mei Ling K.	8/29/2005
Nevels, Shundale T.	8/29/2005
Douglas, Trevor Nelson	9/6/2005
Wilkinson, Brandi M.	9/19/2005
Mason, Mary-Ann Elizabeth	9/22/2005

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Snowden, Laura Elizabeth
Arora, Mudita

9/22/2005
10/4/2005

Elections:

Chair: Tracey Neely

Vice Chair: Joan Fischer

Cognizant: Jessie Wright

Refreshment Coordinator:

The refreshment coordinator for the ensuing year will be Nancy Walters.

Ms. Neely moved and Ms. Wright seconded and the Board voted to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Lula Hutchinson, Chair

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Recorded by

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division