

**GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
August 31, 2007**

A Board Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians was held on August 31, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Joan Fischer, PhD, RD, LD, Chair
Jessie Wright, MS, RD, LD, Vice Chair
Tracey Neely, MS, RD, LD
Frances Cook, MA, RD, LD
DeeDee William, Consumer Member

Absent:

Ellen Jurgens, Liaison
Lula Hutchinson, RD, LD, Cognizant
Nancy Walters, MMSc, RD, LD

Others Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Yvonne LeSane, Applications Specialist, Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II, Amanda Allen, Board Secretary, Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General (via video-conference)

Ms. Fischer established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

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

Agenda:

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Wright seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda with late agenda items added. None opposed, Motion carried.

Announcements:

Ms. Fischer announced that she had received an e-mail from Michael O' Sullivan, Director of Legislative Affairs, requesting a list of legislative issues that need to be addressed during the next legislative session.

Ms. Fischer announced that Ms. Lulu Hutchinson has requested to retire from the Board.

Ms. Fischer announced that Ms. Gail Stinson, Director-Dietetic Services would be the intern-liaison filling in for Ms. Ellen Jurgens. Her first official meeting date will start in October.

Minutes:

Ms. Cook moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Minutes from the June 08, 2007 meeting as presented. None opposed, Motion carried.

Correspondences:

The Board considered the following correspondences and matters of interest:

Heather Ansley, RD, LD, DaVita Washington Dialysis Clinic- Does a dietitian have the capacity to actually write/or enter the orders into a clinical computer system?

Board Response- The Board recommends reviewing the policies set forth by the American Dietetic Association. In addition, please also review the policies and guidelines set forth by Medicaid and Medicare. The Board is not allowed to interpret the scope of practice and is not intended to provide any form of legal advice.

Dr. Wilfred H. Turnbull- I would like to apply for Dietetic Licensure in Georgia without having the RD qualification. What are the methods for applying under this option?

Board Response- The Board suggests that you complete the Application for Licensure, and if necessary, also the Petition for Variance or Waiver form.

Probation Report:

Heather Peebles- In Compliance

Ms. Neely moved, Ms. Cook seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Probation Report as presented. None opposed, Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed with the Board the proper protocol on issuing a cease and desist orders to unlicensed persons holding themselves out to be Dietitians without proper licensure for Georgia.
2. CDR Registration Examination Testing fee to be increased to \$200 effective Jan. 1, 2008

Rules Discussion Continued:

The Rules Committee met prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting. Rule 157-6 Code of Conduct and Ethics of Dietitians was revised and the committee's recommendation was presented to the full Board. The proposed amendments will be completed by Mr. Zimmerman and brought back to the Board for approval and to post the Notice of Hearing.

Ms. Neely moved, Ms. Cook seconded, and the Board voted to allow Mr. Zimmerman draft the revisions to Rule 157-6 – Code of Conduct and Ethics of Dietitians.

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General informed the Board that she did not have a formal report to present and currently there were no open cases with her department.

Ms. Neely moved, Ms. Wright seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented.

Enforcement Report:

DIET050057- Refer case to the Attorney General's Office for a fine and public reprimand.

Ms. Neely moved, Ms. Cook seconded, and the Board voted to refer this case to the Attorney General's Office for preparation of a Consent order and fine.

Complaint Summary:

Mr. Zimmerman presented the Board with the following summary of all open complaint cases.

- DIET050059 & 070010 – Both still with Investigations.

Cognizant Report:

Ms. Neely, acting as Cognizant in the absence of Ms. Hutchinson, presented the Board with a complaint (brochure) received from an anonymous person in reference to possible unlicensed practice.

Ms. Wright moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to refer this complaint to the Investigations Division for additional information.

Applications:

Ms. Cook moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by registration:

H. J. L. R. – Approve the application for licensure by registration. Issue with a letter of concern.

C. B. S. – Approve the application for licensure by registration. Issue with a public reprimand and \$100 fine. Ms. Jessie Wright recused herself from the Board discussion on this applicant.

T.G. – Approve the application for licensure by registration. Issue with a letter of concern

Ms. Cook moved, Ms. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by reinstatement:

J.B. – Application for reinstatement is pending the receipt of additional information.

Ms. Wright moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to ratify those applications for licensure determined to have met licensure requirement issued between Board meetings as follows:

Approved Licenses:

Name	License No.	Issue Date
Nix, Jodi Lynn	LD003167	6/8/2007

Hillis, Beverly Alison	LD003168	6/15/2007
Reynaud, Carolyn Anne	LD003169	6/15/2007
Johnson, Jessica Davette	LD003170	6/15/2007
Breedlove, Kerry Anne	LD003171	6/15/2007
Clever, Mary Ann	LD003172	6/15/2007
Lopez, Layla Lorena	LD003173	6/15/2007
Connelly, Alice Marieanne	LD003174	6/15/2007
Skinner, Stephanie Edwina	LD003175	7/5/2007
Scheff, Melissa Anne	LD003176	7/5/2007
Whiddon, Shannah R.	LD003177	7/5/2007
Slivka, Kristen Lynn	LD003178	7/5/2007
Taube, Julie Diana	LD003179	7/6/2007
Smith, Lacy Kedron	LD003180	7/11/2007
Ibraheem, YaQutullah	LD003181	7/11/2007
Chastain, Kristina Bellman	LD003182	7/11/2007
Digsby, Sohailla Mariam	LD003183	7/11/2007
Zaruba, Lauren Clarissa	LD003184	7/11/2007
Myers, Chenoa C	LD003185	7/11/2007
Fink, Monica Lee	LD003186	7/27/2007
Sanders, Shana Venice	LD003187	7/27/2007
Jennings, Allison Marie	LD003188	7/27/2007
Naquin, Heather Wynne	LD003189	7/27/2007
Bizzell, Lorine Roberta	LD003190	8/10/2007
Buisson, Patrice Murray	LD003191	8/10/2007
Swafford, Christine Nicole	LD003192	8/10/2007
Whitehead, Emily Katherine	LD003193	8/10/2007
Waschka, Ann-Marissa	LD003194	8/10/2007
Krasevec, Jennifer A	LD003195	8/10/2007
Johnson, Deborah Gail	LD003196	8/13/2007

Reinstatement

Name	License No.	Issue Date
Pugh, Jayne M.	LD000242	6/15/2007
Woodward, Mary Ann	LD002780	7/27/2007

Provisional Permits

Name	Issue Date
Scott, Anna M	6/15/2007
Abraham, Jeny	6/15/2007
Aleman, Karla	6/15/2007
Cordle, Rachel	6/15/2007
Keith, Morgan Lee	6/15/2007
Miller, Elizabeth Ann	6/15/2007
Olmoguez, Lorilee	6/15/2007
Krasevec, Jennifer A.	7/6/2007
Sharpless III, Lewis Richards	7/6/2007

Sanders, Shana Venice	7/6/2007
Cross, Kelly E.	7/11/2007
Bodunrin, Kehinde	7/11/2007
Thomas, Maria	7/12/2007
Takash, Jeana	7/12/2007
Peralta, Angela	7/12/2007
Heard, Christina	7/12/2007
Harden, Ebony	7/12/2007
Ravula, Reecha	7/27/2007
Johnson, Hillary Anne	7/27/2007
Rowland, Elizabeth Ann	7/27/2007
Bell, Christen	8/21/2007
Bowling, Christina	8/24/2007

Election of Officers:

The following Board members were elected as officers for 2007/2008:

Ms. Frances Cook, Chair
 Ms. DeeDee Williams, Vice Chair
 Ms. Jessie Wright, Cognizant

Ms. Neely moved, Ms. Williams seconded and the board voted to accept and approve the officers to remain in place for the 2007/2008 year.

Additional Topics Discussed

Ms. Neely moved, Ms. Wright seconded, and with no additional business requiring discussion, the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Amanda Allen, Board Secretary
Minutes reviewed and edited by:	Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

 Joan Fischer, Chair

 Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were approved/signed on _____