

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians met on June 12, 2009 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

DeeDee Williams, Chairman
Nancy Walters, MMSC, RD, LD, Vice Chairman
Jessie Wright, MS, RD, LD, Cognizant
Joan Fischer, PhD, RD, LD
Frances Cook, MA, RD, LD
Tracey Neely, MS, RD, LD

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Crystal Jackson, Licensing Analyst
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Legal, Discipline Nurse Consultant
Wylencia Monroe, JD, Assistant Attorney General – Via Telephone
Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT - 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director
Shawn LaGrua, Inspector General
James Cleghorn, Business Analyst

Mrs. Williams established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Ms. Neely moved, Mrs. Fischer seconded and the Board voted to approve the Minutes with corrections from the April 24, 2009 Board Meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Wright moved, Mrs. Walters seconded and the Board voted to approve the Agenda as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bond informed the group that the State of Georgia is experiencing constrained fiscal resources. The Division Director has requested that all Boards try to conduct Board business through the use of conference calls whenever possible. She stated the Webshare would be updated as soon as information became available. Further, all materials for review will be on the Webshare the Friday prior to the scheduled Board Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Neely moved, Mrs. Walters 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. §50-14-2(1) to discuss Applications and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's Report. In favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members: Williams, Wright, Fischer, Cook, Neely and Walters. The Executive Session was concluded in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules. Mrs. Walters moved to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEWLY LICENSED DIETITIANS

Mrs. Wright moved, Mrs. Fischer seconded and the Board voted to approve licensure applications for the April through June 10, 2009 period that met requirements pursuant to Board approved guidelines. See attached reports.

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT REPORT – JESSIE WRIGHT

(DIET – Diet Investigative Case Number)

Case # DIET090005 Mrs. Walters moved to close. Mrs. Fischer seconded the motion and the Board voted to approve unanimously.

Case # DIET090012 Mrs. Walters moved to deny reinstatement of license. Mrs. Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM DIVISION DIRECTOR

Mr. Randy Vaughn, Division Director, accompanied by Ms. LaGrua and Mr. Cleghorn, addressed Board Members' concerns regarding Board effectiveness. Mr. Vaughn stated he received the E-mail and looked into some of her concerns. Average processing time for applications from receipt to licensing since January 1, 2009 has been 25 days. He stated changes within the division have progressed better than expected and that staff members are transitioning into a "paperless" system.

Mrs. Williams addressed some of the Board Member's priorities. Mr. Vaughn said that Mrs. Bond and her staff were willing to address these and would make every effort to accommodate them. Mr. Vaughn stated that all Boards will have to become more efficient and would have to reduce the number of meetings held during each year because of budgetary concerns. He concluded by stating we will do the business of the State – but we need to do it more efficiently.

APPLICANT REVIEW

(DIET – Diet Investigative Case Number)

CASE #1190540 (BM) - Mrs. Fischer moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Wright seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Motion made by Ms. Neely and seconded by Mrs. Walters to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

DeeDee Williams, President

Sylvia Bond, RN, MSN, MBA
Executive Director

Minutes recorded by: Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Sylvia Bond, Executive Director

The minutes were recorded by Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist and approved on _____ Sept. 25, 2009 _____