

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians met on Friday, April 5, 2013, in Conference Room 104 of the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jessie Wright, MS, RD, LD, Chair  
Joan Fischer, PhD, RD, LD  
Tracey Neely, MS, RD, LD  
Frances Cook, MA, RD, LD  
Page Love, MS, RD, LD via teleconference  
Dee Dee Williams, Consumer Member  
Nancy Walters, MMSC, RD, LD, Cognizant

### **STAFF PRESENT**

James Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Wylencia Monroe, JD, Assistant Attorney General

### **VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, Visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearances)**

Gail Stinson – Georgia Dietetic Association Liaison    Lauren Coff    Marie Buroughs    Jill McCoy

Ms. Wright called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013. A quorum to conduct board business was established.

### **POSITION PAPER UPDATE**

Ms. Love gave a report regarding the position paper. The Board discussed making additional changes and will refer back to the committee for additional work and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

### **REPORT FROM GDA**

Ms. Stinson gave a report from GDA with information regarding the push for some states to no longer license dietitians. Ms. McCoy discussed correspondence submitted regarding licensure questions. Ms. Wright explained that it would be best to refer inquiries directly to the office. The Board discussed legislative issues from 2013 session. A formal report will be provided in the Association's publication. The Board also discussed the House Resolution to study professional licensing.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Cook moved, Ms. Fischer seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, April 5, 2013, Ms. Wright declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **APPLICATIONS**

(DIET=Dietitian Investigative Case Number)

**Applicant #693989** – Ms. Neely made a motion to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Unlicensed Practice. Ms. Williams seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

(DIET=Dietitian Investigative Case Number)

**DIET120011** – Ms. Cook made a motion to accept the voluntary surrender. Ms. Fischer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **APPLICATIONS**

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**Applicant #1810244** – Ms. Walters made a motion to refer to Legal Services for a public consent agreement with a fine of \$500 for unlicensed practice. Ms. Fischer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant #1819209** – Ms. Neely made a motion to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Ms. Cook seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Ms. Neely made a motion to approve February 1, 2013 board minutes as amended. Ms. Walters seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Fischer made a motion to approve the February 1, 2013 Executive Session board minutes as amended. Ms. Walters seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY STAFF GUIDELINES**

Ms. Williams made a motion to ratify licenses administratively issued from January to April 2013. Ms. Fischer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **INTERESTED PARTIES NOTIFICATION LIST**

Recently, the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State's Office updated their software regarding the Interested Parties list maintained by the Board. The Interested Parties list is a way for the Board to notify licensees, as well as interested parties and associations, of current rules being proposed by the Board. Subscribers of this list are sent electronic notifications each time a proposed rule is being considered by the Board. Any person wishing to receive these notifications must now subscribe to the updated Interested Parties list maintained by the Board. Even if you were previously subscribed to receive such notifications, you will need to complete the subscription process again in order to continue receiving notifications from the Board.

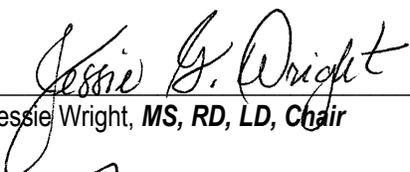
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Ms. Love left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned 12:51 p.m.

  
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Jessie Wright, **MS, RD, LD, Chair**

  
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James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**