

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS
Meeting Minutes - Conference Call
March 18, 2016

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians met by teleconference Friday, March 18, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Board Members Present:

David Orozco, MS, RDN, LD, Chair
Susan Chapman, MS, RD, LD, Vice-Chair
Holly Thaw, MS, RDN, LD
Blanche Moreman, RD, LD
Anita Nucci, Ph.D., MPH, RD, LD
Linette Dodson, Ph.D., RD, LD, SN

Board Members Absent:

None

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Brookins, BSS

Office of Attorney General:

Wylencia Monroe, AAG

Mr. Orozco, Chair established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented with late agenda items:

- Jill McCoy's – GAND Report

Correspondence:

- Alliance for Natural Health – For Board Information
- CDR New Registration Eligibility – For Board Information
- CE Broker Program, Florida - For Board Information
- Rankine, J. – State Nutrition Laws and Licensure/Scope of Practice/Nutritionist

Board Response: Georgia law changes require sponsorship of statutory language proposed during the annual legislative session. Please contact your legislative representative for additional information.

- Smith, C. – Advanced Educational Degrees-title of "Dietitian" usage

Board Response: The use of the word "dietitian" in any manor requires a license issued by the Board. Please refer to the code section regarding exemptions from licensure: O.C.G.A. § 43-11A.

Ms. Chapman moved, Ms. Moreman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the correspondence as recommended. None opposed, motion carried.

Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance

- Kucelin, A – Rule 157-5 CE Hours & Renewal
- Rosen, P. – Rule 157-5 CE Hours & Renewal

Ms. Dodson motioned, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request of A. Kucelin for a rule variance. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Dodson motioned, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request of P. Rosen for a rule variance. None opposed, motion carried.

Public Rules Hearing:

• **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 online renewal application or a paper renewal form (contact the Board office to request one mailed to you) provided all requirements have been met.

(b) ~~The license of a~~Any licensee who fails to apply for renewal by March 31st of ~~the renewal~~ each even numbered year may be renewed renew the license on or before by June 30th of ~~that~~ the same even numbered year by the payment of the current renewal fee plus an additional late ~~renewal~~ penalty fee. See fee schedule. You must submit your verification(s) of the required continuing education hours obtained for that renewal. Practicing on or after April 1st of each even numbered year 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 rule 157-5-.01.

(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 even numbered renewal year expiration date shall cause the license to be administratively revoked and subject to reinstatement at the discretion of the board.

(2) Reinstatement of License.

(a) A license that is no longer active ~~shall~~ may be reinstated by the licensee upon meeting the following ~~the~~ conditions set by the board: :

~~(b)~~ 1. To reinstate a license that has been lapsed for less than 2 years from the effective date of the lapse, the applicant must:

~~1-~~ (i) submit an application for reinstatement, with the required fee supplied by the Board;

~~2-~~ pay the required reinstatement fee;

~~3-~~ (ii) submit proof of ~~having met~~ obtainment of the thirty (30) hours of Continuing Professional Education hours Requirements (30 hours) for the most recent renewal period (April 1st even year to March 31st even year). obtained within two (2) years prior to the date the application for reinstatement is received in the Board office;

~~4-~~ (iii) provide proof of current registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration;

(iv) provide verification of licensure from each state official or regulatory entity issuing the license, for each state currently or previously licensed in, indicating the license status and whether it is current and in good standing or not. If the license is not in good standing, the verification must indicate any sanctions or other disciplinary actions ever taken against the license.

~~4-~~ (v) the Board may request additional verification of any requirements or credentials, as it may deem necessary.

2. To reinstate a license that has been lapsed for 2 or more years from the effective date of the lapse, the applicant must:

(i) submit an application for reinstatement with the required fee;

(ii) submit proof of obtainment of thirty (30) hours of Continuing Professional Education hours obtained within two (2) years prior to the date the application for reinstatement is received in the Board office;

(iii) provide proof of current registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration;

(iv) provide verification of licensure from each state official or regulatory entity issuing the license, for each state currently or previously licensed in, indicating the license status and whether it is current and in good standing or not. If the license is not in good standing, the verification must indicate any sanctions or other disciplinary actions ever taken against the license.

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

(vi) submit two (2) letters of professional reference, one must be from a person who is currently registered and in good standing with the Commission on Dietetic Registration and the other from a current or former supervisor.

~~(3)~~ (b) To reinstate a license that has been placed in Inactive license status-;

~~(a)~~ 1. 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 31st even numbered renewal year expiration date.

~~(b)~~ 2. The holder of an inactive license that continues to practice is subject to disciplinary action for unlicensed practice.

~~(c)~~ 3. An inactive license may be reinstated by application for Reinstatement as provided in Rule 157-2-.04(1) or (2) above.

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

Authority: OCGA §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-14

- **157-4-.02 Licensure by Registration.**

Any applicant registered ~~by~~ with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) shall submit:

~~(a) The completed application form provided by the Board for licensure form and required fee-;~~

~~(b) A photograph of the applicant. Only a passport type (3" × 3") taken within the past twelve months will be accepted. A secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section 50-36-2;~~

~~(c) The proper fee (see fee schedule).~~

~~(d c) A copy of the valid current registration card from CDR~~ Proof of current registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

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

Authority: OCGA 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8

- **157-4-.03. Licensure by Endorsement Repealed**

~~Any applicant holding a valid license as a licensed dietitian issued by another state, political territory, or jurisdiction acceptable to the Board, if, in the Board's opinion, the requirements are substantially equal to or greater than the requirements of this chapter, 43-11A-8, shall submit:~~

- ~~(a) The completed application form provided by the Board.~~
- ~~(b) A photograph of the applicant. Only a passport type (3" × 3") taken within the past twelve months will be accepted.~~
- ~~(c) The proper fee (see fee schedule).~~
- ~~(d) A letter under seal from the appropriate state official issuing the license indicating that the license is current and in good standing.~~
- ~~(e) The Board may request additional verification of any requirements or credentials as it may deem necessary.~~
- ~~(f) Proof of receipt of a minimum of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges or any other regional accreditation agency with a major course of study in dietetics, human nutrition, food and nutrition, nutrition education, or food systems management; and~~
- ~~(g) Proof of satisfactory completion of a documented, supervised experience component in dietetic practice of not less than 900 hours supervised by a licensed dietitian or registered dietitian.~~

Authority: OCGA 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8

- **Ms. Dodson motioned, Ms. Nucci seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule amendments to 157-2-.04 Renewal of License and Penalties, and Reinstatement as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**
- **Ms. Moreman motioned, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule amendments to 157-4-.02 Licensure by Registration as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**
- **Ms. Dodson motioned, Ms. Nucci seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule amendments to 157-4-.03 Licensure by Endorsement as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

Ms. Moreman, Mr. Orozco seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of OCGA §§ OCGA 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8 and 43-11A-14.

In addition, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of OCGA §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8 and 43-11A-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Dietetics. None opposed, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Board Discussion:

- Frequently Asked Questions – Board website www.sos.ga.gov/plb/dietitians - Review and revise/update. Board members Anita Nucci and Susan Chapman, in addition to GAND liaison Jill McCoy, agreed to work on these FAQ's for the Board.

Minutes:

- December 11, 2015

Dr. Dodson motioned, Dr. Nucci seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 11, 2015 Minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: 9/18/15-12/10/15

license No	Licensee	Profession name
LD-P000160	Abigail Marie Redmond	Dietitian
LD004580	Jeremy Thomas Ponds	Dietitian
LD004581	Kylie Marie Fordham Wright	Dietitian
LD004582	Katrina Anne Swedberg Hall	Dietitian
LD004583	Carson Elizabeth Jones	Dietitian
LD004584	Shundra Alicia Seay	Dietitian
LD004585	Lauren Elizabeth Clark	Dietitian
LD004586	Nadia Renee Max Marzella	Dietitian
LD004587	Joanna Rosemary Morris	Dietitian
LD004588	Meredith Foster Hawk	Dietitian
LD004589	Pamela Gree Vickers	Dietitian
LD004590	Virginia Ives	Dietitian
LD004591	Stella Marilyn Laguerre	Dietitian
LD004592	Leigh Ann Purdy Pritchett	Dietitian
LD004593	Julia Marie Whelan	Dietitian
LD004594	Janet Debra Feinstein	Dietitian
LD004595	Angela T Douge	Dietitian
LD004596	Robert Edward Cornelius Wildman	Dietitian
LD004597	John Charles Brunt	Dietitian
LD004598	Emilie Elisabeth Koetter	Dietitian
LD004599	Katie Marie Henderson Presler	Dietitian
LD004600	Alison Anne Curtis	Dietitian
LD004601	Stacy Joy Hanmer Griswold	Dietitian
LD004602	Berdena Ann McGhee	Dietitian
LD004603	Nicole McGee Smith	Dietitian
LD004604	Kasei I Augustine	Dietitian
LD004605	Jennifer Lynn Dudley	Dietitian

LD004606	Lauren Diane Bradford	Dietitian
LD004607	Michelle Giang	Dietitian
LD004608	Brittany Nicole Lawhorn	Dietitian
LD004609	Jennifer Lynn Karlebach	Dietitian
LD004610	Lorie Ann Phillips Pardue	Dietitian
LD004611	Julianne Elizabeth Bierwirth	Dietitian
LD004612	Sarah Nicole Maki	Dietitian
LD004613	Jennifer Lynn Van Norman	Dietitian
LD004614	Sitha Pin	Dietitian
LD004615	Laura Elaine Forbus	Dietitian
LD004616	Morgan Hope Cadrette	Dietitian
LD004617	Kevin Todd Miller	Dietitian
LD004618	Antoinette Philomena Burke	Dietitian
LD004619	Patrick Cooper Van Asch	Dietitian
LD004620	Tara Nicole Sabo	Dietitian
LD004621	Rebecca Suzanne Fox	Dietitian
LD004622	Christine M Hansen	Dietitian
LD004623	Kristina Danielle Moore	Dietitian
LD004624	Chelsea Elizabeth Joyner	Dietitian
LD004625	Christina Marie Brumme	Dietitian
LD004626	Mary Kathleen Thomason	Dietitian

Dr. Dodson moved, Dr. Nucci seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the listing of licenses issued between meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Dr. Dodson moved, Dr. Nucci seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h), O.C.G.A. § 43-26-5(c) and O.C.G.A. § 43-26-11 to receive and review information pertaining to the Cognizant Report and the Executive Session meeting minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Dodson, Thaw, Moreman, Nucci, Chapman and Orozco.

Cognizant's/Complaints Report:

- **Recommend Closure**

DIET150005, DIET150006, DIET150008, DIET160001, DIET160002, DIET160003, DIET160005 and DIET160006

- **Recommend Referral to GA Composite Medical Board:**

DIET130008, DIET140007

Applications:

- H. D.
- S.M.

Recommendation:

Pending
Refer to AG's Office

AG's Office Report:

Wylencia Monroe, Senior Assistant Attorney General, provided a written status report.

Executive Session Minutes:

- December 11, 2015

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, December 11, 2015, Mr. Orozco 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.

Dr. Dodson moved, Dr. Nucci seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant/Complaints report recommendations. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Orozco moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the reinstatement applications presented to the Board as shown above. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Dodson moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Orozco motioned, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 11, 2016 Executive Session Minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, Mr. Orozco moved, Ms. Chapman seconded and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, BSS

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DAVID OROZCO

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: June 17, 2016