

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians met via teleconference on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Board Members Present:

Benjamin Steele, MS, RD, LD, Chair
Cicely Thomas, DCN, M.Ed, RDN, LD, FAND, Vice-Chair
Katherine Wiley, DCN, MIM, RD, LD
Alison Sturgill, MS, RD, CSO, LD
Barbara Hopkins, MMSc, RDN, LD

Board Members Absent:

(Vacant) Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Ann Shiver, Licensing Analyst

Office of Attorney General:

Vanessa Alva, Esq., AAG

Visitors Present:

Alivia Setka, GAND
Sherry Coleman Collins, GAND

Mr. Benjamin Steele, Chair, established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional item(s):

Welcome New Board Member – Ms. Barbara Hopkins

The Board would like to welcome new Board member appointment Ms. Barbara Hopkins to succeed the Honorable Holly Thaw, who recently resigned from the Board. Ms. Hopkins was administered the Oath of Office on January 14, 2026.

Meeting Minutes:

- December 12, 2025 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Wiley moved, Dr. Thomas seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 12, 2025 Conference Call Meeting Minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

GAND Liaison Report:

Ms. Sherry Coleman Collins, President, GAND, provided the Board with available GAND and Dietitian Licensure Compact updates.

Correspondence:

- CDR – Guidance Regarding Georgia Licensure CE Inquiries – *Board Information Only*

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: December 11, 2026 – March 20, 2026

License:	Contact
LD-P000385	Kierra Barnett
LD008180	April Turner Dodd

LD008175	Shelby Eidel
LD008176	Jasmine Gilbert
LD008177	Isaac Diaz

LD008178	Rabia Haider
LD008179	Camryn Aelvoet
LD008181	Christine Cornelius
LD008182	Kylie Williams
LD008183	Meredith Hedberg Link
LD008184	Rebecca Hayes
LD008185	Jenna Lane Becton
LD008186	Erin McRae Swartz
LD008187	Benjamin Graff
LD008188	Christin Morgan
LD008189	Erin Famulare
LD008190	Vanessa Lord
LD008191	Kathryn E Heskamp
LD008192	Kara Lynch
LD008193	Madelyn Ciskowski
LD008194	Marissa Arnone
LD008197	Sean Eddington
LD008196	Ellen Huang
LD008198	Cameron Stephan
LD008195	Sherry Patricia Roberts
LD008199	Yamuna Namal Kumuduni Brahakmanage
LD008200	Laura Bollinger
LD008203	Lais Dennis
LD008201	Candace Sorden
LD008205	Sarah Ludwig
LD008202	Mireille Najjar
LD008204	Esteban Solis
LD008206	Michael Wolfe
LD008207	Kristi Wilkerson
LD008208	Sonia Gross
LD008209	Bruna Sayer
LD008210	Sophia Pellegrino
LD008211	Madhu Kaczmarczyk
LD008212	Rachel Nannola
LD008213	Lauren Katakowski
LD008214	Dineen Denkovic
LD008215	Candace Bolden
LD008216	Brooke Johnson
LD008217	Kayley Hughes
LD008218	Jiahui Zhao
LD008219	Jennifer B Clousing

LD008221	Kerri Louati
LD008220	Megan Grindall
LD008222	Mindy Marie Gray
LD008223	Chisom Blessing Okoli
LD008224	Megan grace Lucas
LD008225	Ghazal Harirfroosh Rezaee
LD008226	Sarah Catherine Smith
LD008228	Morgan Glass
LD008227	Emily Harris
LD008229	April Litchford
LD008230	Sara Arnold
LD008231	Katie Kensinger
LD008232	Julianna Gilleo
LD008233	Emily Bejtlich
LD008234	Kendra Deanne Keith
LD008235	Caryn Watson
LD008236	Michelle LeMaistre
LD008237	Lauren Noble
LD008238	Holly Soto
LD008240	Tara Duggan
LD008239	Dishita Patel
LD008241	Erica Olson
LD008242	Shani M Vaughn
LD008243	Avery Koval Tornow
LD008245	Christine Gast
LD008244	Sari Jane Landers
LD008246	Mikayla Kuykendall
LD008247	Sarah Ann Helm
LD008248	Erica Nehrling
LD008249	Kimberly Beck
LD008250	Serey Phan
LD008251	Kaidy Wallace
LD008252	Aida Samaniego
LD008253	Jennifer Dunn Ralph
LD008254	Ashley Choice
LD008255	Holly Getz
LD008256	Caroline Green
LD008257	Lindsay Marie Bailey
LD008258	Hannah Rae Luepke
LD008259	Deborah Fredley
LD008262	Susan Jennings
LD008260	Kellene Anne Isom

LD008261	Monica Jessen
LD008263	Destiny Mont'e Davis
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LD008267	Stephanie Cargo
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LD008278	Mika Teragouchi
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LD008297	Jocelyn Rozeveld-Dearman
LD008298	Rebecca Milton
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LD008300	Rachel Garza
LD008301	Shamarie Allen
LD008302	Chelsea Lewis
LD008303	D'Anna Hardy

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LD008305	Lindsey Joe
LD008306	Emilie Burgess
LD008307	Mallory Salvi
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LD008321	Raji Sankaranarayanan
LD008322	Kristen Haight
LD008323	Sejal Dave
LD008324	Emma Grubss
LD008325	Maria Morgan-Bathke
LD008327	Jack Achenbach
LD008326	linda r allen
LD008328	Beth Rosen
LD008329	Nicole Ann Karetov
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LD008331	Samantha Coveney
LD008333	Rachel Caine
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LD008334	Sara Grace Birch
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LD008336	Krystal Cameron
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LD008338	Siri Pederson
LD008343	Bailey Warmoth
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LD008340	Ariel Sara Berkowitz
LD008341	Christina Jean Link
LD008342	Miriam Knopp
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LD008350	Melanie Sudetic
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LD008353	Josey George
LD008359	Vashti Verbowski
LD008354	Elizabeth Mann
LD008358	Amanda Ericson
LD008356	April Root
LD008357	Jennifer Echeverria Sanchez
LD008360	Amber Bowitz
LD008361	Amy Vajgrt
LD008362	Miao Lin
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LD008383	Ciara Milam-Moore
LD008384	Rachell Elizabeth Cooney
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LD008658	Basema Hitchcock
LD008661	Heather Michelle King
LD008664	Jillian Erlechman
LD008665	Gina Gauthier
LD008666	Brittany Chambers
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LD008668	Alissa Rymarowicz
LD008669	Annette Cuevas
LD008670	Margaret Skibley
LD008671	Leslie Johnson
LD008672	Donna M Slattery Genzale
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LD008674	Elizabeth Bryant Patrick
LD008675	Melissa Hostler
LD008677	Jessica Leigh Votaw
LD008676	Hayden Lore Landon
LD008678	Grace Sanders
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LD008682	Dorothy Irwin
LD008683	Rita Eusanio
LD008684	Sarah Kalesse Boehm
LD008685	Christiana MacNeil
LD008686	Kyle Craig
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LD008688	Carol Aguirre
LD008689	Persefone Pappas
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LD008742	Matthew W Jones
LD008743	Tiersly Wanka
LD008744	Cara Recker
TOTAL:	572

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

Ms. Hopkins moved, Dr. Thomas 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 Complaints, the Assistant Attorney General's report and to review the previous meetings Executive Session meeting minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Steele, Thomas, Sturgill, Wiley and Hopkins.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Mr. Steele 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: *None*

AG’s Office Report:

Vanessa Alva, Esq AAG., provided a status report which included information for any cases referred for action, advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules received.

Ms. Sturgill moved, Dr. Thomas seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General’s Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant’s/Complaints Report:

❖ Pending Receipt of Additional Information: DIET260002 *K. Wiley Recused

Ms. Hopkins moved, Dr. Thomas seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Executive Session Minutes:

- December 12, 2025 C.C. Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Wiley moved, Ms. Sturgill seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 12, 2025 Conference Call Executive Session Minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor

BENJAMIN STEELE

Chair

AMANDA ALLEN

Executive Director

These minutes were approved: **June 9, 2026**

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A.50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A.50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now **Benjamin Steele**, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On March 24, 2026 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met by teleconference. A majority of the quorum of the members present by teleconference voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public teleconference meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this teleconference meeting was O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h).
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

SUBJECT DISCUSSED:	LEGAL AUTHORITY
Investigations including reports and deliberations	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(h)(2)&(4)
Applications	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2-(k)(1)(2)
Exams (including questions, materials and deliberations)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(3)(4)
Attorney General's Report (certain matters of attorney/client privilege)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-14-2(1)
Investigative Interviews if part of disciplinary	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(4)
Probation Reports (medical information)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-18-72(G)(2)
Executive Session Minutes	O.C.G.A. Sect 50-14-4
Cognizant Member's Report	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(4)
Voting	None (must be in open session)

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

PRESIDING OFFICER Benjamin Steele with Express Permission
Amanda Allen, Executive Director

Sworn and subscribed before me

This 24 day of MARCH, 2026

Linsey Joiner
Notary Public

My commission expires:

