

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition**

April 21, 2023

Attending:

**Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND, Chairperson
Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN, Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Duhon, MS, RDN, LDN, Board Liaison
April Cintron, MS, RD, LDN, Board Member
Anita Ferdinand, MS, RD, LDN, Board Member**

Absent:

**Marie Simpson, BSN, RN, CDE, Secretary/Treasurer
Vacant, Consumer Member
Vacant, Medical Advisor**

Monica Pierson-McDaniels, Board Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order and read the board's mission statement at 10:07 a.m. via in person meeting. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, and Luke Piontek, Legal Counsel, were present for the entire meeting. Martina Musmeci Salles joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Fran White was present for the open meeting.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as amended to add a. Complaint #2023-05 to Review of Pending Complaints in Executive Session.

MINUTES:

1. Meeting of January 27, 2023

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2023 meeting, as presented.

FINANCIAL:

1. Financial Statements for the months ended December 31, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Members of the board reviewed the financial statements prepared by Griffin and Furman, through the months ended January 31, 2023. Monthly budget to actual comparisons are attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Board Operations

The Board reviewed data by Fiscal Quarter for 2023.

The totals for FY 2022-2023, Quarter 3, are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	33
Provisional LDN Apps Received	2
Reinstatement Requests	5
Upgrade Requests	4
LDN Applications Approved	35
Provisional LDN Apps Approved	3
Reinstatement Requests Approved	5
Upgrades Approved	5
Renewals	0
Inactive Renewals	0
Delinquent Renewals	2
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	0
Verifications Requested	50
Abandoned Applications	3
Complaints Received	2
Requests to return to Active	0

2. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones noted for the Minutes that the April board meeting was originally scheduled on April 28th, but later moved to April 21st. Mrs. Jones informed the Board that: she recently renewed the Board's CD for 11 months at 4.18%, a much better rate than last year; Tier 2.1 reporting to the Board of Ethics is due by May 15th; the digital certificate quote came in at a much lower rate than originally approved and are live in the Content Management System; a letter regarding the upcoming board vacancy for April Cintron's position was sent to LAND requesting nominations; and the April 2023 annual Newsletter was sent to licensees via email.

3. IPP Program Report – FY 2023 Q1

Board members reviewed the Practitioner Health Program Report for quarter 1 of 2023.

4. Louisiana Regular Legislative Session 2023

Board members reviewed bills that effect the Board and the profession of dietetics and nutrition.

CONFERENCE(S):

The Atkinson Firm Regulatory Academy Workshop, February 10, 2023

1. Report from CLEAR

Jolie Jones provided board members with an update on the Board's sponsored Regulatory Academy Workshop held on February 10, 2023. There were 65 attendees with 16 boards/state agencies represented.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Letter dated March 13, 2023, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, regarding development of national standards for RDNs in the VA**
Board members discussed this correspondence and will send a reply.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to move into Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. for the following reasons:

to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting,

for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or any other matter now provided for or as may be provided for by the legislature.

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 2:06 p.m. to make the following motions:

1. Review of New Complaints

a. Complaint #2023-08

Motion was made by April Cintron, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to send a letter regarding the law and rules.

b. Complaint #2023-09

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by April Cintron and unanimously carried, to dismiss complaint, as Respondent is licensed.

2. Review of Pending Complaints

a. Complaint #2023-01

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order, for successful completion.

b. Complaint #2023-02

Motion was made by April Cintron, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order, for successful completion.

c. Complaint #2023-04

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2023-04.

d. **Complaint #2023-06**

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2023-06.

e. **Complaint #2023-07**

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to have the Board's legal counsel send a letter on behalf of the Board.

f. **Complaint #2023-05**

Motion was made by April Cintron, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order, for successful completion.

3. Review of Applications

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to accept and approve the applications for the **LDN License** for the following:

Hull, Grayson	3572	Manning, Diana Bryn	3573
Beck, Michelle	3575	Cyr, Tina	3576
Snider, Jessica	3577	Massey, Rachel	3578
Freeman, Paige	3579	Kent, Annie	3580
Schmidt, Grace	3581	Williams, Jon	3582
Neuendorf, Caitlyn	3583	Pitre, Lauren	3584
Barrilleaux, Audrey	3585	LeBlanc, Shelby	3586
Bondurich, Melissa	3587	Marr, Hunter	3588
Santiago, Otoniel	3589	Maguire, Kelsey	3590
Page, Marie	3591	Eckenrode, Lyndsey	3592
Darby, Sydney	3593	Rayburn, Joy	3594
Hauser, Talia	3595	Naragon, Michelle	3596
Kendig, Krista	3597	Turk, Tristen	3598
Smith, Alexis	3599	Tewksbury, Emily	3600
Bell, Kathleen	3601	Hinojosa, Rebecca	3602
Hebert, Miranda	3603	Stuck, Rachel	3604
Yearwood, Samantha	3606	Carpenter, Jessie	3607
Buchan, Kylie	3608	Feldman, Shira	3609
Lord, Angela	3610		

Motion was made by April Cintron, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to accept and approve the applications for the **Provisional LDN License** for the following:

D'Angelo, Hannah	3574	Smith, Raven	3605
Jones, Cameryn	3611		

Motion was made by April Cintron, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

Mercola, Peyton	3433	Colon, Paige	3412
Callejas, Eleana	3439		

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

Ayers, Taylor	2637	Remsen, Elise	2404
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4. Update regarding legislative changes for entry level degree requirements

Board members discussed potential ramifications with legal counsel regarding proposed legislative changes from LAND/AND.

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to send a formal letter to LAND/AND regarding the Board's position.

The Board's legal counsel will prepare a Legal Corner/Minute in the Newsletter to explain the Del Castillo case. Additionally, the Board will put together a Question and Answer flyer about the proposed changes, with the Board's position.

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m.


Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND
Chairperson


Marie Simpson, BSN, RN, CDCES
Secretary/Treasurer