

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

August 22, 2025

Attending:

**Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN, Chairperson
Jennifer Duhon, MS, RDN, LDN, Vice Chairperson, Board Liaison
Marie Simpson, BSN, RN, CDCES, Secretary/Treasurer
Anita Ferdinand, MS, RD, LDN, Board Member**

Absent:

**Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND, Board Member
Vacant, Medical Advisor
Vacant, Board Member
Vacant, Consumer Member**

Monica Pierson-McDaniels, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order and read the board's mission statement at 11:00 a.m. via in person meeting. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, and Luke Piontek, Legal Counsel, was present for the entire meeting. The meeting was open to the public via electronic means. Marie Simpson joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No member of the public was present for the open meeting.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended to add 2. February 7, 2025 to Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Marie Simpson, seconded by Anita Ferdinand 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 Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to make the following motions:

1. Review of New Complaints

a. Complaint #2026-01

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to not accept Complaint #2026-01.

2. Review of Pending Complaints

a. Complaint #2025-02

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

The Board will also send a response to the university that the information is still available online.

b. Complaint #2025-19

Motion was made by Anita Ferdinand, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2025-19. The response letter will indicate that the Board stands behind the science and research-based nutrition of a licensed dietitian/nutritionist. The Board does not make any determination regarding the validity of the waiver provided.

3. Review of Applications

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to accept and approve the applications for the **LDN License** for the following:

Best, Yvonne	4013	Mahoney, Chrysa	4014
Price, Andrea	4015	Davis, Erin	4017
Majewski, Amanda	4019	Wingerter, Meredith	4020
Bates, Marjorie	4021	Heath, Ciara	4022
Romes, Lyndsie	4023	Kiley May, Mallory	4024
Lofton, Stacy	4025	Nagel, Krista	4026
Gaither, Savannah	4028	Dahl, Kayla	4030
Runshaw, Samantha	4031	Wood, Emma	4032
Maurel, Lori	4033	Abbott, Karlene	4034
Tackett, Jordan	4035	Roy, Alea	4036

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

Batt, Madison	4012	Smith, Stephanie	4016
Deroche, Kaylee	4018	Mistretta, Emily	4027

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

Stiles, Jenna

4003

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

Khosravanipour, Mariam	2521	Leon, Amber	3535
Fondren, Kaaren	3624	Budion, Brigitte	3020
Letter, Beth	3159	Lipoma, Tilton	3670
Daigle, Simone	2745	Williams, Jewel	3635
Hirsch, Olivia	3289	Mohamed, Danielle	3221
Worthen, Najwa	1643	Curley-Bew, Karen	34

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No member of the public was present for the open meeting.

MINUTES:

1. Meeting of June 13, 2025

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2025 meeting, as presented.

2. Meeting of February 7, 2025

Motion was made by Marie Simpson, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to approve the amended minutes of the February 7, 2025 meeting, as presented.

FINANCIAL(S):

1. Financial Statements for the months ended February 28, 2025 – June 30, 2025

Members of the board reviewed the financial statements prepared by Griffin and Furman, through the months ended June 30, 2025. Monthly budget to actual comparisons are attached. June 30, 2025 financials were reviewed to determine completeness of collections for the year.

2. Covalent Logic Quote for upgrades – Application Approval Report

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to approve the Statement of Work for the Application Approval Report for \$1,000.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones informed Board members that the Annual Fiscal Report (AFR) was submitted on August 21, 2025, the new CPA professional contract has

been approved, and the new Practitioners Healthcare Program manager has been put in place.

2. Board Operations

The Board reviewed data by Fiscal Quarter for 2025. The totals for FY 2025, Quarter 4, are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	47
Provisional LDN Apps Received	9
Reinstatement Requests	7
Upgrade Requests	3
LDN Applications Approved	52
Provisional LDN Apps Approved	5
Reinstatement Requests Approved	9
Upgrades Approved	4
Renewals	1543
Inactive Renewals	64
Delinquent Renewals	4
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	0
Verifications Requested	69
Abandoned Applications	12
Complaints Received	0
Requests to return to Active	0

The totals for FY 2026, Quarter 1 To Date (7/01/2025-8/15/2025), are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	28
Provisional LDN Apps Received	5
Reinstatement Requests	4
Upgrade Requests	0
LDN Applications Approved	12
Provisional LDN Apps Approved	2
Reinstatement Requests Approved	6
Upgrades Approved	0
Renewals	0
Inactive Renewals	0
Delinquent Renewals	69
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	8
Verifications Requested	31
Abandoned Applications	4
Complaints Received	1
Requests to return to Active	0

3. IPP Report

Board members reviewed the Professional Health Program Reports for

Quarter 2 of 2025.

4. Update on LBEDN Board Appointments

There is no update on board appointments at this time.

5. Update on HB399

HB399 was vetoed by the Governor.

6. Time frame left on Work Permit or Visa for Issuance of License

Board members discussed requirements for non-immigrant applicants.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email dated July 18, 2025, from Aimee Serio of Fran U, requesting a Board presentation

Monica Pierson-McDaniels will give a board presentation at Fran U on behalf of the Board on October 17, 2025.

CONFERENCE(S):

1. CLEAR Winter Symposium & Midyear Business Meeting, Nashville, TN, January 7-9, 2026

No action was taken on this item.

REVIEW OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AS PER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-038:

Board members began a review of the Board's Rules and Regulations, to meet the requirements of Executive Order 25-038. The Board reviewed 103. Qualifications for Licensure, 113. Issuance and Renewal of Licensure, and 117. Code of Ethics, and made appropriate revisions.

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m.


Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN
Chairperson

Signed by:

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Marie Simpson, BSN, RN, CDCES
Secretary/Treasurer