

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

**June 13, 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  
Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND, Board Member  
Anita Ferdinand, MS, RD, LDN, Board Member**

**Absent:**

**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 10:00 a.m. via in person meeting. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entire meeting. Luke Piontek, Legal Counsel, participated in a portion of the meeting virtually. The meeting was open to the public via electronic means. Marie Simpson joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**AGENDA:**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda as amended to add 2.c. 2021-17 to Pending Complaints in Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to move into Executive Session at 10:18 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 Anita Ferdinand, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 10:59 a.m. to make the following motions:

**1. Review of New Complaints**

**a. Complaint #2025-15**

**Motion** was made by Anita Ferdinand, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to accept Complaint #2025-15 and send to investigation.

**Motion** was made by Marie Simpson, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to offer a professional contract to an investigator, for a maximum of \$2,000.00 for FY 2025-2026.

**b. Complaint #2025-16**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2025-16, after hearing testimony during today's compliance hearing.

**c. Complaint #2025-17**

**Motion** was made by Anita Ferdinand, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to not accept Complaint #2025-17.

**d. Complaint #2025-18**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to not accept Complaint #2025-18.

**e. Complaint #2025-19**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to send a letter regarding scope of practice.

**2. Review of Pending Complaints**

**a. Complaint #2024-06, 2025-10, 2025-11**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to send additional information to the Attorney General's office, to whomever replaced Olivia Boudreaux.

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

**b. Complaint #2025-05**

**Motion** was made by Anita Ferdinand, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to have legal counsel send a response to Respondent's attorney noting that the individual is still listed as a Clinical Nutritionist on Linked In and stating that he cannot practice dietetics/nutrition unless it is incidental to his practice.

**c. Complaint #2021-17**

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

Robinette, Shannon	3946	Sappington, Margaret	3947
Rudolph, Essence	3948	Bogdahn, Jennifer	3949
Parrish, Lindsey	3950	House, Kristina	3951
Vaughn, Angela	3952	Murphree, Kayla	3953
McCarthy, Heather	3954	Lightfield, Katharine	3955
Everman, Shawna	3957	Mann, Courtney	3958
Hudson, Sydney	3959	Werner, Joshua	3960
McKibben, Nicole	3961	McPherson, Gabrielle	3962
Pollitt, Crysta	3963	Addison, Nakia	3964
Lovalo, Michelle	3965	Pheifer, Kelsey	3966
Woods, Ryan	3967	Courville, Jeanette	3968
Fontenot, Colleen	3969	Robinson, Karlie	3970
Reidy, Rachel	3971	Fraley, Meg	3972
Yasinski, Evyn	3973	Gorges, Paige	3974
Wise, Laura	3975	Davis-Cadogan, Shyla	3976
Bennett, Nicholas	3978	Shepard, Bryee	3979
Polk, Sarah	3980	Winghart, Lisa	3981
Schmeising, Amanda	3982	Smith, Tracey	3983
McCall, Susan	3984	Leach, Nicole	3985
Hageman, Kasey	3986	Brown, Paige	3987
Miller, Nicole	3988	Kersch, Ilana	3989
Cram, Misty	3990	Novota, Colleen	3991
Caudill, Jessica	3992	Macarrulla, Gabriella	3993
Tinsley, Jacqueline	3994	Day, Kathleen	3995
Reed, Caroline	3996	Skobeloff, Sarah	3997
Jannatpour, Shannon	3998	Hweih, Thekra	3999
Bardell, Wendy	4000	Baker, Devin	4001
Corranza Mendez, Mariana	4002	Barretti, Madeline	4005
Yount, Lindsay	4006	Mckenzie, Amy	4007
Knauer, Candice	4008	Cook, Melissa	4009
Garcia, Esmerelda	4010	Guillot, Tanner	4011

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

Schneider, Baylee	3956	Hennington, Abigail	3977
Stiles, Jenna	4003	Son, Blenda	4004

**Motion** was made by Marie Simpson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

Rugg, Amanda	3292	Tate, Kelsey	3801
Landry, Caroline	3945	Edwards, Emerie	3932
Anderson, Gabrielle	3920	Domingue, Rachel	3916
Seicshnaydre, Catherine	3925	Rogers, Molly	3859
Clark, Emily	3861	Schneider, Baylee	3956
Birch, Sara	3858		

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

Jones, Natalie	2873	Gonzalez, Marie	3706
McMinn, Jessica	3672	Becker, Michael	3763
Martin, Daniel	2767		

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**MEETING WITH TRAE RUSSELL OF COVALENT LOGIC:**

Board members met with Trae Russell of Covalent Logic regarding the necessary steps to comply with the Department Justice's Final Rules and PPM 74.

**COMPLIANCE HEARING:**

**11:30 A.M. Tanner Guillot**

Mr. Tanner Guillot requested and appeared, for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's denial to grant Mr. Guillot's Licensed dietitian/nutritionist license. The Board denied Mr. Guillot's application for licensure based on information provided on the application, which was submitted on February 12, 2025, wherein he indicated that he worked as a "Dietitian" at Lifted Nutrition & Fitness from May 8, 2024 to the present, wherein he "conducted comprehensive nutrition assessments, developed personalized nutrition plans based on client goals, educated clients on macronutrient distribution, meal timing, and portion control, addressed food allergies, intolerances, and medical conditions, and recommended supplements based on deficiencies". The above information led the Board to believe that Mr. Guillot may have practiced without a license since May 8, 2024.

**Motion** was made by Marie Simpson, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to grant Mr. Tanner Guillot a Licensed dietitian/nutritionist license, based on his testimony and supporting documentation provided that he did not practice in Louisiana without a license.

## **MINUTES:**

### **1. Meeting of February 7, 2025**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2025 meeting, as presented.

## **FINANCIAL(S):**

### **1. Financial Statements for the months ended October 31, 2024 – January 31, 2025**

Members of the board reviewed the financial statements prepared by Griffin and Furman, through the months ended January 31, 2025. Monthly budget to actual comparisons are attached.

### **2. Quote from Covalent Logic for Web Accessibility to comply with DOJ Final Rules and PPM 74**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to move forward with the Proposal for Cicero Licensing Upgrade & ADA Compliance for \$5,000.00 and \$69,600 respectively. The Board will spread the costs out over three years.

### **3. Quote from Covalent Logic for minor system upgrades**

The Board did not take any action on this item.

### **4. Professional Contract for IPP Manager**

**Motion** was made by Marie Simpson, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to offer Leah Rosa Counseling dba Assurance Recovery Monitoring, a contract for a maximum amount of \$3,000.00 for the fiscal year 2025-2026, to oversee the Board's Practitioner Health Program.

### **5. Purchase of new laptop to support Windows 11**

**Motion** was made by Martina Musmeci Salles, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to purchase a new laptop in accordance with the provided quote.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:**

### **1. Executive Director Update**

Jolie Jones presented the Board with the one-pager that was sent to the Legislature on behalf of the Board as per LA R.S. 37:3612(C).

The Board will plan to have an all-day meeting at their next board meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 2025, to review Rules, as per the JML Executive Order 25-038 regarding Administrative Rules and Regulations. The Board will start with review of 117. Code of Ethics, 113. Issuance and Renewal of Licensure, and 103. Qualifications for Licensure.

The Board will also need to create rules to require criminal background checks after the passage of the licensure compact.

## **2. Board Operations**

The Board reviewed data by Fiscal Quarter for 2025. The totals for FY 2025, Quarter 3, are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	41
Provisional LDN Apps Received	5
Reinstatement Requests	4
Upgrade Requests	8
LDN Applications Approved	33
Provisional LDN Apps Approved	8
Reinstatement Requests Approved	1
Upgrades Approved	7
Renewals	N/A
Inactive Renewals	N/A
Delinquent Renewals	1
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	N/A
Verifications Requested	63
Abandoned Applications	5
Complaints Received	4
Requests to return to Active	0

The totals for FY 2025, Quarter 4 To Date (4/01/2025 – 5/01/2025), are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	19
Provisional LDN Apps Received	1
Reinstatement Requests	3
Upgrade Requests	2
LDN Applications Approved	28
Provisional LDN Apps Approved	1
Reinstatement Requests Approved	4
Upgrades Approved	3
Renewals	226
Inactive Renewals	8
Delinquent Renewals	2
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	0
Verifications Requested	20
Abandoned Applications	2
Complaints Received	2
Requests to return to Active	0

**3. Professional Health Program Report(s)**

Board members reviewed the Professional Health Program Reports for Quarter 1 of 2025.

**4. Update on LBEDN Board Appointments**

There is no update on board appointments at this time.

**5. Update on Legislation**

Board members discussed the status of HB399.

**6. Consider New Policy for Misdemeanors over 5 years**

Jolie Jones will work with Legal Counsel to create a policy and rubric and bring back to the August meeting for review.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Email dated April 29, 2025, from Caroline Gilmore, regarding GI mapping**

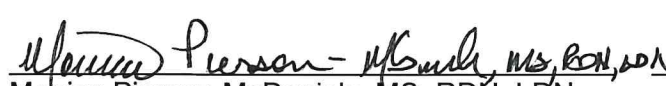
The Board reviewed an email from Ms. Caroline Gilmore regarding GI mapping. Board members recommend that Ms. Gilmore refer to facility policy.


**2. Email dated June 6, 2025, from Yvonne Adams, regarding licensure renewal with CE**

Board staff will work with Ms. Adams to renew her license.

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to revise the Rules and Regulations to require individuals to attest on renewals that they have met 15 hours of continuing education at renewal, and the Board reserves the right to audit. For initial applications, the Board would like to switch the wording in the Rules to state that the Board will accept an exam score or a CDR card.

**Motion** was made by Martina Musmeci Salles, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

  
Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN  
Chairperson

  
Marie Simpson, BSN, RN, CDCES  
Secretary/Treasurer