

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

April 16, 2021

Attending:

**Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN, Chairperson
Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND, Vice Chairperson
Stephenie Marshall, MS, RDN, LDN, Secretary/Treasurer
April Cintron, MS, RD, LDN, Board Member
Dr. Jennifer Jackson, EdD, RD, LDN, Board Member, Board Liaison
Dr. Susan F. Julius, MD, Medical Advisor
Meghan Kavanaugh, APRN, FNP-C, RD, LDN, CDE, BC-ADM, Board Member**

Absent:

Vacant, Consumer Member

Monica Pierson-McDaniels, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order and read the board's mission statement at 10:02 a.m. via in person meeting and Zoom Call, meeting ID 837 6306 8386. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entire meeting. Monica Pierson-McDaniels, Martina Musmeci Salles, and Stephenie Marshall were physically in attendance. April Cintron, Dr. Jennifer Jackson, Dr. Susan Julius, and Meghan Kavanaugh participated in the meeting via Zoom. Dr. Susan Julius joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was present to provide public comment.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Meghan Kavanaugh and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES:

1. Meeting of January 15, 2021

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by April Cintron and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2021 meeting, as presented.

FINANCIAL:

1. Financial Statement for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020

Members of the board reviewed the financial statement prepared by Champagne and Associates, for the quarter ended December 31, 2020.

2. Financial Statement for the Month Ended January 31, 2021

Members of the board reviewed the financial statement prepared by Griffin and Furman, LLC, for the month ended January 31, 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Board Operations

The Board reviewed data by Fiscal Quarter for 2020-2021. The totals for FY 2020-2021, Quarter 3 are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	22
PL-LDN Applications Received	8
Reinstatement Requests	5
Upgrade Requests	2
LDN Applications Approved	21
PL-LDN Applications Approved	9
Reinstatement Requests Approved	5
Upgrades Approved	2
Renewals	N/A
Inactive Renewals	N/A
Delinquent Renewals	N/A
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	N/A
Verifications Requested	18
Abandoned Applications	1
Complaints Received	6

2. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones discussed the following with the Board:

- CD has been renewed at the rate of .45% and moved to Home Bank
- Reminder to complete the Board of Ethics reporting by May 15th
- Update on legal counsel changes
- Update on LBEDN's April Newsletter
- Response from Tracy Petrillo, Executive Director of CDR
- Meeting scheduled with Pepin Tuma to discuss CNS and accreditation

3. Update from LBEDN's Liaison to LAND

Dr. Jennifer Jackson, LBEDN's Liaison to LAND, had no update at this time.

4. License to Teach Dietetics/Nutrition

Board members reviewed information to see if other states require a license to teach dietetics/nutrition. In most states, they are exempt from licensure.

5. Update on 2021 Louisiana Legislative Session

Board members reviewed HB27, HB197, HB270, and HB398 of the 2021 Louisiana Legislative Session. Board members asked Jolie Jones to reach to LAND to see if they have a position on these bills.

Martina Musmeci Salles discussed telehealth concerns regarding a presentation from LAND on telehealth. The information listed on the CDR website is incorrect. Jolie Jones will get with Tracy Petrillo of CDR to get it corrected.

COMPLIANCE HEARING:
RACHEL HANES

Rachel Hanes requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny issuance of her dietitian/nutritionist license. The Board denied Ms. Hanes' application for licensure based on information provided on the application indicating that Ms. Hanes worked as a "Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist" from September 10, 2017 to the present, without the benefit of a valid license.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to move into Executive Session at 11:10 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 Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. to offer a Consent Agreement and Order which would grant Rachel Hanes' LDN license, contingent upon completion of the Open Book Examination, a \$3,500.00 fine, notification to facility employed, publication on the Board's website, and notification to AND and reporting to the National Practitioner DataBank.

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. to make the following motions:

1. Review of Pending Complaints

a. Complaint #2020-11

Motion was made by Stephenie Marshall, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2020-11, based on successful completion of the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

b. Complaints #2020-10 and 2020-12

Motion was made by Meghan Kavanaugh, seconded by Dr. Jennifer Jackson

and unanimously carried, to refer Complaints #2020-10 and #2020-12 to the Attorney General's office.

2. Review of New Complaints

a. Complaint #2021-07

Motion was made by Stephenie Marshall, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to accept and send a letter regarding scope of practice and title protection.

b. Complaint #2021-08

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to dismiss this complaint, as it is not in the Board's jurisdiction. The Board requested that if the individual is registered, that the complaint be forwarded to CDR.

c. Complaint #2021-09

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to dismiss this complaint, as it is not in the Board's jurisdiction.

d. Complaint #2021-10

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to dismiss this complaint, as it is not in the Board's jurisdiction.

e. Complaint #2021-11

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to dismiss this complaint, as it is not in the Board's jurisdiction.

f. Complaint #2021-12

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to dismiss this complaint, as it is not in the Board's jurisdiction.

g. Complaint #2021-13

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to dismiss this complaint, as it is not in the Board's jurisdiction.

h. Complaint #2021-15

Motion was made by Martina Musmeci Salles, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to accept complaint #2021-15 and send a letter regarding scope of practice and title protection.

i. **Complaint #2021-16**

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Meghan Kavanaugh and unanimously carried, to accept complaint #2021-16 and send a letter regarding scope of practice and title protection.

3. **Review of Applications**

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

Strakowski, Michelle	3220	Mohamed, Danielle	3221
Eblin, Hannah	3223	McKenna, Angela	3225
Finkelstein, Samantha	3226	Helms, Amy	3228
Jones, Bianca	3229	Griffin, Kelsey	3230
Landry, Victoria	3233	Csom, Kelly	3234
Colyer, Joyce	3235	Buch, Hillary	3236
Steinhebel, Kim	3237	Grant, Tracey	3239
Rivera, Tashia	3241	Smith, Brooklyne	3242
Womack, Abigail	3243	Broekhoven, Sarah	3244
Diiorio, Leslie	3245	Bernard, Lauren	3246
Shattuck, Tara	3247	Gerald, Rainey	3248
McCarthy, Jill	3249	Fennell, Nicole	3251
Terry, Maria	3252	McGee, Anne Marie	3253
Pousson, Ashley	3254		

Motion was made by April Cintron, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to accept and approve the applications for the **Provisional LDN License** for the following:

Foreman, Morgan	3222	Calhoun, Hana	3224
Insua, Stephanie	3227	Molden, Tamisha	3231
Thomas, Mikayla	3232	Schultz, Jessica	3238
Hanes, Rachel	3240	Simoneaux, Colby	3250

Motion was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Meghan Kavanaugh and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

Calhoun, Hana	3224	Blackmer, Kaitlyn	3219
Thomas, Mikayla	3232	Gillespie, Ashley	3026
Clyde, Emily	3173		

Motion was made by Stephenie Marshall, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

McClure, Rhiannon	2615	Kensingler, Katherine	2469
Fisher-West, Cynthia	640	Delphen, Denise	246
Odefey, Misti	1711	Ellis, Esther	2679

Motion was made by Stephenie Marshall, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m.


Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN
Chairperson


Stephenie Marshall, MS, RDN, LDN
Secretary/Treasurer