

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

**August 13, 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  
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:**

**April Cintron, MS, RD, LDN, Board Member  
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 828 1101 6276. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entire meeting. Monica Pierson-McDaniels and Martina Musmeci Salles were physically in attendance. Stephenie Marshall, Dr. Jennifer Jackson, Dr. Susan Julius, and Meghan Kavanaugh participated in the meeting via Zoom. Dr. Jennifer Jackson and Dr. Susan Julius left the meeting at 12:00 noon.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No one was present to provide public comment.

**AGENDA:**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Stephenie Marshall and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as amended to add the following under Administrative Review: 7. Telehealth; 8. Filing Complaints; and 9. Consumer Protection.

**MINUTES:**

**1. Meeting of April 16, 2021**

**Motion** was made by Stephenie Marshall, seconded by Meghan Kavanaugh and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting, as presented.

**FINANCIAL:**

**1. Financial Statements for the Quarters ended February 28 - May 31, 2021**

Members of the board reviewed the financial statements prepared by Griffin and Furman, for the months ended May 31, 2021.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:**

### **1. Board Operations**

The Board reviewed data by Fiscal Quarter for 2020-2021. The totals for FY 2020-2021, Quarter 4 are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	36
PL-LDN Applications Received	19
Reinstatement Requests	4
Upgrade Requests	8
LDN Applications Approved	24
PL-LDN Applications Approved	16
Reinstatement Requests Approved	7
Upgrades Approved	10
Renewals	1277
Inactive Renewals	59
Delinquent Renewals	0
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	0
Verifications Requested	20
Abandoned Applications	1
Complaints Received	4

### **2. Executive Director Update**

Jolie Jones discussed the following with the Board:

- Update on the meeting with Pepin Tuma regarding CNS and accreditation discussions. Dr. Jennifer Jackson will discuss these issues with LAND. Ultimately, the Board feels that it is too labor intensive right now to license CNS, as there is currently no accreditation body.

### **3. Update from LBEDN's Liaison to LAND**

Dr. Jennifer Jackson, LBEDN's Liaison to LAND, informed the board members that Elizabeth Ollendike is the new president of LAND. Dr. Jackson will discuss the LBEDN board member nominations, licensure of CNS', and anticipated law revisions to remove LAND as the nominating body with LAND at their next board meeting in June.

### **4. Discuss the Board Makeup and Board Member Nomination Process**

The Board will continue to move forward with legislation to remove LAND as the nominating body for LBEDN.

### **5. Accreditation Language Concerns**

The Board will consider revising the law to match the accreditation language in the future.

#### **6. Academy's Incident Reporting Tool**

Board members reviewed the newsletter article regarding the Academy's Incident Reporting Tool. The Board will not report through this tool at this time, as the Board already has a process to report.

#### **7. Telehealth**

Board members would like to discuss telehealth again in the next newsletter. If providing nutrition services, including medical nutrition therapy (MNT) must be licensed.

#### **8. Filing Complaints**

Jolie Jones will type up a policy for consideration at the next board meeting that states that since the LDN board members are mandatory reporters by statute, those board members can file complaints, but the Chair should refrain from doing so, when possible.

#### **9. Consumer Protection**

Martina Musmeci Salles provided the board members with documentation regarding consumer protection from a presentation that she recently participated in.

#### **COMPLIANCE HEARING:**

##### **11:00 COURTNEY JUMONVILLE**

Courtney Jumonville 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. Jumonville's application for licensure based on information provided on the application indicating that Ms. Jumonville worked intermittently as a "Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist" from July 2015 to the present, without the benefit of a valid license.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Email dated July 1, 2021, from Patricia Abraham, requesting delinquent renewal fee refund**

Jolie Jones has been given authority in policy to handle these requests.

**2. Email dated August 9, 2021, from Allie Mula, requesting extension of provisional license**

Ms. Mula is statutorily allowed to renew her provisional license one more year.

#### **CONFERENCE(S):**

##### **FARB**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual FARB Regulatory Law Seminar, September 30-October 3, 2021, Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, Nashville, TN**

The board is not sending anyone to the FARB Seminar at this time.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to move into Executive Session at 11:30 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 Martina Musmeci Salles, seconded by Stephenie Marshall and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:57 a.m. to offer a Consent Agreement and Order which would grant Courtney Jumonville's LDN license, contingent upon completion of the Open Book Examination, a \$6,000.00 fine, publication on the Board's website, and notification to AND and reporting to the National Practitioner DataBank.

### **1. Review of Pending Complaints**

#### **a. Complaint #2021-07**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to send a second letter of clarification to Respondent.

#### **b. Complaint #2021-13**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to send a second letter with clarifications regarding weekly meal plans and consumer protection issue regarding disease state.

#### **c. Complaint #2021-15**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to send a second letter to discontinue the use of the word Nutrition Coach.

#### **d. Complaint #2021-16**

This item was tabled until next board meeting.

### **2. Review of New Complaints**

#### **a. Complaint #2021-18**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Stephenie Marshall and unanimously carried, to accept and send a letter to discontinue the use of the word Nutrition Coach.

### 3. Review of Applications

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

Payne-Durbin, Cassandra	3256	Zanville, Katherine	3257
Hanley, Gabrielle	3258	Harris, Victoria	3259
Moorman, Emily	3260	Renshaw, Meredith	3262
Carr, Sandra	3263	LeBouef, Kimberly	3264
Dix, Laurel	3268	Wilcox, Caleb	3269
Honan, Natalie	3273	Pittman, Emma	3277
Thararoop, Jeremy	3279	Gerrets, Emily	3280
Williams, Valaree	3282	Glasscock, Lynzi	3283
Nace, Heather	3285	Gesler, Kathleen	3286
Walters, Allison	3288	Hirsch, Olivia	3289
Zavala, Rachel	3294	Faver, Kimberly	3295
Rasnick-Wiseman, Sarah	3298	Mendiola, Roberto	3300
Hawkins, Samantha	3302	Mincey, Megan	3303
Marquez, Alexandra	3304	Seigel, Autumn	3305
Ludwig, Tylynn	3306	Arnone, Matthew	3307
Lee, Jessica	3308	Nicholson, Jordan	3309
Lloyd, Beth	3310		

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

Lewis, Victoria	2355	Bryant, De'Jerra	3261
Waguespack, Kristen	3265	Orgeron, Vivianne	3266
Dufrene, Sara	3267	Harrell, Natalie	3270
Pulliam, KayAnna	3271	Putnum, Jessica	3272
Dufresne, Ashley	3274	Buzulak, Emily	3275
Cessna, Shannon	3276	Bedgood, Desirae	3278
Alexander, Cayden	3281	Jumonville, Courtney	3284
Brent, Sharity	3287	Baldwin, Megan	3290
Thompson, Brenton	3291	Rugg, Amanda	3292
Rideaux, A'njela	3293	Moran, Heather	3296
Henley, Kentauria	3297	Keen, Jourdan	3299
Berg, Hannah	3301		

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

Horne, Janie	3035	Schultz, Jessica	3238
Hanes, Rachel	3240	Hammons, Courtney	3139

Foreman, Morgan	3222	Guerriero, Bonnie	3146
Baldwin, Megan	3290	Waguespack, Kristen	3265
Pulliam, KayAnna	3271	Orgeron, Viviane	3266

**Motion** was made by Stephenie Marshall, seconded by Meghan Kavanaugh and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

DeFreese, Lauren	1916	Brignac, Sarah	2874
Salisbury, Samantha	2604	Norred, Gina	1394
Book, Julina	2272	Lee, Rebecca	2117
Pipes, Claire	719		

**Motion** was made by Meghan Kavanaugh, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

*Monica M. Samuel, MS, RDN, LDN*  
 Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN  
 LDN  
 Chairperson

*Martina M. Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND*  
 Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN,  
 LDN, FAND  
 Vice Chairperson