

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

**July 22, 2022**

**Attending:**

**Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN, Chairperson  
Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND, Vice Chairperson  
Anita Ferdinand, MS, RD, LDN, Secretary/Treasurer  
April Cintron, MS, RD, LDN, Board Liaison  
Jennifer Duhon, MS, RDN, LDN, Board Member  
Dr. Susan F. Julius, MD, Medical Advisor  
Marie Simpson, BSN, RN, CDE, Board Member**

**Absent:**

**Vacant, Consumer Member**

Monica Pierson-McDaniels, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order and read the board's mission statement at 10:06 a.m. via in person meeting. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, was present for the entire meeting. Marie Simpson joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Monica Pierson-McDaniels welcomed Marie Simpson as the newest board member.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No one was present to provide public comment.

**AGENDA:**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as amended to add 8. Schedule January 2023 Board Meeting to Admin Review.

**MINUTES:**

**1. Meeting of April 8, 2022**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Susan Julius, seconded by April Cintron and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2022 meeting, as presented.

**FINANCIAL:**

**1. Financial Statements for the months ended January 31, 2022 – May 31, 2022**

Members of the board reviewed the financial statements prepared by Griffin and Furman, through the months ended May 31, 2022.

## **2. Covalent Logic Project Quote**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by April Cintron and unanimously carried, to approve the Covalent Logic Project Quote #2621 in the amount of \$2,200 to develop a report and display data on the website in accordance with Act 483 of the 2022 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:**

### **1. Board Operations**

The Board reviewed data by Fiscal Quarter for 2021-2022. The totals for FY 2021-2022, Quarter 4 are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	122
Provisional LDN Apps Received	38
Reinstatement Requests	27
Upgrade Requests	29
LDN Applications Approved	108
Provisional LDN Apps Approved	38
Reinstatement Requests Approved	19
Upgrades Approved	35
Renewals	1309
Inactive Renewals	64
Delinquent Renewals	76
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	14
Verifications Requested	95
Abandoned Applications	5
Complaints Received	12
Requests to return to Active	1

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

Jolie Jones discussed third party authorizations for applications with board members and will discuss further with other executive directors. The Board also requested that Ms. Jones get with legal counsel to draft a release document that will cover the Board. Mrs. Jones also discussed that she just completed the Board's Property Management audit. Additionally, Mrs. Jones confirmed that the new Practitioners Health Program Manager has been put into place and is available to our licensees and applicants.

### **3. Update on Special Edition Newsletter**

Board staff is in the process of preparing the Special Edition Newsletter to be sent in August, which will include articles on scope of practice, continuing education, and an article on what the fees that are collected from licensees are used for.

### **4. Update from the Legislative Committee**

Monica Pierson-McDaniels provided the Board with a copy of the recommendations from the Legislative Committee for revisions to the Practice

Act. Board members will provide any additional feedback on the revisions by August 15, 2022.

**5. Update on Board Member Nominations**

Martina Musmeci Salles' term is expiring on August 22, 2022. The Department of Agriculture and Forestry sent a letter to Boards and Commissions requesting that Ms. Salles be re-appointed to the Board. Marie Simpson was appointed to replace Meghan Kavanaugh as the licensed registered nurse on July 15, 2022. Dr. Susan Julius' term expired on June 13, 2022. Nominations were requested by the Louisiana State Medical Society in October 2021, but no one has been nominated for this position.

**6. Update from 2022 Regular Legislative Session**

Board members reviewed bills that effect the business of the Board.

**7. Discussion regarding CNS and licensure requirements**

Board members reviewed information and discussed licensing of CNS'.

**8. Schedule January 2023 Board meeting**

**Motion** was made by April Cintron, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to schedule the January 2023 board meeting for January 27, 2023.

**COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:**

**10:45 A.M. JORDAN DAVIS**

Jordan Davis 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. Davis' application for licensure based on information provided on the application indicating that Ms. Davis worked as a Registered Dietitian from November 1, 2021 to the present, without the benefit of a valid license.

**Motion** was made by Anita Ferdinand, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and carried, to offer Jordan Davis a dietitian/nutritionist license through a Consent Agreement and Order to include successful completion of the open book examination, \$500.00 fine, public reprimand, to include publication on the Board's website, notification to the former employer on record, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/Commission on Dietetic Registration Ethics Committee, and the National Practitioner DataBank (NPDB). Abstained: April Cintron.

**11:00 A.M. MIRANDA SIEBERT**

Miranda Siebert requested and appeared for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's decision to deny issuance of her provisional dietitian/nutritionist license. The Board denied Ms. Siebert's application for licensure based on information provided on the application indicating that Ms. Siebert worked as a Performance Dietitian Fellow from August 23, 2021 to the present, without the benefit of a valid license.

**Motion** was made by Martina Musmeci Salles, seconded by April Cintron and unanimously carried, to offer Miranda Siebert a provisional dietitian/nutritionist license through a Consent Agreement and Order to include successful completion of the open book examination, \$1,000.00 fine, public reprimand, to include successful completion of the open book examination, notification to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/ Commission on Dietetic Registration Ethics Committee, and the National Practitioner DataBank (NPDB).

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Email dated June 17, 2022, from Sharla Boothe regarding feeding tube placement**

The Board will send a response that they are aware of the feeding tube placement changes and are currently working on revisions to the Practice Act,

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

##### **Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)**

1. Email dated May 2, 2022 regarding offering a Spanish version of the CDR exam  
The Board responded to the questions posed from CDR regarding their consideration to offer a Spanish version of the CDR exam. #1 yes. #2 cannot answer based on our concerns at this time. #3. The exam being offered should be the exact same and translated to the appropriate language. Regardless of the language, questions still should be randomized.

##### **Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation (CLEAR)**

**1. Report from CLEAR**

Tabled until next meeting.

##### **Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB)**

**1. 2022 Regulatory law Seminar, September 29 – October 1, 2022, Reston, VA**

The Board will contact Luke Piontek to see if he would like to attend on behalf of the Board.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Dr. Susan Julius and unanimously carried, to move into Executive Session at 1:23 p.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 April Cintron, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 1:51 p.m. to make the following motions:

**1. Review of Pending Complaints**

**a. Complaint #2021-15 & 2021-18**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Susan Julius, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to dismiss complaint #2021-15 and #2021-18.

**b. Complaint #2022-06**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Susan Julius, seconded by April Cintron and unanimously carried, to send a follow up letter that an individual must have an Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist (LDN) that oversees your clients' nutritional needs. As it stands, you are not licensed to provide nutrition counseling or diet plans.

**c. Complaint #2022-07**

**Motion** was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to release Respondent from the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order, based on successful completion.

**d. Complaint #2022-09**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Susan Julius, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to release Respondent for the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order, based on successful completion.

**2. Review of New Complaints**

**a. Complaint #2022-12**

**Motion** was made by April Cintron, seconded by Martina Musmeci Salles and unanimously carried, to accept Complaint #2022-12 and refer to the Board's legal counsel for response.

**3. Review of Applications**

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

Green, Carmalita	3404	Russell, Melissa	3405
Wilcox, Madelyn	3406	Bates, Emily	3407
Bono, Blanka	3409	Mooney, Candace	3410
Szczuka, Rebecca	3411	Wehle, Gabrielle	3415
Cerino, Chloe	3416	Mauterer, Bailey	3417
Beasley, LaShawnda	3419	Hawkins, Reanna	3420
Mayer, Sarah	3422	Mckensie, Naomi	3423
Rodriguez, Alexa	3425	Bleecker, Julia	3426
Blestel, Allie	3430	Daigle, Kalee	3432
Compton, Stephanie	3434	Loewe, Madison	3436
Scheinman, Jennifer	3437	Ingolia, Jennifer	3440

Ross, Sara	3441	Kenefic, Alexandra	3442
Stewart, Emily	3443	Parker, Lauren	3444

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

Wareham, Allison	3403	Davis, Jordan	3408
Colon, Paige	3412	St. Pierre, Taylor	3413
Cumberland, Alexis	3414	Curtis, Libby	3418
Guillory, Ashton	3421	Johnson, Katie	3424
Kennedy, Annie	3427	Beck, Carla	3428
Deshotel, Margaret	3429	Wesley, Jaimi	3431
Mercola, Peyton	3433	Byrd, Airin	3435
Bennett, Lori	3438	Callejas, Eleana	3439


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

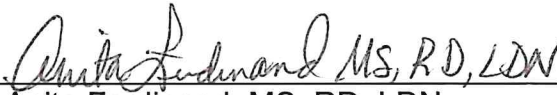
Wareham, Allison	3403	Taylor, Mary	3396
Alexander, Cayden	3281	Webb, Delaney	3348
Lowenkron, Brooke	3384	Putnum, Jessica	3272
Hoerner, Jeremy	3349	Deshotel, Margaret	3429
Simoneaux, Colby	3250		

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

Adhin, Nirmala	2961	Anderson, Marquetta	2723
Brogdon, Georganna	493	Mobley, Jennifer	2594

**Motion** was made by Dr. Susan Julius, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

  
 Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN  
 Chairperson

  
 Anita Ferdinand, MS, RD, LDN  
 Secretary/Treasurer