

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

August 16, 2024

Attending:

Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND, Chairperson

Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN, Vice Chairperson

Marie Simpson, BSN, RN, CDE, Secretary/Treasurer

Jennifer Duhon, MS, RDN, LDN, Board Liaison

Anita Ferdinand, MS, RD, LDN, Board Member

Absent:

Vacant, Medical Advisor

Vacant, Board Member

Vacant, Consumer Member

Martina Musmeci Salles, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order and read the board's mission statement at 10:02 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. Members of the public were allowed to join via electronic means.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as presented.

COMPLIANCE HEARING:

10:15 A.M. GABBY DILL

Ms. Gabby Dill requested and appeared, for a compliance hearing to appeal the Board's denial to grant her Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist license. The Board denied Ms. Dill's application for licensure based on information provided on the application, which was submitted on April 26, 2024, wherein she indicated that she worked as the "Assistant Director of Sports Nutrition" at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette from March 18, 2024 to the present, wherein she "performs nutrition consults to student athletes, conducts body composition analysis, provides athletes with food and hydration, attends practices and competitions, and over look blood work and lab values".

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to offer Ms. Gabby Dill a Consent Agreement and Order for

practicing without a license, to include a \$250.00 administrative fine, open book examination, publication by the Board, Notification to AND/CDR Ethics Committee, and reporting to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to move into Executive Session at 10:40 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 Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to come out of Executive Session at 11:17 a.m. to make the following motions:

1. Review of New Complaints

a. Complaint #2024-12

Motion was made by Marie Simpson, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to not accept Complaint #2024-12, as the Board has no jurisdiction.

2. Review of Pending Complaints

a. Complaint #2024-04

Board members were informed of the status of this case.

b. Complaint #2024-06

Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to go ahead and send this case to the Attorney General's office and resend the letter to McNeese University by certified mail to the Athletic Director and Board of Regents.

c. Complaint #2024-08

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to close Complaint #2024-08, as the Board is not the proper entity to handle these concerns. The concerns need to be reported to DCFS by the complainant.

d. Complaint #2024-09

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to dismiss Complaint #2024-09.

3. Review of Applications

a. RB

Motion was made by Anita Ferdinand, seconded by Jennifer Duhon and unanimously carried, to grant RB's Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist license.

b. PB

Board members discussed that the Practice Act no longer provides a licensure pathway via the Non-RD route, so the Board would be unable to approve an application, if submitted.

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

Farrington, Crystal	3783	Herald, Delbert	3784
Houge, Kari	3785	Russell, Christine	3786
Duffey, Alison	3787	Davis, Lily	3788
Suarez, Kristina	3789	Richter, Allison	3790
El Nabli, Jasmine	3791	Bober, Janelle	3792
Mulima, Rebecca	3793	Seremba, Daisy	3794
Robello, Madison	3795	Sheehan, Kerry	3796
Lemes, Maria Valentina	3797	Reed, Kellsey	3898
Stone-Smith, Ireland	3799	Casio, Pamela	3800
Baron, Rebecca	3802	Borders, Cynthia	3804
Zajac, Kaiten	3805	Leavitt, Nicole	3806
Dudley, Currie	3807	Flores, Clarissa	3808
Perez, Marlyne	3809	Huber, Alyssa	3811
Dawidiuk, Kristen	3812	Swanson, Hillary	3813
Soule', Anita	3814	Bustos, Mara	3815
Parker, Abby	3816	Watson, Kodi	3817
Dark, Jessie	3818	Mueller, Mackenzie	3820
Osgood, Molly	3821	Pinkerton, Lacey	3823
Herbert, Mayci	3824	Stanton, Hanna	3825
Piela, Kelly	3826	Padron, Victoria	3827
Minges, Christina	3828	Tapocsi, Christine	3830
Dwyer, Grace	3831	Foster, Taylor	3832
Peters, Cheryl	3833	Kessel, Summer	3835
Lombardi, Mackenzie	3837	Moss, Kinsley	3838
Calloway, Elizabeth	3839	Rhoe, Mary	3840
Opoku, Khalilah	3841	Horne, Madison	3842
Breiter, Shani	3843	Cabre, Hannah	3844
Bamberg, Leigh-Ann	3845		

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to accept and approve the applications for the **Provisional LDN License** for the following:

Tate, Kelsey	3801	Moscat, Fausto	3803
Lindsey, Michaela	3810	Howard, Leah	3819

Calvin, Shelby	3822	Ward, Emily	3829
Dill, Gabriel	3834	Flores, Sarah	3836

Motion was made by Anita Ferdinand, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to **upgrade** the following licenses:

Gautreaux, Riley	3758	Hardin, Kavana	3194
Rigney, Reuben	3628		

Motion was made by Marie Simpson, seconded by Monica Pierson-McDaniels and unanimously carried, to **reinstate** the following licenses:

Helterbrand, Allie	3121	Rabalais, Laurie	2833
Jones Cumberland, Alexis	3414	Kennedy, Annie	3427
Stansbury, Gabrean	3025	Breaux, Geneva	3094
Connell, Randall	1964	Inge, Margaret	2423
Lichter, Erin	2843	Eusea, Ashley	3030
Gerald, Rainey	3248	Olson, Julie	2405
Alexander, Cayden	3281		

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

1. Discussion re: implementation of SB60 (review application, what would we request, new questions, dual track)

Board members discussed the implications of Act 253, formerly SB60. The Board will add a marker in the Application to trigger "Welcome Home Act" questions. The Board will add a new question to the application to certify that they do not have a criminal record. For Verifications of Licenses, board staff needs to find a way to indicate that this licensure was granted through the Welcome Home Act pathway, and this license is valid only in Louisiana and may not be reciprocal. ID cards should say "Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist through Welcome Home Act" or "Licensed by Endorsement R.S. 37:51".

Board members and staff will start research to work on a dual track for dietitians and nutritionists. Board members will each research 10 assigned states and summarize those states' rules and laws, specifically regarding licensure requirements and if they offer a dual pathway to licensure.

Jolie Jones will bring research relating to requirements for Certified Nutrition Specialists.

2. Executive Director Update

Jolie Jones discussed Act 617, which added meeting notice requirements for open meetings.

3. Board Operations

The Board reviewed data by Fiscal Quarter for 2024. The totals for FY 2024, Quarter 4, are as follows:

LDN Applications Received	48
Provisional LDN Apps Received	7
Reinstatement Requests	11
Upgrade Requests	7
LDN Applications Approved	48
Provisional LDN Apps Approved	5
Reinstatement Requests Approved	13
Upgrades Approved	6
Renewals	1398
Inactive Renewals	62
Delinquent Renewals	3
Delinquent Inactive Renewals	0
Verifications Requested	102
Abandoned Applications	7
Complaints Received	2
Requests to return to Active	0

4. Professional Health Program Reports

No Professional Health Program Reports were available for review.

5. University Presentations

Martina Musmeci Salles provided a board presentation to the Tulane University students on behalf of the Board. Monica Pierson-McDaniels will provide a board presentation to the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University on October 18, 2024.

CONFERENCE(S):

LAND

1. Letter dated June 13, 2024 to LBEDN regarding the Dietitian Licensure Compact

Board members reviewed a letter from LAND indicating that they will support and advocate for the Dietitian Licensure Compact in the upcoming legislative session.

2. Letter dated June 7, 2024 to Governor Jeff Landry requesting appointment to LBEDN

Board members reviewed a letter from LAND requesting that the Governor appoint a nominee to fill a vacancy on the Board.

ACEND

1. Letter dated May 29, 2024 to LBEDN regarding Verification statements

Board members reviewed a letter from ACEND regarding a change in Verification statements relating to the Master's degree requirements.

MINUTES:

1. Meeting of April 26, 2024


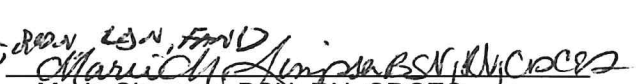
Motion was made by Jennifer Duhon, seconded by Anita Ferdinand and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2024 meeting, as presented.

FINANCIAL(S):

1. Financial Statements for the months ended January 31, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Members of the board reviewed the financial statements prepared by Griffin and Furman, through the months ended April 30, 2024. Monthly budget to actual comparisons are attached.

Motion was made by Monica Pierson-McDaniels, seconded by Marie Simpson and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

	
Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND	Marie Simpson, BSN, RN, CDCES
Chairperson	Secretary/Treasurer