

**BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2017**

Present

Lauren Mirkin, LDN–Board Chair
Erin Braunscheidel Duru, LDN-Board Vice-Chair
Margo Gladding, LDN–Board Secretary/Treasurer
Chimene Castor, LDN Board Member
Melanie Brooks, LDN-Board Member
Sharon Bunch–Board Member
Nancy Ferrone, LDN – Board Member

Staff

Marie Savage – Administrator
Lenelle Cooper – Adm. Officer
Ari Elbaum, AAG
Kristen Neville, Board Leg. & Regs.
Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator

Absent

Betty Cooper-Board Member
Concepcion Placiente, LDN–Board Member

Visitors

Christine Goglia, LDN, MAND
Sharon Bloom, DHMH

Call To Order

Lauren Mirkin, LDN, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Mirkin welcomed the new Faculty Board Member, Dr. Castor to the meeting. In addition, Ms. Mirkin welcomed staff and guests to the meeting.

The Board had a moment of silence in memory of licensee, Tricia McCauley, LDN. Ms. McCauley was tragically killed on Christmas.

Old Business

ITEM 1

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the November 17, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

ITEM 2

Committee Reports

Budget –

Ms. Savage provided an update on the 2016 renewals. Ms. Savage reported that the Board mailed 917 renewal notices for this year's renewal. 757 licensees renewed. After December 31, 2016, an individual must reinstate their license to practice dietetics in Maryland. The reinstatement fee is \$586. 49 individuals placed their license on

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Inactive Status. There are a total of 295 licensees on Inactive Status. There are currently 1805 licensees.

The Board discussed the \$100 late fee for renewals between November 1 and December 31. Licensees are not authorized to practice dietetics if they fail to renew their license by October 31. Approximately, 10-20 licensees pay a late fee every year. If a licensee practices dietetics during the late fee period, they are practicing dietetics without a license and subject to a fine. In addition, practicing without a license may raise concerns with employers and state site inspections. The Board recommended eliminating the late fee. Therefore, individuals who do not renew by October 31 must reinstate their licenses. The Board will discuss this issue at the next Board Meeting.

Ms. Savage stated that the Board has approximately \$95,000 carry over at this time. It is estimated that the Board will have \$105,000 carry over next year. It is recommended that the smaller boards have a 30% carry over. Ms. Savage recommended that the Board pay for the HCC fee for licensure renewals for the next 2 years. This issue will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Credentialing –

No Report.

Regulations/Legislation –

The Board will not request any legislation in the 2017 Session of the Maryland General Assembly. Ms. Savage will notify the Board Members if any legislation is introduced that affects the Board.

Standards of Practice –

No Report.

Media and Public Awareness –

Ms. Savage provided an update on the Board's website. Board Open Session Agendas and Board Open Session Minutes are provided on the Board's website.

The Board's website was updated to include a picture of the current Board Members.

Dietetic Rehabilitation Committee -

No Report.

ITEM 3

The Board reviewed the Committee Assignments. The Committees are as follows:

BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEE	MEMBER
BUDGET	Ms. Mirkin Ms. Brooks
CREDENTIALS	Ms. Brooks Ms. Bunch Dr. Castor Ms. Mirkin Ms. Placiente
REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION	Ms. Brooks Ms. Ferrone
STANDARDS OF PRACTICE	Ms. Brooks Dr. Castor Ms. Gladding
MEDIA AND PUBLIC AWARENESS	Ms. Duru Ms. Ferrone Ms. Mirkin
DIETETIC REHABILITATION COMMITTEE	Ms. Brooks Ms. Bunch Ms. Placiente

ITEM 4

Approved for Licensure

Jennifer L. Blake, RD	#1000432	Sydney L. Micucci, RD	#86050737
Madeline E. Buster, RD	#86072990	Bonnie M. Newlin, RD	#86023226
Sollange C. Clement, RD	#86045028	Danielle M. Opatz, RD	#1050580
Marissa K. Donovan, RD	#1090518	Amanda M. Pratt, RD	#86018941
Samantha N. Fulmer, RD	#86050975	Amelia R. Rine, RD	#86032575
Nina R. Goldberg, RD	#86063895	Allison L. Rittenour, RD	#86042639
Laurel G. Huffman, RD	#86060671	Megan M. Smith, RD	#86013990
Margaret Lambke, CNS	#17198	Sarah P. Stoodley, RD	#1107623
Deanna D. Lavanty, RD	#882596	Molly E. Stryker, RD	#86071390
Alexandra C. Liddy, RD	#86015211	Catherine L. Taylor, RD	#86011510
Jennifer L. Lyons, RD	#1008877	Teresa L. Turner, RD	#983125
Andrea C. McDaniel, RD	#1002573	Elizabeth J. Webster, RD	#723651
Kellie A. Mennes, RD	#722424	Michele Weinberg, RD	#86075911
Christine Meraklis, CNS	#17205		

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Adjournment

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Pursuant to the Maryland State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §10-501 et the Board Members present unanimously voted to close the Open Session meeting for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists Act that prevents disclosures about particular matters. The Board will address complaints and disciplinary issues.



Lauren Mirkin, LDN – Board Chair



Margo Gladding, LDN - Board Secretary



Marie Savage - Administrator