

**BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
MAY 20, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Present

Chimene Castor, LDN- Board Chair
Rebecca Snow, LDN-Board Vice-Chair
Laura C. Davis, LDN-Board Secretary/Treasurer
Erin Braunscheidel Duru, LDN-Board Member
Okechuku Enyia-Board Member
Lauren Mirkin, LDN- Board Member
Linnet Nyce, LDN – Board Member
Linda Paren, LDN – Board Member
Malcolm Rubinstein, Ph.D – Board Member

Staff

Marie Savage – Administrator
Lenelle Cooper – Adm. Officer
Stacey Darin, AAG
Lillian Reese, Board Leg & Reg
Troy Pumphrey, Board Investigator

Absent

N/A

Visitors

Kimberly Link, MDH Liaison

Call To Order

Dr. Chimene Castor, LDN, Board Chair, called the teleconference meeting to Order at 10:04 a.m. on May 20, 2021.

New Business

ITEM 1

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 18, 2021 meeting were approved as corrected. Ms. Duru was in attendance at the March 18, 2021 meeting.

ITEM 2

Committee Reports

Budget –

2020 Renewal and Governor's Emergency Order

Ms. Savage provided an update on the 2020 renewals. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor's Emergency Order extended the expiration date of health occupation licenses for 30 days after the expiration of the Emergency Order. Only if your license had an October 31, 2020 expiration date, you were granted an extension for licensure renewal. The Governor has lifted the Emergency Order on June 1, 2021. Therefore, licensees who had an October 31, 2020 expiration date and have not already renewed their licenses are required to renew by June 30, 2021 in order to practice dietetics in Maryland.

On July 1, 2021, if a licensee had an October 31, 2020 expiration date and did not renew, the online database will no longer list the individual as "active," but will switch the status to "non-renewed." Regardless of when a licensee renewed in the 2020 renewal cycle, the expiration date will be October 31, 2022. Online renewals for 2021 (Licensees with October 31, 2021 expiration date) will begin online renewals on September 8, 2021.

There were 1,068 licensees eligible for renewal. 877 licensees renewed in the 2020 cycle. The Board has issued 310 new licenses in Fiscal Year 21. The Board has a record high for new licensees and renewals.

Transfer of \$22,646 to the Maryland Health Care Commission

On May 6, 2021, the Board transferred \$22,646 to the Maryland Health Care Commission. The MHCC fee is \$26 for the 2021 renewal cycle. The Board will absorb the MHCC fee. Therefore, the 2021 renewal fee will be \$250.

Credentialing –

No Report.

Regulations/Legislation –

Miss Reese, Board Legislative and Regulatory Liaison, provided an update on 2021 legislation of interest to the Board including the following legislation:

1. SB 262 (HB 224) Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards. No Position – The Board will monitor this bill. The legislation passed and takes effect on July 1. It requires a study of the health occupation boards IT systems by DoIT.
2. SB 5 (HB28)) Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities - Board submitted a Letter of Support. The legislation requires a one-time CEU by 4/1/22. House Bill 28 passed and takes effect on October 1.

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3. HB 123 (SB 3) Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021. No Position – The Board monitored this bill. The legislation passed but doesn't affect the Board. It deals with telehealth and Medicaid.

Standards of Practice –

No Report.

Media and Public Awareness –

No Report.

Dietetic Rehabilitation Committee -

No Report.

ITEM 3

Approved for Licensure

Melissa Picchiatti, RD	86039085	Rodney Holman, RD	86151760
Lauren Foley, RD	86009594	Blair Solberger, RD	86148299
Christina Crowder Anderson, RD	86022394	Caitlin Benda, RD	945121
Jocelyn Johnson, CNS	17920	Kellsey Reed, RD	86049022
Heather Steinacker, CNS	18231	Kathryn Siemienski, RD	86091379
Alona Orofino, CNS	18243	Emily Wallace., RD	86098606
Jaclyn Rose, RD	86151820	Cinda Catchings, RD	869984
Ling Xu, RD	86092780	Melanie Garrido, RD	86148060
Denine Stracker, RD	970351	Isabelle Page, RD	86211182
Katherine Donnelly, RD	1103155	Betsy Ford, RD	86154374
Gabrielle Marlow, RD	817040	Lauren Wood, RD	86103677
Amelia Foley, RD	86012072	Rachel James, RD	86152221
Gabrielle Parisi, RD	86254478	Sarah Willard, RD	86070480
Lauren Scaccia, RD	946935	Kaitlyn Cantley, RD	86157028
Kelsey Haymond, RD	86075805	Felicia Ramallo, RD	86152595
Teryn Franzen, RD	86082045	Emma Peterson, RD	86093141
Eva Synkowski, CNS	18234	Ashley Balderson, RD	86145288
Thomas Prather, CNS	18211	Tara Thomas, CNS	16418
Julie Newton, RD	885666	Stephanie Sudjian, RD	86029979
Marilyn Slater, RD	86042511	Andria Wegner, RD	86132043
Tafauria Williams, RD	86083653	Alison Heizer, RD	86031192
Kelsey Coulter, RD	86105830	Jacquelyn Supplee, RD	86040659
Margaret Woodwell, CNS	18238	Caroline Wensel, RD	86146396
Vicki Wuest, CNS	17991	Stacey Silagi, RD	1041023
Samantha Ballard, RD	86174532		

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The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., 4201
Patterson Avenue.

Adjournment

The open meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.



Chimene Castor, LDN – Board Chair



Laura C. Davis, LDN - Board Secretary



Marie Savage - Administrator