

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DIETETICS/NUTRITION
BOARD MEETING
9:00 A.M.
1135 KILDAIRE FARM ROAD, SUITE 200
CARY, NC 27511

[ELECTRONIC ONLY MEETING]

OPEN MINUTES: August 18, 2023

Board Members: Amanda Holliday, Analia Camarasa, Deanna Didiano, Sarah Thomas, Maggie King, Christie Nicholson

Staff: Marnie Jones, *Executive Director*

Guest(s): Henry Jones, *NCBDN General Counsel*

Absent: Patricia Pitts

Call to Order – Amanda Holliday

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present. Amanda asked if there were any existing conflicts. No conflicts raised.

The agenda was sent out to the Board electronically for review. Dr. Didiano made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sarah seconded the motion. Roll call to approve agenda:

- Analia – Approve (& present)
- Dr. Didiano -Approve (& present)
- Patricia - Approve (& present- Note, dropped from call shortly after Secretary’s report)
- Maggie – Approve (& present)
- Sarah – Approve (& present)
- Amanda - Approve (& present)

Secretary’s Report – Patricia Pitts

The Board meeting minutes from July 2023 were provided for electronic review prior to the meeting. Dr. Didiano motioned to approve the minutes presented. Analia seconded the motion. Amanda asked if there was any discussion on the motion. No further discussion. Roll call to approve motion: Analia – Yes, Dr. Didiano – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Amanda – Yes.

Treasurer’s Report – Amanda Holliday (for Christie Nicholson)

The July 2023 Cash Flow report, Budget report, Investment report, and Savings report were sent for review prior to this meeting. Marnie walked the Board through highlights of the budget report. Dr. Didiano motioned to approve the financial reports as presented. Analia seconded the motion. No further discussion. Analia- Yes, Dr. Didiano- Yes, Sarah – Yes, Amanada – Yes.

- 9:16 a.m. Henry Jones joined the meeting.

Public Comment – Amanda Holliday

-N/A

Administrator Report – Marnie Jones

Marnie reported the total active licensee count at 4032. Additionally, there were 11 Provisional licensees. Since the last administrative numbers report given on July 21, 2023, there had been 43 new licensees, zero licensees had gone inactive, and zero licensees had relinquished.

Closed Session

Sarah motioned to close the meeting for discussion regarding **legal consultation**, pursuant to Article 33C of Chapter 143, §143-318.11(3); Article 5 of the Bylaws, Section 4 (3), as well as closure for the **discussion of applications**, pursuant to Article 33C of Chapter 143, §143-318.18(6) and Article 5 of the Bylaws, Section 4 (8). In addition, closure for **Investigations**, pursuant to Article 33C of Chapter 143, §143-318.11(7); Article 5 of the Bylaws, Section 4 (7) and HR/Qualifications of Employee(s), pursuant to Article 33C of Chapter 143, §143-318.11(6) and NCBSN Bylaws Article V(5) Section 4 (6). Analia seconded the motion. No further discussion. Roll call to approve motion: Analia- Yes, Dr. Didiano- Yes, Sarah – Yes, Amanada – Yes.

There were no members of the public to move to the waiting room.

- Christie Nicholson joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Legal Consultation – Henry Jones

- Counsel provided an update on the process at this point for the ongoing Beachler matter.
 - Counsel provided guidance on response to out of state board inquiry re: scope of practice.
 - Counsel provided a baseline for the Board to understand his involvement with the proposed compact as well as basic structure and history of compact development.
- Maggie King joined meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Applications – Education Committee

The Education Committee brought forward an academic credit issue for a pre-review applicant. The Board discussed past precedent and the various details of this particular case.

Investigations Update – Marnie Jones

Please see the Investigation report for full details. No action required.

- Marnie and Henry left the virtual meeting at 10:24 a.m. for discussion of Human Resource matters.

HR Committee – Amanda Holliday

The HR committee discussed their progress on hiring a Licensing Specialist.

- Dr. Didiano left the virtual meeting at 11 a.m.
- Marnie rejoined the meeting at 11:14p.m.

Christie motioned to reopen the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Sarah seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call for approval: Analia – Yes, Christie – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.

- There were no members of the public waiting to reenter.

Open Session - Amanda Holliday

Actions related to closed session:

1. Maggie motioned to not approve piecemeal academic credit to meet the law's requirements, and inform applicant VERA-QV6Z3Y that she will need to meet the Biochem. requirement with 2 additional credits. Sarah seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call for approval: Analia – Yes, Christie – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.

Compact Discussion – Amanda Holliday

Proposed compact development materials were sent out to the Board for review several weeks before the meeting. Amanda stated her concerns regarding inclusion of all regulated persons (i.e. LNs), concerns about safety reporting, competition with out of state providers, and duplicity of existing state and federal laws.

Christie noted she does appreciate the concept of it for continuity.

Amanda and Sarah discussed briefly the process of how adverse action in another state, would affect a person's NC license or NC privilege. Sarah explained a bit how out of state lawyers can work with in-state licensed lawyers in collaboration on cases out of state.

The Board agreed to collect their feedback and share it with the Council for State Government (CSG) as soon as possible.

Unfinished/New Business - Amanda Holliday

- Christie notes she will complete her overdue Ethics Education this coming weekend. Next due is Maggie (9/30/2023), and Dr. Didiano (1/1/2024).

Public Comment – Amanda Holliday

- N/A

Sarah motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Christie seconded the motion. No further discussion. Roll call for approval: Analia – Yes, Christie – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.