

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: March 15, 2024

Board Members: Amanda Holliday, Sarah Thomas, Maggie King, Patricia Pitts,
Christie Nicholson, Deanna Didiano

Staff: Marnie Jones, *Executive Director*, Teresa Reese, *Licensing Specialist*

Guest(s): Kaitlyn Bison - CSG, Matt Shafer - CSG, Karen Davis - CNS, LN,
Elena DiPerri - CNS, LN, Sheri Cordell - Public Policy Rep.
NCAND, Amy Smith - ANA, Lisa Wright - AND, Shannon
Corlett - AND, Christie Hunter – RD, LDN, Henry Jones and
Weldon Jones, General Counsel

Absent: *Analia Camarasa*

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 were raised.

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

- Dr. Didiano – Approve (& present)
- Christie – Approve (& present)
- Patricia – Approve (& present)
- Sarah – Approve (& present)
- Amanda – Approve (& Present)
- Analia – Not Present
- Maggie – Not Present

Secretary's Report – Patricia Pitts

The open Board meeting minutes for February 2024 were provided for electronic review prior to the meeting. Amanda motioned to approve the minutes presented. Dr. Didiano seconded the motion. Amanda asked if there was any discussion on the motion. No further discussion. Roll call to approve motion: Dr. Didiano – Yes, Patricia– Yes, Christie – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Amanda – Yes.

Treasurer's Report – Christie Nicholson

The February 2024 Cash Flow Reports, Savings Reports, Budget Reports, Investment Reports were provided electronically for review prior to this meeting. In addition, Marnie noted the transfer of excess

funds from checking to savings – the amount \$95,000 was transferred on 03/06. There will likely be a second transfer to savings that will be moved after renewal closes. Dr. Didiano motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Patricia seconded the motion. No further discussion.
Dr. Didiano – Yes, Christie – Yes, Patricia – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Amanda – Yes.

Public Comment – Amanda Holliday - N/A

Licensing Specialist Report – Teresa Reese

Teresa reported the total active licensee count at 4,284. Additionally, there were 13 Provisional licensees. Since the last administrative numbers report given on February 15, 2024, there had been 57 new licensees, 64 licensees had gone inactive, and 3 licensees had relinquished.

- 9:50 a.m. Maggie King joined the meeting.

Unfinished Business – Marnie Jones

Reminder to Complete 93B training and email the office with completion date.

Information from Council for State Governments – Guest Kaitlyn Bison shared a slide show explaining an overview of the proposed licensure compact for dietitians. Matt Shafer and Kaitlyn Bison also addressed the Board’s concerns related to the compact not supporting all NC license types in this initiative, the financial impact to Licensure Boards, the loss of Board philosophy/autonomy of decision making with centralized discipline, burden on staff and finances required to conduct out of state investigations, the transparency of the Compact Commission and their financial backing, the potential effect on home state practitioner job opportunities, and the confusion on benefits to military families, as state laws and federal laws are already in place. Board members asked additional clarifications and questions. Kaitlyn indicated she would follow up if needed.

- Matt Shafer left the meeting. Kaitlyn Bison provided additional Q&A.

Closed Session – Amanda Holliday

- Christie motioned to close the meeting for discussion related to **Legal Consultation** [Article 33C of Chapter 143, § 143-318.11 (3) and NCBDN ByLaws, Article V (5) Section 4 (3)] as well as for **Applications** [Article 33C of Chapter 143, §143-318.18(6) and Article 5 of the Bylaws, Section 4 (8)] and lastly, for information regarding **Investigations** [Article 33C of Chapter 143, § 143-318.11 (7) and NCBDN ByLaws, Article V (5) Section 4 (8)].

Legal Consultation – Henry Jones & Weldon Jones

- Counsel advised direction on having a special Board meeting regarding the Compact.

Applications – Marnie Jones

- The Board discussed the ongoing matter of CNS applicants presenting with a deficiency in Biochemistry credits. The Board asked Marnie to reach out to our BCNS representative on the matter to get further details on how their Credentialing Council reviews applicants and allows partial credits.

Investigations – Marnie Jones

- The Board discussed retaining an investigative group and agreed to engage with this vendor as needed. Marnie will manage the vendor relationship and report back to the investigation committee as needed.
- Please see the Investigation report for full details.

Patricia motioned to move to open session; Christie seconded the motion. No further discussion. Roll call to approve motion: Dr. Didiano – Yes, Christie – Yes, Patricia – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.

- Christy Hunter, RD, LDN moved into open meeting from the waiting room.

Open Session - Amanda Holliday

Actions related to closed session:

1. Public Complaint - YULTM-JA74Y: Deanna motioned to approve draft letter giving complainant a 30-day period to respond. Christie seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call for approval: Dr. Didiano – Yes, Christie – Yes, Patricia – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.
2. Renewal Applicant - PEGR-YPXPVM: Maggie motioned to send draft letter as presented and proceed with renewal. Deanna seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call for approval: Dr. Didiano – Yes, Christie – Yes, Patricia – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.
3. New Applicants - BERN-WKL47X and MORL-MXP33L: Sarah motioned to send draft Letter of Caution to both and proceed with the applications. No discussion. Dr. Deanna seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call for approval: Dr. Didiano – Yes, Christie – Yes, Patricia – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.
4. Public Complaint - NDAW4-W96NT: Maggie motioned to send the draft closure letter. No discussion. Christie seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call for approval: Dr. Didiano – Yes, Christie – Yes, Patricia – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.
5. Renewal Applicant - RAME-4NDZPG: Sarah motioned to send draft letter and proceed with renewal application. Maggie seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll call for approval: Dr. Didiano – Yes, Christie – Yes, Patricia – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.

New Business – Amanda Holliday - N/A

Public Comment – Amanda Holliday

- Christie Hunter spoke in support of the Compact. Boad to inquire and acquire presentation about the compact that was done at the 2023 FNCE conference.

Christie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 a.m. Patricia seconded the motion. No further discussion. Roll call for approval: Dr. Didiano – Yes, Christie – Yes, Patricia – Yes, Sarah – Yes, Maggie – Yes, Amanda – Yes.