## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST EXAMINERS

DATE:

February 22, 2019

TIME:

10:00 AM CST

LOCATION:

Poplar Conference Room

665 Mainstream Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Burkard, LDN, Chair

Linda Hankins, LDN Jamie Bailey, LDN

Loveday Nwobilor, LDN

Patrick Parham, Citizen Member

MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Queen Cox, LDN, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:

Kimberly Wallace, Unit Director

Lyndsey Boone, Board Administrator Eric Winters, Assistant General Counsel

## Call to Order

A roll call of all board members and administrative staff present was taken. With a quorum present, Mr. Burkard called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

#### **Board Update**

Lyndsey Boone, Board Administrator, introduced the new Board Member Loveday Nwobilor, LDN, and the new Executive Director Mrs. Kimberly Wallace.

## Minutes

Ms. Hankins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parham, to accept the August 31, 2018 minutes as written. The motion carried.

## **Applicant Interview**

Debra Biggs, RD

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a Dietitian/Nutritionist submitted by Debra Biggs, RD. Ms. Biggs has been convicted of multiple misdemeanors, and per the boards policy she had to appear before the board. Ms. Biggs was present to answer any questions from the members of the board. Mrs. Wallace went over the board's policy and let the Board know that they were free to ask her questions. After reviewing the documentation, questions and discussion from the board, Ms. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burkard, to approve the file. The motion carried.

#### Allison Claxton, RD

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a Dietitian/Nutritionist submitted by Allison Claxton, RD. Ms. Claxton has been convicted of one misdemeanor, and per the boards policy she had to appear before the board. Ms. Claxton was present to answer any questions from the members of the board. Mrs. Wallace went over the board's policy and let the Board know that they were free to ask her questions. After reviewing the documentation, questions and discussion from the board, Ms. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hankins, to approve the file. The motion carried.

## Financial Report

Ms. Noranda French presented the Mid-Year Financial Report for 2019. The Board's total expenditures for the mid-year totaled to \$28,020.76, the fee revenue for mid-year totaled to \$60,050.00 with a current year net total at \$32,028.24.

#### **Investigative and Disciplinary Reports**

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator in the Office of Investigations presented the investigative and disciplinary report. There is only one licensee who is currently being monitored, it shows that she is a revocation and that if she reapplies it will flag that she owes costs and penalties and that she cannot be reinstated until those are paid.

For the year 2018 there were five new complaints; one for falsification of records, one for unprofessional conduct and three for lapsed license. Total complaints closed are seven; one was closed without sufficient evidence for discipline and the other six were closed with a letter of warning, which is a form of discipline that is not reportable to the national databank. Currently, there are four complaints that are being investigated and/or reviewed by the consultant and attorneys. For the year of 2019 there is one new complaint for a lapsed license.

#### **Administrators Report**

This is an Administrative Report from Lyndsey Boone, Board Administrator. The information contained in this report will keep the Board aware of all essential activity pertaining to licensure for Dietitian/Nutritionists.

As of February 21, 2019, the Board had 1,967 licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist.

The following is the licensing activity from August 31, 2018 through February 21, 2019

Newly Licensed – 121

Reinstatement - 7

Failed to Renewed/Expired Licenses – 44

Retired- 5

Number of Renewals Online- 234

Number of Paper Renewals – 121

The currents rates for travel are, in-state lodging \$179.00, in-state meals & incidentals \$45.75 a day, the standard mileage rate is \$0.47 a mile and the Overnight meals & incidentals is \$61.00 a day.

The 2019 Food and Nutrition (FNCE) Conference & Expo is on October 26-29, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA.

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2019 and 2020 Friday, September 27, 2019 Friday March 6, 2020 Friday September 4, 2020

## Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Winters reminded members about the Conflict of Interest policy. He noted that the purpose of the discussion is to ensure that the individual interests of board members do not conflict with, or have the appearance of conflict with their responsibilities on the Board. He also touched on the Open Meetings Act, which says that committee business may only be discussed by the committee members during the meeting. He then presented the following report from the Office of General Counsel (OGC):

## A. Disciplinary Activity

As of February 20, 2019 there are no open files in the Office of General Counsel, and there are no consent orders on the agenda to be presented today.

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# B. Rule Activity

The fee decrease voted on at the last meeting went into effect on February 19, 2019. There are no other rule changes in progress

# C. Legislation

There is no known legislation regarding the Board at this time.

## Ratifications

Ms. Hankins had to recuse herself from the vote towards Claire Martin and Ms. Bailey had to recuse herself from the vote towards Ginny Allen.

Ms. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parham, to approve the list of newly licensed and reinstated licensees. The motion carried.

## NEW LICENSES -DIETITIANS/NUTRITIONISTS

Adhin Nirmala Allen Ginny Slone Anselm Angelica Antle Lauren

Assaf Nadine Mohammad

Barnett Natalie
Belew Ashley
Best Trista Kalen
Bourdeau Amy
Brereton Lauren
Brown Renae C.
Burt Geraldine Lucille

Chambers Kristen Amanda

Chapa Kelly J
Chiles Smith Ann
Couweleers Yuka
Cox Summer Noelle
Davis Hannah Crymson

Davis Margaret
Davis Sutton

Delavan Elizabeth Leigh Dickeson Laura Michelle Diiorio Leslie Amanda Dotson Jacqualine
Dudley Ayana K.
Dunaway Erin
Edmonson Kristen
Erickson Julie

Fairbairn-Durland Lisa Farthing Sandra L. Flesch Therese Fowles Karen Frazier Leslie Ann Fulmer Miranda Jade

Glanz Sara

Goldrich Hillary G Goodwin Grace Greening Christina Grover Margo Marie

Hill Hannah

Hoskins Elizabeth Renee

Jacobson Kristin

Jernigan Greta Reynolds Joa Elizabeth Lai-Yan Kazemi Karen Azar Kownacki Kaitlyn Grace Kulinczenko Ariana

Laster Caitlynn Lewie Katherine Lopez John W Lopez Kathleen Lundmark Kaleena

Annette

Lutomski Karen Martin Alyson Rae Martin Claire Elyse Mason Louisa Joy Maturin Haley Renee Mcmahan Courtney Meehan Kathleen

Menth Meaghan Elizabeth

Millsaps Devon Rae Mitchell Virginia Ellen Mongene Jill Ann Moorhead-Hill Kaitlyn

Marie

Meeks Sade

Mullins Barbara Steele Naumann Joshua Patrick Newhart Lynette E.

Noe Megan

Olson Amy L

Olson Heidi

Orwig Paige Marie

Paradis Anthony

Pedigo Michaela Leeann

Pellegrini Meredith Van

Peralta Angela

Peterson Kristen Michelle

Petracca Nicole

Pfister Rachel

**Powell Stephen Ross** 

Pritchett Alyssa Jade

Riddle Kailey

Rivera Ada Marie

Robles Michelle Elizabeth

Roman Astrid

Sandercock Angele Bodet

Savage-Swoape Tonya

Darlene

Sawatzki Karen

Farnsworth

Slingerland Lauree Chabert

Smith Katherine Marie

Smith Makenzi

Sodhi Erin Lynn

Stabler Heidi Jo

Steck Dana

Stoll Julia Barbara

Szebeni Andrea

**Taylor Nancy Perrott** 

Tietgens Ashby Eden

Tintle Meghan

Trussell Shana Kyle

Wakeen Barbara Anne

Walker Payton Elizabeth

Wallace Andrea H

Walters Madeline Alonso

Warren Rebecca Gerilyn

Webster Kelly Marie

Welch Meredith Wansley

Wells Katherine

Wheat Josie Hannah

Wheeler Victoria

Wilcox Allison

Wilson Andrea Leigh

Cloninger

Winfield Paige

Woods Lauren Nicole

Workman Carev

Zenker Brandi Dawn

Ziegler Calla

## 2019 Conferences

The 2019 Food and Nutrition (FNCE) Conference & Expo is on October 26-29, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA. Mr. Burkard made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bailey, to approve to send at least two members to the conference. The motion carried.

#### **Board Elections**

Board elections were postponed until the next Board meeting until Ms. Queen Cox, LDN is in attendance.

## **Correspondence/ Other Discussion**

The commission on Dietetic Registration sent correspondence updating the Board that they are moving their requirements for registration from a Bachelor's to a Master's Degree. This will go into effect in January 1, 2024. This change will not inhibit the Board's own Rules towards education for licensure.

# Adjournment

There being no other business. Ms. Hankins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bailey, to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion carried.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM, Friday, February 22, 2019

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**Board Secretary** 

Date

These minutes were ratified by the Board on September 27, 2019.