

# TENNESSEE BOARD OF DIETITIANS/NUTRITIONISTS

## MINUTES

**Date:** February 27, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. CST

**Location:** Health Related Boards  
Poplar Room  
665 Mainstream Dr  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Members Present:** Morgan Anderson, Dietitian/Nutritionist, Member  
Brian Carroll, Dietitian/Nutritionist, Member  
Jennifer Earnest, Dietitian/Nutritionist, Chair  
Loveday E. Nwobilor, Dietitian/Nutritionist, Secretary  
Patrick Parham, Citizen Member  
Emily Smith, Dietitian/Nutritionist, Member

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director  
Sampson Mullins, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant  
Ashley Fine, Senior Associate General Counsel

### **Call to Order**

Ms. Earnest called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CST. A roll call of Board Members and Board staff present was initiated by Ms. Wallace. A quorum of Board Members was present with Ms. Anderson, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Earnest, Mr. Parham, Mr. Nwobilor, and Ms. Smith in attendance.

Administrative Office staff, including Ms. Kimberly Wallace and Mr. Sampson Mullins, were introduced as well as board advisory attorney, Ms. Ashley Fine.

### **Discuss and consider approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 12, 2024, Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Ms. Smith  
To approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2024, Board Meeting, as written.  
With a second made by Mr. Carroll  
Discussion:  None OR  As Follows  
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Legislation**

There were no legislative reports for the Board to review in this meeting.

**Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of Investigations**

The Investigations reports for CY2024, and CY2025-to-date were presented, as follows by Ms. Barbara Granum, Intake Coordinator:

<b>COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>CY2024</b>
<b>New Complaints</b>	
Lapsed License	1
Outside Inv Scope	0
Unlicensed Practice	2
Unprofessional Conduct	1
<b>Total # New Complaints</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Closed Complaints</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total # Currently Open Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>CY2025</b>
<b>New Complaints</b>	
Lapsed License	0
Outside Inv Scope	0
Unlicensed Practice	0
Unprofessional Conduct	
<b>Total # New Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Closed Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total # Currently Open Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>

**Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation**

Noranda French, Interim Fiscal Director, was present to provide financial reports to the Board for FY2024 Final and FY2025 Mid-Year, with highlights including:

**FY2024**

- Total Expenditures \$108,823.62
- Board Fee Revenue \$136,885.40
- Reserve Balance \$413,557.57

**FY2025 YTD**

- Total Expenditures \$70,673.05
- Board Fee Revenue \$80,665.00
- Reserve Balance \$423,549.52

**OTHER INFORMATION**

- Technology Projections (\$113,577.57)
- Revenue is not two times greater than expenditures for two consecutive years.
- Reserve Balance exceed two times the three-year average of operating expenditures for two consecutive years.

A fee decrease discussion occurred in the February 2024 meeting, but any action was held based on technology projection costs; those technology costs are currently anticipated for FY2025 and will have a significant effect on the cumulative carryover balance and the conversation will continue to be held until the technology costs are realized.

**Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Board Administrative Office**

Mr. Mullins presented the Administrative Office report, as follows:

**Statistical Report**

As of February 24, 2025, the Board has 2,659 licensed Dietitian/Nutritionists.

The following is the licensing activity from September 3, 2024 – February 24, 2025

<b>Dietitian/Nutritionists</b>
Newly Licensed – 145
Temporary License – 5
Reinstated – 23
Failed to Renew/Expired Licenses – 101
Retired – 5
Closed/Withdrawn – 6
Number of Online Renewals – 369
Number of Paper Renewals - 48

## **UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES**

- September 11, 2025
- February 26, 2026
- September 10, 2026

### Agreed Citations

A copy of the ratified Agreed Citation has been attached to these Minutes.

### Agreed Citation Lapsed License – Mackenzie Reeser, License #2727

A motion was made by Mr. Parham

To ratify the Agreed Citation for Mackenzie Reeser, License #2727, as written.

With a second made by Ms. Smith

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Fine presented the OGC report, as follows:

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this Board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this Board to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

#### **OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Board business may only be discussed by the Board members during the meeting. Members should not discuss the Board's business at any time other than during the open Board meeting. The prohibition applies to phone calls, emails, and text messages. Board members should also ensure that all comments during the meeting are stated for all to hear; private conversations between or among members during the meeting are inappropriate.

#### **RULES**

On September 12, 2024, the Board voted on several rule amendments to comply with 2021 Public Chapter 328. Those amendments are currently in internal review.

## **PENDING CASES**

At this time, there is one (1) case open in the Office of General Counsel.

## **DISCIPLINARY REPORT**

The Disciplinary Coordinator is currently monitoring two (2) Dietitians/Nutritionists for a reprimand.

## **THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT**

In addition to Tennessee, Ohio, Nebraska, and Alabama have all enacted the Dietician Licensure Compact. Sixteen (16) other states currently have legislation pending seeking to enact the Dietician Licensure Compact. The Compact will become law once it is enacted in seven (7) states.

## **Presentation of Orders, Agreed Citations, and Other Disciplinary Items by the OGC**

### Consent Orders

None

### Agreed Orders

None

### Orders of Compliance

None

### Requests for Order of Modification

None

## **Applicant Interviews/File Reviews/Waiver Requests**

### File Review – Angela Schimka, File #5172

In accordance with the Board’s policy on applications with a criminal indication on their background check, this file could not be administratively approved and was presented to the full Board for review.

The applicant answered “yes” to the application question that asks, “*Have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea or guilty plea) of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic offense) whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended?*”

The Board reviewed the application package with supporting documentation. Ms. Fine reviewed considerations of the Fresh Start Act with the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Parham  
To approve the license for Angela Schimka  
With a second made by Mr. Carroll  
Discussion: None OR As Follows  
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Ratification of Licensure Files**

A copy of the Ratification List has been attached to these Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Carroll  
To approve the Ratification List, as presented.  
With a second made by Ms. Anderson  
Discussion: None OR As Follows  
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Rulemaking, Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments, and Policies**

There were no rule or policy items for the Board to review in this meeting.

### **Conference/Event Reports and Upcoming Events Review**

The FNCE, Nashville, TN, October 11-14, 2025, was considered by the Board.

Ms. Wallace provided an update to the Board, in that, boards are encouraged to closely review the conferences for which they wish to consider sending representation. Selected conferences should present items and information with significant relevance and value in the information that may be brought back to the Board. It is fiscally prudent to limit the number of conferences attended, and to limit sponsorship to attendance by a minimum number of Board representatives. This may be based on factors such as the amount of material to be presented at the conference that would be valuable to the Board for example, the number of separate tracks or session offerings at the event. Any sponsored Board representative will be responsible for obtaining materials and information to bring back to the Board, and to make a presentation at the next meeting thereafter with the specific information of importance and impact to the Board they gleaned from the conference or event.

The Board discussed the 2025 FNCE event considering it being hosted in Nashville, TN, as well as the numerous sessions offered.

A motion was made by Mr. Parham  
To approve sponsorship at the 2025 FNCE conference by Ms. Smith and Mr. Nwobilor, with Mr. Carroll serving as a contingent attendee in the event Ms. Smith or Mr. Nwobilor are unable to attend.

With a second made by Ms. Anderson

Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Discuss Old/New Board Business**

There were no old or new board business items for the Board to review that were not already presented elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

Ms. Fine referenced information regarding T.C.A. 63-25-208 regarding compact delegates.

### **Review of Correspondence and Notices**

#### *Correspondence – TN Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (TAND)*

A letter of correspondence from TAND was presented, informing the Board of TAND's intention to submit language with updates to the scope of practice for Dietitians/Nutritionist in TN to the General Assembly in 2026. There was no action for the Board to take on this item.

### **Call for Public Comment**

Ms. Wallace informed the Board that a policy has been implemented which will require that any individual wishing to make a public comment at a board meeting to submit a request to do so in writing at least ten (10) business days prior to the date of a meeting. This notice must be submitted by email to the Administrative Office and must include the specific topic from the published agenda/sunshine notice for the meeting for which the individual wishes to make comment. Should the agenda be amended after initial publication, the member of the public wishing to address the Board on an amended agenda items must give their written notice no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. The email address for submission of a request to make public comment for this Board is: [Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov](mailto:Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov)

There were no public comments made.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Ms. Smith to adjourn

With a second made by Ms. Anderson

Discussion: None OR As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01am CST.

These minutes were ratified by the Board at the September 11, 2025, meeting.

  
Board Chair

  
Date

## ATTACHMENTS TO BOARD MINUTES



**BILL LEE**  
GOVERNOR

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
665 MAINSTREAM DRIVE, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243  
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**RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP**  
COMMISSIONER

## Tennessee Board of Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners

### **AGREED CITATION**

Mackenzie Reeser

LICENSE # 2727

October 15, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises dietitian/nutritionist licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-25-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 0470-01-.09, *et seq.* (Rules); and

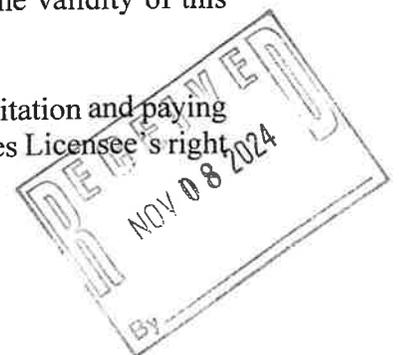
**WHEREAS**, Mackenzie Reeser (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a dietitian/nutritionist in the State of Tennessee, license number 2727; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits Licensee failed to timely renew Licensee's dietitian/nutritionist license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-25-112, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 0470-01-.09; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits Licensee practiced as a dietitian/nutritionist on an expired license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-25-112 for Five months; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of One Hundred & Fifty dollars (\$150.00), Licensee waives Licensee's right



to a hearing as described herein. This civil penalty represents a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month for every month Licensee practiced as a dietitian/nutritionist in this state on an expired license past the Board's sixty (60) day grace period; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Agreed Citation, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees that Licensee has not received any threats or promises of any kind by the State or any agent or representative thereof, except such as is detailed herein.

**WHEREAS**, Licensee acknowledges and understands that if Licensee does not sign this Agreed Citation and return it along with a check or money order made out to the Tennessee Board of Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners for the prescribed amount within **thirty (30) days**, a formal contested case hearing may be initiated in which the Board is authorized to assess civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with each day of continued violation constituting a separate violation. Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-134. Additionally, the Board may refuse to renew the Licensee's license, or the Board may suspend or revoke Licensee's license.

**THEREFORE**, by signing below, Licensee agrees to the terms of this Agreed Citation and hereby remits a civil penalty in the amount of One hundred & Fifty dollars (\$150.00). Furthermore, Licensee executes this Agreed Citation for the purpose of avoiding further administrative proceedings with respect to this violation. Licensee further understands that this Agreed Citation will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), on the Department of Health's Disciplinary Action Report and appear on the Department of Health's Website.

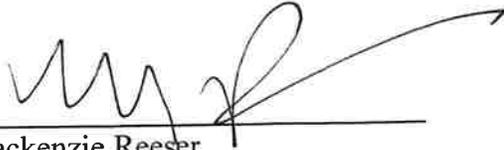
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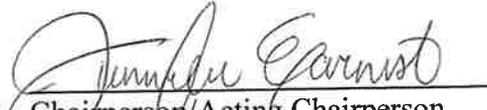


**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**



Mackenzie Reeser  
Dietitian/Nutritionist License No. 2727  
Licensee

11/6/24  
Date



Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of  
Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners

2/27/25  
Date



## **Ratification List**

**9/3/2024 – 2/24/2025**

### **Newly Licensed**

**5174 Ahern Mary**  
**5010 Alcock-Follette Claudia**  
**4985 Alexander Gregory II**  
**5134 Allen Melissa**  
**5022 Ambrose Kathleen**  
**5123 Anderson Rachel Danielle**  
**5019 Arbelaez Annabel**  
**5061 Arbuckle Sarah**  
**5130 Armstrong Allison**  
**5059 Armstrong Katherine**  
**5060 Azzam Shadera Raine**  
**5083 Baerenwald Mallory**  
**5072 Barnes Johnathan**  
**5027 Beemiller Morgan**  
**5147 Bennett Shanna**  
**5137 Berens Jessica**  
**5076 Brenneke Leann**  
**5031 Bugbee Michelle**  
**5122 Butler Adria**  
**5091 Campbell Nicolle Renee**  
**5081 Campos Alexandre**

**5033 Carson Dylan Carson**  
**5153 Clemens Madison Mattel**  
**5011 Cobble Ashlyn**  
**5132 Coleman Callie Grace**  
**5046 Collette Jessica**  
**5036 Collins Jamie**  
**5035 Conti Dorian**  
**5150 Council Amy Holt**  
**5082 Cox Kari**  
**5180 Dempsey Erik**  
**5057 Deslover Justin**  
**5047 Dowd Adrienne**  
**4998 Dugan Hannah Jane**  
**5013 Emmanuel Sara**  
**5025 Fiskars-Byers Danielle**  
**5028 Flickinger Hildelisa**  
**5152 Ford Aries**  
**5024 Garcia Giovannia**  
**5127 Gilbert Emilee**  
**5069 Gillins Erika**  
**5098 Glesne Danielle Julia**  
**5176 Goche Amy**  
**4996 Goldstein Valerie**  
**5131 Green Kinsi Rae**

**4983 Hall Victoria**  
**5105 Halton Lori**  
**5017 Hansen Ashleigh**  
**5102 Harris Pamela Michelle**  
**5106 Harris Sara**  
**5095 Hazen Holly Elizabeth**  
**5012 Heath Ciara Lyn**  
**5030 Hensley Julianne**  
**5080 Hopping Matthew**  
**5009 Hubbard Anda Aaliyah**  
**5143 Izaguirre Felipe Daniel**  
**5118 Jayne Matthew Paul**  
**5037 Jeffery Hannah Nichole**  
**5145 Junnarkar Gauri**  
**5015 Kaufman Carleigh Marion**  
**5066 Kirby Sierra Raven**  
**5112 Kizer Kristen**  
**5079 Klossner Laura Lee**  
**5135 Knapp Torree**  
**5016 Koczarski Molly Jean**  
**5116 Kristl Stephanie Sofia**  
**5149 Lee Lindsay Beth**  
**5058 Lee Rebekah Olivia**  
**5160 Lemieux Haley**

**5089 Locke Christina Brooks**  
**5064 Lynch Abigail**  
**5039 Macleod Cayleigh**  
**5045 Mahaffey Callie Triplett**  
**5087 Maldonado Samantha**  
**5100 Martin Leah Johnson**  
**5092 Mason Caralee Amber**  
**5075 Mccollum Andrea Crystal**  
**5115 Mccoy Averil Dukes**  
**5111 Mcdevitt Laura**  
**5120 Mclean Crystal Ann**  
**5044 Mercado Ariana**  
**5032 Middleton Katherine**  
**5099 Miller Brittney Nicole**  
**5126 Minton Tyler**  
**5003 Morgan Ashley**  
**5040 Munoz Aristizabal Adriana**  
**5167 Murphree Kayla Brooke**  
**5021 Naragon Michelle Violet**  
**5034 Neves Jordan**  
**5000 O'Brien Rebekah**  
**5078 O'Connor Clancy Grace**  
**5043 Oglesby Emily Hope**  
**5101 Oliver Kaci**

**5097 Paciulla Lauren**  
**5103 Paul Theresa**  
**5067 Peart Donna B**  
**5023 Pelly Avi Mae**  
**5121 Pflugfelder Holly**  
**5125 Pheifer Kelsey**  
**5065 Pitcairn Laine**  
**5068 Prodanovich Natalie**  
**5109 Puhlman Kristen Courtney Mrs.**  
**5169 Pujol Shannon Evins**  
**5049 Puto Madeline**  
**5144 Rackham Mattiekay**  
**5026 Rashid-Nebel Rochelle Marie**  
**5093 Reuther Rachel Ann**  
**5086 Rhyne Megan Leigh Ann**  
**4982 Richardson Jaelin**  
**5129 Roberts Jessica**  
**5085 Rogers Melissa**  
**5107 Ross Erika**  
**4971 Runnels Millicent Grace**  
**5029 Salisbury Madeleine**  
**5088 Santoro Anna**  
**5054 Scheel Patrick**  
**5005 Shaw Christian**

**5108 Smith Alexis K.**  
**5041 Smith Amanda**  
**5051 Smith Lydia Abigail**  
**5020 Smith Rachel**  
**5084 Steward Georgia**  
**5096 Stutler Elizabeth Reid**  
**5094 Tait Andrea Lindsey**  
**5104 Tello Maryori Yuldana**  
**5056 Teltow Ashley**  
**5113 Thomas Madeline Jo**  
**5136 Trembley Luke Alan**  
**5184 Valence Amanda Maureen**  
**5050 Valente Karalina**  
**5014 Wall Briana**  
**4991 Watson Kodi Lee**  
**5077 Webb Lindsey**  
**5133 Webster Elise**  
**5055 Wibbeler Eileen**  
**5053 Wiles Abby**  
**5062 Winchell Victoria**  
**4995 Wineinger Sierra**  
**4987 Zotos Maria**  
**2915 Luongo Maika**  
**4977 Tizard Caroline Elizabeth**

**5146 Antonopulos Kathryn**

**4975 Jiang Wendy**

**5114 King Mikayla**

**5140 Norton Joshua Zane**

**Reinstated License's**

**3310 Allison Patricia Anne**

**653 Anglin Betty J.**

**4133 Arana Maria Isabel**

**3166 Armstrong Aaron Lee**

**3963 Benzio Amanda Kate**

**1221 Bradshaw Emily Nicole**

**1952 Carr Lynsey Ramey**

**838 Carr Tammeth Lynn**

**4186 Cimino Claire**

**1623 Clayborne Emma Yates**

**1514 Covington Gena Miller**

**2842 Dickinson Mackenzie Kay**

**2744 Fisher Lisa Marie**

**2008 Hubbard Leah Altfeld**

**2331 Kendrick Andrea Wolfer**

**2753 Mccurry Felicia Anne**

**2727 Reeser Mackenzie Rae Johnson**

**3940 Vogel Alexys**

**3499 Weaver Laura**

**736 Wetherall Karen Balnicki**

**2968 Williamson Donna Richards**

**3020 Wood Kathryn**

**1702 Orr Marijo Moran**

**Closed Applications**

**Cummings Joanna**

**Dirteater April**

**Grinevics Anita Velta**

**Jentink Karis**

**Mustafa Anthony Mr.**

**Sullivan Holly Elizabeth Prehn RD**