

# BOARD OF DIETETICS & NUTRITION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0908-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p>The Board of Dietetics &amp; Nutrition Meeting was called to order at 9:18am and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>Board Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Annina Burns, Chairperson- Absent</li> <li>• Kimberly Thompson, Board Member- Present (Acting Chair)</li> <li>• India James, Board Member- Present</li> <li>• Dr. DeAnna Nara, Board Member- Present</li> <li>• Njeri Jarvis, Board Member- Present</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sharon Lewis, Deputy Director-Present</li> <li>• Frank Meyers, Associate Director- Present</li> <li>• Aisha Nixon, Executive Director- Present</li> <li>• Ericka Walker, Executive Director-Present</li> <li>• Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present</li> <li>• Rebecca Odrick, Investigator- Present</li> <li>• Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present</li> </ul> <p><b>Legal Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panravee Vongjaroenrat-Present</li> <li>• Ajay Gohil- Present</li> </ul> <p><b>Visitors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brittany McAllister, American Nutrition Association- Present</li> </ul>
OS-0908-02	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Acceptance of the September 8, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. DeAnna Nara to accept the September 8, 2020 meeting</p>

<p>agenda. Njeri Jarvis seconded the motion.</p> <p>Dr. DeAnna Nara, Njeri Jarvis, and Kimberly Thompson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0908-03	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon welcomed all to the meeting and thanked visitors for joining. She informed the Board of the current licensure census.</p> <p>Active Licenses: 587 Dieticians: 523 Nutritionist: 64</p> <p><b><u>DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Sharon Lewis welcomed all visitors and staff to the meeting and thanked all Board Members for their continued support to the residents of the District of Columbia. Dr. Lewis also informed those whom attended the meeting that the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration has undergone a new alignment to better assist the community in which the health department serves.</p> <p>With the new alignment, 3 new Associate Director positions were created. Mr. Frank Meyers has now become the new Associate Director for the Health Professional Boards. With his new position, he will be assisting the department and help to streamline new procedures. Along with the realignment, the Allied &amp; Behavioral Health Boards will be split amongst Ms. Aisha Nixon and the New Executive Director, Mrs. Ericka Walker. Ms. Ericka Walker comes to the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration with an extensive background in Healthcare Management and has been with DC Health for a few years.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis welcomed Mrs. Ericka Walker as the new Executive Director for the Board of Dietetics &amp; Nutrition and informed the Board that she will be a great asset and resource to the residents of the District of Columbia.</p>	
OS-0908-04	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Mrs. Panravee Vongjaroenrat informed the Board that she has received a promotion and will now be the Board attorney for the Boards of Professional Counseling &amp; Nursing. With her promotion, Mr. Ajay Gohil will become the Interim Attorney for the Board.</p>	

	Mr. Ajay Gohil informed the Board that he is excited to be assisting the Board in the Interim and has extensive knowledge in the legal field and has been with DC Health for several years.	
OS-0908-05	<b><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u></b> No Report	
OS-0908-06	<b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting.  <b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. DeAnna Nara to approve the Open Session minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting. Njeri Jarvis seconded the motion.  Dr. DeAnna Nara, Njeri Jarvis, and Kimberly Thompson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0908-07	<b><u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR DIETICIANS &amp; NUTRITIONISTS</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b> To review the following question: “whether or not Clinical Registered Dietitians can write orders for vitamins and mineral supplements that is not part of a supplemental diet?” based on the current practice definition in the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA).  <b>Background:</b> The HORA states in section 3-1201.02(6)(A) that “Practice of dietetics and nutrition” means the application of scientific principles and food management techniques to assess the dietary or nutritional needs of individuals and groups, make recommendations for short-term and long-term dietary or nutritional practices which foster good health, provide diet or nutrition counseling and develop and manage nutritionally sound dietary plans and nutrition care systems consistent with the available resources of the patient or client.  <b>Motion:</b> As far as the scope of practice for Dietitians to write orders for vitamins and mineral supplements that is not part of a supplemental diet, the board agreed that the Dietitian could only make the recommendation to the doctor. It is up to
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	<p>the doctor to place the order and make the final call regarding the patients care.</p> <p>Motion made by Dr. DeAnna Nara and seconded by Njeri Jarvis.</p> <p>Dr. DeAnna Nara, Njeri Jarvis, and Kimberly Thompson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0908-08	<p><b><u>FALL 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> No action required. FYI ONLY</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Fall 2020 news flash will be sent electronically to all licensees and posted on the Boards website for review. The news flash will discuss important topics for the Board of Dietetics &amp; Nutrition as well as provide insight into the CEU requirements for licenses.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> No motion made FYI ONLY.</p>

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OS-0908-09	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. DeAnna to close the Open Session meeting and go into the Closed Session portion of the meeting. Njeri Jarvis seconded the motion.</p> <p>Dr. DeAnna Nara, Njeri Jarvis, and Kimberly Thompson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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OS-0908-10	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJORN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. DeAnna Nara. Njeri Jarvis seconded the motion.</p> <p>Dr. DeAnna Nara, Njeri Jarvis, and Kimberly Thompson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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**This ends the Open Session Agenda; next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020**

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