

BOARD OF DIETETICS & NUTRITION

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

December 10, 2019

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1210-01 **INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Members:

- Dr. Annina Burns, Chairperson- Present
- Kimberly Thompson, Board Member- Present
- India James, Board Member- Present
- Dr. DeAnna Nara, Board Member- Present
- Njeri Jarvis, Board Member- Present

Board Staff

- Aisha Nixon, Executive Director- Present
- Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present
- David Walker, Health Licensing Specialist- Present
- Rebecca Odrick, Investigator- Present

Legal Staff

- Ajay Gohil, Assistant General Counsel - Present

Visitors

- Barbara Herbst, DCMAND- Present
- Pepin Tuma, Sr. Director, Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics- Present
- Jill Sheppard Davenport, Just Health LLC- Present
- Brittany McAllister, American Nutrition Association- Present
- Sierra Coppage- Present

OS-1210-02 **Board Action:**
Acceptance of Agenda

Motion:

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established at 9:20am. Motion made by Kimberly Thompson to accept the December 10, 2019 agenda. Seconded by India James. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS AND MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
OS-1210-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director, Aisha Nixon reviewed the upcoming meeting dates for 2020. They are as follows: 3/10/2020; 6/9/2020; 9/8/2020; 12/8/2020 • Licensure Census: Currently the board has 693 active licenses, 613 are dieticians, while 74 are nutritionist.
OS-1210-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Gohil provided information from the Director's office on the topics identified as public health priorities for the purpose of the continuing education required for the renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement of health professional licenses, certifications, or registrations issued in accordance with D.C. Official Code 3-1201.01. • The requirement for public health continuing education may be found in specific rules under Title 17 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
OS-1210-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report
OS-1210-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Kimberly Thompson to approve the open session minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting. Seconded by India James. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-1210-07	<p><u>DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>Board Action: Discuss and provide feedback regarding the draft board announcement for early January 2020.</p> <p>Motion: No formal motion was made. The Board recommended the news flash be sent in the beginning of 2020.</p>
OS-1210-08	<p><u>DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NUTRITION REGULATIONS</u></p>

Board Action:

To review the public comments regarding the Proposed Nutrition Regulations and determine whether changes are needed.

Background:

During the September 10, 2019 meeting, commenters attended the meeting and reiterated their concerns as it pertains to scope of practice specifically medical nutrition therapy. The Board will take comments under advisement and review the matter. Motion made by Dr. Burns to table discussion until the December meeting. Seconded by Dr. Nara. Motion passed unanimously.

The proposed rulemaking to amend the Nutrition regulations were published on June 7, 2019. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics submitted several comments to the Board. In addition, the Board received several questions regarding supervision and whether companies providing supervisory services in the District require Board approval.

During the December 10, 2019 meeting, the board reviewed submitted written comments and endorsements to the proposed regulations. In addition, the Board welcomed commentators to voice their concerns as it relates to scope of practice, supervision, and current board regulations. The board took the comments under advisement and reviewed matters addressed by commentators. The board received several questions and concerns regarding the proposed regulations related to educational requirements, supervision, and scope of practice.

After deliberation amongst board members and hearing comments from professionals within the field related to dietetics and nutrition no changes were made to the proposed regulations.

Motion:

Motion made by DeAnna Nara to approve the proposed nutrition regulations as final rulemaking. Seconded by Kimberly Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

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OS-1210-09	<p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: 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>Motion: Motion made by DeAnna Nara to close the open session portion of the meeting and move to the closed session portion of the meeting. Seconded by Njeri Jarvis. The motion passed unanimously. The open session portion of the meeting ended at 10:48am.</p>
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

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