

BOARD OF DIETETICS & NUTRITION

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

March 10, 2020

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIETETICS & NUTRITION

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0310-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Annina Burns, Chairperson- Absent • Kimberly Thompson, Board Member- Present • India James, Board Member- Present • Dr. DeAnna Nara, Board Member- Present • Njeri Jarvis, Board Member- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon, Executive Director- Present • Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present • Rebecca Odrick, Investigator- Present <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panravee Vongjaroenrat-Present <p>Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Herbst, DCMAND-Present • Pepin Tuma, Sr. Director, Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics- Present • Jill Sheppard Davenport, Just Health LLC- Present • B. Michelle Harris, Associate Professor, University of the District of Columbia-Present • Ami Schweitzer, University of the District of Columbia-Present • Jandel Benjamin, Nutritionist-Present
OS-0310-02	<p>Board Action: Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>Motion: The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established at 9:17am. Motion made by DeAnna Nara to accept the March 10, 2020 Open Session agenda. Seconded by Njeri Jarvis. The motion passed unanimously</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0310-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director, Aisha Nixon informed the Board and visitors that the Department of Health recently finished their oversight and budget hearings and that all went well. Licensure Census: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of active licenses: 554 Dietitians: 419 Nutritionists: 63 	
OS-0310-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u> No Report</p>	
OS-0310-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u> No Report</p>	
OS-0310-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. DeAnna Nara to approve the Open Session minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting with the removal of item OS-0310-08. Seconded by Njeri Jarvis. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0310-07	<p><u>DCMAND ANNUAL MEETING:</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the information regarding the upcoming annual meeting of the DCMAND.</p> <p>Background: The DCMAND is hosting their annual meeting at The National Union Building in Washington, D.C. on April 17, 2020. This meeting will be focused on expanding the dialogue around innovative food systems, inclusivity and the progressive research in the field of nutrition and dietetics. The organization welcomes all interested parties whom would like to present.</p> <p>Motion: No formal motion was made. This was for informational purposes only.</p>

OS-0310-08	<p><u>REVIEW OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING FOR NUTRITON REGULATIONS:</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board is to provide clarification regarding their responses to the public comments received regarding the proposed nutrition regulations.</p> <p>Background: During the December 10, 2019 Board meeting, the Board voted to move forward with final rulemaking for the Nutrition regulations. The Board Attorney was not present during the last meeting and would like to discuss and further clarify the Board’s responses to the public comments. The board attorney asked board members to provide clarification to responses given during the public comments to the proposed nutrition regulations at the last meeting.</p> <p>Motion: No formal motion was made. The Board responded to the Attorney’s questions related to their thoughts on potential creating one license type and updates to the practice definition in the HORA. The Board stated they would like to take a further look at those questions raised during the subcommittee to update the dietetics regulations.</p> <p>Visitors were also given the opportunity to briefly provide comments and concerns related to current regulations and definitions as it relates to the scope of practice defined in the Health Occupation Revision Act (HORA).</p>
OS-0310-09	<p><u>UPCOMING SUBCOMITTE:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the submitted applications and resumes of applicants for the Dietetic Regulatory subcommittee. The Board is also to agree upon a time and date for the subcommittee to be held.</p> <p>Background: The Board is forming a voluntary subcommittee, who will review the current laws and regulations and make recommendations to the Board as it updates its laws and regulations for dietitians. The Subcommittee work will begin in April 2020 and is expected to conclude within one year. The subcommittee will meet at least once a month for the next 6-12 months and will meet monthly for at least 2-4 hours.</p> <p>Motion: Item OS-03-09 was removed from the Open Session discussion items agenda.</p>

MOTION TO ADJORN

OS-0310-10

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

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.

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. DeAnna Nara to close the Open Session portion of the meeting and move to the Executive Session portion of the meeting. Seconded by Njeri Jarvis. The motion passed unanimously.

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2020

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