

BOARD OF DIETETICS & NUTRITION
JANUARY 20, 2026 (RESCHEDULED MEETING DATE)

9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting Notice

The Board will have a hybrid in-person and virtual meetings schedule. Please see the hybrid schedule in Executive Directors report section of the agenda.

In-person meetings will be at 2201 Shannon Pl, SE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020. Information on how to access virtual Board meetings is listed below:

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0120-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTION</u></p> <p>A. Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. DeAnna Nara, Board Chairperson - Present • Emily Arkin – Board Member -Present <p>B. Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, MSW, Executive Director- Present • Tiguist Zerihun, Health Licensing Specialist – Present • Rebecca Odrick, Investigator– Excused Absent <p>C. Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney – Present <p>D. Public</p> <p>Jennifer Krasilovsky -DC Metro Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Nicole Pruitt- DC Metro Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics</p>
OS-0120-02	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of January 20, 2026, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the Open Session Agenda for January 20, 2026, by Emily Arkin second, by DeAnna Nara.</p> <p>DeAnna Nara and Emily Arkin all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0120-03	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes of the September 9, 2025, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to accept the Open Session Minutes for September 9, 2025, by Emily Arkin second, by DeAnna Nara.</p> <p>DeAnna Nara and Emily Arkin all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0120-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p>

The Executive Director provided updates on license renewals and board vacancies. The Board of Nutrition renewal period closed on December 31, 2025, marking the last cluster renewal where all licensed dietitians and nutritionists renewed at the same time. Beginning June 2024, DC Health implemented a birth date renewal cycle, meaning licenses now expire on the last day of the licensee’s birth month. Depending on the birth year, initial renewal periods may vary from less than two years to nearly three years, but licenses cannot exceed three years. After the first renewal under this system, licenses will follow a standard two-year cycle.

Licensees are reminded to check the expiration date on their license, as renewals no longer occur on November 1. Anyone who failed to renew by December 31 now has an expired license and must submit a reinstatement application before resuming practice. Instructions for reinstatement are available on the Board’s website, and inquiries can be directed to dcbodn@dc.gov.

Current license counts:

- 855 licensed dietitians
- 84 licensed nutritionists

The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) is responsible for board appointments. There are currently three vacancies:

- Two seats for a dietitian or nutritionist
- One consumer member seat (must reside in DC and cannot be a healthcare professional or live with one)

Interested individuals can apply using the link provided in the open session agenda and on the Board’s website.

The next Board of Nutrition meeting is scheduled for March 10,

	2026, and will be held virtually. Public members are welcome to attend virtual or in-person meetings when applicable.	
OS-0120-05	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u> Board attorney simply stated we have Corum for the meeting	
OS-0120-06	<u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT:</u> No reports	
CONSENT AGENDA		
OS-0120-07	<p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved since September 8, 2025, and the items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board Actions taken since the last meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tina Jefferies 2. Frances Perkinson 3. David Hollifield 4. Devan Herring 5. Sam Purcell 6. Stephanie Harrington 7. Olguyne Fernandez-Fraga 8. Sherry Roberts 9. Rita Rubin 10. Jacob Fralin 11. Janae Yoshida 12. Adrienne Dowd 13. Abby Caudle 14. Christina Figueroa 15. Moriam Balogun 16. Elaine House 17. Anna Marie Blahnik 18. Hannah Altman-Kurosaki 19. Ivana Murillo Rascon 	

	<p>20. Antwi Boakye</p> <p>21. Virginia Brown</p> <p>22. Lauren Rotholz</p> <p>23. Eyerus Alemayhu</p> <p>24. Quatroe Onyejekwe</p> <p>25. Ciara Heath</p> <p>26. Desiree Pitts</p> <p>27. Sondor Davaasuren</p> <p>28. John Berrios</p> <p>29. Andrea Licht</p> <p>30. Caton Savage</p> <p>31. Andrew Vendryes Jr</p> <p>32. Andre Stein</p> <p>33. Alanna Marder</p> <p>34. Venus Owusu</p> <p>35. Natalie Arturo</p> <p>36. Deidra Strom</p> <p>37. Bisrat Desta</p> <p>38. Mikaela Hew</p> <p>39. Lori Middleton</p> <p>40. Emily Camiener</p> <p>41. Carrie Neddenriep</p> <p>42. Robert Purcell</p> <p>43. Kendra Perry</p> <p>44. Gabrielle Parisi</p> <p>45. Andrea Brown</p> <p>46. DeShondranique McGee</p> <p>47. Jennifer Wills</p>	
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	<p>48. Natalie Bolainez</p> <p>49. Denise Lichaa</p> <p>50. Nicole Poulin</p> <p>51. Amanda Pierce</p> <p>52. Ashley Meyers</p> <p>53. Jessica Prohn</p> <p>54. Lauren Paciulla</p> <p>55. Rachel Harvest</p> <p>56. Carey Nadal</p> <p>57. Deborah Hutcheon</p> <p>58. Stephanie Thomas</p> <p>59. Mitchell Duros</p> <p>60. Huong Nguyen</p> <p>61. Victoria Bravo</p> <p>62. Ladasha Clark</p> <p>63. Jessica Webb</p> <p>64. Adi Chazoom</p> <p>65. Carly Baillis</p> <p>66. Isabella oldham</p> <p>67. Isaac Diaz</p> <p>68. Nancy Corwin Malina</p> <p>69. Gretchen yousef</p> <p>70. Alison sacks</p> <p>71. April hodes</p> <p>72. Stacey Simon</p> <p>73. Caroline Tizard</p> <p>74. Sheryll hunt</p> <p>75. Christine ju</p>	
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	<p>76. Shauna Rowe</p> <p>77. Emma Sharp</p> <p>78. Tyllir Holmes</p> <p>79. Cristina Luibil</p> <p>80. Julia Steinway</p> <p>81. Eleanor Berlin</p> <p>82. BRITTANY NELSON</p> <p>83. JANE GHAFARI</p> <p>84. Jennifer Ahmed</p> <p>85. TAYLOR WILSON</p> <p>86. Madeline Puto</p> <p>87. Valerie Agyeman</p> <p>88. Naomi Mckensie</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the consent agenda by Emily Arkin second, by DeAnna Nara.</p> <p>DeAnna Nara and Emily Arkin all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
DC METRO ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS		
OS-0120-08	<p>Representatives from the DC Metro Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics presented on the proposed Dietitian Licensure Compact. The compact aims to allow licensed dietitians to practice across participating states more easily, supporting mobility for professionals and expanding access to telehealth services. Currently, 15 states are part of the compact, and the Academy is advocating for DC to join.</p> <p>Key points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of the Compact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Streamlined licensure for dietitians practicing in multiple states. ○ Supports telehealth expansion and mobility for military families and others who relocate 	

	<p>frequently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process for Participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dietitians must maintain licensure in their home state and apply for compact privileges through a centralized system. ○ States set their own fees for granting compact privileges. ○ Participation requires one representative from the DC licensure board or MOTA to serve on the compact commission (estimated 10–15 hours annually). • Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Home state must be part of the compact for a dietitian to apply for privileges. ○ States with combined licensure for dietitians and nutritionists (e.g., Maryland) cannot participate unless they separate the credentials. <p>The Academy has not yet introduced the proposal to the DC Council and sought initial feedback from the Board. The Board raised questions about compliance, disciplinary reporting, and consumer protection under the compact. The Academy will provide further details and contact information for the Council of State Governments, which oversees the compact initiative.</p>	
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC		
OS-0120-09	Comments: No public attendee	
CLOSING		
OS-1209-10	<p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a); 	

	<p>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</p> <p>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</p> <p>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> A motion was made to close the open session meeting by Emily Arkin second, by DeAnna Nara.</p> <p>DeAnna Nara and Emily Arkin all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
Roll Call Vote		
	<p>This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.</p>	

*This ends the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Open Session meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2026 (Virtual)*

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