

BOARD OF DIETETICS & NUTRITION

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0914-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. DeAnna Nara, Interim Board Chairperson- Present• Njeri Jarvis, Board Member- Present• India James, Board Member- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ericka Walker, MSW, Executive Director- Present• Rebecca Odrick- Investigator Present• Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Interim Health Licensing Specialist- Present• Frank Meyers- Associate Director <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney- Present <p>Visitor(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jill Sheppard Davenport- Present
OS-0914-02	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda for September 14, 2021.</p> <p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda for September 14, 2021.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the Open Session meeting agenda for September 14, 2021, by Njeri Jarvis and seconded by Dr. DeAnna Nara.</p> <p>Dr. DeAnna Nara, Njeri Jarvis, and India James all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0914-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health staff returned to the office since July 12, 2021. • Thelma Ofosu-Mensah is now the interim Health Licensing Specialist for the Board. • Ms. Joanne Drozdoski is the new Board Attorney for the Board. • DC Health (HRLA) has a new online license application system since April 13, 2021. She further indicated that the agency has stopped processing paper application since June 14, 2021. • The renewal licensure portal is opened for all Dietetics and Nutritionists • The Board has 563 Dietitians and 68 Nutritionists. • 76 licensees renewed. <p>Mr. Frank Meyers, Associate Director gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination Requirements for all health care providers by September 30, 2021 • Two (2) hours CE Requirement for SARS-CoV-2 vaccines by September 30, 2021, for certain health care providers • All licensees must report their vaccination status to DC Health and must submit an exemption request if needed. 	
OS-0914-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination Requirements • Two (2) hours CE Requirement for SARS-CoV-2 vaccines • Ms. Drozdoski introduced herself to the Board as the new Board Attorney. 	
OS-0914-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0914-06	<p>2021 BOARD MEETING DATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 14, 2021 	
OS-0914-07	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 29, 2021, meeting</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for June 29, 2021, by Njeri Jarvis and seconded by Dr. DeAnna Nara.</p> <p>Dr. DeAnna Nara, Njeri Jarvis, and India James all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0914-08	<p>DC HEALTH WIC PROGRAM:</p> <p>Board Action: The DC Health WIC Program is seeking further information from the Board of Dietetics & Nutrition on ways in which community members can become licensed and assist with fulfilling the nutritional needs of District residents and visitors.</p> <p>Background: Recruitment and retention are an ongoing challenge for the DC WIC Program. This is partially related to the salary that can be offered, but the challenge also stems from a lack of diverse applicants. The DC WIC Program has two levels of nutritionist positions: The Competent Professional Authority (CPA) and the Competent Paraprofessional Authority (CPPA). CPAs must be licensed in DC and can have a variety of backgrounds, including CNS certification or RD certification. CPPAs minimum qualification is a high school degree and 1 year WIC experience, however, most of DC WIC’s CPPAs have a bachelor’s degree in nutrition, public health, or a related field. CPPAs are not licensed, and do not see clients.</p> <p>This matter was tabled. The person who made the inquiry was not present.</p>	
ADDENDUM	<p>REGULATION AMENDMENTS:</p> <p>Ms. Davenport, public member needed to know the updates on the regulation amendments. Ms. Ericka informed the public member that the draft amendment is still with DC Health, waiting to go through the formal approval process.</p>	
MOTION TO ADJORN		
OS-0914-09	<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: A motion was made to adjourn the September 14, 2021 meeting by Njeri Jarvis and seconded by Dr. DeAnna Nara.</p>	

	Dr. DeAnna Nara, Njeri Jarvis, and India James all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously	
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This ends the Open Session meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled on [December 14, 2021](#).

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