

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
South Carolina Panel for Dietetics Panel Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

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PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rebecca G. Wrenn, RD, Chair
Judy Thomas, RD
Kay J. MacInnis, RD

PANEL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edna Cox Rice, RD
Ann F. Childers, RD, Vice Chair

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Emily Farr, Director of LLR
Robert Elam, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Administrator
Patricia Lutz, Administrative Assistant
Greg Hinson, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Tina Brown, Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Ashley Bailey, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wrenn called the meeting order at 10:11 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Thomas/MacInnis/approved.

APPROVAL OF ABSENT PANEL MEMBER(S):

Motion: To approve the absence of Edna Cox Rice and Ann Childres due to family obligation.
MacInnis/Thomas/approved.

ADVICE COUNCEL INTRODUCTION

Mr. Robert Elam introduced himself and expressed his excitement in working with the Panel. He thanked the Panel members for their continued service.

DIRECTOR OF LLR

Emily Farr, Director of LLR, introduced herself to the Board and thanked them for their Service. Director Farr, reassured the Panel that LLR is working with the Governor's office to have all vacant and expired

panel/board member positions remedied. Director also shared information regarding new agency staffing, upcoming licensing fee review for all boards, and new website and logo.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 PANEL MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the minutes from the September 19, 2018 meeting.
MacInnis/Thomas/approved.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS & ENFORCEMENT (OIE) STATISTICAL REPORT:

Greg Hinson, Chief Investigator, introduced his investigative staff and provided the OIE Statistical Report and IRC Report. The committee recommended to dismiss both cases.

Motion: To accept the IRC Report.
MacInnis/Thomas/approved.

PANEL CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Ms. Wrenn thanked the Panel Members for their attendance.

STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Report

Ms. Buttler reported the Panel has 387 active licenses, 980 active in renewal licenses, and 1 pending application. The Panel is currently in renewals and all licensees were sent notices via email or mail at the beginning of April. The online renewal system will be open till May 31, 2019. Additional renewal notices will be sent closer to the renewal deadline.

The Panel's current account balance as of February 28, 2019 is \$143,172.09.

Ms. Buttler reported that on April 2, 2018, SCAND submitted five names to the Governor's office for consideration. The same listing and resumes were resubmitted on March 11, 2019. Ms. Buttler will continue to work with LLR staff to have the Panel member seats vetted and confirmed.

Advisory Opinions

Mr. Elam stated he had no legal advice at the present time.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Ms. Tina Brown reported there are no cases pending at this time.

Legislative Update

Ms. Buttler, on behalf of Holly Beeson, reported that the regulation changes are on track to pass in May 8, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

a) S.C. Code of Laws §40-20-20(f)

Ms. Buttler shared with the Panel, an email that was sent requesting clarification to the scope of practice regarding a RDs ability to transcript insulin orders with physician co-signature. Ms. Wrenn stated that upon research and referencing of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Scope of Practice, the adjustment or taking orders for insulin is not in the RDs scope of practice.

b) CDR Change in Entry-level Registration

The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) announced they are changing the entry-level eligibility as of January 1, 2024. The change requires all dietitians seeking registration with CDR,

now possess a minimum of a graduate degree. The Panel's currently requires a baccalaureate degree and registration with CDR. Mr. Elam shared that the Panel Statue §40-20-60(2) requires a baccalaureate degree and passing of the examination. The examination is administered by CDR and not available unless an individual applies for registration with CDR. The Panel Administrator and Advice Counsel will look further in the Panel's statues and the effect the new eligibility requirements will affect the future applicants and report to the Panel at a later time.

- c) Discussion and Action: Delegation of authority to Panel Chair to issue C&D for unlicensed practice
Mr. Elam reported that all boards within LLR is being presented with this new system. To provide quicker service to unlicensed individuals, the C&D order would be reviewed internally by LLR staffing before being brought to the Panel Chair for signature and issuance.

Motion: To approve delegation of authority to Panel Chair to issue C&D for unlicensed practice.
MacInnis/Thomas/approved.

- d) IRC Member Nominations

Ms. Buttler shared that one of the current IRC members has needed to resign her position due to family obligations. Ms. Thomas recommended Jeremy Ponds.

Motion: To approve Jeremy Ponds to the IRC Board pending his appointment acceptance.
Wrenn/Thomas/approved.

ELECTION OF PANEL OFFICERS

Motion: For Rebecca Wrenn to serve as Panel Chair.
MacInnis/Thomas/approved.

Motion: For Ann Childers to serve as Panel Chair.
MacInnis/Thomas/approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Panel for Dietetics Meeting is September 25, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn
Wrenn/MacInnis/approved.

The Panel meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.