

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
South Carolina Panel for Dietetics Panel Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.
Teleconference Panel Meeting

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Panel for Dietetics office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the board website and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting will be held via teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. The telephone number and access code are provided on the posted agenda.

PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Edna Cox Rice, RD, Chair
Rebecca G. Wrenn, RD
Ann F. Childers, RD,

PANEL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kay MacInnis, RD, Vice Chair

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Elam, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Administrator
Greg Hinson, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Ashley Bailey-McNair, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Byron Ray, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Tina Behles, Capital City Court Reporting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Rice called the meeting order at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Rice/Wrenn/approved.

APPROVAL OF ABSENT PANEL MEMBER(S):

Motion: To approve the absence of Ms. MacInnis.
Rice/Wrenn/approved.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 22, 2020 PANEL MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the minutes from the April 22, 2020 meeting.
Rice/Wrenn/approved.

PANEL CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Ms. Rise thanked the Panel Members for their attendance.

STAFF REPORTS

Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Greg Hinson, Chief Investigator, provided the OIE Statistical Report. To date one case has been received and zero cases have been closed for 2020. Mr. Hinson provided a training report for OIE staff.

Mr. Hinson submitted the IRC report. The committee recommended one case for dismissal with a Cease and Desist order and two cases for dismissal.

Motion: To accept the IRC recommendation for dismissal with Cease and Desist. Panel requests monitoring of the individual to be reported by to the Board.
Wrenn/Childers/approved.

Motion: To accept the IRC recommendation for dismissals.
Wrenn/Childers/approved.

Administrator Report

Ms. Buttler reported the Panel has 1313 active licenses and 5 pending application. Since the last Panel Meeting, 62 licenses have been issued.

The Panel's current account balance as of July 31, 2020 is \$211,045.57.

Ms. Buttler reported the Board office has not received word regarding the appointment of the panel members. The Agency recognizes that several boards are in need of member appointments and an effort has been made by the Agency to encourage appointment. Ms. Wrenn expressed concern that the numerous vacancies is resulting in a disservice to the public. Members asked if individual letters from the panel members would assist in getting appointments done. Ms. Buttler and Mr. Elam affirmed that the Panel could not issue a letter to the Governor's office but panel members may send a letter on an individualized basis. Board members asked the topic be revisited at the next meeting in 2021.

Advisory Opinions

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

Office of Disciplinary Counsel

On behalf of Ms. Tina Brown, Ms. Buttler reported there are no cases pending at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates

Motion: To approve the 2021 Meeting Dates.
Rice/Childers/approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Panel for Dietetics Meeting is March 24, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn
Rice/Childers/approved.

The Panel meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.