

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
South Carolina Panel for Dietetics Panel Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Panel for Dietetics office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the Panel 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. The meeting was held via teleconference. Members of the public who wished to attend could do so by telephone. The telephone number and access code were provided on the posted agenda.

PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kay MacInnis, RD, Vice Chair
Rebecca G. Wrenn, RD
Elizabeth Weikle, RD
Valerie Meador, RD

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Tennis, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Administrator
Tina Brown, Esquire, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Byron Ray, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Doris Cochran, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nadine Garrett, Creel Court Reporting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman MacInnis called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

INTRODUCTION OF PANEL MEMBERS

Members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF ABSENT PANEL MEMBER(S):

None

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 PANEL MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the minutes from the September 2, 2020 meeting.
MacInnis/Meador/approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Report

Ms. Buttler reported the Panel has 1256 active licenses, 199 active in renewal licenses and 15 pending applications. Since the last Panel Meeting, 128 licenses have been issued.

The Panel's current account balance as of April 30, 2021, is \$266,787.56.

Ms. Buttler reported the Panel is currently in the late renewal period. Licensees have until June 30, 2021, to submit a renewal with an additional \$50 late fee. All licenses not renewed on or before June 30, 2021, will be lapsed and need to submit an application for reinstatement to reactivate their license.

The Panel office has not received word regarding the appointment of the remaining open seats nor reappointment/replacement for Ms. MacInnis or Ms. Wrenn. The SC Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics did copy the Panel office on the letter submitted to the Governor's Office in December 2020 with recommendations for five seats: clinical dietetics, university faculty, community/public health, nutritional services management, and consulting.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Byron Ray, Investigator, provided the OIE Statistical Report. To date three cases have been received and zero cases have been closed for 2021. Mr. Ray provided a training report for OIE staff.

Mr. Ray submitted the IRC report. The committee recommended two cases for dismissal.

Motion: To go into executive session for legal advice.
Wrenn/MacInnis/approved.

Motion: To return to public session.
Weikle/Meador/approved.

Ms. MacInnis stated no votes were taken during executive session.

Motion: To accept the IRC recommendation for dismissal for case 2019-1 and approve a dismissal with a Cease and Desist for case 2020-3.
Meador/Wrenn/approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel

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

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of S.C. Code of Law Section 40-20-40

Mr. Tennis informed the Panel that per S.C. Code of Law Section 40-20-50, the Panel may advise LLR regarding statutory revisions. Neither the Panel nor LLR is permitted to lobby for the proposed statutory changes. To assist with addressing vacant Panel seats, the Panel office is requesting permission to review the statutes and present recommended revisions at the next scheduled meeting for the Panel to consider. The recommendations would not reduce the number of Panel member seats, but would instead focus on term limits and the approval process.

CDR Eligibility Change and S.C. Code of Law 40-20-60

Ms. Buttler presented the Panel with the notice from CDR regarding the registration requirements revision to increase from a Bachelor's degree to a graduate degree. As the change will go into effect in 2024, Ms. Buttler requested the Panel's permission to begin reviewing the Panel's statutes and regulations to recommend revisions in anticipation of this change.

Motion: To approve investigation as presented by Mr. Tennis and Ms. Buttler, with revision recommendations to be presented for discussion at the next scheduled Panel meeting.
Wrenn/Meador/approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion: To nominate Kay MacInnis for Chair.
Wrenn/Meador/approved.

Motion: To nominate Rebecca Wrenn for Vice Chair.
MacInnis/Meador/approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next South Carolina Panel for Dietetics Meeting is September 22, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn
Meador/Weikle/approved.

The Panel meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.