

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
South Carolina Panel for Dietetics Panel Teleconference Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021 at 3:30 P.M.**

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Dietetics Panel's 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. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone.

PANEL MEMBER PRESENT:

Kay MacInnis, RD, Chairperson
Rebecca Wrenn, RD, Vice Chairperson
Valerie Meador, RD
Elizabeth Weikle, RD

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Tennis, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Administrator
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator

Present:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Rebecca Wrenn, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Meador/Weikle/Approved

INTRODUCTION OF PANEL MEMBERS

Panel members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Deferred to later in the meeting to allow for Ms. MacInnis to join the meeting. Ms. MacInnis later joined the meeting and no Panel members were absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of SC Code of Laws 40-20-60
Per S.C. Code Ann § 40-20-50, Ms. Buttler presented the Panel with a revised proposal for suggested changes to the Practice Act outlining licensure requirements. Incorporating the suggestions from the Panel at the October meeting, the revised statutes incorporate a changeover date of January 1, 2024 in accordance with CDRs eligibility change effective date. Ms. Buttler stated the Panel is not being requested to review and accept other

licensure examinations but to review and approve the language which will allow the Panel to review exams and accept rather than being required to create and maintain an exam. The Panel members shared their research into two certifying entities: Board of Certification of Nutrition Specialists and the American Clinical Board of Nutrition. Panel members expressed concerns over the qualifications of individuals with these certificates. Ms. Buttler clarified that the Panel's current licensure requirements would still need to be met even if the Panel reviewed and approved the exams. Ms. Meador asked if any other licensing board accepts anything other than the CDR. Ms. Buttler stated she had communicated with several jurisdictions and at this time no other exam is accepted by other boards; however their statutes and regulations allow them to only accept CDR. As South Carolina provides two different pathways to licensure, through CDR registration and through examination/education the Panel cannot limit the accepted examinations to just CDR. Ms. Wrenn suggested removing of the second pathway. Ms. Buttler and Mr. Tennis shared that the original statute draft contained only CDR registration but the legislation put in the second pathway as they viewed the CDR registration only to be a potential barrier to licensure. As such, suggesting its removal was not likely to be well received and is not advised.

Motion: To accept the statute amendments and submit for suggestion.
Weikle/MacInnis/Approved.

Amendment: SC Regulations 40-5.1, 40-5.2, 40-5.3, 40-6, 40-7, 40-8
In reviewing the regulations addressing licensure requirements, Ms. Buttler presented amendments to the regulations for cleanup purposes. The current statutes and suggested revised statutes outline licensure by CDR registration or examination. As such, it is being recommended the Regulations 40-5.3 Licensure by Endorsement be removed due to the Panel not having the statutory authority to provide that pathway. Amendments are being proposed to strengthen the requirements for primary source verification of licenses and education as well as removing of the passport photo requirement. Amendments to the continuing education requirements are being proposed to remove "professional" from "continuing professional education credits". Ms. Weikle suggested amending from "continuing education" to "continuing education units" for consistency with CDR verbiage. Mr. Tennis cited additional amendments to the regulations may be needed to ensure consistent verbiage is used.

Motion: To approve a notice of drafting for publication in January 2022.
Meador/Wrenn/Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Wrenn thanked Mr. Tennis and Ms. Buttler for their work and attention to the upcoming changes with CDR.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn
Weikle/Meador/Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.