

**South Carolina Panel for Dietetics
Teleconference Panel Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.**

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
Amanda Branham, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Alexis Bell, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Byron Ray, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Ashley Bailey, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

PRESENT:

Robert Duffell-Hoffman, RD
Robin Reibold, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairperson Wrenn called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Weikle/Meador/Approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Panel members introduced themselves. Mr. Tennis introduced Mr. Robert Duffell-Hoffman as a senate-confirmed future Panel Member.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

No absences.

APPROVAL OF PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve October 11, 2021 Panel Meeting minutes.
Meador/Weikle/Approved.

Motion: To approve November 9, 2021 Special Call Panel Meeting minutes.
Weikle/Meador/Approved.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator's Report

Ms. Buttler reported to date, the Panel has 1501 active licenses, 15 pending licenses, and 122 licenses have been issued since October 2021.

The current balance as of April 30, 2022 is \$308,168.42.

Advice Counsel Report

In anticipation of CDR's increase to the minimal education requirement for registration, the Panel office has been researching an examination alternative for future applicants applying for licensure via S.C. Code of Law 40-20-60(2). Recently, it was discovered that CDR will allow states to utilize its exam for licensure purposes only. The Panel office will pursue more information on this and present to the Panel at the next meeting.

Office of Investigation and Enforcement Report

Ms. Branham reported for the period of October 11, 2021, to May 17, 2022, two complaints were received, two cases were opened, four cases were closed and there is one active investigation.

Ms. Branham presented the IRC recommendation; there was one dismissal. Following discussion, Panel staff was asked to research what other states do with the designation of "nutritionist" and whether it is considered a protected term for the next Panel meeting.

Motion: To approve the IRC recommendation.
Meador/Weikle/Approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Ms. Bell reported as of May 17, 2022, that there are no open cases, no pending hearings and agreements, no pending closure, no closed cases and no appeals.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Amendment: SC Regulations

Mr. Tennis informed the Panel the notice of drafting was published in the state register and the Panel may now propose and submit regulation amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of SC Code of Regulations, Chapter 40

1. Mr. Tennis stated per the Administrative Procedure Act, every five (5) years state agencies must review their regulations to see if any regulations need amending or repealing.
2. Mr. Tennis presented the Panel with several recommendations for regulation revisions. All recommended amendments are to clean-up the regulations to ensure consistency with the statutes. The Panel reviewed each regulation section.

Motion: To accept the revision to the regulations as amended during the meeting.
Meador/Weikle/Approved.

b. Review and Discussion of Spanish version of CDR Examination

CDR submitted a questionnaire to the Panel Office regarding a Spanish version of the exam being offered. Ms. Buttler reviewed each question with Panel members. Members agreed that nothing in the statutes nor regulations prohibited acceptance of the exam.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Wrenn opened the floor for nomination of the officers.

Motion: To nominate Elizabeth Weikle as Chairperson.
Meador/Weikle/Approved.

Motion: To nominate Valerie Meador as Vice Chairperson.
Meador/Weikle/Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Duffell-Hoffman recommended contacting CDR for clarification on a few of the Spanish exam questionnaire questions.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Panel meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn.
Weikle/Meador/Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.