

SOUTH CAROLINA PANEL FOR DIETETICS  
PANEL MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Dietetic 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.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Weikle, Chairperson  
Valerie Meador, Vice Chairperson  
Robert Duffell-Hoffman

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Kyle Tennis, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Tracy Adams, Administrator  
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator  
Amanda Branham, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Alexis Bell, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel

**PRESENT:**

Robin Reibold, Court Reporter  
Jeremy Ponds

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Weikle, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda.  
Meador/Duffell-Hoffman/Approved.

Ms. Weikle reported this is National Dietitian Month and today is Dietitian Day.

**INTRODUCTION OF PANEL MEMBERS**

Panel members introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

**Motion:** To excuse Rebecca Wrenn.  
Meador/Duffell-Hoffman/Approved.

**APPROVAL OF PANEL MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Panel Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2022  
**Motion:** To approve September 28, 2022 Panel Meeting minutes with corrections.  
Duffell-Hoffman/Meador/Approved.
  
- b. Special-Called Panel Meeting – February 16, 2023  
**Motion:** To approve February 16, 2023 Special-Called Panel Meeting minutes.  
Duffell-Hoffman/Meador/Approved.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### Administrator's Report

Ms. Adams reported to date, the Panel has 1,693 active licensees. 97 licenses have been issued since September 28, 2022.

The current balance as of January 31, 2023 is \$294,638.92.

### Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Ms. Branham reported the following for the period of September 21, 2022, to February 28, 2023: (0) complaints received, (0) cases opened, (0) cases closed, and (0) active investigations.

### Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Ms. Bell reported that as of March 8, 2023, there were (0) open cases, (0) pending hearings and agreements, (0) pending closure, (0) closed cases, and (0) appeals.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### a. Regulatory and Legislative Update – Kyle Tennis, Esq.

On February 16, 2023, Mr. Tennis, Esq., Ms. Buttler, and Ms. Adams appeared before the House Regulations and Administrative Procedures – Health and Healthcare Industries subcommittee regarding the proposed regulations. The Subcommittee voted favorably for the proposed regulations.

House Bill H.3515 has had no movement since the Panel met last month.

### b. CDR Exam Agreement: - Kyle Tennis, Esq.

Utilization of CDR Exam for S.C. Code Ann. § 40-20-60(2) - Mr. Tennis explained that if an applicant meets the qualifications for examination pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 40-20-60(2)'s pathway for licensure, the applicant can request to take CDR examination, as an agreement between LLR and CDR has been entered into that would allow an applicant exercising this pathway to licensure to take the CDR exam for state licensure purposes only. Applicants becoming licensed in this manner would be licensed dietitians in South Carolina, but would not be registered dietitians.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Provisional Licensing

Discussion was held regarding whether a provisional license is allowed under South Carolina law. South Carolina law does not currently provide for a provisional license. It was noted that this in contrast to North Carolina, which does allow for provisional licensure. The Panel cannot approve provisional licensure or lobby for statutory change. It was noted that lobbying is traditionally done by an association.

### b. Scope of Practice – Ordering Labs

Discussion was held regarding whether South Carolina law includes in its scope of practice the ability for licensees to order labs. Upon review, South Carolina law does not allow for ordering

labs. It was noted that this is in contrast to North Carolina, which does include ordering labs in its scope of practice. A statutory change would be required regarding expanding the scope of practice. It was noted that lobbying is traditionally done by an association.

**Motion:** To enter an executive session for legal advice.  
Weikle/Meador/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Duffell-Hoffman/Meador/Approved.

The Board addressed Mr. Ponds' request for clarification regarding the respective roles of the Panel and those of an association.

c. Legislative Liaison

**Motion:** To accept Robert Duffell-Hoffman as the Legislative Liaison.  
Weikle/Meador/Approved.

d. Policy Day on March 9, 2023 – Tracy Adams

Ms. Adams will present at the Association's Policy Day regarding LLR's role regarding dietetics in this state, including the complaint process.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next scheduled Panel Meeting is September 19, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn.  
Duffell-Hoffman/Meador/Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.