

**SOUTH CAROLINA PANEL FOR DIETETICS
PANEL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 17, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in PeeDee
110 Centerview Dr., Columbia, SC 29210**

Call to Order: 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.

Meeting Called to Order

Elizabeth Weikle, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Elizabeth Weikle made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Katherine Bernard seconded the motion and it carried.

Katherine Bernard made a motion to return from executive session. Maureen Finger seconded the motion and it carried.

1. Approval of Agenda

Elizabeth Griffith made a motion to approve the agenda. Katherine Bernard seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Introduction of Panel Members

Elizabeth Weikle
Amanda Groesbeck
Elizabeth Griffith
Katherine Bernard
Maureen Finger

LLR Staff Present: Alexis Bell, Esq., ODC; Bob Horner, Esq., Advice Counsel; Patrice Deas, Board Executive; Tajuana Hall, Program Coordinator; April Howell, OIE; Natasha Mitchell, OIE; Joshua Shannon, DOTS;

Others in attendance: Andie Taylor, Court Reporter.

3. Approval of Excused Absences

Elizabeth Griffith made a motion to excuse the absence of Robert Duffell-Hoffman.
Maureen Finger seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Approval of Panel Meeting Minutes

- a. Panel Meeting Minutes- March 6, 2024

Elizabeth Griffith made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting. Katherine Bernard seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Staff Reports

a. OIE Statistical Report - For Information Only - April Howe

From January 1, 2024 -September 6, 2024, there were 4 complaints, 0 active investigations, and 4 closed cases.

b. ODC Report - For Information Only - Alexis Bell, Esq.

There were 0 open cases, 0 pending hearings and agreements, 0 pending closure, 0 closed since February 15, 2024, 0 appeals, 0 closed since January 1, 2024.

6. Panel Executive Report – Patrice Deas

a. Financial Report

Ms. Patrice Deas reported as of July 31, 2024, the cash balance for the Panel of Dietetics is \$386,514.25.

b. Total Number of Licensees

As of September 15, 2024, the Panel has 1, 928 active licensees. There have been 151 licenses issued since March 6, 2024.

7. Old Business

a. Licensure Compact Update

Catey Lechner gave the Panel a presentation on the Licensure Compact. This compact is an interstate licensure compact that promotes workforce development, and allows dietitians to practice in any state. Seven states have to approve in order for this compact to be enacted. It will be introduced in early January of 2025.

8. Panel Member Training

April Howe, Lead Investigator and Alexis Bell, Esq. presented training to the Panel members explaining the complaint process, IRC, and the investigation process. Bob Horner, Advice Counsel, also provided training to the Panel members, including an overview of relevant laws and Panel member duties and responsibilities.

9. New Business

a. South Carolina Licensure and Nutrition services

Katherine Bernard asked the Panel questions pertaining to conference attendance and participating in events pertaining to nutrition services. Bob Horner gave an explanation of the process and steps to take to attend those conferences and events.

b. Approval of 2025 Panel Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- Wednesday, September, 17 2025

Amanda Groesbeck made a motion to approve the 2025 meeting dates. Elizabeth Griffith seconded the motion and it carried.

10. Adjournment

Elizabeth Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 am. Amanda Groesbeck seconded the motion and it carried.