

TENNESSEE BOARD OF DIETITIANS/NUTRITIONISTS MEETING
MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m., CST

Location: Health Related Boards
WebEx-Teleconference
Iris Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Patrick Parham, Citizen Member, President
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro, Dietitian/Nutritionist, Secretary
Jamie L. Bailey, Dietitian/Nutritionist
Loveday E. Nwobilor, Dietitian/Nutritionist
James B Burkard, Dietitian/Nutritionist
Linda Y Hankins, Dietitian/Nutritionist

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Executive Director
Lyndsey Boone, Board Manager
Shara Woodard, Board Administrator
Eric Winters, Board Attorney

Call to Order

This meeting was convened electronically, via WebEx, due to the gathering restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM CST. A roll call of the Board Members and Board staff present was conducted by Kimberly Wallace, Unit 3 Director.

Necessity of Meeting

Ms. Wallace informed all present that prior to proceeding with the electronic meeting, certain criteria for continuing with an electronic meeting must be met. To ensure the meeting proceeded according to guidelines, Ms. Wallace requested that each Board Member and Staff Member confirm they were able to hear one another. All confirmed.

Next, Ms. Wallace reminded all present that this Board Meeting was being held for the purpose of ratifying new licenses, reinstated licenses, closed files, citations and orders received after the Board’s last meeting, and to consider other time sensitive matters. Because this Board was unable to convene a physical quorum today to consider these matters in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, for which the TN Governor and Mayor of Nashville have recommend limiting the number of attendees at meetings for the next several weeks, this WebEx remote meeting is necessary.

Ms. Wallace also informed Board Members that another formality of electronic meetings is identification of all people present. Ms. Wallace asked each of the participating Board Members and Board Staff to identify anyone that is present in the room that they are participating from. All Board Members confirmed that nobody was present in the room with them. Eric Winters confirmed that Mitchell Davis, IT representative, was present in the room with him.

Patrick Parham made a motion for the Board Meeting to proceed to conduct this electronic meeting for the aforementioned purpose, with a second from Queen Cox-Taliaferro. A roll call vote was conducted:

Patrick Parham	xY	N
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N
Jamie L. Bailey	xY	N
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N
James B. Burkard	xY	N
Linda Y. Hankins	xY	N

Public Comments

No Public Comment

Conflict of Interest

Board Attorney, Eric Winters, went over the conflict of interest statement, which in summary, is a circumstance in which a Board member’s individual interest impairs or impedes, or gives the appearance of impairing or impeding, his or her ability to make full, unbiased decisions or to provide full, unbiased service to the Board, they should recuse themselves.

Discuss Legislation and take action as needed

No new legislation to be discussed.

Review minutes from September 27, 2019 meeting

James Burkard made a motion to approve the September 27, 2019 minutes, with a second by Loveday Nwobilor. A roll call was conducted:

Patrick Parham	xY	N
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N
Jamie L. Bailey	xY	N
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N
James B. Burkard	xY	N
Linda Y. Hankins	xY	N

The motion carries.

Financial Report

Ms. Maria McCormick gave the financial report to the Board. From July 2019 to March 2020 the Board's total expenditures were \$50,673.09, total revenue was \$65,176.00, and current year net was \$14,502.91, with a cumulative carryover of \$297,178.34.

Investigations/Disciplinary Reports

Ms. Lori Leonard gave the investigative/monitored practitioner reports to the Board. There are currently no dietitian/nutritionist being monitored or disciplined. Investigations show one (1) new complaint regarding unlicensed practice. There have been no complaints closed.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Lyndsey Boone gave the administrative report to the Board. As of June 18, 2020, the Board has 2,071 licensed Dietitian/Nutritionists. Licensing activity from September 27, 2019 to June 12, 2020, is 119 newly licensed, 7 temporary license, 10 Reinstated, 58 Failed to renew/Expired licenses, 8 Retired, 460 number of online renewals, and 145 number of paper renewals. The in-state lodging rate is \$179, in-state meals and incidentals is \$45.75 a day, standard mileage rate is \$0.47 a mile, and overnight meals and incidentals is \$61 a day. Conferences include 2020 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo from October 17-20, 2020 in Indianapolis, IN.

Board Meeting Dates for 2020 and 2021

Friday, September 4, 2020

Friday, March 5, 2021

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Receive report &/or request from Office of General Counsel

Consent Orders

Holly Darnell LDN Lic No 2302

Ms. Darnell has been licensed by the Board as a dietitian/nutritionist in the State of Tennessee since September 27, 2010, which currently has an expiration date of December 31, 2020. Ms. Darnell’s license is active. From December 31, 2014 until September 27, 2019, Ms. Darnell license was expired. From about September 2018 until about January 3, 2019 Ms. Darnell was part owner of Nashville Nutrition Partners in Nashville, TN, she worked as an LDN at NNP while her dietitian/nutritionist license was expired. On about December 21, 2018, Ms. Darnell completed a renewal application for her Tennessee dietitian/nutritionist license. On January 2, 2019, Ms. Darnell willfully treated a patient at NNP while knowing dietitian/nutritionist license was expired.

Respondent’s license to practice as a dietitian/nutritionist in Tennessee, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board under TENN. CODE ANN 63-25-107 and 63-25110, shall be REPRIMANDED. Civil penalties are assessed pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 0470-01-.15(5) and Tenn Code Ann 63-1-134©. Respondent is assessed five (5) Type C Civil Penalties in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) each, representing the months of September 2018, October 2018, November 2018, December 2018, and January 2019, in which Respondent worked as a licensed dietitian on an expired license and one(1) type C Civil Penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) representing Respondent’s willing treatment of a patient on or about January 2, 2019, while knowing her license was expired, for a total of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), and shall be paid in full within six (6) months from the effective date of this order.

Respondent must pay the actual and reasonable costs of investigations and enforcement in this matter. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared by counsel for the Department. The Assessment of Costs shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be paid in full within twelve (12) months from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs.

Jamie Bailey made a motion to accept the Order, seconded by Queen Cox-Taliaferro. A roll call vote was conducted.

Patrick Parham	xY	N
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N
Jamie L. Bailey	xY	N
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N
James B. Burkard	xY	N
Linda Y. Hankins	xY	N

This motion passes.

Tiffany Lehmann LDN Lic No 1181

Ms. Lehmann has been licensed by the Board as a dietitian/nutritionist in the State of Tennessee since February 1, 2001, which currently has an expiration date of October 31, 2020. Ms. Lehmann license is currently active. Respondent maintained a clean record as an LDN from February 1, 2001 through October 2016. From November 2016 until July 2018, Respondent, unknowingly and inadvertently, worked as an LDN at Satellite Healthcare dialysis clinic in Memphis, TN while her dietitian/nutritionist license was expired.

Respondent's license to practice as dietitian/nutritionist in Tennessee is REPRIMANDED. Civil penalties are assessed pursuant to Tenn. Comp R & Regs. 0470-01-.15(5) and Tenn Code Ann 63-1-134©, which states civil penalties assessed pursuant to this section are final, due and payable as of the date shown on the certificate of filing. If the violator fails to pay an assessment when it becomes final the department may apply to the appropriate court for a judgment and seek execution of such judgment.

Respondent is assessed nineteen (19) Type C Civil Penalties in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) each, representing the months of January of 2017 through July 2018 in which Respondent worked as a licensed dietitian/nutritionist on an expired license, for a total of nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950.00) and shall be paid in full within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this order.

Respondent must pay the actual and reasonable cost of investigation and enforcement in this matter. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared by counsel for the Department. The Assessment of Costs shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be paid in full with twelve (12) months from the issuance of the Assessment of Cost.

Linda Hankins made a motion to accept the order with a second by Loveday Nwobilor. A roll call vote was conducted:

Patrick Parham	xY	N
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N
Jamie L. Bailey	xRECUSED	
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N
James B. Burkard	xY	N
Linda Y. Hankins	xY	N

This motion passes.

Rulemaking hearing, rule amendments and policies

Criminal convictions policy

Any person who has applied for a license or submits a renewal application as a dietitian/nutritionist who has one or more criminal convictions may be required to appear before the Board.

Offenses relating to alcohol, drugs, or impairment may require a professional evaluation prior to licensure or licensure renewal to ensure the applicant is fit to practice as a dietitian/nutritionist. The evaluator shall be approved by the Board or Board Director prior to evaluation.

The following persons are required to appear before the Board before a license may be issued:

Any applicant who has a felony conviction;

Any applicant who has been convicted of a serious misdemeanor within five (5) years from the date of application

Any person who applies for a license or submits a renewal application as a dietitian/nutritionist who has a criminal conviction that directly relates to the occupation of a dietitian/nutritionist may be denied.

Queen Cox-Taliaferro made a motion to approve the policy with a second by Loveday Nwobilor. A roll call vote was conducted.

Patrick Parham	xY	N
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N
Jamie L. Bailey	xY	N
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N
James B. Burkard	xY	N
Linda Y. Hankins	xY	N

This motion passes.

Review, approve/deny & Ratify initial, reinstated & closed licensure

Initial Licensure:

3777 Austin, Melissa Renee
 3805 Ayesh, Dalia Saleh
 3760 Baker, Amanda Marie
 3756 Beaver, Marisha Leaira
 3788 Bender, William David
 3786 Bennett, Racheal
 3705 Bevans, Alexi
 3731 Bignell, Whitney Elaine
 3764 Buck, Courtney
 3800 Burgmon, Taylor
 3828 Cantrell, Laura Katherine
 3686 Carozza, Stephanie
 3722 Castano, Marissa
 3722 Chang, Jenifer
 3796 Collins, Ashley
 3774 Cunningham, Lindsay Carey
 3719 Dhanak, Ashritha
 3766 Dixon, Lyndsay
 3772 Domachowski, Erin
 3818 Eber, Allison
 3790 Esposito, Patricia Frascchetti
 3725 Faquin, Emily
 3727 Fariscal, Daniela Martinez
 3726 Fincher, Makayla
 3787 Gallagher, Catherine Margaret
 3700 Gammill, Rachel
 3735 Garner, Spring
 3815 Grandberry, Samaria
 3779 Guentzel, Victoria
 3810 Hawkins, Christopher Blake
 3747 Held, Elizabeth Katherine
 3812 Hnatiuk, Veronica Elizabeth
 3819 Hoffman, Margaret Anne
 3748 Pitts, Raye Elizabeth
 3740 Poteete, Mckenzie Brooke
 3709 Pritchard, Sybil
 3773 Ramey, Amy
 3721 Ritter, Kaitlyn Alaina
 3814 Rollo, Elizabeth Melanie
 3799 Sapp, Candace
 3757 Segura, Cameron Thomas
 3801 Sisavang, Paritta
 3821 Snodgrass, Avery Marie
 3794 Staples, Hannah
 3741 Black, Marissa
 3745 Blaha, Sara Qualls
 3782 Boekel, Susan
 3763 Bovey, Alexandra
 3751 Bragg, Carly
 3762 Brown, Katie
 3743 Brown, Krista Nicole
 3797 Brundidge, Rebecca Amy
 3793 Howell, Suzanne
 3723 Iuliano, Clara J
 3775 Kanner, Kristen Fuller
 3753 Kirby, Lauren Elizabeth
 3803 Lamas, Patricia Taylor
 3702 Lamm, Brittney
 3811 Lee, Kathryn
 3807 Lester, Megan Kelley
 3822 Lightsey, Brittany
 3768 Liles, Courtney Whitlock
 3808 Lindsey, Caitlin
 3785 Lindsey, Megan
 3752 Lockwood, Sharon Renee
 3809 Lyle, Amy
 3781 Mcmillen, Daran Shania
 3737 Mcmurry, Stephanie J
 3717 Miles, Aida
 3778 Minnick, Heather
 3736 Mondini, Amanda Lynne
 3742 Moskalyova, Natalya
 3816 Mudd, Caitlin
 3746 Mullins, Maria Christina
 3749 Park, Jordan Marie
 3820 Peters Hannah Elizabeth
 3827 Pitcher, Breanna
 3716 Poole, Julie
 3761 Prather, Megan
 3730 Pusateri, Angelina Marie
 3770 Reaves, Mallory Sloan
 3769 Rojas-Bautista, Vanessa Joana
 3651 Sailors, Lindsey
 3813 Savoy, Molly
 3724 Server, Meghan Lynn
 3802 Smith, Emily Ann
 3765 Staplmann, Sarah
 3783 Starr, Richard

3718 Suha, Vincent Gene
 3744 Thornley, Sara Ann
 3780 Toy, Maureen
 3754 Vander, Woude Kristen
 3713 Voyles, Ashley
 3758 Wasung, Karolyn
 3806 Werner, Brittany Ellen
 3728 Wright, Courtney Jasmine
 3817 Wright, Lisa Denny
 3771 Zaslov, Sabrina
 3670 Shepard, Bryee Anne

3776 Taylor, Erin
 3791 Tolliver, Melissa Ann
 3707 Ullery, Katherine
 3767 Vettleon, Lindsay Rae
 3739 Wallace, Christy J
 3795 Wentworth, Bennington
 3755 West, Stephanie D
 3734 Wright, Ingrid
 3733 Zahn, Brenda K
 3732 Zendarski, Lauren

Reinstatments:

3071 Bianchini, Mark
 3305 Davis, Caitlin
 995 Duren, Kristeen Michelle
 2795 Motter, Kerstyn Elizabeth
 2104 Spain, Stephanie Qualls

3086 Cantrell, Jennifer
 1499 Dixon, Mary Karen
 3201 Fleming, Erica Chequeta
 1975 Redmon, Holly Juliana
 2626 Vancleave, Jessica Ann

Loveday Nwobilor made a motion to ratify the list with a second by James Burkard. A roll call vote was conducted:

Patrick Parham	xY	N	
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N	
Jamie L. Bailey	xY	N	recused from Rojas-Bautista
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N	
James B. Burkard	xY	N	
Linda Y. Hankins	xY	N	

This motion passes.

Discuss 2020 FNCE Conference & Expo

Indianapolis, IN, October 17-20, 2020

No Board Members interested in attending at this time. A roll call vote was conducted:

Patrick Parham	xY	N
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N
Jamie L. Bailey	xY	N
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N
James B. Burkard	xY	N

2021 meeting dates

March 5, 2021

September 2, 2021

Jamie Bailey made a motion to ratify these dates with a second by Linda Hankins. A roll call vote was conducted:

Patrick Parham	xY	N
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N
Jamie L. Bailey	xY	N
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N
James B. Burkard	xY	N
Linda Y. Hankins	xY	N

This motion passes.

Public comment

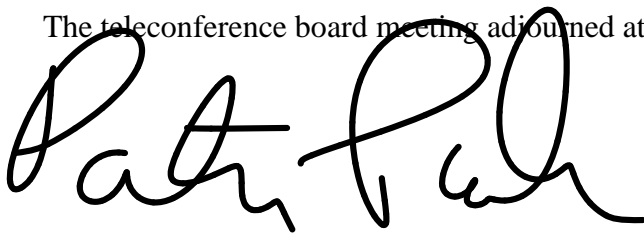
None heard at this time.

Adjournment

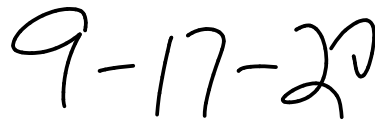
Loveday Nwobilor made a motion for adjournment with a second made by Queen Cox-Taliaferro. A roll call vote was conducted:

Patrick Parham	xY	N
Queen Esther Cox-Taliaferro	xY	N
Jamie L. Bailey	xY	N
Loveday E. Nwobilor	xY	N
James B. Burkard	xY	N
Linda Y. Hankins	xY	N

The teleconference board meeting adjourned at 10:25 am CT.



Board Chair



Date