

**BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Present

Rebecca Snow, LDN–Board Chair
Chimene Castor, LDN- Board Vice Chair
Mahssan Afkhami, Board Member
Kaitlin Costello, LDN – Board Member
Linnet Nyce, LDN – Board Member
Linda Paren, LDN – Board Member
Malcolm Rubinstein, Ph.D – Board Member

Staff

Marie Savage – Administrator
Lenelle Cooper – Adm. Officer
Stacey Darin, AAG
Lillian Reese, Board Leg & Reg

Absent

Laura C. Davis, LDN-Board Secretary/Treasurer
Erin Braunscheidel Duru, LDN-Board Member

Visitors

Kimberly Link, MDH Liaison

Call To Order

Ms. Snow, LDN, Board Chair, called the teleconference meeting to Order at 10:05 a.m. on March 17, 2022.

New Business

ITEM 1

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January 20, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

ITEM 2

Committee Reports

No Report.

Credentialing –

No Report.

Regulations/Legislation –

The Board discussed the use of the Legislative Committee to review legislation and take positions on bills. The Committee would review bills during the legislative session and vote to take a position on bills. The Board would ratify the position at the next meeting during the Open Session. Other health occupation boards use their legislative committees and then Board ratification instead of emergency meetings to vote on legislation. The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Legislative Committee to review legislation and take positions on legislation during the legislative session. Dr. Castor volunteered to serve on the committee in addition to the current committee members including: Ms. Snow, Mr. Afkhami and Ms. Davis.

Ms. Reese provided an update on legislation that is of interest to the Board.

SB 899/HB1455 Health Occupations Boards – Authority Over Infrastructure – Staffing and Operations. SB899 received an unfavorable vote and HB1455 did not get voted out of the Rules Committee.

SB440/HB625 Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland – Establishment passed.

Establishing the Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland to examine certain areas related to health care workforce shortages in the State, including the extent of the workforce shortage, short-term solutions to the workforce shortage, future health care workforce needs, and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupations boards, including the Dental Board. Members of the Commission include the Executive Director of each health occupations board or the Executive Director's designee.

Duties of the Commission include, determining the extent of the health care workforce shortage in the State, including the extent of shortages in different settings including in-home care, hospitals, private practice, nursing homes and other long-term care settings, primary and secondary schools, community health centers, community-based behavioral health treatment programs, and hospice care.

With respect to the relationship between the health occupations board and the Maryland Department of Health, determine what authority the Secretary of Health should have over the boards, and what additional support the Department could provide the boards to assist with workloads, overhead, staffing, technology improvement, and other areas identified by the Commission. An interim report is due on or before December 31, 2022, and a final report is due on or before December 31, 2023. *The Act is an emergency measure and shall take effect from the date that it is enacted or signed by the Governor.*

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HB112/SB230 - Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting did not pass.

SB77 Health Occupations Boards - Investigations - Right to Counsel did not pass.

SB111 Occupational Licenses or Certificates - Pre-Application Determinations - Criminal Convictions did not pass.

Standards of Practice –

No Report.

Media and Public Awareness –

No Report.

Dietetic Rehabilitation Committee -

No Report.

ITEM 3

The Maryland Department of Health experienced a network security incident on December 5, 2021. The Board's computers were affected. The Department requested that the Boards sign a Memorandum of Understanding prior to the Department reconnecting the boards to the network. The Board Members were provided a copy of the MOU. There are questions regarding IT staff and reconnection.

ITEM 4

Ms. Savage gave an update on Maryland.gov email addresses for Board Members. Maryland.gov email addresses were established for each Board Member. The Board will be transitioning to using the Maryland.gov email address.

ITEM 5

Approved for Licensure

Michala Vasold, RD	86098326	Laura Menefee, CNS	18197
Katherine Rogers, RD	86106596	Gaia Di Giacomo, RD	86061535
RoseEmma Metzler, RD	86109581	Jared Navarro, RD	86076572
Stephanie Lawthers, RD	713306	Tiffany Giles, RD	952455
Kaitlyn Wengryniuk, RD	86017635	Amanda Casteel, RD	86104674
Elizabeth Barnett-Boebel, RD	992326	Allison Wiseman, RD	976704
Leah Genack, RD	86210715	Megan Mincey, RD	86081884
Alannah Gore, RD	86083637	Arelis Torres, R642D	86000167

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Carolann O'Connor, RD	86326196	Kelly Rouse, RD	996160
Gail Swiney, RD	86013171	Steven Collins, RD	86014429
Jill Tharp, RD	86089511	Kathlene Hendon, RD	662642
Marsha Kentish, CNS	18340	Caitlin Knisley, RD	86177359
Tracey O'Neill, CNS	18411	Maria Aragon, RD	1008638
Reva Schlanger, RD	86146279	Amber Hamilton, RD	86031972
Tracey Shaffer, RD	805630	Genevieve Sanders, RD	86010354
Amy Kerner, CNS	17624	Maria Kyvernitis, RD	960103
Kirstin Roebuck, RD	86168737	Emily Simone, RD	86115811
Connelly Dakil, RD	86037963	Britta Heath, RD	86314362
Magdaline Kosztyo, RD	709935	Tija Lau, RD	86118350
Monique Smith, CNS	17976	Ruth Harper, RD	809439
Emily Lounsbury, RD	86092785	Daphene Altema-Johnson, RD	86099787

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 110. The meeting will be in person and virtual.

Adjournment

The open meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov., §3-305(b) (13) the Board Members present unanimously voted to close its meeting for the purpose of complying with Md. Code Ann, Health Occ. §1-401, which prevents public disclosures of the Board's proceedings, records, and files. The Board considered applications for licensure which contained confidential information regarding criminal history.


Rebecca J. Snow, LDN – Board Chair


Linda L. Paren, LDN - Board Secretary


Marie Savage - Administrator