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**Dietetics Nutrition Practice Council**

# Minutes

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Chair

**Carol Elliott, RDN, LDN, FAND**  
Vice Chair

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**February 02, 2023**

**09:30 a.m. EST**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Stephanie Petrosky, MHA,RD/LDN FAND, Chair  
Carol Elliott, RDN,LDN,FAND, Vice-Chair  
Kelly Jones, MS, MA,LDN,CNS  
Dr. Leslene Gordon, PhD, RD,LD/N  
Rebecca McKinnon

**STAFF PRESENT**

Diane Guillemette, Assistant Attorney General  
Allen Hall, Executive Director  
Leah Compagnone-Bolt, Regulatory Supervisor  
Brielle Clarke, Regulatory Specialist II-Team  
Lead  
Sydney Godwin, Regulatory Specialist II

**Call to Order – General Business Meeting**

Ms. Carol Elliott called the meeting to order at 09:31 a.m. ET. Ms. Leah Compagnone-Bolt conducted roll call.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

All members were present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tracilynn Hobson, American Nutrition Association

**To accommodate persons present at the meeting, agenda item sequence may have been adjusted. The minutes will reflect the actual sequence of events rather than the original agenda order.**

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**1. Debora Sibemberg Turik (Examination)**

Ms. Sibemberg Turik was present.

Ms. Debora Sibemberg Turik applied by Examination. She attended Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul in which she earned the U.S. equivalency of a bachelor's degree in nutrition from a regionally accredited institution. Ms. Sibemberg Turik was "required" to appear due to the 90-day requirement pursuant to F.S. 120.60. Ms. Sibemberg Turik provided a 900-hour form signed by Supervisor Alessandra Campani Pizzato which was completed from August 08, 2005 to December 20, 2006. The 900-hour form reflected a total of 260 clinical hours, 260 community hours and 260 hours in other areas, leaving a grand total of 780 hours. Ms. Sibemberg Turik requested to use additional experience in lieu of the additional 120 (General) hours.

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Following discussion, Dr. Stephanie Petrosky made a motion to approve Ms. Sibemberg Turik's application. Ms. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

## **2. Lisan Smith (Examination)**

Ms. Smith was present.

Ms. Lisan Smith applied by Examination. She attended the University of Technology, Jamaica in which she earned the U.S. equivalency of a bachelor's degree in nutrition from a regionally accredited institution. Ms. Smith waived the 90-day requirement pursuant to F.S. 120.60. Ms. Smith provided a 900-hour form signed by Supervisor Sandra Del Rosso. The 900-hour form reflected a total of 700 community hours from January 07, 2022, to June 10, 2022. Ms. Smith also provided a 900-hour form signed by Supervisor Nicole Burton. The 900-hour form signed by Burton reflected a total of 203 clinical hours from November 10, 2021, to April 20, 2022, leaving Ms. Smith with a grand total of 903 hours. Ms. Smith has two applications on file because she submitted an outdated application initially then followed up with the new updated application.

Following discussion, Ms. Carol Elliott made a motion to approve Ms. Smith's application. Dr. Stephanie Petrosky seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

## **3. Nicole Melo Mendieta (Examination)**

Dr. Melo Mendieta was present.

Dr. Nicole Melo Mendieta applied by Examination. She attended The Technological Institute of Santo Domingo in which she earned the U.S. equivalency of a Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition from a regionally accredited institution. Dr. Melo Mendieta also attended Ibero-American University where she earned the U.S. equivalency of a Doctor of Medicine from a regionally accredited institution. Dr. Melo Mendieta provided a 900-hour form signed by Supervisor Adois Aidalgo which was completed from July 12, 2021, to March 03, 2023. The 900-hour form reflected a total of 500 clinical hours, 100 community hours and 50 hours in other areas, leaving a grand total of 650 hours. We reached out to Dr. Melo Mendieta regarding the shortage of 250 hours, and she verbally requested to use additional experience in lieu of the additional 250 hours.

Following discussion, Dr. Stephanie Petrosky made a motion to approve Dr. Melo Mendieta's application. Ms. Carol Elliott seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

## **4. Andi Coffee (Examination w/ Waiver)**

Ms. Coffee was present.

Ms. Andi Coffee applied by Examination w/ Waiver. Ms. Coffee holds a current CNS certification. She attended Arizona State University in which she earned a bachelor's degree in Human Nutrition on December 18, 2003. Ms. Coffee later attended the University of Western States and earned a master's degree in Human Nutrition and Functional Medicine on June 21, 2019. Ms. Coffee submitted a 900-hour form completed by Supervisor Marcy Kirshenbaum. The supervised experience conducted from April 01, 2020 to April 15, 2021 records 250 hours in

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clinical nutrition, 250 hours in community nutrition and 605 hours in other areas totaling 1,105 hours. The supervisor totaled the hours incorrectly on the 900 Hour Form.

Following discussion, Ms. Kelly Jones made a motion to approve Ms. Coffee's application for licensure. Ms. Carol Elliott seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

#### **5. Lauren Hyden (Examination w/ Waiver)**

Ms. Hyden was present.

Ms. Lauren Hyden applied by Examination w/ Waiver. Ms. Hyden holds a current CNS certification. She attended the University College London in which she earned the U.S. equivalency of a master's degree in nutrition from a regionally accredited institution. Ms. Hyden submitted a 900-hour form completed by Supervisor Meg Bowman. The supervised experience conducted from October 2021 to December 2022 records 944 hours in clinical nutrition and 225 hours in community nutrition totaling 1,169 hours. The supervisor totaled the hours incorrectly on the 900 Hour Form indicating 1255 hours.

Following discussion, Dr. Stephanie Petrosky made a motion to approve Ms. Hyden's application for licensure. Ms. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

#### **8. Sarah Canfield (Endorsement of Another State License-Massachusetts)**

Ms. Canfield was not present.

Ms. Sarah Canfield applied by Endorsement of Another State License- Massachusetts. Ms. Canfield holds an active license in Massachusetts which expires December 29, 2024. Ms. Canfield supplied staff the laws and rules from Massachusetts for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, Ms. Carol Elliott made a motion to require Ms. Canfield at one of the next two meetings for concerns regarding the entirety of the Massachusetts law that was submitted. Precisely, they are requesting submission of additional documentation to clarify the exam that Massachusetts uses. Ms. Rebecca McKinnon seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

#### **11. Deborah Sobel (Endorsement of Another State License-Illinois)**

Ms. Sobel was present.

Ms. Deborah Sobel applied by Endorsement of Another State License-Illinois. Ms. Sobel holds an active license in Illinois which expires October 31, 2023. Ms. Sobel supplied staff the laws and rules from Illinois for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, the Council determined that the Illinois law is not substantially equivalent or more stringent than the Florida law and accepted Ms. Sobel's request to change her application method to Examination with Waiver of CNS on the record.

#### **6. Christina Brockett (Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland)**

Ms. Brockett was present.

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Ms. Christina Brockett applied by Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland. Ms. Brockett holds an active license in Maryland which expires October 31, 2024. Ms. Brockett supplied staff the laws and rules from Maryland for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, the Council determined that the Maryland law is not substantially equivalent or more stringent than the Florida law and accepted Ms. Brockett's request to change her application method to Examinaiton with Waiver of CNS on the record.

#### **9. Cara Sandell (Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland)**

Ms. Sandell was present.

Ms. Cara Sandell applied by Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland. Ms. Sandell holds an active license in Maryland which expires October 31, 2025. Ms. Sandell supplied staff the laws and rules from Maryland for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, the Council determined that the Maryland law is not substantially equivalent or more stringent than the Florida law and accepted Ms.Sandell's request to change her application method to Examinaiton with Waiver of CNS on the record.

#### **10. Lynn Killips (Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland)**

Ms. Killips was present.

Ms. Lynn Killips applied by Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland. Ms. Killips holds an active license in Maryland which expires October 31, 2025. Ms. Killips supplied staff the laws and rules from Maryland for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, the Council determined that the Maryland law is not substantially equivalent or more stringent than the Florida law and accepted Ms.Killips' request to change her application method to Examinaiton with Waiver of CNS on the record.

### **ADDENDUM**

#### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **26. Elana Bodner (Endorsement of Another State-Maryland)**

Ms. Bodner was present.

Ms. Elana Bodner applied by Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland. Ms. Bodner holds an active license in Maryland which expires October 31, 2023. Ms. Bodner supplied staff the laws and rules from Maryland for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, the Council determined that the Maryland law is not substantially equivalent or more stringent than the Florida law and accepted Ms. Bodner's request to change her application method to Examinaiton with Waiver of CNS on the record.

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## **7. Mandana LaGreca (Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland and North Carolina)**

Ms. LaGreca was not present.

Ms. Mandana LaGreca applied by Endorsement of Another State License-Maryland and North Carolina. Ms. LaGreca did not specify which license she wishes to endorse. Ms. LaGreca holds an active license in Maryland which expires October 31, 2023 and holds an active license in North Carolina which expires March 20, 2023. Ms. LaGreca supplied staff the laws and rules from both Maryland and North Carolina for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, Ms. Rebecca McKinnon made a motion to require Ms. LaGreca at one of the next two meetings for concerns regarding the Maryland and the North Carolina law that was submitted. They noted that she may wish to change her application method due to the states being endorsed not being substantially equivalent to that of the Florida law. Ms. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

### **APPLICANT RATIFICATION LISTS**

#### **12. List of Licensees Certified for Licensure by Endorsement of Registered Dietitian Status.**

Following the discussion, the Council took the following action.

Ms. Carol Elliott moved to approve the list of individuals licensed by endorsement based on their Registered Dietitian status with CDR, 184 in number, beginning with Dawn Gray and ending with Cronin Nottage. Ms. Kelly Jones seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. The full list of licensees are appended to these minutes. (Exhibit A)

### **RULES REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **13. Temporary Permit**

- Rule 64B8-42.003, F.A.C.

This tab was tabled to be discussed once again at the May 04, 2023 Dietetic and Nutrition Practice Council meeting.

### **RULE STATUS REPORT**

#### **14. Assistant Attorney General, Diane Guillemette**

- There are no new rules to report at this time.

### **REPORTS, IF ANY**

#### **15. Council Chair, Stephanie Petrosky, D.C.N., MHA, RD/LDN, FAND**

This was informational discussion.

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**16. Executive Director, Allen Hall**

- Expenditures by Function Report
- Cash Balance Report
- Annual Long-Range Planning Meeting Materials

This was an informational item.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**17. 2023 Delegations of Authority**

Following discussion, Dr. Stephanie Petrosky made a motion to approve the 2023 Delegations of Authority . Ms. Carol Elliott seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

**18. 2023 Conviction Record Guidelines**

Following discussion, Dr. Leslene Gordon made a motion to approve the 2023 Conviction Record Guidelines. Ms. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

**19. 2023 Officer Elections**

**2023 Election of Officers and Assignment of Liaisons**

Position	Current Assignments	New Assignments
<b>Board Chair</b>	Dr. Stephanie Petrosky	Carol Elliott
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Carol Elliott	Dr. Leslene Gordon
<b>Legislative Liaison</b>	Kelly Jones	Kelly Jones
<b>Budget Liaison</b>	Stephanie Petrosky	Carol Elliott
<b>Unlicensed Activity Liaison</b>	Dr. Leslene Gordon	Dr. Stephanie Petrosky

Members are encouraged to consider the positions for which they would like to volunteer. A general discussion will be held so the members can come to a consensus on who will serve in what capacity. Following discussion, a single vote can be held to formalize the selections.

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**MOTION:** After Discussion, Ms. Carol Elliott made a motion to approve the 2023 Officer Elections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rebecca McKinnon and carried 5/0.

**20.** Proposed 2024 Meeting Dates

**MOTION:** After Discussion, Ms. Kelly Jones made a motion to approve the 2024 Meeting Dates.. The motion was seconded by Dr. Leslene Gordon and carried 5/0.

**21.** Financial Reports

**OLD BUSINESS**

**22.** Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Council Minutes

- November 03, 2022, General Business Meeting

**MOTION:** After Discussion, Dr. Leslene Gordon made a motion to approve the November 03, 2022 General Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carol Elliott and carried 5/0.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION**

**23.** Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Monthly Report

This was just an informational item.

**24.** Electronic Licensing

This was just an informational item.

**ADDENDUM**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**25.** Upcoming Anticipated Professional Member Vacancy

This was just an informational item.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION**

**27.** Guide for Endorsement of Other State License

This was just an informational item.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m. ET