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**DRAFT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE COUNCIL
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
November 14, 2024**

09:30 a.m. EST

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carol Elliott, RDN, LDN, FAND, Chair
Dr. Claudia Rivero, Vice-Chair
Kelly Jones, MS, MA, LDN, CNS
Janet S. McKee, MS, RDN, CSG, LD/N, DAPWCA
Rebecca McKinnon

Assistant Attorney General

Kara Aikens, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT

Allen Hall, Executive Director
Brielle Clark, Regulatory Supervisor

Call to Order – General Business Meeting

Carol Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:33 am ET. Brielle Clark conducted roll call.

OTHERS PRESENT

Paula Moon, Amy Klinekole, Donna Greenwood, Joseph Quinlan, and Meg Bowman

1. Council Member Inquiry and Requests

The senior Budget Analyst, Paula Moon, made a presentation to the Council to address questions posed by Janet McKee.

Following the discussions, Janet McKee made a motion to propose an in-person council meeting once a year. The motion was seconded by Rebecca McKinnon and carried 3/2 with Carol Elliott and Kelly Jones voting against the majority. Janet McKee then made a motion to propose a Dietitian/Nutritionist council member liaison for the Board of Medicine. The motion was seconded by Rebecca McKinnon and carried 3/2 with Carol Elliott and Kelly Jones voting against the majority.

2. Licensure by MOBILE Endorsement Discussion

Following the discussion, Kelly Jones made a motion to recognize Certified Nutrition Specialist (CNS) and Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition (DACBN) Certifications for the purpose of licensure under 456.0145, F.S. The motion was seconded by Carol Elliot, which carried 5/0.

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

3. Tiffany Flaten (MOBILE Endorsement)

Ms. Tiffany Flaten was present.

Ms. Flaten applied for a MOBILE Endorsement. She holds a Minnesota license issued on February 9, 2015, which expires on November 30, 2025. This meets the requirement of having at least three years of active practice within the four-year period immediately preceding the submission of her application. Additionally, she provided staff with a current CNS certificate for the council's review to determine if it meets the necessary criteria for national licensure examinations or a national certification recognized by the council/board.

Following discussion, Kelly Jones made a motion to approve Ms. Tiffany Flaten's application. Dr. Claudia Rivero seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

4. Paulina Cornejo Retamales (Examination with Temporary Permit-Spanish Interpreter)

Ms. Paulina Cornejo Retamales was present.

Ms. Cornejo Retamales applied by Examination with Temporary Permit. Ms. Cornejo Retamales obtained her education in Chile and submitted a course-by-course evaluation that reflects Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition from a regionally accredited educational institution in the United States. At the August 1, 2024, meeting, Ms. Retamales waived the requirement for the Council to act upon a complete application within 90-days. The council required her to appear at one of the next two meeting to supply documentation of her supervisor's licensure. She has since provided the requested documentation. Ms. Cornejo Retamales submitted a 900-hour form that records 720 hours in clinical nutrition, 480 hours in community nutrition and 240 in all other areas- totaling in 1,440 hours.

Following discussion, Carol Elliot made a motion to approve Ms. Paulina Cornejo Retamales's application. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

5. Julia Alves Chiconelli Sampaio (Initial Examination)

Ms. Julia Alves Chiconelli Sampaio was present.

Ms. Alves applied for licensure by examination. She obtained her education from the School of Medical Sciences at Santa Casa de São Paulo, Brazil. Ms. Alves submitted a course-by-course evaluation indicating that her educational background is equivalent to a bachelor's degree in nutrition in the United States. During the council meeting on August 1, 2024, Ms. Alves was requested to provide documentation verifying her supervisor's licensure. At the August 1, 2024, meeting, Ms. Alves waived the requirement for the Council to act upon a complete application within 90-days. She has since submitted the necessary documentation. Additionally, Ms. Alves presented a 900-hour internship form detailing 300 hours in clinical nutrition, 200 hours in community nutrition, and 500 hours in other areas, totaling 1,000 hours.

Following discussion, Kelly Jones made a motion to approve Ms. Julia Alves Chiconelli Sampaio's application. Carol Elliot seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

6. Noris Cervantes Mavo (Initial Examination)

Ms. Noris Cervantes Mavo was present.

Ms. Cervantes Mavo applied by Examination. Ms. Cervantes Mavo received her education in Venezuela and submitted a course-by-course evaluation that reflects the equivalence of a

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Ms. Cervantes Mavo submitted a 900-hour form that records over 1,020 hours in clinical nutrition, 2,340 hours in community nutrition and 160 in all other areas- totaling in over 3,520 hours.

Following discussion, Dr. Claudia Rivero made a motion to approve Ms. Noris Cervantes Mavo application. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

7. Aaron Noell Barnett (Initial Examination)

Mr. Aaron Noell Barnett was present.

Mr. Barnett applied by Examination. Mr. Barnett obtained his education at Liberty University, a master's degree in nutrition. Mr. Barnett submitted a 900-hour form that records 450 hours in clinical nutrition, 350 hours in community nutrition and 100 in all other areas- totaling in 900 hours.

Following discussion, Carol Elliot made a motion to approve Mr. Aaron Noell Barnett's application. Rebecca McKinnon seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

8. Cynthia Gomes Lourenco Milach (Initial Examination)

Ms. Cynthia Gomes Lourenco Milach was present.

Ms. Gomez Lourenco Milach applied by examination. She received her education in Brazil and submitted a course-by-course evaluation that reflects the equivalence of a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Ms. Gomez Lourenco Milach submitted a 900-hour form that records over 240 hours in clinical nutrition, 240 hours in community nutrition, and 240 hours in all other areas, totaling over 720 hours. Additionally, she has requested to use her experience in lieu of the remaining hours.

Following the discussion, Ms. Cynthia Gomes Lourenco Milach waived the 90-day action requirement pursuant to Chapter 120.60, F.S., Dr. Claudia Rivero made a motion to request additional documentation for Ms. Milach's application. Specifically, they are requesting the submission of additional documentation to clarify her pre-professional experience, including a completed 900-Hour Form with a supervisor's signature, as well as the supervisor's license verification. Janet McKee seconded the motion, which passed 5/0.

9. Michelle Marie Alvear (Examination w/ Waiver)

Ms. Michelle Marie Alvear was present.

Ms. Alvear applied by Examination w/ Waiver. Ms. Alvear holds a current CNS certification. Ms. Alvear obtained her education at the San Francisco University of Quito in Ecuador. Ms. Alvear submitted a course-by-course evaluation that reflects a US equivalency of a bachelor's degree in Human Nutrition. Ms. Alvear completed 741.25 hours in clinical nutrition and 318 hours in community nutrition. Totaling in 1,059.25 hours.

Following discussion, Kelly Jones made a motion to approve Ms. Michelle Marie Alvear's application. Carol Elliot seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

10. Alyson Roux (Examination w/ Waiver)

Ms. Alyson Roux was present.

Ms. Roux applied by Examination w/ Waiver. Ms. Roux holds a current CNS certification. She attended the Maryland University of Integrative Health of in which she earned a master's degree in Nutrition and Integrative Health. Ms. Roux completed 1374.5 hours in Clinical Nutrition and 216.5 hours in community nutrition and 30.25 in all other areas. Totaling in 1,621.25 hours.

Following discussion, Carol Elliot made a motion to approve Ms. Alyson Roux 's application. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

11. Mariela Fierro (Endorsement of Another State-Texas)

Ms. Mariela Fierro was present.

Ms. Fierro applied by Endorsement of Another State License - Texas. Ms. Fierro holds an active Texas license in which expires 10/02/2026. Ms. Fierro supplied staff the laws and rules from Texas for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, Mariela Fierro withdrew her application.

12. Jenna Polk (Endorsement of Another State- Maryland)

Ms. Jenna Polk was present.

Ms. Polk applied by Endorsement of Another State License - Maryland. Ms. Polk holds an active Maryland license in which expires 10/31/2025. Ms. Polk supplied staff the laws and rules from Maryland for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, Jenna Polk withdrew her application.

13. Rasha Khaffagi (Endorsement of Another State- Texas & Maryland)

Ms. Rasha Khaffagi was not present.

Ms. Khaffagi applied by Endorsement of Another State License – Texas and Maryland. Ms. Khaffagi holds an active Texas license in which expires 07/07/2026 and Maryland license in which expires 10/31/2025. Ms. Khaffagi supplied the laws and rules from Texas and Maryland for law-to-law comparison.

Following discussion, Carol Elliot made a motion to require Ms. Rasha Khaffagi's appearance at one of the next two regularly scheduled meetings. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

14. Katherine Middleton (Endorsement of Registered Dietitian Status)

Ms. Katherine Middleton was not present.

Ms. Middleton applied for Endorsement of Registered Dietitian Status. It is noted that she has a history of disciplinary actions. Additionally, she has provided her licenses for the state of Oklahoma, along with a letter of termination detailing the circumstances of her departure and a job description evaluation from Living Hope Eating Disorder Treatment Center.

Following discussion, Dr. Claudia Rivero made a motion to require Ms. Katherine Middleton's appearance at the next regularly scheduled meeting, January 30th, 2025. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

APPLICANT RATIFICATION LISTS

15. List of Applicants Approved to Sit for the Examination and Licensure Upon Passage

Following the discussion, the Council took the following action.

Carol Elliot moved to approve the list of individuals approved to sit for examination, 33 in number, beginning with Jilisa Levak and ending with Skylar Mercer. Kelly Jones seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. The full list of licensees are appended to these minutes. (Exhibit A)

16. List of Licensees Approved for Licensure by Endorsement of Registered Dietitian Status

Following the discussion, the Council took the following action.

Carol Elliot moved to approve the list of individuals licensed by endorsement based on their Registered Dietitian status with CDR, 319 in number, beginning with Paige Hartnett and ending with Torree Knapp. Kelly Jones seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. The full list of licensees are appended to these minutes. (Exhibit B)

17. List of Licensees Approved for Licensure by MOBILE Universal Endorsement

Following the discussion, the Council took the following action.

Carol Elliot moved to approve the list of individuals licensed by MOBILE Universal Endorsement, 3 in number, beginning with Michelle Pillepich and ending with Emily Roebuck. Dr. Claudia Rivero seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. The full list of licensees are appended to these minutes. (Exhibit C)

18. List of Licensees Approved for Licensure by Examination of Registered Dietitian Status

Following the discussion, the Council took the following action.

Carol Elliot moved to approve the list of individuals licensed through Examination of Registered Dietitian Status Licensure Status, 3 in number, beginning with Kristin Marco and ending with Skylar Mercer. Kelly Jones seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. The full list of licensees are appended to these minutes. (Exhibit D)

19. List of Licensees Certified for Licensure through Telehealth Licensure Status

Following the discussion, the Council took the following action.

Carol Elliot moved to approve the list of individuals licensed through Telehealth Licensure Status, 61 in number, beginning with Christine Babey and ending with Jacquelin Tien. Kelly Jones seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. The full list of licensees are appended to these minutes. (Exhibit E)

RULE STATUS REPORT

20. Assistant Attorney General, Kara Aikens

- October Rule Status Report

NEW BUSINESS

21. Letters from Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

22. Processing CDR Holders Under the Examination Application

Following the discussion, Carol Elliot made a motion to specify that individuals holding the CDR credential have demonstrated the required educational and supervision requirements for the licensure by examination application method. The motion was seconded by Rebecca McKinnon, which carried 5/0.

23. Applications for Council Member Vacancy

- **Ms. Lauri Ysseldyke Wright**
- **Ms. Dona Greenwood**
- **Mr. Joesph Quinlan**
- **Ms. Annie Lin**
- **Ms. Carla Savinon**
- **Dr. Deborah Hutchinson**
- **Dr. Tania Rivera**
- **Ms. Katherine Elizabeth Kiviat**
- **Ms. Nikki Hawthorne**
- **Ms. Megan Reynolds**
- **Ms. Natalie Castro**

After Discussion, Dr. Claudia Rivero made the motion to recommend the applications in the listed order for the first four candidates. The Board of Medicine will review the applications at the December 5th and 6th, 2024 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Rebecca McKinnon and carried 4/1 with Kelly Jones voting against the majority.

REPORTS, IF ANY

24. Council Chair, Carol Elliott, RDN, LDN, FAND

25. Executive Director, Allen Hall

- Expenditures by Function Report

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- Cash Balance Report
 - Agenda 2.0 Deployment

OLD BUSINESS

26. Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Council Minutes

- August 01, 2024, General Business Meeting

MOTION: After Discussion, Dr. Claudia Rivero made a motion to approve the August 01, 2024 General Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Carol Elliot and carried 5/0.

ADDENDUM

9. Daniela Lara (Initial Examination)

Ms. Daniela Lara was present.

Ms. Lara applied by examination. She received her education in Spain and submitted a course-by-course evaluation that reflects the equivalence of a Bachelor and Master of Science in Food Nutrition and Metabolism from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Ms. Lara submitted a 900-hour form that records over 528 hours in clinical nutrition, 600 hours in community nutrition, and 480 hours in all other areas, totaling 1608 over hours.

Following discussion, Dr. Claudia Rivero made a motion to approve Ms. Daniela Lara's application. Kelly Jones seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13pm E.T.