

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)**  
**South Carolina Panel for Dietetics**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 17, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

**PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Karen G. Schwartz, MS, RD, Chair  
Rona B. Ewart, MEd, RD, Vice Chair  
Edna Cox Rice, RD  
Judy H. Thomas, RD  
Michael C. Greene, Esquire

**PANEL MEMBER ABSENT:**

Rebecca G. Wrenn, RD

**VACANT POSITIONS:**

Professional Member (One)

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Donnell Jennings, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel  
Angie M. Combs, Administrator

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tina F. Behles, Certified Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC  
Charlotte Caperton-Kilburn, President, South Carolina Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
Ann Childers, South Carolina Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
Donald Wood, Executive Director, South Carolina Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics office and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

**CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Panel Chair Karen Schwartz.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A **motion** was made by Ms. Rice to accept the order of the April 17, 2015 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ewart and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF ABSENT PANEL MEMBER(S):** A **motion** was made by Ms. Ewart to approve the absence of Rebecca Wren. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A **motion** was made by Ms. Ewart to accept the September 12, 2014 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and carried unanimously.

**REPORTS / INFORMATION**

**Administrative Information** - Information was provided by Ms. Combs concerning the following topics:

- Licensee Total Report – there are 1083 currently licensed dietitians; 195 are out of state.
- Licensure Renewal – 329 have renewed.

- Office Of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report - Ms. Althea Myers, Chief Investigator, provided the OIE Report for Ms. Combs to present. The Panel accepted this report as information.
- Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report – no cases to report.
- Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – no cases to report.
- Financial Report – presented as information.

**Advice Counsel Review** – Mr. Jennings presented to the Panel LLR’s Media Policy as information only.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Continuing Education (CE) Requirements for Renewal – Ms. Ewart and Ms. Rice:** A **motion** was made by Ms. Thomas to adopt the recommendations of the subcommittee and to authorize Mr. Jennings, Advice Counsel, to work with Holly Beeson, LLR Attorney, to draft the language change for Regulation 40-8. Ms. Ewart and Ms. Rice will develop talking points explaining the need for the change and how this language accomplishes the change. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thomas and carried unanimously. Ms. Schwartz thanked Ms. Ewart and Ms. Rice for working on modifying the language that explains the CE requirements for renewal.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Review Proposed Writing Nutritional Protocols:** Discussion ensued. The Panel was advised to refrain from reviewing or approving any clinical policies and procedures; this task is outside of the purview of the Panel.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Caperton-Kilburn asked the Panel to support the South Carolina Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics’ request for a change in South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Regulation 61-16, Section 1505 that deals with diets, to comply with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in its diet orders. A **motion** was made by Ms. Rice for the Panel to support the Academy’s request that DHEC makes a change to Regulation 61-16, Section 1505 to comport with CMS’s recent ruling on therapeutic diet orders and this support can be stated when communicating with DHEC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thomas and carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Mr. Greene to designate Ms. Ewart to represent the Panel in any communications directly with DHEC or to meet with DHEC during the time period when the Panel cannot meet. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and carried unanimously.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Future Meeting Date** – September 18, 2015.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Ewart to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

*These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Panel and a summary of the meeting provided by Angie M. Combs, Administrator. Minutes are presented to the Panel for final approval.*