

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)**  
**South Carolina Panel for Dietetics**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2014 at 10:30 A.M.**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105**  
**Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

**PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rona B. Ewart, MEd, RD, Chair  
Nancy R. Taylor, MS, RD, Vice Chair  
Phyllis A. Allen, MPH, RD  
Karen G. Schwartz, MS, RD

**VACANT POSITIONS:**

Professional Member (Two)  
Public Member (One)

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Sara McCartha, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel  
Angie M. Combs, Administrator  
For IRC Report:  
Althea B. Myers, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Byron Ray, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tina Behles, Certified Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC  
Carol Bell, Intern, Winthrop University  
Sarah Boyd, Intern, Winthrop University

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 10:38 a.m. by Panel Chair Rona Ewart.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A **motion** was made by Ms. Allen to accept the order of the February 7, 2013 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schwartz and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A **motion** was made by Ms. Taylor to accept the August 23, 2013 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

**OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT:** The Panel reviewed the OIE Statistics Report provided by Ms. Althea Myers, Chief Investigator. The Panel accepted this report as information.

**INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT:** The IRC Report was provided to the Panel. It was recommended to dismiss Case #2013-2. A **motion** made by Ms. Taylor to accept the recommendations to dismiss Case #2013-2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS / INFORMATION**

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

- Licensee Total Report – there are 933 currently licensed dietitians; 806 reside in South Carolina.
- 2013 Continuing Education Audit Results – all licensees selected where in compliance with the CE requirement to maintain a license in South Carolina.
- Office of General Counsel Report – no cases to report.
- Financial Report – presented as information.
- Statement of Economic Interests – the Panel was reminded of the new March 30th due date.
- Board Member Manual – a link to access Manual will be sent to the Panel members.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed Chapter 10: Fee Placement Options:** Ms. McCartha reviewed options that are before the Panel concerning fee placement. A **motion** was made by Ms. Schwartz for the Panel to adopt that fees will appear in Chapter 10 with a reference in our regulation to Chapter 10 and that they will also be found on LLR's website. The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

**Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) Credentialing Update:** A credentialing update letter was received from CDR. The following topics were reviewed and accepted as information by the Panel: Pearson VUE to be entry-level registration administrator, entry-level registration eligibility requirements update, transition to practice competencies, and Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).

**Nominations and Election of Officers:** Ms. Ewart nominated Ms. Taylor for election as Chair of the Panel. All agreed to Ms. Taylor's nomination. Voting commenced; all members voted in favor of Ms. Taylor being the Panel's next Chair. Ms. Allen nominated Ms. Schwartz for election for Vice Chair of the Panel. All agreed to Ms. Schwartz's nomination. Voting commenced; all members voted in favor of Ms. Schwartz being the Panel's next Vice Chair.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Introductions were made of interns from Winthrop University, Carol Bell and Sarah Boyd.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Future Meeting Date** – September 12, 2014.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 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.*