

Texas State Board of Examiners of Dietitians  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 2, 2002

**Agenda Item 1. (Call to Order)**

Patricia Krug, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

**Agenda Item 2. (Roll Call)**

Board members present: Lucy Flores, Patricia Krug, Ralph McGahagin, Amy Scott, Gene Wisakowsky, Linde Gibson and Betty Blakely.

A motion was made and approved to accept the resignation of Richard Roman.

Staff Present: Donna Flippin, Executive Secretary; Karen Dlouhy, Administrative Assistant; and David Richards, Board Counsel.

**Agenda Item 3. (Guests)**

Jim Zukowski, Division Director for Professional Licensing and Certification was introduced.

**Agenda Item 4. (Minutes)**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2002, meeting with corrections.

**Agenda Item 5. (Chairman's Report)**

Ms. Krug deferred the chairman's report to Jim Zukowski, Division Director, who will cover the Bomer report.

**Agenda Item 6. (Executive Secretary's Report)**

Ms. Flippin reported that as of January 22, 2002, there were 3, 287 licensed dietitians and 16 provisionally licensed dietitians.

Ms. Flippin reported that staff is improving the appearance of the dietitian web page. A photograph of the board members will be posted on the website. The spring newsletter, The Menu, will also be posted on the webpage.

Ms. Flippin was contacted by a reporter from the Fort Worth Star Telegram to discuss the difference between a licensed dietitian and a nutritionist. The article appeared in the newspaper on January 13 or 14.

Ms. Flippin asked for a motion for ratification of applications approved by the executive secretary as shown on the list of approved applicants. A motion was made, seconded and the applications were ratified. The approved list is attached.

Ms. Flippin gave a report on bills from the 2001 session of the Texas Legislature. All of the boards and programs attached to the Professional Licensing and Certification Division are impacted by these changes to Texas Law. The list of bills is attached to the board minutes.

Ms. Flippin gave a brief report on her attendance at the CLEAR conference.

Ms. Flippin introduced a draft of the newsletter, The Menu, and discussed the articles with the board.

**Agenda Item 7. ( Division Director's Report/Update)**

Jim Zukowski, Division Director for Professional Licensing and Certification discussed the Business Practices Evaluation, a report by Elton Bomer.

The chairman skipped to agenda item 9.

**Agenda Item 9. (Complaint Committee)**

Lucy Flores, chairman, reported that complaint DT 01-002 substantiated a violation of Board rule §711.3(d)(1)(N) and & 711.3(d)(2)(D). The committee recommended that a notice of violation letter (NOV) be sent to the licensee proposing a probated suspension for one year. This would include completion of 15 hours of continuing education to include hours in renal, nutritional assessment, geriatric nutrition and ethics. Also, quarterly reports would have to be submitted to the board office. Letters will be sent to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) and the licensee's employer informing them of the disciplinary action taken.

Complaint DT 01-003 substantiated the same rule violations; however, because the license had lapsed and the licensee had moved to another state, it was determined that the dietitian was no longer under the board's jurisdiction. Letters will be sent to the American Dietetic Association, CDR and the State of Maryland advising them of the rule violations.

**Agenda Item 13. (Setting of Next Meeting Date)**

The next meeting was set for August 2, 2002, in Austin, Texas.

The chairman referred back to agenda item 7.

Mr. Zukowski reported the expenditure/budget report had not been completed at the time of the meeting because of the problems with the conversion of the new Peoplesoft software.

**Agenda Item 8. (Board policies, 01-001, 01-002 and 01-003 )**

The Licensed Dietitian Act requires that the board set out policies for program accessibility, public participation in meetings and division of responsibility. A motion was made and seconded to approve the three policies with corrections.

**Agenda Item 10. (Preplanned Professional Experience Program for Applicants)**

There were no applicants.

**Agenda Item 11. (Texas Dietetic Association Conference)**

Board staff and Gene Wisakowsky will represent the board in April at the exhibit in Dallas, Texas.

**Agenda Item 12. (CLEAR)**

Ralph McGagahin gave a brief report on his attendance at the CLEAR conference.

**Agenda Item 13. (Strategic Planning Issues and Networking)**

The board discussed strategy to get more dietitians interested in the board's preplanned experience program. A suggestion was made to have the men on the board become more visible at universities and colleges to promote the licensing of dietitians and the preplanned experience program to the male population. Another recommendation was to send letters to universities advising the dietetic programs that the Board is available to speak to the dietetic students. Also, board members should work with the Texas Dietetic Association regarding concerns for a practice act.

**Agenda Item 14. (Public Comment)**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Patricia Mayers Krug, Chairman

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Donna Flippin, Executive Secretary

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