

**Idaho State Board of Medicine
Dietetic Licensure Board
November 1, 2021 – 9:00 AM
Minutes**

Suzanne Linja, LD, Garden City called the Dietetic Licensure Board (DT Board) to order at 9:11 a.m. via Zoom. DT Board members in attendance were Katie Miner, LD, Troy, and Carol Fellows Kirkpatrick, Ph.D., LD, Pocatello.

Board staff in attendance included: Nicki Chopski, Executive Director; Medical Investigators Frutoso Gonzales, Deb Mitchell, Helen Kuo, and Jason Weaver; Claudia Lawson, Licensing Specialist; Felicia Kruck, Management Assistant; Matthew Post, Investigations Specialist Assistant; and Stephanie Lotridge

Guests included Barbara Herbel, Consumer Protection Coordinator, Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and Jennifer Schaffer, Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

The DT Board acted to approve the Consent Agenda (Miner/Unanimous).

Executive Officer Chopski provided an update regarding the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL). Staff was introduced and then Executive Officer Chopski discussed Chinden campus construction and anticipated move of Board staff no later than July 2022; changes with the financial team; Health Professions Section staffing including board support and investigations team; Division-wide changes including improving customer service for all licensees and new licensing system. Executive Officer Chopski also discussed the new agency bill for expungement for the 2022 session and the planned discipline bill for the 2023 session. Chair Linja requested an updated org chart for DT Board members. Executive Officer Chopski discussed Org Charts 1 and 2 which can be found on the DOPL website under “About DOPL”. Org Chart 3 is not finalized. It should be posted upon completion. Executive Officer Chopski discussed board meetings across the Health Professions Section. DT Board members are happy to work with Board staff regarding meetings.

Barbara Herbel provided an update regarding the Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Barbara will step down this year. Jennifer Schaffer will take over Barbara’s role. The Academy is working on getting more reimbursable services for dietitians. Reimbursement is very limited right now. Through the Medical Nutrition Therapy Act, the Academy is seeking to have a bipartisan standalone breastfeeding bill passed. The Academy is continuing to supply members with resources due to COVID-19. They are calling for a press conference on food nutrition, hunger, and health.

DT Board members received an email with concerns about the licensure process for dietitians in Idaho. DT Board members would like the process for licensure by endorsement to become easier. They discussed the difficulties and inefficiency of obtaining education verification. Streamlining the process would assist in getting educators to obtain an Idaho license. There is currently a 9-page application for endorsement.

Katie Miner is leaving the DT Board at the end of the year. The Board of Medicine will review candidates to replace Ms. Miner at its November meeting.

The DT Board’s next meeting will be on the morning of April 4, 2022.

Chair Linja adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. (Miner/Unanimous).