

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bureau of Health Professions Licensure
Board of Registration of Dietitians and Nutritionists**

Public Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2025

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Dietitians and Nutritionists (the Board) was held remotely with video and audio conference as an alternate means of public access.

Ms. Guglietta stated that the meeting was being recorded.

Valerie Machinist, Chair, noted a quorum of members present via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Valerie Machinist, Chair
Elizabeth Natale
Stella Uzogara
Theresa Moutafis
Wendy Ng
Mitali Bixby
Sylvia Passley-Harris

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director
Katie Goldrick, Board Associate Executive Director
Sheila York, Esq., Board Counsel
Emily Yslas, Esq., Board Counsel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pranita Amarasinghe

ATTENDANCE:

Valerie Machinist took attendance by roll call and a quorum of board members was recorded with the following members present via video conference: *Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Thereafter a motion was made by Theresa Moutafis, seconded by Sylvia Passley-Harris, and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the June 6, 2025 agenda as drafted.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The Board discussed the draft public meeting minutes of 3/7/2025.

Thereafter a motion was made by Valerie Machinist, seconded by Elizabeth Natale, and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the March 7, 2025 Public Meeting minutes as drafted.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Executive Director reported that the Public Member 2 seat on the Board is open.

Ms. Guglietta also reported that since the last meeting the Board Chair, Valerie Machinist, approved nine license reactivation applications via delegated authority.

UPDATE FROM MAND (MA ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS)

Christine Weithman, RDN, LDN, Consumer Protection Coordinator for MAND, provided the following update:

Dietitian Licensure Compact Update

Twelve (12) states have passed the compact. Fall 2025 is the timeline to start the governing rules process.

MA Telehealth Bill Update

A hearing was held on April 29, 2025. There is no update.

Modernization of Licensure Bill Update

Nine (9) bills have been filed nationally. New York, Oregon, and Massachusetts have bills working their way through the legislative process. The MA Modernization of Licensure Bill was referred to the Public Health Committee. Lobbyists reached out to the Department of Public Health/Bureau of Health Professions Licensure to discuss licensure statute modernization and licensure compact.

DISCUSSION

The Executive Director informed the Board about the *Bureau Staff Action Policy 17-01 Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue License Actions*. The Board's adoption of the policy authorizes the Executive Director to act on the Board's behalf as specified in the policy, with the assistance of Bureau staff. An applicant must have a social security number in order to be issued a license. A foreign applicant who is not physically present in the United States at the time of applying for licensure may submit an affidavit in lieu of a social security number. A license may not be renewed unless the licensee has provided his or her social security number. Thereafter a motion was made by Stella Uzogara, seconded by Mitali Bixby, and VOTED (roll call); **to accept the Bureau Staff Action Policy 17-01 Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue License Actions.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

EXAM APPLICATION REVIEW

Ana Francele Piatti Zanineli Berbel - LDNNE101417

The Board reviewed and discussed the application. The applicant's work experience and education were approved. Thereafter a motion was made by Elizabeth Natale, seconded by Mitali Bixby, and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the applicant to move forward in the licensing process and take the exam.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

Andrea Whalen - LDNNE101256

The Board reviewed and discussed the application. The applicant's work experience and education were approved. Thereafter a motion was made by Wendy Ng, seconded by Stella Uzogara, and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the applicant to move forward in the licensing process and take the exam.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

Carmenmari Zaballa Lasso - LDNNE101499

The Board reviewed and discussed the application. The applicant's work experience and education were approved. Thereafter a motion was made by Stella Uzogara, seconded by Elizabeth Natale, and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the applicant to move forward in the licensing process and take the exam.**

in-favor: Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby

opposed: none

abstained: Passley-Harris

recused: Machinist

REACTIVATION APPLICATION REVIEW

Jeanne Whynot LDN2380 - LDNRA100071

The applicant's license expired on 12/15/2013 and 180 CEUs were required for reactivation. The Board discussed the application and reviewed the CEUs submitted. Thereafter a motion was made by Stella Uzogara, seconded by Elizabeth Natale, and VOTED (roll call); **to accept 70 of the CEUs submitted.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

Lisa Faucon LDN2605 - LDNRA100074

The applicant's license expired on 1/1/2010 and 240 CEUs were required for reactivation. The Board discussed the application and reviewed the CEUs submitted. Thereafter a motion was made by Elizabeth Natale, seconded by Mitali Bixby, and VOTED (roll call); **to accept 175 of the CEUs submitted.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Moutafis, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

At 10:57 a.m. Board member Theresa Moutafis left the meeting.

Heather Healy LDN2586 - LDNRA100073

The applicant's license expired on 8/23/2009 and 240 CEUs were required for reactivation. The Board discussed the application and reviewed the CEUs submitted. Thereafter a motion was made by Sylvia Passley-Harris, seconded by Mitali Bixby, and VOTED (roll call); **to accept 62 of the CEUs submitted.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m. a motion was made by Stella Uzogara, seconded by Elizabeth Natale, and VOTED (roll call); **to end the public meeting.**

in-favor: Machinist, Natale, Uzogara, Ng, Bixby, Passley-Harris

opposed: none

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Guglietta, Executive Director
Board of Registration of Dietitians and Nutritionists

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- Posted agenda June 6, 2025
- Draft public meeting minutes of March 7, 2025
- Bureau Staff Action Policy 17-01 Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue License Actions
- Exam applications LDNNE101417, LDNNE101256, LDNNE101499
- Reactivation Applications LDNRA100071, LDNRA100074, LDNRA100073