

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

Public Meeting Minutes

September 5, 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 9:21 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Valerie Machinist, Chair
Mitali Bixby
Theresa Moutafis
Sylvia Passley-Harris
Stella Uzogara

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director
Katie Goldrick, Board Associate Executive Director
Sheila York, Esq., Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigations Supervisor
Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Natale
Wendy Ng

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, Uzogara, Moutafis, 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 Mitali Bixby, and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the**

September 5, 2025 agenda as drafted.

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

opposed: none

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The Board discussed the draft public meeting minutes of 6/6/2025.

Thereafter a motion was made by Stella Uzogara, seconded by Sylvia Passley-Harris, and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the June 6, 2025 Public Meeting minutes as drafted.**

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

opposed: none

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Executive Director reported that two Public Member seats are open on the Board.

Ms. Guglietta also reported that since the last meeting the Board Chair, Valerie Machinist, reviewed five license reactivation applications via delegated authority. Two applications were approved, and three applications still have outstanding continuing educations requirements.

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

Fifteen (15) states have passed the compact with Wisconsin being the most recent state. The Academy is working with other state dietetic associations to adopt the compact legislation for 2026.

MA Legislation Update

Regarding the Telehealth bill, the House version of the bill was voted to move to the Healthcare Financing Committee.

There has been no movement for the Modernization of Licensure bill since the committee hearing. MAND leadership continues to meet with their lobbyist.

REACTIVATION APPLICATION REVIEW

LDNRA100084 - Tess Washburn LDN4515

The applicant's license expired on 5/19/2022 and 60 CEUs were required for reactivation. The Board discussed the application and reviewed the CEUs submitted. The Board wanted more information on an activity which was approved by CDR for 37 CPE units. The Board accepted 41 CEUs total from the applicant's CDR log. The Board considered the applicant's credits from her master's degree in food studies. The Board wanted more information from the applicant on how the courses meet the continuing education regulations.

Due to technical difficulties, board member Sylvia Passley-Harris was no longer in the meeting. The Board was unable to take a vote prior to losing quorum at 9:58 when board member Theresa Moutafis left the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- Posted agenda September 5, 2025
- Draft public meeting minutes of June 6, 2025
- Reactivation Application LDNRA100084