

# **BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE**

Progress and Financial Overview for 2024-2025

Pursuant to Health Occupations §5-205(b)(3)

**September 2025**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

The Board of Dietetic Practice functions under the Maryland Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists Act, Health Occupations Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland. The State Board of Dietetic Practice (the "Board") is the licensing authority of dietitians - nutritionists in the State of Maryland. The Board is mandated to regulate the practice of dietetics in Maryland by licensing qualified dietitian-nutritionists, establishing fees, maintaining a current roster of all licensees, promulgating regulations for the practice of dietetics, verifying credentials, issuing licenses, establishing requirements for and verifying completion of continuing education, investigating complaints based on alleged violations of regulations and statutes, formal and informal disciplining of licensees, creating committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board, and submitting an annual report to the Governor and Secretary. The program is 100% special funded exclusively from revenues generated by licensing fees. The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Seven members of the Board are licensed dietitian-nutritionists. Two members are consumers who represent the public.

## **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Linda Lee Paren, RD, LDN, Board Chair	June 2028
Marla R. Caplon, RD, LDN Board Vice-Chair	June 2026
Lauren S. Weber, RD, LDN, Board Secretary	June 2025
Mahssan Afkhami, Consumer	June 2025
Daphene Altema-Johnson, RD, LDN	June 2028
Emily Cerda, CNS, LDN	June 2026
Kaitlin M. Costello, CNS, LDN*	June 2025
Darry Coverson, Consumer	June 2026
Linnet A. Nyce, RD, LDN*	June 2028

\*Ms. Costello and Ms. Nyce resigned from the Board effective January 17, 2025.

## **STAFF:**

Marie Savage, Board Administrator  
Lenelle Cooper, Administrative Specialist  
Stacey Darin, AAG, Board Counsel

The Board's staff is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Board and the coordination of administrative activities with other government agencies. In addition to a part-time Administrator and a full-time Licensing Coordinator, the Board shares its legal and investigative staff with the other Health Occupation Boards.

## **BOARD MEETINGS:**

The Board conducts public meetings on the third Thursday of odd months throughout the year. The dates, times, and place of meetings are posted on the Board's website and published in the Maryland Register.

**MISSION:**

The Mission of the Board is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote quality health care in the field of dietetics by licensing and certifying dietitian-nutritionists, setting standards for the practice of dietetics through regulations and legislation, and receiving and resolving complaints from the public regarding Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists.

**REVENUE REPORT: -- Special Fund**

<u>Category of fees</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Application Fee	\$75	\$46,650.00
License Fee	225	139,950.00
Renewal Fee	250	256,866.00
License Verification	50	25,950.00
Inactive Status	75	4,635.00
Reactivation	150	2,400.00
Reinstatement	300	9,900.00
Miscellaneous		825.00
Total Revenue		<u>\$487,176.00</u>
Fund Balance from FY24*		\$410,368.52
*(2025 BRFA \$418,756.00)		

**EXPENDITURE REPORT:**

Personnel	\$300,966.76
Operating	41,791.86
Indirect	9,993.81
Attorney General	12,028.00
Rent	9,838.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$374,618.43</u>

**NUMBER OF LICENSES:**

As of June 30, 2025                      3,599

**REGULATIONS:** Regulations were promulgated in FY25 to carry out the mandates of Chapter 961 - SB330/HB378 State Board of Dietetic Practice – Dietician – Nutritionists – Licensing Requirements. The bill took effect on July 1, 2024.

**LEGISLATION:** There was no legislation that affected the Board during FY25.