(A) The state medical board shall appoint a dietetics advisory council for the purpose of advising the board on issues relating to the practice of dietetics. The advisory council shall consist of not more than seven individuals knowledgeable in the area of dietetics.

A majority of the council members shall be individuals licensed under this chapter who are actively engaged in the practice of dietetics. The board shall include both of the following on the council:

(1) One educator with a doctoral degree who holds a regular faculty appointment in a program that prepares students to meet the requirements of division (A)(3) of section 4759.06 of the Revised Code;

(2) One individual who is not affiliated with any health care profession, who shall be appointed to represent the interest of consumers.

The Ohio academy of nutrition and dietetics, or its successor organization, may nominate not more than three qualified individuals for consideration by the board in appointing any member of the council.

(B) Not later than ninety days after January 21, 2018, the board shall make initial appointments to the council. Initial members shall serve terms of office of one, two, or three years, as selected by the board. Thereafter, terms of office shall be for three years, with each term ending on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. A council member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until a successor is appointed and takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Each council member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed.

(C) Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary
expenses incurred in performing their official duties.

(D) The council shall meet at least four times each year and at such other times as may be necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

(E) The council may submit to the board recommendations concerning all of the following:

(1) Requirements for issuing a license to practice as a dietitian or as a limited permit holder, including the educational and experience requirements that must be met to receive the license or permit;

(2) Existing and proposed rules pertaining to the practice of dietetics and the administration and enforcement of this chapter;

(3) Standards for the approval of educational programs required to qualify for licensure and continuing education programs for licensure renewal;

(4) Policies related to the issuance and renewal of licenses and limited permits;

(5) Fees for the issuance and renewal of a license to practice dietetics as a licensee or as a limited permit holder;

(6) Standards of practice and ethical conduct in the practice of dietetics;

(7) The safe and effective practice of dietetics, including scope of practice and minimal standards of care.