

# Maryland Board of Cosmetologists Meeting

**Monday, August 5, 2024**

A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

## **Board Member Attendees**

Ms. Shanay Wiggs, *Chair, Cosmetologist Member* **Absent**

Ms. April Kenney, *Cosmetologist Member*

Ms. Rosalind Hosley, *Cosmetologist Member*

Ms. Kelly Canty, *Consumer Member*

Mr. Maurice Fains, *Cosmetologist Member* **Absent**

## **Other Staff Attendees**

Ms. Nicole Fletcher, *Executive Director*

Ms. Breona Scott, *Assistant Executive Director*

Ms. Leslie Braxton, *Licensing Supervisor* **Absent**

Ms. Fatmata Rahman, *Administrative Specialist III*

Mr. Jacob Guy, *Board Administrator*

Ms. Ashley Thompson, *Office Secretary*

Mr. Kenneth Sigman, *Advice Counsel*

Ms. Renee Robertson, *Continuing Education Coordinator*

Ms. Karina Papavasiliou, *Inspector* **Absent**

## **Agenda**

**Quorum Announced, and Meeting Called to Order**

A quorum was announced by Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher and the meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher requested a motion for approval of the August 5, 2024 agenda. Ms. April Kenney made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Kelly Canty, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

### **Approval of July 1, 2024 Minutes**

The minutes of the July 1, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Prior to approval, Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher announced an amendment to Legislative Updates, which corrected the spelling of SB 1044 Committee subject matter expert Kerry Ortiz. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher then asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Rosalind Holsey to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. April Kenney, and the motion unanimously passed.

## **New Business**

There is no new business for the August 5, 2024 meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

The fee increase went into effect August 1, 2024. Information is readily available on the Department of Labor website. License fees for individuals increased from \$25 to \$28 for both original applications and renewals. New shop/salon permits increased from \$200 to \$225, while renewals increased from \$50 to \$56. Maryland cosmetology licensure fees remain lower than many of our neighboring states. SB 1044 which alters the definition of “providing esthetic services” will go into effect October 1, 2024. A meeting was held in the beginning of July between Advice Counsel Kenneth Sigman, Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher, SB 1044 Committee subject matter expert Kerry Ortiz, Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs, and Cosmetologist Member Mr. Maurice Fains. The group decided the best way to begin was by defining key words in the bill. It

was important to establish definitions for certain words within the bill to establish parameters and prevent any language from crossing the line into jurisdiction of the Board of Health. The group is set to continue meeting the second Tuesday of each month, and Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated she is hopeful to have a draft of regulations in writing and prepared to present during the Board's October meeting. After approval from the Secretary's office the public will have thirty days to review and comment on the regulations before they are solidified.

## **B. CURRICULUM APPROVAL**

There are no updates for curriculum approval from the August 5, 2024 meeting.

## **C. INSPECTION REPORT**

With the absence of Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton the Inspection Summary was provided by Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher for today's meeting. The data was collected from June 28, 2024 - August 2, 2024.

<b>39</b>	<b>New shop applications received</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>New shops pending inspections - to be assigned</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Complaints received</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Complaints - open / to be assigned</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Complaints - inspections completed</b>
<b>111</b>	<b>Inspections conducted</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>Inspections passed</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Inspections failed</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failed - new shop inspections</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Failed - late renewal inspections</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Failed - complaint / per board inspections</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed</b>

## Public Comment

Aris Howard - Ms. Howard expressed concern that there are not enough industry members from the esthetics community involved in developing the regulations implementing SB 1044. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher responded by noting subject matter expert Kerry Ortiz's role in drafting the new language and that the proposed regulations will be publicized and the public will have an opportunity to comment on them. Ms. Howard expressed interest in sitting as a Board Member. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that a law passed earlier this year for one Esthetician Member to sit on the Board, and then referred Ms. Howard to the application posted on the Governor's website. There is also an existing vacancy for a Cosmetology Board member following the departure of Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt.

Crystal Thomas - Ms. Thomas asked for details regarding the upcoming PSI Testing Update Meeting. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that meetings will be held at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport 1739 W Nursery Rd in Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. The meetings are scheduled for August 15, 2024, and September 25, 2024, from 10AM - 2PM. Ms. Thomas also inquired about the potential reduction of cosmetology training hours required for licensure in surrounding states and wondered if that trend may make its way into Maryland. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher responded by expressing her disappointment in other states' reduced training requirements, and stated that is not something that she foresees occurring in Maryland. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher also stressed that consumers and industry members can be very influential, and that communicating with local representatives is a key way to ensure that current industry standards remain.

## Adjournment

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher requested a motion to call the meeting to adjournment. Ms. Kelly Canty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 A.M., seconded by Mr. April Kenney, and then unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ on October 7, 2024.