

Barbers' Board Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2024

A meeting of the State Board of Barbers was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Board Member Attendees

Mr. Larry Franklin - *Chairperson (Absent)*

Mr. Andrew Campbell - *Industry Member*

Mr. Wade Menendez - *Industry Member*

Ms. Toni Wallace - *Industry Member (Absent)*

Ms. Lisa Ennis, *Industry Member*

Dr. Brenda Gould, *Industry Member (Absent)*

Mr. Channing Trent- *Industry Member*

Other Staff Attendees

Ms. Nicole Fletcher- *Executive Director*

Ms. Breona Scott- *Assistant Executive Director*

Ms. Leslie Braxton- *Licensing Supervisor*

Ms. Fatmata Rahman- *Administrative Specialist III*

Ms. Ashely Thompson- *Office Secretary*

Mr. Kenneth Sigman- *Advice Counsel*

Ms. Renee Robertson- *Continuing Education Coordinator (Absent)*

Ms. Kimberly Archie- *Inspector*

Ms. Karina Papavasiliou- *Inspector*

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 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher requested a motion to amend the agenda to add the 2024 Social Media Project to New Business. Mr. Andrew Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Mr. Channing Trent, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of February 12, 2024 Minutes

Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Wade Menendez to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Andrew Campbell and the motion unanimously passed.

New Business

A. BARBER ELIGIBILITY TESTING HOURS

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher began by referring to statute 5-307 (2) (ii) “An applicant may take a written examination when the applicant has completed at least 1,380 hours of the 1,500 hours of training in a cosmetology school”. She also referred to 5-307 (2) (iii) “ An applicant who has completed 1,500 hours of training as specified in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph may take the written and practical parts of an examination during one administration of the examination”. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher noted that those stipulations were not applied to the Barbers Board. She then asked the Board if they were interested in pursuing the Eligibility Testing Hours for the Barbers Board in the 2025 legislative session. The Board decided to table and ponder on that idea as of now.

B. PSI SPANISH & VIETNAMESE TESTING

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher informed the Board that Spanish and Vietnamese translations of the theoretical examination with PSI have been approved and will be effective March 1, 2024. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher also shared how proud she was that this has taken place for the Spanish and Vietnamese speaking test takers so they can better their chances at passing now that the language barrier has been removed.

C. 2024 SOCIAL MEDIA PROJECT

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that her and Board member Mr. Channing Trent had a conversation regarding how the Board can reach out to consumers on how to detect unlicensed activity and when to inform the Board. The idea of creating a social media presence was discussed so that consumers know what to look for when getting serviced. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher shared that she feels this would be a great opportunity to make a connection with the community. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher informed the Board that she is now waiting for approval before bringing about this idea.

Old Business

A. CURRICULUM APPROVAL

No Report.

B. INSPECTION REPORT

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided an Inspection Summary for today's meeting. The Data was collected from February 12, 2024 -April 5, 2024.

11	New shop applications received
3	New shops pending inspections - assigned
1	New shops pending inspections - to be unassigned
1	Complaints received
0	Complaints - open / to be investigated

2	Complaints - inspections completed
72	Inspections conducted
33	Inspections passed
22	Inspections failed
0	Failed - new shop inspections
6	Failed - late renewal inspections
4	Failed - complaint / per board inspections
17	Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed

Public Comment

Adjournment

Mr. Andrew Campbell made a motion to call the meeting to adjourn at 10:39 A.M, seconded by Mr. Wade Menendez.

APPROVED BY: _____ on June 10 , 2024.