

# Barbers' Board Meeting

**Monday, October 21, 2024**

A meeting of the State Board of Barbers was held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

## **Board Member Attendees**

Mr. Larry Franklin - *Chairperson*  
Mr. Andrew Campbell - *Industry Member*  
Mr. Wade Menendez - *Industry Member*  
Ms. Toni Wallace - *Industry Member*  
Mr. Channing Trent- *Industry Member*  
Ms. Lanine Swann, *Consumer Member*  
*Industry Member- Vacant*

## **Other Staff Attendees**

Ms. Nicole Fletcher- *Executive Director*  
Ms. Breona Scott- *Assistant Executive Director*  
Ms. Leslie Braxton- *Licensing Supervisor*  
Mr. Jacob Guy- *Board Administrator*  
Ms. Fatmata Rahman- *Administrative Specialist III*  
Ms. Ashley Thompson- *Office Secretary **Absent***  
Mr. Kenneth Sigman- *Advice Counsel*  
Ms. Renee Robertson- *Continuing Education Coordinator*  
Ms. Karina Papavasiliou- *Inspector*  
*Full Time Inspector- Vacant*

# **Agenda**

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

A quorum was announced by Chairperson, Mr. Larry Franklin and the meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Before approval of the agenda, Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher announced two amendments to the October 21, 2024 agenda. Item B. NABBA Conference was added under New Business. For Old Business Item B was replaced with School/Apprentice Training Update, and the Inspection Report was moved to Item C. Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher then requested a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Mr. Larry Franklin made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Toni Wallace, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

## **Approval of August 12, 2024 Minutes**

Chairperson, Mr. Larry Franklin then asked for a motion to approve the August 12, 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Andrew Campbell to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Channing Trent and the motion unanimously passed.

# **New Business**

## **A. LANINE SWANN NEW CONSUMER MEMBER**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher began by informing the Barber Board of Ms. Lisa Ennis' transition to the Cosmetology Board as an Industry Member, which opened a Barber Board Consumer Member position which has been filled by Ms. Lanine Swann. Ms. Lanine Swann then introduced herself to her fellow Board members, stating that she has been a licensed esthetician since 2007 and owns an eyelash extension studio in Towson. Ms. Swann also expressed her excitement to be a part of the Board, and her desire to figure out ways which she can contribute to forwarding the industry.

## **B. NABBA CONFERENCE (National Association of Barber Boards of America)**

From September 15, 2024 to September 19, 2024 the 97th annual NABBA conference was held in Oklahoma City. Chairperson Mr. Larry Franklin, Industry Member Ms. Toni Wallace, and Continuing Education Coordinator Ms. Renee Robertson attended the conference. Chairperson Mr. Larry Franklin gave a brief summary of his experience, stating that among the topics discussed were licensee numbers across states, school accreditation processes, and general dissatisfaction with testing vendors. Chairperson Mr. Larry Franklin stated that overall it was a fun experience, and great to learn of industry updates from around the country.

## **Old Business**

### **A. CURRICULUM APPROVAL**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that there are no updates to provide for approved curriculums at this time.

### **B. SCHOOL/APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING UPDATE**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher first recapped previous discussions of offering a class to Apprentice Barbers and Apprentice Barber Stylists which would teach the theoretical portion of the exam. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher then gave the floor to Mr. Channing Trent to provide an update regarding the implementation of such a program. Mr. Channing Trent stated that they plan to move forward with the 200 hour requirement as a 2 part course, which will allow Maryland residents to be eligible for scholarship through MHEC. Mr. Channing Trent went on to say that the Board Administration is setting up a survey to go out to Master Barbers in the state to determine interest level in teaching these proposed classes. The survey along with responses on Sponsorship Jotforms will aid in finding Master Barber's looking to teach the next generation of barbers. Mr. Channing Trent then proposed to the Board increasing the maximum number of apprentices one Master Barber can train at a given time (currently 3). Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher replied that she was hesitant to do so, as that could diminish the quality of training apprentices receive and also leaves loopholes for shops looking to increase revenue without paying apprentices providing services. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher went on to inform those on the call that when the apprentice limit was raised from 1 to 3 the initiative was not spearheaded by the Board but by a legislator outside the department.

### **C. INSPECTION REPORT**

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided an Inspection Summary for today's meeting. The Data was collected from August 9, 2024 - October 18, 2024.

<b>9</b>	<b>New shop applications received</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>New shops pending inspections - to be assigned</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Complaints received</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Complaints - open / to be assigned</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Complaints - inspections completed</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>Inspections conducted</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Inspections passed</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Inspections failed</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failed - new shop inspections</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failed - late renewal inspections</b>

### **Public Comment**

**Shannon Rice - Ms. Rice asked for clarity regarding who would be eligible to receive scholarships through MHEC for the Apprentice Barber Theory Training class. Mr. Channing Trent replied by stating that scholarships would be made available to any apprentice barbers in the state.**

# Adjournment

Executive Director Nicole Fletcher requested a motion to call the meeting to adjournment at 10:30 A.M. Chairperson Mr. Andrew Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Larry Franklin and the motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ on December 9, 2024.