



Cosmetologists' Board Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2021

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A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Board Member Attendees

Ms. Danielle Anderson, *Chair, Consumer Member*
Ms. Rachel Allen, *Cosmetologist Member*
Mr. Charles Riser, *School Member (Absent)*
Ms. Tammy Ehrbaker, *Cosmetologist Member*
Ms. Nakia Dedmon, *Cosmetologist Member*
Ms. Sabita Persaud, *Consumer Member (Absent)*
Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt, *Industry Member*

Other Staff Attendees

Ms. Erica Lewis, *Executive Director*
Ms. Nicole Fletcher, *Licensing Supervisor*
Ms. Breona Scott, *Administrative Officer*
Mr. Corey Kennedy, *Administrative Specialist*
Ms. Kimberly Ward, *Assistant Attorney General*
Ms. Sophie Asike, *Assistant Attorney General*

Agenda

Quorum Announced and Meeting Called to Order

A quorum was announced by Chair Danielle Anderson and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Danielle Anderson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Rachel Allen made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Tammy Ehrbaker and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of April 5, 2021 Minutes

The minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Chair Danielle Anderson asked for a motion to approve April minutes. Ms. Rachel Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Nakia Dedmon and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Staffing Update

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that she will be conducting interviews for the Licensing and Regulations Investigator 1 position this week. The Deputy Director position is currently open and the application deadline is May 7, 2021.

B. House Bill 1317 (Barber Update)

Effective October 1, 2021, Maryland House Bill 1317 regarding the barber apprenticeship increases the maximum number of apprentice barbers per master barber from one master barber to one apprentice barber to one master barber to three apprentice barbers. House Bill 1317 repeals a limit on the total number of apprentice barbers that a barbershop may employ at the same time.

C. Apprentice Restart

Ms. Nguyen received an apprentice nail technician license in 2019. She did not complete the program due to her recently becoming a single mother. After reviewing the documentation presented to the Board, Ms. Rachel Allen motioned to approve the restart of Ms. Nguyen's nail technician apprenticeship, seconded by Ms. Tammy Ehrbaker and the motion unanimously passed.

A. Blow Dry Apprenticeship License

Executive Director Erica Lewis advised the Board that the administrative team has received numerous calls and emails regarding an apprenticeship for the Blow Dry license. There is currently only 1 person in the State of Maryland who currently has a blow-dry stylist license. If offered, a senior cosmetologist, limited hairstylist, or some who currently has a blow-dry license would qualify to become a sponsor. There currently aren't any schools in Maryland offering the program and the state doesn't offer an apprenticeship license. Assistant Attorney Kimberly Ward stated that she will review the information provided to her will give the board an update by next month's meeting.

Old Business

A. Covid-19 Protocol and State Orders Still Following Guidelines on Website and Online Reference.

Executive Director Erica Lewis stated that Barbering and Cosmetology services are allowed at full capacity depending on the jurisdiction. As of 5:00 p.m. on March 12, 2021, barbershops, hair salons, nail services, esthetic services, and other non-hair services are now able to resume operations at 100% capacity per Executive Order No. 29-03-09-01. Salons and shops must continue to adhere to social distancing and sanitation guidelines. A summary of best practices for reopening personal services can also be found online.

B. School Update

Executive Director Ms. Lewis also announced that with the closing of Robert Paul Academy of Cosmetology in Timonium, the school is currently having problems placing students and inquired about hours being transferrable into the apprenticeship program. Ms. Lewis stated that schools are not accepting student's current financial aid if it is with another school. Chair, Danielle Anderson suggested that the board can possibly regulate a proposed Emergency Regulation due to Covid for closed schools only to be able to complete school through the apprenticeship program. Assistant Attorney Kimberly Ward stated that she will review the information provided to her will give the board an update by next month's meeting.

C. Licensing Report

Licensing supervisor, Ms. Nicole Fletcher, noted that there were 30 new applications received between April 6, 2021-May 2, 2021. She also noted that 111 inspections were conducted. Ms. Fletcher further advised that the Board currently has 10 outstanding inspections and 69 inspections have been assigned for the month of May.

Public Comment

Clare Santiago- Aveda Institute, Bel Air

There being no further business for the Board, Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED BY:  on June 7, 2021.