

Maryland Board of Cosmetologists Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2024

A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Board Member Attendees

Ms. Shanay Wiggs, *Chair, Cosmetologist Member*

Ms. April Kenney, *Cosmetologist Member*

Ms. Rosalind Hosley, *Cosmetologist Member*

Ms. Kelly Canty, *Consumer Member*

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

Ms. Lisa Ennis, *Cosmetologist Member **Absent***

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*

Mr. Jacob Guy, *Board Administrator*

Ms. Ashley Thompson, *Office Secretary*

Mr. Kenneth Sigman, *Advice Counsel*

Ms. Renee Robertson, *Continuing Education Coordinator **Absent***

Ms. Karina Papavasiliou, *Inspector*

Agenda

Quorum Announced, and Meeting Called to Order

A quorum was announced by Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs and the meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs requested a motion for approval of the November 4, 2024 agenda. Ms. Kelly Canty made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. April Kenney, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of October 7, 2024 Minutes

The minutes of the October 7, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs then requested a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Ms. April Kenney to approve the minutes which was seconded by Ms. Kelly Canty, and the motion unanimously passed.

New Business

A. Platelet Rich Plasma Facials for Estheticians

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher introduced the topic by sharing correspondence between herself and a licensed esthetician in the state who reached out to determine if Platelet Rich Plasma Facials fell within the scope of practice of such licensure. Essentially PRP Facials are different from traditional facials, as microneedling is used to help penetrate growth factor serums into the dermis. Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs shared her thoughts, adding that because of skin penetration and the factor of blood exposure this service should not be permitted under a Maryland Esthetician license. Ms. April Kenney also spoke supporting the idea to keep such services out of salons and shops governed by the Board of Cosmetologists. With a consensus among the Board, Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher put a bow on the conversation by stating that PRP Facials and other services that penetrate the skin do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Board, and no licenses issued by the Board authorize a person to perform such services.

Old Business

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES ESTHETICIAN REGULATIONS (COMAR 09.22.01.04, 09.22.01.15, 09.22.02.03, 09.22.02.05)

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher began by giving updates on the progress of the SB 1044 Committee in drafting regulations for the new esthetics definition. Currently the regulations are awaiting approval from the Office of the Secretary. Once approval is granted, the regulations will be posted for public consumption. The Board will then review comments from the public and make edits as necessary, then send them back to the Office of the Secretary for approval. Once regulations are finalized an email blast will be sent out and the updated regulations will be posted to the website.

B. CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

The Continuing Education Provider application was posted the week of October 20, 2024, after updates and technical issues pushed it back from the intended post date of October 1, 2024. In response, interested providers will now have until December 20, 2024, to submit applications. This information is posted on the homepage of the Board’s official website, under News and Updates. Information regarding regulations and curriculum requirements are also available online, and should be reviewed by interested applicants before applying. Applications must be printed and mailed with the appropriate fee, there is currently no way to submit an application online. Also relating to information available on the Board’s website, Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher noted that updated information and frequently asked questions would be posted regarding changes with the PSI test taking process and application.

C. CURRICULUM APPROVAL

There are no curriculum approvals to report for the November 4, 2024 meeting.

D. INSPECTION REPORT

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided the Inspection Summary for today’s meeting. The data was collected from October 6, 2024 - November 1, 2024.

37	New shop applications received
16	New shops pending inspections - to be assigned

11	Complaints received
5	Complaints - open / to be assigned
9	Complaints - inspections completed
74	Inspections conducted
42	Inspections passed
13	Inspections failed
2	Failed - new shop inspections
2	Failed - late renewal inspections
4	Failed - complaint / per board inspections
19	Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed
37	New shop applications received

Public Comment

No public comment for the November 4, 2024 meeting.

Adjournment

Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs requested a motion to call the meeting to adjournment. Ms. April Kenney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 A.M, seconded by Ms. Kelly Canty, and then unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY: _____ on January 6, 2025.