

# Cosmetologists' Board Meeting

**Monday, July 1, 2024**

A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, July 1, 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 Absent*

Ms. Kelly Canty, *Consumer Member*

Mr. Maurice Fains, *Cosmetologist 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*

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*

Ms. Danielle Anderson, *Web Content Coordinator 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**

Prior to the approval of the July 1, 2024 agenda, Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher made an edit, adding letter C. Curriculum Review Committee to 5. New Business. Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs then requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Kelly Canty made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. April Kenney, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

### **Approval of June 3, 2024 Minutes**

The minutes of the June 3, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Kelly Canty to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. April Kenney and the motion unanimously passed.

## **New Business**

### **A. PSI UPDATES**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher introduced the topic by stating that the Board had previously voted and approved a switch to the PSI National Exam. The change is slated to go into effect on October 1, 2024. Meetings are scheduled to be hosted to inform school instructors and teachers about how to adjust their training and preparation methods for the new exam. Two meetings are scheduled to be held in person on August 14, 2024 and September 25, 2024. The location is still to be determined, however it is anticipated that they will be held in a hotel conference room in the Baltimore area. There will also be an online follow up meeting on October 16, 2024 where the Board will provide supplemental information, and answer any questions that may have come up post exam roll out.

### **B. FEE INCREASES**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher reminded Board members about the fee increases that are scheduled to go into effect August 1, 2024. These increases impact applications for renewals and for original licenses. A notice was issued from the Board to the public last month, and information is readily available on the Board's homepage under News and Updates.

## **C. CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher informed the Board of a vacancy on the Curriculum Review Committee that opened up since the departure of former Chairperson Trai Dagucon-Hunt, who served on the committee. The purpose of the committee is to review curriculums submitted by prospective school programs seeking to teach cosmetology. The committee will ultimately grant approval or denial of these programs depending on if what is being taught falls within the statutory and regulatory guidelines in place by the state. Once the curriculum is approved by the Board, the Maryland Higher Education Commission will make the final decision regarding the approval of the school in general. Ms. Kelly Canty stated that she is interested in joining the committee, and will follow up with Ms. Fletcher once she has more information.

## **Old Business**

### **A. APPRENTICESHIP RESTARTS**

Board Administrator and Apprenticeship Coordinator Mr. Jacob Guy began by introducing the first of two apprentices that had contacted the Board regarding restarting a Limited Nail Technician apprenticeship, Mr. Tam Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen explained that his previous sponsor was unable to keep up with submitting his hours through the online portal and his new sponsor, Ms. Hang Nguyen, who was also present on the call, expressed that she would be diligent in doing so. Chairperson Shanay Wiggs informed Mr. Nguyen that he should receive automatic replies from the Board any time hours are submitted and this will help him stay on top of it. Ms. Wiggs then requested a motion to approve a restart for Mr. Nguyen, which was made by Ms. Kelly Canty, and seconded by Ms. April Kenney. The vote to approve Mr. Nguyen's restart was unanimous. The other apprentice requesting to restart their apprenticeship was Patpong Thaiyod, who was joined on the call by his new sponsor, Anh Dao. Mr. Thaiyod explained that during his previous tenure as an apprentice the salon that he was working in was sold and he was unable to work during that process. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher also suggested to Mr. Thaiyod that he stay on top of entering hours through the online portal. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher then requested a motion to approve the apprenticeship restart, which was made by Ms. Kelly Canty and seconded by Ms. April Kenney. The vote to approve a Limited Nail Technician restart for Mr. Patpong Thaiyod was unanimously approved.

## **B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher began by providing an update on the edit to SB 1044, regarding a change to the definition of providing esthetic services. Mr. Maurice Fains and Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs had both previously volunteered to sit on the committee that is forming to draft regulations for the statute. They will be joined by Ms. Carrie Barca-Ortiz who is an experienced licensed esthetician and will hold a seat as a consultant. Once the regulations are drafted they must undergo the full regulatory process before they can be approved by the secretary's office. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher went on to inform the Board that none of the proposed items for the Legislative Quicklist were selected by leadership. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher also mentioned the Board's desire for House Bill 180, which would have established an eyelash limited license in the 2024 legislative session, to be reintroduced and passed in the 2025 session. This would prevent those who are seeking to provide only eyelash services from needing to obtain an esthetician license, which is required under SB 1044's definition of esthetic services. Should this legislation be passed in the next session, it is expected to require 60 training hours, plus a theory and practical examination. A grace period of one year will be allowed before the Board enforces penalties for non-compliance with licensing requirements to provide eyelash services. Should an eyelash limited license bill pass, eyelash technicians will be able to obtain their eyelash license rather than the esthetician license.

## **C. CURRICULUM APPROVAL**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher informed the Board of two curriculums that were approved. The first being VAS Vocational School located at 12621 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring MD, which was approved for a cosmetology program. The second curriculum that was approved was for Coco Tea, which will be located in Owings Mills, but does not yet have a permanent address. They will offer a cosmetology, nail technician, and esthetics program.

## D. INSPECTION REPORT

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided an Inspection Summary for today's meeting. The data was collected from May 31, 2024 - June 28 2024.

37	New shop applications received
3	New shops pending inspections - assigned
16	New shops pending inspections - to be unassigned
2	Complaints received
10	Complaints - open / to be investigated
8	Complaints - inspections completed
113	Inspections conducted
56	Inspections passed
27	Inspections failed
0	Failed - new shop inspections
5	Failed - late renewal inspections
11	Failed - complaint / per board inspections
30	Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed

## Public Comment

Crystal Thomas - Asked for clarification regarding PSI Testing updates. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher provided a summary for Ms. Thomas of what was covered in New Business: A. PSI Updates.

# 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 10:42 A.M, seconded by Mr. Maurice Fains, and then unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ on August 5 , 2024.