

Cosmetologists' Board Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2024

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

Board Member Attendees

Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt, *Chair, Industry Member*
(Absent)

Ms. Shanay Wiggs, *School Member*

Ms. April Kenney, *Cosmetologist Member*

Ms. Rosalind Hosley, *Cosmetologist Member*

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 Officer*

Ms. Ashely Thompson, *Office Secretary*

Mr. Kenneth Sigman, *Advice Counsel*

Ms. Renee Robertson, *Continuing Education Coordinator*

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 10:04 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher requested a motion to amend the agenda to add under New Business B. Senate Bill 1044. Ms Shanay Wiggs made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Ms. Kelly Canty, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of February 5, 2024 Minutes

The minutes of the February 5, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher 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. EYEBROW TINTING

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that the Board has received several inquiries regarding licensing and eyebrow tinting. Ms. Fletcher referenced Maryland statutes 5-101(n) (1) “Practice cosmetology” means to engage in any of the following for compensation: (ii) arching or dyeing eyebrows. That includes tinting. The argument that the Board has been receiving relates to the type of dye or product used for tinting, which alters and changes the color of the hair. A cosmetologist or hairstylist license is required to provide eyebrow tinting services.

Old Business

A. SENATE BILL 1044 (Makeup)

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher shared the Maryland General Assembly website to display Senate Bill 1044. The bill will add to the definition of esthetic services “applying makeup”; The board requested an amendment to remove “applying makeup” from the bill because makeup was deregulated in the past. However, the way this bill is written, it will require every make-up artist in Maryland to apply for an esthetician license by completing an apprenticeship or going to school. Ms. Fletcher submitted an amendment to remove the makeup application that Senator Gile and Kelly sponsored. Ms. Shanay Wiggs had concerns regarding the makeup license because the makeup license was deregulated by the Board, but schools are still required to include it in the curriculum. Ms. Wiggs advocates for bringing the makeup

license back because proper sanitation is important for makeup application, and there is no regulation or enforcement of makeup artists.

B. DUAL LICENSURE (Esthetics vs Cosmetology)

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that at the last meeting, the Board discussed the two different types of licensure. During last month's meeting, former Board member Mr. Charles Riser stated that his school offers cosmetology instruction and last year started offering esthetics. He discovered that cosmetology students want to dive deeper into esthetics, but, unfortunately, a cosmetology license supersedes an esthetician's license. Ms. Fletcher stated that the Board had not issued two licenses for a licensee that was not under a limited license because a cosmetology license allows the licensee to provide esthetic services. Advice Counsel Mr. Kenneth Sigman stated that the law does not prohibit a licensed cosmetologist from also obtaining an esthetician license. Ms. Shanay Wiggs stated that the issue with cosmetologists going back to school to receive an additional esthetician license, even though they are already licensed, will accumulate unnecessary debt because cosmetologists are already licensed estheticians. She suggested that licensees should be able to take a continuing education class to receive additional training rather than going back to school to receive a separate license. Ms. Fletcher stated that at the moment there is no action to be taken and the Board can table dual licensure and decide how to address the issue.

C. JAPANESE HEAD SPAS

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that the Board discussed this topic in the February meeting regarding Japanese head spas in Maryland. Ms. Fletcher's thoughts are that the services don't require any additional licensure or training. Ms. Shanay Wiggs stated that shampooing isn't regulated in Maryland, but for a salon to provide blow drying services they need to have a limited or full-service salon license.

C. CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher advised that there are two curriculums under review. Empire Beauty School is located at 6320 Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie. It was already a school, and they are adding an esthetician program. Empire Beauty School has been approved to provide that esthetician program, and the other curriculums will be announced at the April 2024 meeting.

D. INSPECTION REPORT

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided an Inspection Summary for today's meeting. The data was collected from December 3, 2023- March 2, 2024.

71	New shop applications received
19	New shops pending inspections - assigned
6	New shops pending inspections - to be unassigned
17	Complaints received
5	Complaints - open / to be investigated
21	Complaints - inspections completed
450	Inspections conducted
201	Inspections passed
155	Inspections failed
7	Failed - new shop inspections
9	Failed - late renewal inspections
26	Failed - complaint / per board inspections
94	Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed

Public Comment

Ms. Crystal Thomas asked if classes taken at a hair show count toward continuing education credits. Ms. Fletcher stated that while continuing education isn't required in Maryland at the moment, only classes taken at schools registered with MHEC would receive credit toward continuing education once it is in effect.

Adjournment

Ms. Shanay Wiggs made a motion to call the meeting to adjourn at 11:15 A.M, seconded by Ms. April Kenney.

APPROVED BY: _____ on April 1 , 2024.