

# Cosmetologists' Board Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2023

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A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

## Board Member Attendees

Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt, *Chair, Industry Member*  
Ms. Shanay Dudley, *School Member*  
Ms. April Kenney, *Cosmetologist Member*  
Ms. Rosalind Hosley, *Cosmetologist member (Absent)*  
Ms. Kelly Canty, *Consumer member (Absent)*

## Other Staff Attendees

Ms. Nicole Fletcher, *Executive Director*  
Ms. Breona Scott, *Assistant Executive Director*  
Ms. Leslie Braxton, *Licensing Supervisor*  
Ms. Natika Wallace, *Administrative Officer*  
Ms. Ashely Thompson, *Office Secretary (Absent)*  
Ms. 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 Chair Trai Dagucon-Hunt and the meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

### Approval of Agenda

Chair, Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt asked for a motion to approve the agenda Ms. Shanay Dudley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. April Kenney and the agenda was unanimously approved.

## Approval of August 7, 2023 Minutes

The minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Chair, Trai Dagucon-Hunt asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Shanay Dudley to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. April Kenney and the motion unanimously passed.

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## New Business

### **A. APPRENTICE RESTART**

Crystal Ngo requested the Board's permission to restart her Limited Nail Technician apprenticeship. The Board denied the request because she already completed her apprenticeship and is eligible to sit for the exam. However, the Board noted that Ms. Ngo was free to undertake her own preparation for the exam if she believes she is not ready. Board Administrator, Mrs. Natika Wallace will send Ms. Ngo a qualification letter to allow Ms. Ngo to schedule the exam.

### **B. SCHOOLS ON WEBSITE**

Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher spoke about adding a list of accredited school to the website for people who are looking for that information. MHEC already has an updated list on their website, so the Board will post a link to the MHEC list.

## Old Business

### **A. SERVICE ANIMALS VS EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS**

Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher spoke about the difference between service animals and emotional support animals. A service animal is legally defined in Human Services Article, §7-701, Annotated Code of Maryland, as a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA or in Maryland law.

### **B. TRANSCRIPT CATEGORY EXAMINATION CHANGE**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher spoke about candidates who have finished the hours for one program but want to sit for another one. The cosmetologist and hairstylist programs are the only programs that are sufficiently similar for that to be allowed.

### **C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher mentioned active duty military service member family members will receive a certification letter that will allow them to have a MD license for as long as their family member is on active duty in the state of MD. If the person is moving permanently to MD they must apply by reciprocity or by sitting for the exam. Mr. Sid Saab from MD Esthetician Alliance spoke in reference to regulations for estheticians. The board decided that Nicole and Kenneth will draft information to be presented to the Commissioner so that it can be given to the Secretary Office for approval. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher also mentioned that the continuing education committee meets once a month.

### **D. CURRICULUM APPROVAL**

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher noted that Green Goal Beauty School located in Baltimore, MD was approved on August 23, 2023.

### **E. INSPECTION REPORT**

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Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided an Inspection Summary for today's meeting. The Data was collected from August 5, 2023 – September 29, 2023.

<b>38</b>	<b># Of new shop applications received</b>
<b>26</b>	<b># Of new shops pending inspections - assigned</b>
<b>12</b>	<b># Of new shops pending inspections - to be unassigned</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Complaints received</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Complaints open - to be investigated</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Complaints - inspections completed</b>

<b>339</b>	<b>Inspections conducted</b>
<b>162</b>	<b>Inspections passed</b>
<b>116</b>	<b>Inspections failed</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Failed late renewal inspections</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Failed complaint inspections</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Failed new shop inspections</b>

## Public Comment

Ms. Semya Sham stated she was confused on why a particular machine that estheticians are taught in school that they can use is prohibited by the board. Ms. Kelly Conner stated that she thought the active military letter of certification was a great idea. Ms. Michelle Byers mentioned that it is very easy to cut yourself with a razor so she does not feel that certificate is enough to ensure that estheticians can safely use a blade on consumers. Ms. Jessica Barber and Ms. Katelyn Bretem both support the establishment of a Master Esthetician program.

## Adjournment

Chair, Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt made a motion to call the meeting to adjourn at 12:25 P.M

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ on November 6, 2023.