

Maryland Board of Cosmetologists Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2024

A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, October 7, 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*

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*

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

Before approval of the agenda Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher made an amendment to the meeting agenda, adding item C. Apprentice Restart under New Business. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher then requested a motion for approval of the October 7, 2024 agenda. Ms. April Kenney made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Ms. Rosiland Hosley, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of August 5, 2024 Minutes

The minutes of the August 5, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs then requested a motion to approve the amended minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Kelly Canty to approve the minutes which was seconded by Ms. April Kenney, and the motion unanimously passed.

New Business

A. LISA ENNIS APPOINTED AS COSMETOLOGIST MEMBER

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher began by introducing newly appointed Cosmetologist Member Ms. Lisa Ennis, who had previously served on the Board of Barbers as a Consumer Member. When a vacancy opened on the Board of Cosmetologists, Ms. Ennis decided to fill that position as she is a licensed Senior Cosmetologist with a passion for cosmetology. Cosmetologist Member Ms. Lisa Ennis then addressed her fellow Board members, expressing her excitement and eagerness to learn.

B. PSI TEST TAKER'S GUIDE

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher introduced the topic by stating that with the switch over to the PSI National Exam, the document previously known as the PSI Candidate

Information Bulletin is now called the PSI Test Taker's Guide. This document essentially serves the same purpose as a study guide and application, however it has updated information regarding the new test, and sponsors and teachers should react accordingly to prepare their candidates.

C. APPRENTICESHIP RESTART

Apprenticeship Coordinator Mr. Jacob Guy began by providing the Board with a background for Ms. De'Shawna Gardner, who was present with her sponsor Ms. Hope Norton to petition the Board for an Apprenticeship Restart. Ms. Gardner had previously started the Apprentice Limited Hair Stylist program in August 2022 and completed 6 months of training before her license expired in August 2024. Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs then asked Ms. Gardner for an explanation as to why she was unable to complete the program the first time around. Ms. Gardner stated that after beginning the program her sponsor became unavailable due to a personal matter, and Ms. Gardner was unable to find a new sponsor in time to complete the training. As someone with sponsoring experience Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs was understanding of the challenges that come with finding a sponsor and went on to inform Ms. Gardner that if the restart was granted this would likely be her final opportunity to complete an apprenticeship. Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs then requested a motion to approve the apprenticeship restart. Ms. Kelly Canty made a motion, seconded by Ms. April Kenney and unanimously approved by the Board.

Old Business

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher reminded everyone that beginning October 1, 2024 SB 1044 went into effect, which altered the definition of providing esthetic services. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher then shared the bill on screen and highlighted the changes. These changes include the addition of exfoliating, cosmetic microneedling, toning, application of alcohol lotion/cream, hair removal, application of eyelash extensions, performing superficial exfoliation treatments of the dermis using professionally and commercially available products or devices, performing treatments for the relaxation, hydration, contouring or beautification of the face, skin, body, lashes, or eyebrows, and performing non-ablative skin rejuvenation. It was also emphasized that the use of lasers, ablation of the dermis or hypodermis and the diagnosis of illness, disease, and injury remain prohibited. After reviewing the statute Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher then stated that the SB 1044 committee has been meeting and will continue to meet to iron out a document with regulations supporting the statute. Once the committee puts together

regulations they are to be posted online for the public to have a chance to review, and then the Secretary's Office will have a chance to review comments from the public before the regulations can be finalized. An updated Dos/Don'ts list is to follow the finalization of regulations.

October 1, 2024 also served as a benchmark date for the reopening of open enrollment for continuing education providers. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher took the opportunity to remind folks on the call that beginning January 2026, all licenses will be required to complete 6 credit hours of continuing education as a condition for renewal. Courses must be approved by the Board and fall under one of the following topics: health, safety, welfare, or Board Laws and Regulations. There are currently six approved providers, and enrollment was reopened as the Board will need far more to serve the needs of licensees statewide. Open enrollment will last until December 1, 2024 and could be extended to compensate for the delay in posting the application online.

Also going live on October 1, 2024 was the launch of the PSI National Exam in Maryland. An online Q&A session will be hosted by PSI on October 16, 2024 that will be open to the public, and a link will be sent out to people who have attended such meetings in the past.

B. CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Since the previous meeting on August 5, 2024, there have been two schools granted approval for their curriculum. Main Obsession Beauty School located at 6651 Bel Air Rd Baltimore, MD 21206 will be offering cosmetology, nail technology, and blow dry styling education. The other curriculum that was approved by the Board was for Special K Academy located at 1111 East West Hwy Silver Spring, MD 20910, and will be offering a cosmetology program. Both curricula have been approved by the Board and each school is awaiting approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Updates regarding the school's approval process will be available on the Maryland Higher Education Commission website.

C. INSPECTION REPORT

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided the Inspection Summary for today's meeting. The data was collected from August 2, 2024 - October 6, 2024.

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| 83 | New shop applications received |
| 21 | New shops pending inspections - to be assigned |
| 33 | Complaints received |
| 12 | Complaints - open / to be assigned |
| 24 | Complaints - inspections completed |
| 218 | Inspections conducted |
| 116 | Inspections passed |
| 55 | Inspections failed |
| 7 | Failed - new shop inspections |
| 7 | Failed - late renewal inspections |
| 17 | Failed - complaint / per board inspections |
| 47 | Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed |
| 83 | New shop applications received |

Public Comment

Sid Saab - Mr. Saab inquired about the appointment of an Esthetician Member to the Board and the corresponding timeline. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher informed the Board that the vacancy for a Consumer Member to sit on the Board has been changed to a vacant Esthetician Member position effective October 1, 2024. Interested estheticians are encouraged to apply online through the Governor's Office website. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher was hesitant to provide a timeline as it will be dependent on the amount of inquiries and the administration's process. Mr. Saab replied by stating that he believes it would be prudent to

onboard an Esthetician Member as soon as possible with SB 1044 regulations currently being worked on. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher reminded everyone on the call that the subcommittee that has been formed includes Ms. Kerry Ortiz who is a licensed esthetician serving as a subject matter expert, and is aiding in determining proper language for regulations.

Jamielyn Carter - Ms. Carter inquired about the esthetician practical exam and PSI's requirements for test takers to apply makeup although it is not a part of the esthetic services definition in Maryland. With makeup not being regulated in Maryland, Ms. Carter stated that her school and many others do not teach such practices, and students are not fully prepared for their exam. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher understood Ms. Carter's concerns and stated that she would communicate such concerns to PSI Account Services Director Shawn Conder. However, with Maryland making the switch to PSI's National Exam, Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher was unsure if this was something that would be able to be worked around. Ms. Carter stated that in her experience in Delaware, which also uses PSI's National Exam, they were able to add and drop specific portions of the test to make it only relevant to that state's laws.

Rachel Edelman - Ms. Edelman spoke up to ask about the selection process for Continuing Education providers. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher replied by stating that providers must be associated with a school approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and then directed everyone on the call to the website where requirements for content, fees, and the application process are all laid out. All content being taught must fall within the scope of practice for the definition of the specific license practice that is being taught.

Courtney Hare - Ms. Hare inquired about the process for uploading grades for licensees who have already completed continuing education courses. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that the Board's IT department expects to have the online portal up and running shortly, and in the meantime, grades can be emailed directly to Continuing Education Coordinator Ms. Renee Robertson.

Adjournment

Chairperson Ms. Shanay Wiggs requested a motion to call the meeting to adjournment. Ms. Kelly Canty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 A.M, seconded by Ms. Rosalind Hosley, and then unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY: _____ on November 4, 2024.