

**STATE BOARD OF BARBERS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 9, 2016

TIME: 9:15 a.m.

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street
3rd Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

PRESENT: Industry Member, Larry Avara, Chair
Industry Member, Derick Ausby, Sr., (via telephone conference call)
Industry Member, Alberta Fisher (via telephone conference call)
Industry Member, Phillip Mazza

ABSENT: Industry Member, Marvin T. Lee
Executive Director, Shirley Leach

OTHERS PRESENT: Commissioner, Victoria Wilkins
Assistant Attorney General, Eric London
Board Administrator, Erica Lewis

Call To Order

Chairman Avara called the business meeting of the Board of Barbers to order at 9:15 a.m.

Fee Reduction for Appraisal Management Companies

Victoria Wilkins, Commissioner, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, opened the meeting by thanking the Board for holding the specially-scheduled meeting to discuss a proposal to reduce fees charged to consumers and business owners within the barber industry. Commissioner Wilkins explained reducing fees charged to individuals and businesses is a priority of the Governor and each cabinet member of the Governor's administration has been charged with establishing fee reduction initiatives for their respective agencies. Commissioner Wilkins explained the regulatory fee-setting process for the Commission's special-fund and how that process requires agencies to set fees that cover the direct and indirect costs associated with the agencies's operation. She indicated the Commission's fees for the Board of Barbers are relatively high and have contributed to the Board having a surplus in its fund. She recommended that the Board consider reducing the original license fee charged to master barbers and barbers from \$50.00 to \$40.00. In addition Commissioner Wilkins suggested the Board consider eliminating the

fee for duplicate licenses for Master barbers, barbers, apprentices and shop owners ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Finally, Commissioner Wilkins recommended that the Board consider eliminating the \$25.00 certification fee. Mr. Avara, Mr. Ausby and Ms. Fisher expressed their concerns with the Board current limited budget. Mr. Avara advised that the Board cannot work effectively without the consideration of being special funded. Mr. Mazza agreed with Mr. Avara's concern with the current state of barber industry but advised he was willing to support the Governor's vision. Commissioner Wilkins voiced her willingness along with Secretary, Kelly Schulz, to assist the Board of Barbers. Suggestions were given to the Board to retain a lobbyist to represent both the barbers and cosmetologist. Commissioner Wilkins explained that those cost-cutting measures will not have any material fiscal impact on the Board's operation.

A motion was made by Chair Avara, seconded by Mr. Mazza that the Board of Barbers reduce the original license fee charged to Master barbers and barbers from \$50.00 to \$40.00. A vote was administered by roll call as following: Mr. Mazza, "yay", Mr. Ausby, "nay", Mr. Avara, "nay" and Ms. Fisher, "nay." By majority vote the Board of Barbers denied the motion to reduce the original license fee charged to Master barbers and barbers from \$50.00 to \$40.00.

A motion was made by Chair Avara, seconded by Mr. Mazza that the Board of Barbers eliminate the duplicate license fee charged to Master barbers, barbers, apprentices and shop owners ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00. A vote was administered by roll call as following: Mr. Mazza, "yay", Mr. Ausby, "nay", Mr. Avara, "nay" and Ms. Fisher, "nay." By majority vote the Board of Barbers denied the motion eliminate the duplicate license fee charged to Master barbers, barbers, apprentices and shop owners.

A motion was made by Chair Avara, seconded by Mr. Mazza that the Board of Barbers eliminate the certification \$25.00 fee charged to all barber licensees. A vote was administered by roll call as following: Mr. Mazza, "yay", Mr. Ausby, "nay", Mr. Avara, "nay" and Ms. Fisher, "nay." By majority vote the Board of Barbers denied the motion eliminate the certification fee charged to barber licensees.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a Motion was made by Chair Avara, seconded by Mr. Mazza and unanimously carried that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Larry Avara, Chairperson

Date