



Cosmetologists' Board Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2021

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A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Board Member Attendees

Ms. Rachel Allen, *Chair*
Mr. Charles Riser, *School Member*
Ms. Tammy Ehrbaker, *Cosmetologist Member (Absent)*
Ms. Danielle Anderson, *Consumer Member*
Ms. Nakia Dedmon, *Cosmetologist Member*
Ms. Sabita Persaud, *Consumer Member*
Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt, *Industry Member*

Other Staff Attendees

Ms. Erica Lewis, *Executive Director*
Mr. Eric London, *Assistant Attorney General*
Ms. Nicole Fletcher, *Licensing Supervisor*
Ms. Breona Scott, *Administrative Specialist*
Mr. Corey Kennedy, *Administrative Specialist*

Agenda

Quorum Announced and Meeting Called to Order

A quorum was announced by Chair Rachel Allen and the meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Rachel Allen asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Danielle Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Charles Riser and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of March 1, 2021 Minutes

The minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Chair Rachel Allen asked for a motion to approve March minutes with amendments. Ms. Danielle Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments, seconded by Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

A. Department Update-Deputy Commissioner Ms. Kausar Syed

Executive Director Erica Lewis announced that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing has welcomed a new Deputy Commissioner, Ms. Kausar Syed.

B. Reciprocity Fraud

The Board received fraudulent documents from an applicant, who was previously known by a different name. She submitted documents originally from Vietnam with false transcript translations. She received a cosmetology license in Maryland in 2016 from 2018. She then relocated to Texas and took the theory and practical examination through PSI to become a nail technician. She came back to Maryland to receive a nail technician license, but she was already in the system as a cosmetologist. The Board requested the applicant to join next month's meeting to speak on her behalf.

C. National Exam Presentation from PSI

Executive Director Erica Lewis introduced Ms. Lynn Thomas, who is the Director of Cosmetology Client Services, and Mr. Shawn Conder who is the Manager, Cosmetology Client Services for PSI, the Board's testing vendor. Mr. Shawn Conder presented a power-point of "Testing Tomorrow's Leading Professionals" for PSI's National Examination Program. Mr. Conder advised the Board that PSI's Advisory Board is in place to ensure that the examination development and psychometric practices are relevant and effective. The Advisory Board is comprised of leading experts across the United States that include: Manufacturers, State Board Executive Directors, Industry Education Leaders, Licensed Professionals, and Individuals from the public sector. He stated that the purpose of licensure is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the consumer.

D. Chair Election

Assistant Attorney General Eric London stated that Section 5-203 of the Business Occupations and Professions Articles is the basis for the Board to elect a new chair annually. The Board elected Ms. Danielle Anderson to serve as Chair. The Board also noted agreed that if Ms. Anderson cannot attend a board meeting, Ms. Tammy Ehrbaker would serve as Acting Chair at the meeting. Ms. Danielle Anderson will serve as Chair at May's meeting.

Old Business

A. Covid-19 Protocol and State Orders Still Following Guidelines on Website And Online Reference.

Executive Director Erica Lewis noted that the Governor had recently modified his Executive Order regarding Covid-19. Ms. Lewis had not had time to fully review the Order, but indicated that after it was reviewed, she would be updating the Board's website.

B. Licensing Report

Licensing supervisor, Ms. Nicole Fletcher, noted that there were 30 new applications received between March 1, 2021-April 5, 2021. She also noted that 125 inspections were conducted. Ms. Fletcher further advised that the Board currently has one outstanding inspection and 75 inspections have been assigned for the month of March.

Public Comment

There being no further business for the Board, Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED BY:  on May 3, 2021.