

Cosmetologists' Board Meeting

Monday, August 7, 2023

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A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, August 7, 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*
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 (Absent)*
Ms. Ashley Thompson, *Office Secretary (Absent)*
Mr. Kenneth Sigman, *Advice Counsel*
Ms. Renee Robertson, *Continuing Education Coordinator*
Ms. Kimberly Archie, *Inspector*
Ms. Karina Papavasiliou, *Inspector (Absent)*

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 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Executive Director Nicole Fletcher asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Chair, Trai Dagucon-Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Shanay Dudley. The agenda was

unanimously approved.

Approval of June 5, 2023, Minutes

The minutes of the June 5, 2023, meeting were reviewed by the Board. The Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher, asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Ms. April Kenney to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt, and the motion unanimously passed.

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New Business

A. K. DOLL

Senior Cosmetologist Kelly Mackie sponsored apprentice Kylie Doll in February 2021. Ms. Doll has passed the practical portion of the examination but has failed the theory examination 6 times. Ms. Doll has taken the exam with special accommodations and failed by 4 points. Ms. Mackie asked if there were any other accommodations that could be done to assist Ms. Doll. The board suggested that Ms. Doll take extra time studying for the examination or request more effective accommodations.

B. HOURS REQUIREMENTS

The Executive Director inquired about the difference between clock hours vs. credit hours in private schools and public schools. Private and public schools receive credit for the amount of time they spend within the curriculum. Unlike a college course, where a semester is 4 months and students will only receive 3-4 credit hours.

C. FLORIDA RECIPROCITY

The Florida Board of Cosmetologists has recently decreased the esthetician hours from 260 hours to 220 hours. Florida licensees do not take examinations after they complete school. Maryland requires Florida licensees to request their certification to be sent to Maryland along with 6 months of work experience so that Maryland can authorize them to take the Maryland examination. The Board agreed to keep the requirements for Florida the same.

D. APPRENTICE RESTART-HUYEN BUI (NAIL TECHNICIAN)- NO SHOW

Old Business

A. EYELASH BILL EXTENSION

Executive Director Nicole Fletcher, and Policy Director Andrew Fulginiti will review the eyelash bill to make necessary changes. The board had multiple questions on whether or not cosmetologists or just estheticians would be able to provide services and how the Board would regulate those who are already providing services. The eyelash bill should be reintroduced in 2024.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Staff has drafted proposed legislation extending the establishment of the State Board of Cosmetologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the Statues and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the state Board of Cosmetologists.

The Executive Director also informed the Board of the Professional License Portability for Servicemembers and their Spouses. On January 5, 2023, President Joseph Biden signed the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022 (H.R. 939) into law. This law amends the SCRA by adding this new section.

The Executive Director also submitted a fee increase proposal to ensure that the Board’s revenue covers its expenses. She noted that Maryland fees are extremely low in comparison to nearby states. The proposed increase is between \$25-\$100 for all licensing applications. These fees would be updated via regulation, rather than legislation.

C. CURRICULUM APPROVAL

The Executive discussed three private school curriculum approvals. The Temple Paul Mitchell Partner School added an additional nail technology program located in Frederick, MD. Green Goals Beauty Academy is a cosmetology program with the intent to focus on training nail technicians and lash technicians located in Baltimore, MD, and Monies’s Academy of Nails location is to be determined.

C. INSPECTION REPORT- August 2023 Board Meeting

Data collected from March 31, 2023 – August 4, 2023

60	# Of new shop applications received
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15	# Of new shops pending inspections - assigned
13	# Of new shops pending inspections - to be unassigned
40	Complaints received
38	Complaints open - to be investigated
2	Complaints - inspections completed
709	Inspections conducted
208	Inspections passed
263	Inspections failed
107	Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed
15	Failed late renewal inspections
26	Failed complaint inspections
14	Failed new shop inspections

Public Comment

Ms. Caitlyn Brecht inquired about the vacant Board position. She also suggested that the Executive Director draft a concept sheet for estheticians to broaden their scope of practice. She spoke with Susan Warfield who is the Executive Director for the National Coalition of Esthetician Associations.

Ms. Kelly Connor commented on the proposed fee increases and noted that the Board's current fees are very low.

Adjournment

The Executive Director made a motion to call the meeting to adjourn at 11:41 A.M, which was approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY: _____ on October 2, 2023.