

Cosmetologists' Board Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2023

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A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, December 4, 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*

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*
Mr. 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 Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt and the meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher requested a motion to amend the agenda. Chair Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Ms. April Kenney and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of November 6, 2023 Minutes

The minutes of the November 6, 2023, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Chair Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Kelly Canty to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. April Kenney and the motion unanimously passed.

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New Business

A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher gave the floor to new Board Member Mr. Maurice Fains to introduce himself. Mr. Fains has been a licensed cosmetologist for over 20 years, and he is excited to be a part of the board and is pleased to have the opportunity to have a positive impact on the cosmetology industry in Maryland.

B. APPRENTICE RESTART

Administrative officer, Mrs. Natika Wallace invited three individuals who requested leave to restart apprenticeships, Maria Finot Myhanh Tran, Huyen Bui, and Angel Dao to speak with the board. Only Ms. Dao was present. Ms. Dao stated that her life circumstances prevented her from completing her previous apprenticeships but she was now able and committed to completing an apprenticeship. The board approved Angel Dao to restart the program. She was notified that she will be receiving an email with instructions on her next steps.

Old Business

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that the board's statutory authorization is set to expire in 2024 and is subject to sunset review. A proposed statutory amendment that would extend the board's authorization for an additional ten years has been drafted. Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher also mentioned that a blow dry apprenticeship program must be established by legislation before it can be implemented.

B. ESTHETIC REGULATIONS

Advice Counsel Mr. Kenneth Sigman spoke about the changes to the permissible services sought by the Maryland Estheticians Alliance. He presented draft COMAR amendments, and the board determined that it needs additional information from an expert before moving forward with the amendments. Mr. Sigman also presented proposed revisions to the “Esthetician Dos and Don’ts” list published on the Board’s website, which clarified that certain services are permissible under existing law, and included changes relating to chemical peels that would first require amendment of COMAR. Ms. Rosalyn Hosley moved to revise the list in accordance with the proposal, except for the changes relating to chemical peels. Ms. Shanay Dudley seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed. Executive Director Fletcher will work on having an expert attend a meeting to advise the board on potential conflicts between the proposed COMAR amendments and state and federal medical regulations.

C. CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher advised that there are no curriculum approvals at this time.

D. INSPECTION REPORT

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided an Inspection Summary for today’s meeting. The Data was collected from November 4, 2023-December 3, 2023

31	# Of new shop applications received
12	# Of new shops pending inspections - assigned
19	# Of new shops pending inspections - to be unassigned
10	Complaints received
3	Complaints open - to be investigated
10	Complaints - inspections completed
13 9	Inspections conducted
66	Inspections passed
45	Inspections failed

28	Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed
2	Failed late renewal inspections
5	Failed complaint inspections
5	Failed new shop inspections

Public Comment

Maria Tolson from the MD Esthetician Alliance mentioned that inspections are being done and salons are being cited for chemicals that are being used when in fact the ingredients are allowed based on labels. Ms. Shanay Dudley responded by saying that these types of things are reviewed on the back end, no salon is issued a fine without proper review.

Adjournment

Board Chair Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hun made a motion to call the meeting to adjourn at 11:45 A.M

APPROVED BY: _____ on February 5, 2023.