Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection
Occupational and Professional Licensing
District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology

MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, April 6th, virtually via Zoom Teleconference.** In this Public Meeting and Executive Session, the Board discussed old and new business, regulations, complaints, and investigations.

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair, called the public meeting to order at **10:12 am** and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: *Dr. Anwar Saleem (Chair), Dr. Richard DeCarlo, Mr. Dennis Smith, Ms. Ajia Minnis, Mr. Jared Scott, and Ms. Vonetta Dumas Jennings.*

Board Members Absent: *Mr. David Calvacante, Mr. Vernon Martin, Ms. Korie Booker, and Ms. Whitney McGill.*

Staff Members Present: *Ms. Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator), Ms. A'layza Mitchell (Program Support Specialist), Mr. Agustin Villadares (Legal Counsel), Ms. April Randall (Legislative Director), and Mr. Demetrius Norman (Chief Customer Experience Officer).*

Staff Members Absent: *Ms. Nicole McClendon, Mr. Kevin Cyrus (Education Coordinator) Ms. Irina Moore (Exam Coordinator), Ms. Shakira Richardson (CPU Program Manager).*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey –** Wanted details for upcoming practitioner's forum, which will be held on Monday, June 15th at the MLK Library. Save the date has been sent, invitations will follow soon.. More details to come.
- **Amy Waskel (Salon Centric) –** Attending in support of current CE application, which will be reviewed in Executive Session.
- **Marc Francis (DOH)** – Questions concerning instructor and manager licenses. Requirements for licensure remain the same unless there's a specific case bought before the Board.
- **Marc Wills** – Listening as an observer.
- **Okush Baatar** – Listening as an observer.
- **Raymond Kibler** – Listening as an observer.

Agenda Item: EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

We will now go into executive session, which is closed to the public, in order to consult with our attorneys to seek legal advice; to discuss disciplinary matters; and to deliberate upon decisions in adjudication actions and proceedings, as provided by D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A), § 2-575(b)(9), and § 2-575(b)(13). We will resume the public portion of the meeting at the conclusion of the executive session. Please stand by for our return if you are participating online.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo, and properly seconded by Ms. Ajia Minnis, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call.

Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2026

Ms. Vonetta Dumas Jennings noted that she was in attendance for the March meeting but marked as absent. The correction will be updated with the approved minutes.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for February 2ndt with correction.

Agenda Item: APPLICATIONS

- **Angel Smith BAR40000228 –** Special Accommodation request for additional time while taking practical exam due to medical disability. APPROVED.

Agenda Item: COMPLAINTS

- **None**

Agenda Item: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

Agenda Item: BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Legislative Committee**
  - **Rulemaking Update –** April Randall, Legislative Director, rulemaking is currently open for public comment, since March 27th and will remain open until April 27th. To date, there have been no public comments posted.
- **Education Committee**
  - **CE Course Approval for Salon Centric** – Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, recommends approval to become a Board approved provider of continuing education units. APPROVED
  - **Instructor's Forum –** Committee Chairs Mr. Smith and Ms. McGill are in the process of finalizing the presentation.
  - **Practitioner's Forum** – The board unanimously agreed on the theme for the forum – The Modern Professional: Craft, Culture and Community.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- **Cosmetology License Renewal Period –** Ongoing. 14-day renewal notices were sent out on April 1st. The final notice will be sent to licensees on April14th as a reminder.

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **DLCP Boards & Commissions Workshop, April 24th –** This is the 2nd installment. Topics will include the complaint process and parliamentary procedures. The 3rd installment will be in July.
- **NIC 2026 Annual Conference, Billings, MT October 19th-22nd –** Registration is open.
- **2026 Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC September 20th-24th –** Registration is open.
- **Financial Disclosure Filing** – Per Ms. April Randall, the deadline has been extended for Board members until October 27th.

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **Practical Exam Report – March 2026**
  Pass/Fail rates are improving. Most failures are due to language barriers and candidates being unprepared.

  Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Mr. Jared, the Board voted unanimously to accept the March Practical Exam Report.

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Angel Smith BAR40000228 -** Special Accommodations request
  Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Dr. Richard DeCarlo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for additional time while taking the practical exam due to a medical disability.

- **CE Course Approval – Salon Centric** – Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, recommends approval of these courses.
  Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and seconded by Ms. Ajia Minnis, the Board voted unanimously to approve for participation in the conference.

- **NIC 2026 Annual Conference, Billings, MT October 19th-22nd**
  Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and seconded by Ms. Ajia Minnis, the Board voted unanimously to approve for participation in the conference.

- **NABBA 2026 Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC September 20th-24th**
  Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted

unanimously to approve for participation in the conference.

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at **11:08 am.**
    - *Upon a motion, duly made by Dr. DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Anwar Saleem

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

May 4, 2026

Date

Minutes Recorded & Prepared by: Ms. Kimberly Troxler, DLCP/OPL Board Administrator