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

MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, September 14th, 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 **10:13 am** and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: *Dr. Anwar Saleem (Chair), Mr. Dennis Smith, Ms. Ajia Minnis, Ms. Korie Booker, Ms. Whitney McGill, Jared Scott, Dr. Kimberley Grimes, and Ms. Vonetta Dumas Jennings.*

Board Members Absent:. *Mr. David Cavalcante and Mr. Vernon Martin.*

Staff Members Present: *Ms. Faiza Maheed (Legal Counsel), Matthew Santiago-Cok (Legal Counsel), Mr. Kevin Cyrus (Education Coordinator) Ms. Irina Moore (Exam Coordinator), Mr. Demetrius Norman (Chief Customer Experience Officer), Kiyana Rayfield (Paralegal). Ms. Taylor Coleman (Policy Analyst), A'layza Mitchell (Program Support Specialist) and Shakira Richardson (Program Manager, CPU).*

Staff Members Absent: *April Randall (Legislative Director) and Ms. Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator)*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey –** Listening as an observer.
- **Huaping Xu** – Wants to present business idea to the Board. Has lash and brow bar and wants to provide nano-blading services and instruction. (Allure)
- **Marc Francis (DOH) –** In reference to Allure, this may fall under the purview of DOH.
- **Sophie Nga Lee -** Wants to start training program for nano-blading in DC. (Allure)
- **Terasita Edwards (HELC)** – Allure's application for a school was denied.

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. Kimberley Grimes, and properly seconded by Mr. Dennis Smith, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Ajia Minnis, and properly seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to exit Executive Session via individual roll call.

Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes – July 7th

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 7th Meeting Minutes with necessary corrections.

Agenda Item: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

Agenda Item: BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Apprenticeship Committee**
  - Nothing to report. Meeting scheduled for Friday, September
- **Legislative Committee**
  - Nothing to report
- **Education Committee**
  - **Tsunami Hair Salon –** Mr. Cyrus reported that there has been no response to request for additional information.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- **CSW –** Request for grandfathering braider license
- **Draft Resolution for Training of Incarcerated Persons** – Nothing to report
- **NIC Conference –** Mr. Norman will get back with Board regarding approvals
- **H Street Festival, Saturday, September 19th**

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **None**

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **Practical Exam Report – July 2026**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Whitney McGill and seconded by Ms. Ajia Minnis, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the July Practical Exam Report.

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Applications**
  - **Gulcihan Aydin** – Applicant trained in Turkey. Requesting exam waiver based on experience and recommendations.

    Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to approve exam waiver pending proof of transcript from an authorized school.

- **Complaints**
  - **Diego's Hair Salon** – Employing unlicensed operator

    Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to a consent order and civil fine of $5000 for unlicensed activity.

  - **Scotch & Scissors Navy Yard –** Employing unlicensed an unlicensed operator. That person is no longer working there. CPU found all operators to be actively licensed.

    Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitney McGill, the Board voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint since the shop is now in compliance.

  - **B and C Hairstyles –** Operating without proper licensure

    Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Ms. Whitney McGill, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter of informal admonition for operating with an owner's license.

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at **....**
  - *Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to Adjourn the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Anwar Saleem

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

November 2, 2026

Date

Minutes Recorded & Prepared by: Ms. Kimberly Troxler, Board Administrator and Demetrius Norman, Chief Customer Experience Officer