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

MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, July 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 **10:21 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 Mr. Vernon Martin.*

Board Members Absent:. *Mr. David Cavalcante and Ms. Vonetta Dumas Jennings.*

Staff Members Present: *Ms. Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator), Faiza Maheed (Legal Counsel), Mr. Kevin Cyrus (Education Coordinator) Ms. Irina Moore (Exam Coordinator), Mr. Demetrius Norman (Chief Customer Experience Officer), and Kiyana Rayfield (Paralegal).*

Staff Members Absent: *April Randall (Legislative Director) and A'layza Mitchell (Program Support Specialist).*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey –** Listening as an observer.
- **Yemisrach McKonnen –** Had questions about operating a salon out of the home. Ms. Troxler suggesting discussing one-on-one after the meeting and provided her contact information.
- **Tiffany** – Had questions concerning the new regulations for braiders.
- **Dr. Robert Jordan** – Wants the Board to consider grandfathering students in current braider 100-hour programs until July 1, 2027. Chairman Saleem said the Board would consider it.

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 Mr. Jared Scott, and properly seconded by Ms. Korie Booker, 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 – June 1st

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jared Scott and properly seconded by Ms. Ajia Minnis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for June 1st with any necessary corrections.

Agenda Item: APPLICATIONS

- **Max Wong –** Licensed as a basic esthetician but has been working as a cosmetologist. Says he didn't realize he had the incorrect license. He attended school in NY for cosmetology. Would like the Board to consider issuing the correct license and waiving the exam.

Agenda Item: COMPLAINTS

- **None**

Agenda Item: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

Agenda Item: BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Legislative Committee**
  - Ms. April Randall was absent. Will table any updates until the next meeting.
- **Education Committee**
  - **Tsunami Hair Salon, Ms. LaToya Lyles-Walker** – Submitted an application for a board-approved braider course under a workforce development program. Mr. Kevin Cyrus was concerned that the proposed program didn't include any breaks and it's a 100-hour course. Chairman Saleem said she'll need to restructure her program for 200 classroom hours and allow for breaks.
  - **Practitioner's Forum Recap** – Mr. Jared Scott, Committee Chair, commented he has received positive feedback from practitioner's who attended the forum. Said the lunch discounts were a good idea. Ms. Korie Booker commented that the Board should make an effort to target younger professionals to attend. Suggested partnering with schools and using social media to attract them. Mr. Cyrus reported that 206 licensees responded to the invite, 116 were in attendance.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- **CSW –** Request for grandfathering braider license

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **Apprentice Program –** The Board discussed adjusting the requirement for 500 classroom hours. Mr. Scott recommended eliminated the requirement altogether. Ms. Minnis questioned whether hours could be taken online. Chairman Saleem recommended a committee to create an apprenticeship pathway. The Committee members are Mr. Scott, Dr. Grimes and Ms. Whitney McGill.

- **Reminders**
  - The Board is on recess during the month of August
  - H Street Festival is September 19th
  - Art All Night is September 11th & 12th
  - Board Workshop Series is July 24th

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **Practical Exam Report – June 2026**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Whitney McGill and seconded by Ms. Ajia Minnis, the Board voted unanimously to accept the June Practical Exam Report.

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- Max Wong – Requested issuance of the correct license and exam waiver.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Ajia Minnis and seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Wong's request for a corrected license and exam waiver.

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at **11:52 am.**

  - *Upon a motion, duly made by Ms. Ajia Minnis and properly seconded by Dr. Kimberley Grimes, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Anwar Saleem

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

September 14, 2026

Date

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