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

MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, June 1st, 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 **10:15 am** and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: *Dr. Anwar Saleem (Chair), Mr. Dennis Smith, Ms. Ajia Minnis, Ms. Korie Booker, Ms. Vonetta Dumas Jennings, Ms. Whitney McGill, Jared Scott, Mr. Vernon Martin, Mr. David Cavalcante and Dr. Richard DeCarlo.*

Board Members Absent:. *None.*

Staff Members Present: *Ms. Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator), Agustin Villadares (Legal Counsel), Mr. Kevin Cyrus (Education Coordinator) Ms. Irina Moore (Exam Coordinator), A'layza Mitchell (Program Support Specialist), April Randall (Legislative Director), Mr. Demetrius Norman (Chief Customer Experience Officer), Piper Hansen (Legal Intern) and Arianne Prato (Legal Intern).*

Staff Members Absent: *Jacqueline Noisette (Deputy Administrator).*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey –** Listening as an observer.
- **Carolyn Smith (Natural Haircare Instructor) –** Expressed concerns about new braiding hours. Increased hours equate to increased cost. Needs the new curriculum so she can prepare her students. Believe the manager license is necessary. Is against the elimination of the braider/natural hair care license. April Randall responded to Ms. Smith's concerns.
- **Denise Lucas (DOH)** – Listening as an observer.
- **Jovonia McMillian** – Listening as an observer.
- **Robert Hughes (Hairdresser Strong)** – Extended an invitation to the members of the board to the Beauty Business Brunch. Had questions about the application for CE providers and requirements. Kevin Cyrus will follow-up after the meeting.

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 Mr. Dennis Smith, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call.

Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes - April 6th and May 4th

Upon a motion made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Dennis Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for April 6th & May 4th with corrections, if necessary.

Agenda Item: APPLICATIONS

- **None**

Agenda Item: COMPLAINTS

- **None**

Agenda Item: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

Agenda Item: BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Legislative Committee**
  - **Rulemaking Update –** April Randall, Legislative Director, informed the Board that the final rulemaking was approved on May 22, 2026. DLCP is working on making updates to the applications and code book with the new rules.
- **Education Committee**
  - **Practitioner's Forum** – Jared Scott, Committee Chair, reported all speakers have confirmed. There will be an emergency meeting held on Wednesday, June 3rd to vote on and select this year's honorees from the nominations that were received from the public. Kevin Cyrus will meet with Demetrius Norman to arrange staffing for the event. DLCP Director Tiffany Crowe and Mayor Muriel Bowser have both been sent invitations to the event.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- None

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **Newly Appointed Board Member –** Upon swearing in, Dr. Kimberley Grimes will be seated as the newest member of the Board, replacing the esteemed Dr. Richard DeCarlo. The following board members have been renominated, approved and awaiting to be sworn in for new terms: Dr. Anwar Saleem, Ms. Korie Booker, Ms. Aija Minnis, Mr. Dennis Smith, Mr. David Calvacante, and Mr. Vernon Martin.
- **Request for DC to Adopt a Restricted Barber License –** The request was made by Ms. Andrea Carter, to inquire if DC would consider a restricted barber license similar to the one offered the state of Florida does. The Board's Legislative Committee would have to meet to discuss in light of the recent legislation approved to lower barber hours from 1500 to 1250 hours.
- **LHYS Hair Show Request for Collaboration/Endorsement –** Mikala Helms, founder of Let's Hear Your Story (LHYS) is requesting that the Board would endorse her hair show (no date provided), provide guidance on aligning the event with professional standards, and share the initiative with licensed professionals. The Board hasn't endorsed hair shows in the past as we operate on an agenda of health, safety and welfare.

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **Practical Exam Report – May 2026**
  Passing rates are improving. Language barriers and being unprepared remain the reason for failing the exam.

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

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- None

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at **11:47 am.**

  - *Upon a motion, duly made by Dr. Richard 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

July 6, 2026

Date

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