



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

**MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2025**

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, June 2nd, 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 **10:19 am** and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: *Dr. Anwar Saleem (Chair), Mr. Vernon Martin, Dr. Raymond Kibler, Ms. Vonnetta Dumas Jennings, Mr. Jared Scott, Mr. Patrick Guarniere, Ms. Ajia Minnis, Mr. Dennis Smith and Ms. Korie Booker.*

Board Members Absent: *Ms. Mable Carter and David Cavalcante..*

Staff Members Present: *Ms. Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator), Ms. Nicole McClendon (Program Manager), Ms. Jennifer Durden (Paralegal) Mr. Demetrius Norman (Chief Consumer Experience Officer), Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, (Deputy Administrator), Mr. Jatarious Frazier (Policy Analyst), Ms. Irina Moore (Examination Coordinator), A'layza Mitchell (Program Support Specialist), April Randall (Legislative Director) and Mr. Agustin Villadares (Legal Counsel).*

Staff Members Absent:) *Mr. Kevin Cyrus (Education Coordinator), Jessica Rice (Legal Counsel), and Mr. Terron McAbee (Program Support Specialist).*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey** – Listening as an observer
- **LaMarsha Williams** – 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 Mr. Vernon Martin, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call.

Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Vernon Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for May 5, 2025 with corrections, if necessary.

Agenda Item: COMPLAINTS

- None

Agenda Item: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

Agenda Item: BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Legislative Committee** – Ms. Randall, DLCP Legislative Director, stated that there are currently no legislative updates, no pending appeals or regulations pertaining to the Board. She wanted to make the Board aware of upcoming budget meeting on June 9th. While there are no specific provisions pertaining to the Board, the Mayor’s theme is “Grow DC” with a focus on increasing licensure, reducing fines and ease of licensure.
- **Education Committee**
 - **2025 Instructor Forum Recap** – The event was held on May 19th at Bennett Career Institute, was a successful event. It was attended by over 50 instructors. It featured mock practical exams that gave instructors an opportunity to see what’s necessary to prepare students to pass the state board practical exam. Chairman Saleem publicly thanked Mr. Chet Bennett for allowing the Board to use his facilities for the forum.
 - **2025 CE Forum Update** – Committee Co-Chairs Mr. Guarniere and Mr. Martin indicated all speakers and instructors for the breakout sessions were all confirmed, and all the products for the gift bags had been received. 300 attendees have registered, and staff volunteers have been selected to help with setup and registration.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- None

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **Extension of the Oklahoma Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Sunset Bill** – OK Gov. Kevin Stitt vetoed the bill but after public pressure and concerns from industry professionals, the Governor and lawmakers agreed to extend the sunset date to keep the board in place for one year (July 1, 2026). The agreement includes a commitment to a major overhaul of the board's regulation of barbershops and salons in 2026. As president of the NIC, Chairman Saleem indicated that the association provided guidance to the OK Board Chair, who happens to serve on the NIC Board as well. Ms. Dumas Jennings offered thanks to Chairman Saleem for his work and advocacy for the OK Board, citing how this decision effects Boards all across the country.
- **Great Clips Leadership Conference, Minneapolis, MN** – Dr. Saleem will be attending this one-day meeting on June 26th that brings industry leaders and regulators together to discuss national trends and events. He'll be attending as a representative from NIC.

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **Exam Committee** – Dr. DeCarlo presented the Practical Examination Summary Reports for May 2025.

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Application for R. Carter BAR4****86**

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applicants request to take the practical exam with accommodations for a time extension and exemption from the shaving portion.

- **Application for R. Tucker CSI4****97**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Patrick Guarniere and properly seconded by Dr. Richard DeCarlo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applicants request to take the written and practical instructor's exam based on Post Secondary education hours and teaching experience.

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at **11:17 am**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Patrick Guarniere Jennings and properly seconded by Ms. Aija Minnis, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

Date

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