



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

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TO THE BOARD

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Barber and Cosmetology
1100 4th Street SW, Room E500, Washington, DC 20024
Via Webex
Monday, March 1, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 1100 4th Street, SW, via Teleconference, Washington, DC 20024. In this Public Meeting and Executive Session, the Board discussed old and new business, regulations, complaints and investigations. This monthly Board meeting was held via the WebEx Events format.

Anwar Saleem, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Board Members Present: Anwar Saleem, Richard DeCarlo, Kandace Murray, Mable Carter, Nanita Wilson, Vonetta Dumas, Sharon A. Young, and Jared M. Scott

Staff Present: Cynthia Briggs, *Program Manager*; Nicole McClendon, *Program Coordinator*; George Batista, *Investigator*; Kevin Cyrus, *Education Coordinator*; Patrice Richardson, *Program Manager*; and S. Skip Brown, *Board Administrator*

Legal Counsel: Marc Nielsen, Esq.

Board Members Absent: Raymond Kibler, Eric Gomez and Eric Doyle

Staff Members Absent: Andrew Jackson, *Board Administrator*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None.

Agenda Item: MOMENT OF SILENCE

- The Chairman announced a moment of silence be observed Helenmarie White: Beloved DC Teacher & Salon Owner and Liz Nolan: Elite Hairstylist & Salon Owner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Upon a motion duly made by member Richard DeCarlo, and properly seconded by member Mable Carter, the Board unanimously voted to enter into closed session pursuant to the authority of D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (4) (A) to seek the advice of counsel, D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (9) to discuss disciplinary matters, and D.C. Official Code Section 2-775(b) (13) to deliberate upon a decision in an adjudication action or proceeding.

- The Chairman announced that the Board would enter into Executive Session without objection.



Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Upon a motion duly made by member Richard DeCarlo, and properly seconded by member Eric Doyle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 1, 2021 meeting minutes.

Agenda Item: COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Practical Examination Update:** Board Member DeCarlo indicated that the Practical Examinations are now current, since the backlog has been made up. He also stated that the practical examinations are offered on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. They are held at Bennet Career Institute.

Additionally, Examination Coordinator Irina Moore stated that the Theory Exams have been moved to PSI exam sites in the metro area, due to the health pandemic. Further, there is an email to the candidates regarding the Practical Examinations and that there are email generated list of those that passed Theory Examinations as well.

The Chairman thanked the proctors and staff and for handling the backlog, and lead the country, compared to other jurisdictions that have extensive backlogs.

- **Education Committee Update:** Board Administrator Brown summarized Chairperson Sharon Young's report that DC Public Schools has reopened for in person learning. Additionally, that Barbering/Cosmetology programs are being updated and the Board should look at being a resource in the two (2) programs being redeveloped.

Program Manager Briggs suggested that we contact the instructors and identify whether they teach in public or private schools.

Board Member DeCarlo added that the Aveda Downtown School is now closed.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- **Mobile Services (Shop-Salon): DOH – Board Meeting Update:** Board Member Jared Scott indicated that the meeting with the Department of Health was postponed, because greater representation was needed for a full discussion.

The Chairman inquired about how to meet with Mobile Service Providers; Board Administrator Brown offered to discuss this further.

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **Streamlining Cosmetology Sub-Categories Licensure Regulations:** Board Administrator Brown read Administrator Vincent Parkers letter outlining DCRA's position on methods improve Occupational and Professional Licensing Programs.

Board Administration indicate that a review of the requirements and regulations to see what the most prudent areas is to focus on. The Board also discussed measures that would help streamline various license types and will consider reducing requirements for some license types. A review will be done to begin this process. Further, there was discussion on how to proceed with offering continuing education units to the public. The Board will discuss whether to offer short sessions or all-day sessions.



Agenda Item: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS

- No final recommendation/actions were offered.

Agenda Item: ADJORNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anwar S. Saleem

Anwar S. Saleem, Chair Date: April 5, 2021
Prepared by: S. Skip Brown, Board Administrator