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

MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, March 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 **10:01 am** and attendance was taken.

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

Board Members Absent:. *None*

Staff Members Present: *Ms. Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator), Ms. Nicole McClendon (Program Manager), 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), and Jacqueline Noisette (Deputy Administrator).*

Staff Members Absent: *Agustin Villadares (Legal Counsel).*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey –** Hadn't received renewal notification. Informed that the renewal period is open and she can log into Access DC account to renew.
- **Danetta Holmes –** Listening as an observer.
- **Dr. Jemal Sewell –** Listening as an observer.
- **Marc Francis (DOH)** – 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. Dennis Smith, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call.

Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026

Upon a motion made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Vernon Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for February 2ndt 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, discussed OCA's comments to the Board's proposed rulemaking. The comments were addressed for clarification. The rulemaking will then move forward for EOM to approve the rulemaking for publication in the D.C. Register for notice and comment.

- **Education Committee**
  - **Allure Beauty Academy 3239 14th St NW** – OSSE deemed the establishment too small and not a good space for a school.
  - **Instructor's Forum –** No Updates
  - **Practitioner's Forum** – The committee met to discuss the theme, award nominees and speakers/presenters for the Forum.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- **Cosmetology License Renewal Period –** Ongoing. 90-day renewal notices were sent out on February 15th. The next notice will be sent to licensees on March15th as a reminder.

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **None**

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **Practical Exam Report – February 2026**
  Pass/Fail rates are improving. Most failures are due to language barriers and candidates being unprepared.

  Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Mr. Vernon Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the January Practical Exam Report.

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **None**

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at **11:17 am.**
  - *Upon a motion, duly made by Dr. DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Dennis Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Anwar Saleem

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

April 6, 2026

Date

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