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

MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2026

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, May 4th, 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, and Mr. Vernon Martin.*

Board Members Absent:. *Mr. David Cavalcante and Dr. Richard DeCarlo.*

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), and Mr. Demetrius Norman (Chief Customer Experience Officer).*

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

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey –** Listening as an observer.
- **Marc Francis (DOH)** – Listening as an observer.
- **Mark Wills** – 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 Mr. Vernon Martin, and properly seconded by Ms. Ajia Minnis, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call.

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 public comment portion of the rulemaking ended April 27th, with no public comment. It can now proceed to the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs for approval and from there to the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances for publication in the DC Register where it becomes final.
- **Education Committee**
  - **Allure Beauty Academy** – Requesting to offer 1500-hour cosmetology course online. The practical portion of learning cannot be done online. Referring application back to the applicant to determine how they plan to administer practical learning. **NO ACTION**
  - **Join Crush Academy –** Distance learning request to offer a 6-hour continuing education course for DC Law, sanitation and professional responsibility. **APPROVED**
  - **Twin State Salon Supply** – Distance learning request to offer a 4-hour continuing education course on social media. The certificate must indicate that the course is elective only. **APPROVED**
  - **Instructor's Forum –** May 11th at 1pm.
  - **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. Licenses will remain active and renewal eligible if they missed the April 15th deadline up until June 15th. Afterward, licenses will become inactive and reinstatement eligible.
- **NIC 2026 Conference –** Billings, MT October 19th – 22nd – Registration Open
- **NABBA 2026 Conference –** Charlotte, NC September 20th-24th – Registration Open

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **ProV Testing -** As of April 30th, PSI will no longer administer the NIC theory exam for Barber/Cosmetology license applicants. The DLCP website and application will now reflect

ProV as the test provider. Per Ms. Irina Moore, Exam Coordinator, candidates for licensure must complete an application before scheduling the written exam. The test fee will no longer be included in the application fee. ProV will collect the test fee when applicants schedule the exam.

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Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **Practical Exam Report – April 2026**
  Passing rates are improving.

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

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Join Crush Academy –** Distance Learning Course
  Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Vernon Martin and seconded by Mr. Dennis Smith the Board voted unanimously to approve request to offer a 6-hour continuing education course covering DC Law, Sanitation, and Professional Responsibility, as a DC Board-Approved CE provider.

- **Twin State Salon Supply –** Distance Learning Course
  Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Whitney McGill and seconded by Mr. Jared Scott the Board voted unanimously to approve request to offer a 4-hour continuing education course covering Social Media, as a DC Board-Approved CE provider.

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at **11:22 am.**
  - *Upon a motion, duly made by Mr. Jared Scott and properly seconded by Mr. Vernon Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Anwar Saleem

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

June 1, 2026

Date

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