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

MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 2025

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, November 3rd, 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 **10:09 am** and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: *Dr. Anwar Saleem (Chair), Dr. Richard DeCarlo, Mr. Patrick Guarniere, and Ms. Vonetta Dumas Jennings, Mr. Jared Scott, Mr. Patrick Guarniere, Ms. Ajia Minnis, Mr. Dennis Smith and Ms. Korie Booker.*

Board Members Absent: *Mr. David Cavalcante and Mr. Vernon Martin.*

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), Kyana Rayfield (Paralegal Specialist), and Mr. Agustin Villadares (Legal Counsel).*

Staff Members Absent:*) Mr. Demetrius Norman (Chief Customer Experience Officer), Jacqueline Noisette (Deputy Administrator), and Ms. Shakira Richardson (CPU Program Manager).*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey –** Listening as an observer
- **Georgia Manning (Nail Saloon) –** 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. Patrick Guarniere, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call.

Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 2, 2025, July 28th and September 22nd Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Ms. Ajia Minnis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for July 2nd, July 28th, and September 22nd with corrections, if necessary.

Agenda Item: APPLICATIONS

- **D'Ambrosio Brothers LLC dba Diego's Hair Salon BAO40000055 –** Submitted a fraudulent Barber Manager license with application. A license for the Designated Manager shows Cecilia Quispe-Jimenz as a barber manager, however she holds a cosmetology operator license. Applicant has since provided the license of an active barber manager. ***Approve owner license application.***

Agenda Item: COMPLAINTS

- **D'Ambrosio Brothers LLC dba Diego's Hair Salon BAO40000055, July 31st –** CPU issued 6 NOIs, 1 for operating without an owner's license, 2 for misrepresenting being authorized to practice to the public, and 3 for using unlicensed operators. The 3 unlicensed operators were also issued NOI's individually.
- **Wax Union Market LLC (European Wax Center) COO40000106, 300 Morse Rd NE, July 7th –** Fined for operating without a licensed esthetician or master esthetician manager. They are also operating without an owner license.
- **Wax Capitol Riverfront t/a European Wax Center, COO40000153 1221 Van St SE, July 14th –** Fined for operating without a licensed esthetician or master esthetician manager.
- **Fizel Jabbar COP40001136 –** Operating a hair salon out of his home in the basement. Referred to the Board of Barber and Cosmetology for determination. ***Report to DOH.***
- **The Nail Loft CSO40000103, 1010 Massachusetts Ave NW, July 31st –** Use of products banned by the FDA due to cancer causing carcinogens.
- **Addysen Drake CSP40001989, August 1st –** Reported for being an unlicensed operator. She has an active master esthetician license. Submitted by Jacob. He also alleged unethical behavior.
- **Addysen Drake CSP40001989, August 10th –** Reported for misconduct, fraudulent mis- representation, unauthorized recording and distribution on social media, defamation and consumer deception, coordinated harassment and fake reviews, and hate bias motivation. Submitted by Adam Ohayon (Georgetown Allure).
- **Jayla Johnson, August 16th –** Fined for providing braiding services in here home without a braider license. ***Report to DOH.***

Agenda Item: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

Agenda Item: BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Legislative Committee**
  - **Proposed Regulations –** The rulemaking for this proposed legislation is currently with the Official of the Attorney General for review.

- **Education Committee**
  - **IDEA Public Charter School Request to Implement Cosmetology Program** – Education Coordinator, Kevin Cyrus, presented request to the Board from IDEA Public Charter School for a 1500-hour Cosmetology Program. We received a letter of support from Mr. Chet Bennett of Bennett Career Institute with an outline of the curriculum. After discussion, the Board supports the implementation of the program with the recommendation that IDEA submit a plan for monitoring and oversight of the program.

- **Exam Committee**
  - **Examiners Needed to Proctor Practical Exams –** The Board formed a committee to review the selection process and conduct interviews for Board Examiners. We have several resumes from interested candidates. The committee members are Mr. Patrick Guarniere and Ms. Ajia Minnis.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- **None**

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **New Board Member –** Ms. Whitney McGill was welcomed in as the newest member of the DC Board of Barber and Cosmetology.
- **Outreach Opportunity** – The Hair Project has inquired if the DC Board was interested in participating as part of it's database of licensed professionals to pair with targeted populations in need of grooming services. Members expressed that this request may be best suited for individual professionals through schools and nonprofits and not an action of the Board. Will get more detailed information from the requestor.
- **Barbering Practice of Honing & Strapping –** It was suggested by the barber examiner that if shaving is no longer a requirement for the practical exam, that the practice of honing and strapping should be removed as well. However, it's been confirmed that shaving has not been removed, therefore honing and strapping will remain.
- **Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2026**
- **National Interstate Council of State Licensing Boards (NIC) Conference Recap, October 18th-20th** – It was Dr. Saleem's final term as President and is now the Immediate Past Present. Under his leadership, the association has grown it's membership and assets, implemented a national database, certifications, more efficient test providers and a new psychometrician for test development. The association will now focus on standardization and uniformity in licensure across the country.

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **July, September and October 2025**
  Dr. Saleem expressed a concern for the high number of no shows. Ms. Irina Moore stated that since we no longer charge a retest fee, candidates can decide not to show up without penalty.

    - *Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Mr. Patrick Guarniere, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Practical Exam reports for July, September and October 2025.*

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **IDEA Public Charter School Request to Implement Cosmetology Program**

    - *Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Dr. Richard DeCarlo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the implementation of a 1500-hour cosmetology program at IDEA Public Charter School with the recommendation that they submit a plan for monitoring and oversight.*

- **Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2026**

    - *Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennis Smith and seconded by Dr. Richard DeCarlo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board meeting dates for 2026.*

- **NIC/RFP**
    - *Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Patrick Guarniere and seconded by Mr. Dennis Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve a provision for any new testing contract to include NIC as the preferred national exam.*

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at **12:11 pm**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anwar Saleem

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

December 1, 2025

Date

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