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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Barber and Cosmetology
1100 4th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024
Via WebEx
Monday, October 17, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 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 Event platform.

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Board Members Present: *Dr. Anwar Saleem, Dr. Richard DeCarlo, Vonetta Dumas-Jennings, Jared Scott, Raymond Kibler, Mark Wills, and Nanita Wilson (Consumer Member).*

Board Members Absent: *David Cavalcante, Mable Carter (Consumer Member),*

Staff Present: *Cynthia Briggs, Program Manager; Nicole McClendon, Program Coordinator; Marc Nielsen, Assistant General Counsel, Dr. Rashan Broadnax, Board Administrator; and, Kimberly Troxler, Program Support Specialist.*

Staff Members Absent: *Harriett Brodie, Deputy Administrator*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(Responses provided by Dr. Broadnax, Board Administrator)

- No questions from public attendees

Upon a motion duly made by Board Member Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Board Member Mark Wills, the Board voted unanimously enter Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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.

Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Upon a motion duly made by Board Member Dr. Richard DeCarlo, and properly seconded Board Member Mark Wills, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 12, 2022, minutes with any necessary corrections.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- “Test First” Policy – Board Administrator, Dr. Rashan Broadnax provided the Board with an update of the success of the Test First Policy, enacted July 18, 2022. Dr. Broadnax confirmed the policy has been successful in moving examination candidates forward in their licensure process, which has considerably reduced the backlog of candidates. The number of students waiting to test went from 1000+ to 386; a reduction of approx. 600 candidates in two months.
- Recap of NABBA and NIC Conferences – Board Administrator, Dr. Rashan Broadnax, provided a recap of both conferences, noting a major topic of conversation at both events was the Interstate Compacts for Barber and Cosmetology. Board Chair, Dr. Anwar Saleem, noted the NABBA Conference, September 19-22, 2022, Atlanta GA, was attended by Board Members Mark Wills and Jared Scott, Board Chair, Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Administrator, Dr. Rashan Broadnax, and Program Coordinator, Ms. Nicole McClendon. The NIC Conference, September 30-October 3, 2022, San Antonio, TX, was attended by Board Members Dr. Richard DeCarlo and Mrs. Vonetta Dumas-Jennings, Board Chair, Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Administrator, Dr. Rashan Broadnax, Program Coordinator, Ms. Nicole McClendon, and Program Manager, Ms. Cynthia Briggs. Dr. Broadnax also acknowledged the reappointment of Program Manager, Cynthia Briggs as the Senior Executive Director and himself as the Chairman of the Executive Director Committee for the National Interstate Council of State Boards. Chairman, Dr. Anwar Saleem added many of the attendees/ Barbers at the NABBA conference seemingly have issue with the Barber Compact as it relates to cost and outcomes; the Barbers would rather stand on their own as it relates to license mobility in the Barber Industry. Dr. Saleem happily reported the attendance of the NIC conference had tripled in number compared to 2021, from 42 to 115 state attendees.
- DCRA Agency Separation – Chairman, Dr. Anwar Saleem noted, effective September 30, 2022, at 11:59pm, DCRA dissolved and became two new DC agencies, the Department of Building (DOB) and Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP). Board Administrator, Dr. Rashan Broadnax, commented the separation of the agency has not affected the Barber and Cosmetology licensees as it relates to interruption in services – any issues resulting from the separation have been resolved. Program Coordinator, Nicole McClendon also mentioned the 1100 4th Street, SW location is currently closed with very limited services with an expected return date of December 5, 2022.
- Board Administrator to meet with DC Beauty School Administrators/ Instructors for Q & A sessions regarding Examination – Board Administrator, Dr. Rashan Broadnax, scheduled to visit Dudley’s Beauty College on Wednesday, October 26, at 1:30pm with available Board Members for a facility tour; response from Bennett Career Institute pending, and plans to visit Roosevelt and Ballou Stay, along with Bell Multicultural forthcoming.

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- Beginning 2023, D.C. Department of Health, Community Hygiene Division, plans to begin inspection of beauty school client service areas only. We were notified in August of this initiative. Board Administrator, Dr. Rashan Broadnax, advised by Program Manager, Cynthia Briggs, and confirmed by Board Chair, Dr. Anwar Saleem, schools are not under the purview of the Board of Barber and Cosmetology. The Community Hygiene Division should contact Ms. Dorothy Thomas, of OSSE – Higher Education Licensure Commission (H.E.L.C.) to discuss inspection plans. Referring the Department of Health to H.E.L.C. will remove the Board of Barber and Cosmetology



from the conversation all together. Program Manager, Cynthia Briggs, suggested sending DOH – Community Hygiene the Board of Barber and Cosmetology Chapter 37 ruling on the oversight of schools.

- D.C. Department of Health proposed legislation outlining the intent to be the sole agency governing DC Body Artists.
 - *Sec.47–2853.76b. Regulation of body artists and body art establishments*
Board Member, Dr. Richard DeCarlo asked if the Board of Barber and Cosmetology membership would decrease by the number of Body Artist members if the Department of Health were to assume full governance over the Body Artist Industry.

Upon a motion duly made by Board Member Mark Wills and properly seconded by Board Member Dr. Richard DeCarlo, the Board voted unanimously ask the Department of Health to take total responsibility of the Body Artist industry, to include licensing, regulation, and enforcement.

- Entrepreneurship Support Amendment of 2021 – Board Chair, Dr. Anwar Saleem, gave an overview of the amendment and asked for a motion for the Chair and Staff to open discussions in reference to shaping our recommendations for the amendment.

Upon a motion duly made by Board Member Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Board Member Vonetta Dumas-Jennings, the Board voted unanimously ask the Chair and Staff to open discussions in reference to shaping our recommendations for the amendment.

Agenda Item: ADJORNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Anwar S. Saleem, Board Chair

Prepared by: Dr. Rashan Broadnax, Board Administrator