

Barbers' Board Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024

A meeting of the State Board of Barbers was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Board Member Attendees

Mr. Larry Franklin - *Chairperson*
Mr. Andrew Campbell - *Industry Member*
Mr. Wade Menendez - *Industry Member*
Ms. Toni Wallace - *Industry Member*
Ms. Lisa Ennis, *Industry Member*
Dr. Brenda Gould, *Industry Member (Absent)*
Mr. Channing Trent- *Industry Member*

Other Staff Attendees

Ms. Nicole Fletcher- *Executive Director*
Ms. Breona Scott- *Assistant Executive Director*
Ms. Leslie Braxton- *Licensing Supervisor*
Ms. Fatmata Rahman- *Administrative Specialist III*
Ms. Ashely Thompson- *Office Secretary*
Mr. Kenneth Sigman- *Advice Counsel*
Ms. Renee Robertson- *Continuing Education Coordinator*
Ms. Kimberly Archie- *Inspector*
Ms. Karina Papavasiliou- *Inspector*

Agenda

Quorum Announced, and Meeting Called to Order

A quorum was announced by Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher and the meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher requested a motion to amend the agenda to replace the Barber Bridge Program with Legislative Updates due to there being no legislation in place for the Barber Bridge Program. Mr. Andrew Wiggs made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Mr. Larry Franklin, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of December 11, 2023 Minutes

The minutes of the December 11, 2023, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Executive Director, Ms. Nicole Fletcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Andrew Campbell to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Toni Wallace and the motion unanimously passed.

New Business

A. INTRODUCTION-C TRENT

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher began by introducing a new member to the Board Mr. Channing Trent. Mr. Channing Trent presented himself as a Master Barber licensed in the State of Maryland. He also expressed his passion for barbering which began at a young age and later developed into him educating high school students on barbering. Before concluding his introduction Mr Channing Trent highlighted the importance of licensure and how he pushes potential licensees to become licensed. Mr. Channing Trent was welcomed to the Board by fellow Board members.

Old Business

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (HOUSE BILL 642)

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher shared the Maryland General Assembly website to display House Bill 642 titled “Apprenticeships in Licensed Occupations Act of 2024”. This bill’s purpose is to require professional and occupational regulatory boards to issue licenses, certifications, and registrations to individuals who complete an apprenticeship program.

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher expressed that this bill does not affect the Board of Barbers because there are already apprenticeships in place for this Board.

(SENATE BILL 261)

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher shared the Maryland General Assembly website to display Senate Bill 261 titled “ State Board of Barbers - Sunset Extension and Report”. The purpose of this bill is to extend the termination date for the State Board of Barbers within the Maryland Department of Labor by three years to July 1, 2027, taking effect June 1, 2024. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher also mentioned a fee increase that will be taking place for license renewals that can inflate to up to 12.5%.

B. INSPECTION REPORT

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided an Inspection Summary for today’s meeting. The Data was collected from December 10, 2023- February 12, 2024.

14	New shop applications received
5	New shops pending inspections - assigned
5	New shops pending inspections - to be unassigned
1	Complaints received
1	Complaints - open / to be investigated
2	Complaints - inspections completed
61	Inspections conducted
22	Inspections passed
19	Inspections failed
1	Failed - new shop inspections
8	Failed - late renewal inspections

2	Failed - complaint / per board inspections
20	Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed

Public Comment

Ms. Shannon Rice asked what legislation is needed for the Barber's Bridge Program to initiate it as well as what type of language can she use to help launch this program when reaching out to a delegate or senator. Ms. Fletcher stated that expressing the purpose of the bill and stating why it is important to the Board as well as individuals would help tremendously.

Adjournment

Mr. Andrew Campbell made a motion to call the meeting to adjourn at 10:30 A.M, seconded by Mr. Channing Trent.

APPROVED BY: _____ on April 8 , 2024.