

Cosmetologists' Board Meeting

Monday, April 1, 2024

A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

Board Member Attendees

Ms. Trai Dagucon-Hunt, *Chair, Industry Member*

Ms. Shanay Wiggs, *School Member*

Ms. April Kenney, *Cosmetologist Member*

Ms. Rosalind Hosley, *Cosmetologist Member*

Ms. Kelly Canty, *Consumer Member*

Mr. Maurice Fains, *Cosmetologist 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 (Absent)*

Ms. Karina Papavasiliou, *Inspector (Absent)*

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 10:06 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher requested a motion to approve the agenda. Chair, Ms Trai Dagucon-Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. April Kenney, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of March 4, 2024 Minutes

The minutes of the March 4, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Board. Ms Trai Dagucon-Hunt asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Ms. April Kenney to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Rosalind Hosley and the motion unanimously passed.

New Business

A. STUDENT SALON TRAINING

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher stated that she received an inquiry from a private school regarding students being able to work in salons once they reach a certain amount of hours. Ms. Fletcher referenced Maryland statutes 5-303 (a) “Subject to the provisions of this section, a student who has completed at least 1,000 hours of training while enrolled in **public** school courses in cosmetology may practice cosmetology without a license”. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher noted that this law relates to public schools and does not address private schools. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher asks the Board if they support a statutory amendment to allow private school students the same work opportunities. The Board supports such an amendment. Executive Director Nicole Fletcher further stated that the inclusion of private schools would have to be amended to the statute which will not occur until the next legislative session in 2025.

B. CHAIRPERSON VOTE

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher informed the Board that voting for the next Chairperson for the upcoming fiscal year will be taking place on May 6, 2024.

Old Business

A. CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER APPLICATION

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher brought to the Board's attention that the Continuing Education Provider Application is now live and accepting applications. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher also stated that the application fee is \$250 and includes the review of one course. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher further stated that payments are only payable through check or money order at this time. Payments also must be mailed to the Board with a printed application. Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher also made note that the Board will stop taking applications on April 22, 2024.

B. CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Executive Director Ms. Nicole Fletcher informed the Board that there was one school approved between March 4, 2024, and April 1, 2024. Allegany College of Maryland is located at 12401 Willowbrook Rd SE in Cumberland MD. It was already a school, and they are adding a cosmetology program. Allegany College of Maryland has been approved to provide that cosmetology program.

C. INSPECTION REPORT

Licensing Supervisor Ms. Leslie Braxton provided an Inspection Summary for today's meeting. The data was collected from March 2, 2024- March 29, 2024.

| |
|---|
| 35 New shop applications received |
| 10 New shops pending inspections - assigned |
| 13 New shops pending inspections - to be unassigned |
| 11 Complaints received |
| 3 Complaints - open / to be investigated |
| 12 Complaints - inspections completed |
| 183 Inspections conducted |

| |
|-----------------------|
| 84 Inspections passed |
|-----------------------|

56 Inspections failed

| |
|--|
| 1 Failed - new shop inspections |
| 5 Failed - late renewal inspections |
| 7 Failed - complaint / per board inspections |
| 43 Closed at time of inspection / Permanently closed |

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Adjournment

Chair, Trai Dagucon made a motion to call the meeting to adjourn at 10:25 A.M, seconded by Ms. April Kenney.

APPROVED BY: _____ on Ju , 2024.