



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

**MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2025**

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, January 6th, 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 **10:29 a.m.** and attendance was taken.

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

Board Members Absent: *Mr. Raymond Kibler and Mr. David Cavalcante, and Ms. Mable Carter*

Staff Members Present: *Ms. Nicole McClendon (Program Manager), Mr. Marc Nielson (Legal Counsel), Mr. Jatarious Frazier (Policy Analyst), Mr. Kevin Cyrus (Education Coordinator), Ms. Irina Moore (Examination Coordinator), and Ms. Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator).*

Staff Members Absent: *Ms. Jacqueline Noisette (Assistant Deputy Administrator), Mr. Terron McAbee (Program Support Specialist) and Ms. April Randall (Legislative Director).*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

- **Aisha Lacet** - Listening as an observer.
- **Armenetta Holsey** - Listening as an observer.
- **Dante Brown** - Listening as an observer.
- **Joan Lelma (BEGA)** - 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. Vernon Martin, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session via individual roll call.

Agenda Item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Patrick Guarniere and properly seconded by Dr. Richard DeCarlo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for October 7, 2024 with corrections, if necessary.

Agenda Item: COMPLAINTS

- None

Agenda Item: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

Agenda Item: BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Legislative Committee to Review Instructor Training Hours** – Follow-up. Mr. Guarnier and Mr. Martin will schedule a meeting with staff & legislative team to discuss proposed changes and will report findings to the Board at the next meeting.
- **Mobile Barbering** – Ms. Troxler will schedule meeting with Ms. Denise Lucas (DOH), Business Licensing, Vending and DDOT to discuss next steps in moving forward.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- **2025 Proposed Meeting Dates** – The meeting date for April 2025 must be changed from the 7th to the 14th due to a conflict in schedule for the Board Chairman.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Vernon Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve to reschedule the April 7th board meeting to April 14th.

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **Welcome New Board Member** – Ajia Minnis (Cosmetology Specialist – Braider), Dennis Smith (Barber), and Korie Booker (Micropigmentation Specialist) were sworn in on December 10, 2024. Chairman. Saleem welcomed them.
- **Invitation to Speak at DCPS CTE Professional Development Day** – Ms. Troxler and Chairman. Saleem have been invited to speak/present at their upcoming professional development day on February 14th. If any other board member is interested in speaking or giving an hour-long presentation, please let Ms. Troxler know.



Agenda Item: REPORTS

- Exam Committee – Ms. Troxler presented the Practical Examination Summary Reports for November and September 2024.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Patrick Guarniere and properly seconded by Mr. Dennis Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Practical Examination Summary Reports for November and December 2024.

Agenda Item: APPLICATIONS

- **CSP40000925** – Applicant failed the theory exam 23 times and now wants to schedule the practical exam now that she finally passed it on the 24th try. Per Chairman Saleem, there’s nothing in the regulations to prohibit her from taking the practical exam. Therefore, no action from the Board is necessary and the applicant can move forward.

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- In light of this, Dr. Saleem is concerned that there’s no mechanism in place to charge applicants to retake the exam after they fail based on rulemaking that was made during the Covid Pandemic. The cost comes back to the agency and the tests are paid for with taxpayer dollars. Recommendations were made by the Board to eliminate the rule now that the pandemic is over. He wants to move forward with legal counsel, staff and PSI to reinstate the practice of charging applicants to retest. Per Mr. Nielsen (legal counsel), he, along with staff, can put together a draft and bring it to the board for review. A motion for the recommendation can be made at that time.

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at 11:25 am.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Dennis Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Anwar Saleem

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

February 3, 2025

Date

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