



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

**MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 4, 2024**

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, November 4th, 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 **10:32 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, Ms. Nanita Wilson, and Ms. Mable Carter.*

Board Members Absent: *Mr. Jared Scott, Mr. Raymond Kibler and Mr. David Cavalcante.*

Staff Members Present: *Ms. Nicole McClendon (Program Manager), Mr. Marc Nielson (Legal Counsel), April Randall (Legislative Director), Jatarious Frazier (Policy Analyst), Kevin Cyrus (Education Coordinator), Ms. Irina Moore (Examination Coordinator), Jacqueline Noisette (Assistant Deputy Administrator), Terron McAbee (Program Support Specialist) and Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator).*

Staff Members Absent: *None*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey** – Listening as observer.
- **Angel Cruz (DOH)** - Listening as observer
- **Olga Clegg (DOH)** – Listening as observer.
- **Mark Francis (DOH)** - Listening as observer
- **Kimberly Brown (BEGA)** – Listening as observer.
- **Denise Lucas (DOH)** - Listening as observer
- **Genae Jacobs (DOH)** - Listening as observer
- **Teresita Edwards (OSSE/HELC)** - Listening as observer
- **Dr. Acia Williams** – Needed assistance with Continuing Education Application.

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

- October 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Patrick Guarniere, 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

- **Committee to Review Instructor Training Hours Follow-up** – No updates to report.

Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS

- **NIC 2024 Conference Recap** – Board Members and Staff who attended the conference all agreed the conference was a success and provided valuable insights into various industry topics and collaboration between state agencies. Representatives from NABBA were in attendance for discussions concerning the possibility of merging the associations to work together under one umbrella. The 2025 NIC conference will be held in Phoenix, AZ, October 17-20th.
- **Gender Based Pricing Update** –Mr. Marc Nielsen (legal counsel) received no additional feedback from the Board concerning the initiative. He will let OAG know they can move forward with distributing it licensees. The date when that will happen is unknown. Chairman Saleem recommends we include the topic at the 2025 CE Forum.

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **2025 Proposed Board Meeting Dates** – Board Members will review the dates. Will confirm dates at next meeting.

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- Exam Committee – Dr. DeCarlo presented the Practical Examination Summary Report for September 2024. Chairman Saleem inquired as to why so many cosmetology students are failing the exam. Dr. DeCarlo responded that some students are failing partial parts of the exam, such as finger waving and hair pressing, while others are showing up without having the required materials.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Vernon Martin and properly seconded by Dr. Richard DeCarlo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Practical Examination Summary Report for October 2024.

Agenda Item: APPLICATIONS

- None

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Bold Ventures Inc. DBA InStyle Nail Bar CSO40000077** – Owner Miga Tugendhat CSP40001136, was issued 2 NOIs for having 2 unlicensed operators working in the nail salon. She's opted to “admit with explanation” to the fines and would like for the Board to consider a reduced fine for each infraction.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Patrick Guarniere and properly seconded by Mr. Vernon Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for a reduction in fines for each infraction. A recommendation will be submitted to the judge overseeing the case to reduce each fine by 50%.

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at 11:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

Date

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