



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

**MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 7, 2024**

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, October 7th, virtually via Webex 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 **10:17 a.m.** and attendance was taken.

**Board Members Present:** *Dr. Anwar Saleem (Chair), Dr. Richard DeCarlo, Mr. Vernon Martin, Dr. Raymon Kibler, Ms. Vonnetta Dumas Jennings, Mr. Jared Scott, Mr. David Cavalcante, and Ms. Mable Carter.*

**Board Members Absent:** *Mr. Patrick Guarniere and Ms. Nanita Wilson*

**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), Jatarious Frazier, April Randall (Legislative Director), 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.
- **Davit Henry** – Listening as observer.
- **Kimberly Brown** – Listening as 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**

- September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

*Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for July 1, 2024.*

**Agenda Item: COMPLAINTS**

- None

**Agenda Item: CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

**Agenda Item: BOARD COMMITTEES**

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

**Agenda Item: OLD BUSINESS**

- **NIC 2024 Conference** – All travel has been approved.
- **NABBA 2024 Conference Follow-Up** – Mr. Scott provided a recap. The conference covered topics that included the Barber Pole Trademark, CEO Nominations, Milady’s announcement of it’s newest textbook coming out in January of 2025, and the marking of NABBA’s 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in 2026. Mr. Scott was also nominated for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.
- **Mobile Barbering Initiative** – Ongoing. The Board discussed the requirement of units being associated with a brick & mortar establishment, whether they are the owner or contract with an owner. A question was raised regarding salon suites and the loophole that may create as owners. Further research and discussion are required.
- **Gender Based Pricing** – Marc Nielsen (legal counsel) received from the OAG a copy of the Business Advisory it plans to issue to DC licensed barber & cosmetology professionals concerning this practice. Mr. Nielsen asked the Board Members to review the guidance and provide feedback that he could distribute for the OAG to include. One recommendation was for OAG to provide better examples of discrimination.

**Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS**

- **Virginia’s New 1000 Hour Cosmetology Curriculum Requirements** – Effective September 1, 2024, VA lowered its cosmetologist hours from 1500 to 1000. Chairman Saleem indicated that passing the national exam (NIC) trumps the hours and meets the national standard. So there will be no disruption for endorsement.



- **Board Member Terms** – Mr. Mark Wills term on the Board has ended. Chairman Saleem expressed his appreciation for his service as an esteemed member of the Board. Ms. Troxler has been diligently working with MOTA to fill Board vacancies.
- **The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA)** – BEGA is offering a week of training sessions from October 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>, called “Empowered by Ethics”. Ms. April Randall (Legislative Director) encouraged Board members to register and attend if possible.

### **Agenda Item: REPORTS**

- Exam Committee – Dr. DeCarlo presented the Practical Examination Summary Report for September 2024.  
*Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Vernon Martin and properly seconded by Ms. Mable Carter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Practical Examination Summary Report for September 2024.*

### **Agenda Item: APPLICATIONS**

- **Kris Otto (Formerly Hai Dang Ngo) COP40000828** – Submitted name change document as required by the Board to issue license  
*Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Ms. Mable Carter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the cosmetologist license application for Mr. Kris Otto with proof of name change document.*
- **Buddies Nails Spa COO40000162** – Provided license for different designated manager as required by the Board to issue license.  
*Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Ms. Mable Carter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the cosmetology owner license application for Buddies Nails Spa with proof of a different designated manager.*
- **Laura Arcely Garcia COP40000881** – Applied for license by endorsement but has been working in Virginia with an expired license. Refer to VA Cosmetology Board.

### **Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS**

- None

### **Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting Ended at 11:53 am.



Respectfully submitted,

*Dr. Anwar Saleem*

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Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

**11/4/2024**

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Date

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