



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

**MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 9, 2024**

The District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology (Board) held its monthly meeting on **Monday, September 9th, 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 **10:23 a.m.** and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: *Dr. Anwar Saleem (Chair), Dr. Richard DeCarlo, Mr. Patrick Guarniere, Mr. Vernon Martin, Dr. Raymon Kibler, Ms. Vonnetta Dumas Jennings, Mr. Jared Scott, and Mr. Mark Wills.*

Board Members Absent: *Mr. David Cavalcante, Ms. Mable Carter 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) and Jacqueline Noisette (Assistant Deputy Administrator).*

Staff Members Absent: *Kimberly Troxler (Board Administrator)*

Agenda Item: COMMENTS TO THE PUBLIC

- **Armenetta Holsey** – Listening as observer.
- **Denise Lucas (DOH)** – Listening as observer.
- **Federico Lindo** – Listening as observer.
- **Maia Turner (OSSE/HELC)** – 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

- July 1, 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** – Chair Saleem urged Board members to make their hotel reservations
- **NABBA 2024 Conference** – The travel packets for Mr. Wills and Mr. Scott have been approved.
- **Mobile Barbering Initiative** – Ongoing. Updates to be provided at the next board meeting. Dr. Kibler expressed interest in being a part of the discussions. Dr. Saleem recommended he reach out to Ms. Troxler.

Agenda Item: NEW BUSINESS

- **Gender Based Pricing** – The OAG met with members of the board to discuss its plans to issue a notice to beauty/grooming establishments advising that gender-based pricing is illegal because it violates the DC Human Rights Act (DCHRA) and that establishments engaging in this practice are out of compliance. Mr. Neilson, legal counsel, asked OAG to allow the Board to review the advisory before it goes out but there's been no further discussion since the meeting. Mr. Scott inquired if this was something that the Board as a governing body could petition. Ms. Dumas Jennings explained that this is a human rights issue. Dr. Saleem indicated there's nothing the Board can do.

Agenda Item: REPORTS

- **Exam Committee** – Dr. DeCarlo presented the Practical Examination Summary Report for July 2024.



Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Vernon Martin and properly seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Practical Examination Summary Report for June 2024.

Agenda Item: APPLICATIONS

- **Wanda Henderson COM2434** – Current cosmetology manager and owner of Wanda's on 7th (COO40000166) is requesting to sit for the cosmetology instructor exam with a waiver of the education requirement. She's been a licensed operator and salon owner for over 30 years.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Vernon Martin and properly seconded by Mr. Jared Scott, the Board to approved by a 6-2 vote to grant the waiver of the education component based on her years of experience and will allow Ms. Wanda Henderson to apply for an instructor license and take the written and practical exams.

- **Kris Otto (Formerly Hai Dang Ngo) COP40000828** – Seeking licensure as a cosmetologist by endorsement from TX. Owner of Buddies Nails Spa. Cited last year for unlicensed activity. Paid fine. Applied by endorsement from Texas. Certification letter received.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Mark Wills, the Board voted unanimously to deny the cosmetologist license application for Mr. Kris Otto pending proof of name change.

- **Buddies Nails Spa COO40000162** – Seeking a cosmetology owner license. Possible conflict of interest concerning Designated Manager - Michelle Tran COI5020022. Ms. Tran is known to be a full-time instructor at the Pro Nail and Skin in Leesburg, VA and is responsible for approving official transcripts for students who then come to DC to apply for their professional licenses. As a designated manager, you are required to be consistently on the shop's premises during business hours.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Mr. Mark Wills, the Board voted unanimously to deny the cosmetology owner license application for Buddies Nails Spa pending proof of a different designated manager.

- **Kasim Albayrak BAR40000126** – Seeking licensure by endorsement from the State of Florida. FL certification letter received. The FL State Board only requires 900 hours for licensure & no practical exam, while DC requires 1500 hours & a practical exam. Mr. Albayrak did take the NIC theory exam in Florida, which is acceptable to the Board. But he must take the DC practical exam. License cannot be issued by endorsement at this time.



Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Richard DeCarlo and properly seconded by Dr. Raymond Kibler, the Board voted unanimously to require Mr. Kasim Albayrak to take the DC practical exam to obtain licensure in DC.

Agenda Item: RECOMMENDATIONS

- None

Agenda Item: ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Ended at 11:28 am.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Anwar Saleem

Dr. Anwar Saleem, Board Chair

October 7, 2024

Date

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