

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
Special Called Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2024**

Location for Public Access:

Robert E. Lee Building, 239 N Lamar Street, Suite 301, Jackson, MS 39201

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Warren Rossi, Chairman of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. on February 28, 2024. Jewel Stewart performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Members present telephonically:

Warren Rossi, Chairman
Debbie Coker, Vice-Chairman
Jewel Stewart, Secretary
Hilda Bills, Member

Also present telephonically:

Catherine Bell, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

Also present at the public access location:

Ruby Lowery, Deputy Director
Sharon Clark, Executive Director

There were no members of the public present.

II. Agenda Approval

Debbie Coker moved to accept the agenda. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

III. New Business

A. Central MS Correctional Facility (Cheryl Manuel)

Debbie Coker moved to call Central Mississippi Correctional Facility and Cheryl Manuel before the Board for a formal hearing based on findings from the audit performed at Central MS Correctional Facility. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

B. Mary-Coleman-(Kuts-R-Us-Beauty-Salon)

Mary Coleman requested a formal hearing before the Board after the inspection performed at Kuts R Us Beauty Salon to dispute the fine assessed. Hilda Bills moved to call Ms. Coleman before the Board for a formal hearing. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

C. Blue Cliff College Overlap Hours Final Transcript Approvals

Blue Cliff College is scheduled to appear before the Board at a formal hearing wherein it is alleged that Blue Cliff College is teaching programs outside of the Board approved program time. Blue Cliff College has submitted final transcripts wherein students have earned hours outside of the Board approved program operational times. Several students are waiting for the Board to validate their hours and release them to sit for licensure exams. The Board acknowledges that students have 365 days from the date of graduation to successfully pass the licensure exam before "brush up" hours are required.

As this issue is currently unresolved and in an effort to not penalize the students effected by the alleged violation made by Blue Cliff College, Jewel Stewart moved for the Board to accept the hours, validated by the Board staff, that were earned by students in Blue Cliff College's esthetics programs if those hours were earned during a time when the program was not being operated within the Board approved operational times. Warren Rossi provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

IV. Adjournment

Debbie Coker moved to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. A second was provided by Jewel Stewart. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

APPROVED:


Warren Rossi, Chairman


Jewel Stewart, Secretary