

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 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 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 2024. Jewel Stewart performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Present at Board office:

Warren Rossi, Chairman

Debbie Coker, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Stewart, Secretary

Hilda Bills, Member

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

Ruby Lowery, Deputy Director

Present Telephonically:

Sharon Clark, Executive Director

Members of the public were present.

II. Agenda Approval

Hilda Bills moved to amend the February agenda to include an appearance by Tommy Tran. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hilda Bills moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

III. Board Minute Approval

Jewel Stewart moved to approve the January 28, 2024, Board Minutes without corrections. Debbie Coker provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Jewel Stewart moved to approve the January 29, 2024, Board Minutes without corrections. Hilda Bills provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.



IV. Report of Officers

Chairman Rossi advised there was nothing to report.
Vice Chairman Coker advised there was nothing to report.
Secretary Stewart advised there was nothing to report.

V. Executive Director Report

Sharon Clark provided the Executive Director's Report that is attached and financials.

VI. Deputy Director Report

Ruby Lowery provided the Deputy Director's Report. A copy of this report is attached.

VII. Old Business

Debbie Coker moved to rescind the Board's previous action and for the Board to not pursue a formal hearing with Mr. Thoai H Le of Best Nails. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hilda Bills moved to rescind the Board's previous action and for the Board to not pursue a formal hearing with Blue Cliff due to the school's late reporting but for the Board to put the school on a plan to correct the reporting deficiencies. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

Warren Rossi - aye
Debbie Coker – aye
Jewel Stewart – abstained
Hilda Bills – aye

VIII. New Business

Sharon Clark advised that a member of the Cosmetology Counsel requested the Board's support on adding an association to the Cosmetology Counsel. Jewel Stewart moved for the Board to take no position on the inclusion or exclusion of associations on the Cosmetology Counsel. Warren Rossi seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Board requested an appearance by salon owners and/or managers charged with a second offense of employment of unlicensed workers to discuss the charge and continue investigations into same. The Board asked questions of the license holders, and the license holders were permitted opportunity to ask questions of the Board and/or discuss the reason for the second offence of employment of unlicensed workers. License holders were provided with an option of a formal hearing or a consent order.

Debbie Coker moved to waive the \$500 fine imposed on Mavy Nails and Mai Nguyen. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hilda Bills moved for Truc Do of Nails & More Salon to appear at a hearing before the Board. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hilda Bills moved to offer a consent order to Thi Hoang Le of Venus Nails with a suspension period of February 12, 2024, through August 12, 2024. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Debbie Coker moved for Elvis Bui of VA Nails and Spa to appear at a hearing before the Board. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Debbie Coker moved to offer a consent order to Bush Cuong Le of Lucky Nails with a suspension period of February 12, 2024, through August 12, 2024. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hilda Bills moved for Hoa T Nguyen of Five Star Spa & Nails to appear at a hearing before the Board. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Jewel Stewart moved to offer a consent order to Tommy Tran of Nailology with a suspension period of February 12, 2024, through August 12, 2024. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Jewel Stewart moved to rescind the Board's previous action taken on January 29, 2024, and for Tommy Tran to no longer be required to appear before the Board for a formal hearing. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Sharon Clark advised that schools have been sending in final transcripts where grades and hours are not reported, and only financial obligation is notated. Rule 5.23 (I) states: "Upon completion of training, a final transcript of student hours and grades, certified by the school, must be filed with the Board within 30 days. A copy of the final transcript must be transmitted to the student by the school at no cost to the student." Hilda Bills moved that Rule 5.23 (I) must be followed by the schools even in the case of a financial obligation being owed by the student to the school. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

IX. Legislative Update
Sharon Clark provided a legislative update regarding bills affecting Cosmetology.

X. Formal Complaints
Review of Formal Complaint FC20240202-001 dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.
Review of Formal Complaint FC20240119-001 dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.
Review of Formal Complaint FC20240207-001 dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Debbie Coker moved to dismiss the aforementioned complaints for lack of jurisdiction and for Sharon Clark to notify the complainants of the findings. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.


XI. Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Board, Jewel Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m. A second was provided by Hilda Bills. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned in honor of the following individuals:

Dorothy Ennis
Darlene Smith
Billy Rodgers
Betty Jane Tucker
Vera Sugg
Diane Nichols

APPROVED:


Warren Rossi, Chairman


Jewel Stewart, Secretary