

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2023**

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 December 18. Debbie Coker 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

Sharon Clark, Executive Director

Public Present:

Carlene Daniels

Vanessa Myers

Courtney Dearman

Kenny Nguyen

Terrance Bonner

Katlyn Bonvillain

Jeni Garcia

Heidi Garua

Tan Nguyen

II. Agenda Approval

Debbie Coker moved to approve the agenda. Hilda Bills provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

III. Discussion/Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

Hilda Bills moved to approve the November 27, 2023, Board Minutes. Debbie Coker provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Report of Officers

A. Chairman

Warren Rossi advised there was nothing to report at this time.

B. Vice President

Debbie Coker advised there was nothing to report at this time.

C. Secretary/Treasurer

Jewel Stewart advised there was nothing to report at this time.

V. Agenda Request

Luxury Nails and Spa requested an appearance on the agenda. Tuan Nguyen was unable to appear. Debbie Coker moved that Luxury Nails and Spa will need to either pay the violation in full or request a formal hearing. Hilda Bills provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Jewel Stewart moved to revise the Fresh Start Act Policy for Determination of Criminal History as it Relates to Professional Licensure to reflect that the board will consider felony convictions, crimes against children, and pattern of drug and/or alcohol use/distribution for only the five years prior to the application. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Blue Cliff college presented two felony candidates and requested pre-approval for examination and licensure.

Candidate #1 (SSN ending 6788) – Debbie Coker moved to request student appear for a show cause hearing, in person or through Zoom or Teams. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Candidate #2 (SSN ending 7560) – Debbie Coker moved to approve the candidate based on the Fresh Start Act. Hilda Bills provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

VI. Executive Director Report

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

The Board Meeting and Training for January will be on January 28, 2024, at 1:00 pm with Hearings scheduled for January 29, 2024.

VII. Deputy Director Report

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

VIII. Old Business

Jewel Stewart moved to approve the new school application based on inspection for Premier School of Cosmetology in Tunica. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Hilda Bills moved to approve the new school application based on inspection for Mississippi Beauty & Aesthetics Institute in Hattiesburg. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Hilda Bills moved to table the pre-approval of the felony candidates for Mississippi Womens Institute until the Board receives completed documentation required for

consideration under the Fresh Start Act. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Blue Cliff requested a continuance of the November 13, 2023, hearing; however, Blue Cliff has not provided the requested documentation by the deadline of December 15, 2023. Debbie Coker moved for Blue Cliff to appear at a hearing regarding the Esthetics program overlap. Hilda Bills provided a second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sharon Clark provided an update that Art of Hair Academy had sent notification that he is relinquishing his school license effective Sunday, December 17, 2023.

IX. New Business

Sharon Clark and Ruby Lowery discussed with the Board two different schools that habitually provide final transcripts outside the 30-day requirement. The school's error in providing a late transcript has affected the testing eligibility of students.

Jewel Stewart moved for Blue Cliff to appear for a hearing due to late reporting on final transcripts in February 2024. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Debbie Coker moved for Delta Technical College – Ridgeland to appear for a hearing due to late reporting on final transcripts in February 2024. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Anh Ngoc Tran of Nail of Spa appeared before the Board and signed a consent order for a six-month suspension of her license (00-66212) for the second offence of permitting unlicensed individuals to work on patrons.

During the October 23, 2023, Board meeting Thuy Pham Plumlee of Ruby Nails appeared as part of the continued investigation into the second offence of permitting unlicensed individuals to work on patrons. Ms. Plumlee was provided until October 27, 2023, to either sign a consent order or request a formal hearing. Ms. Plumlee has neither signed the consent order nor expressed a desire for a hearing. Therefore, Hilda Bills moved for Thuy Pham Plumlee of Ruby Nails to appear for a Show Cause hearing on January 29, 2023, regarding unlicensed workers. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sharon Clark provided an update on the SMT/Prometric amendment regarding practical examinations. Jewel Stewart moved to table the amendment until after the 2024 Legislative Session. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sharon Clark presented out of country applicant, Preeti Khanna, requesting approval for Cosmetology. Jewel Stewart moved to accept her 487 hours in Cosmetology. However, she will need to complete the additional 1013 at a Mississippi school of

Cosmetology before she is eligible for consideration for licensure. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

X. Continuing Education Provider Request

Debbie Coker moved to approve the Beauty and Wellness Summit on March 23, 2024, in Brandon for 4.0 hours of Continuing Education. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Debbie Coker moved to approve travel expenses and per diem for Board attendees to monitor the Beauty and Wellness Summit. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Jewel Stewart moved to approve the Bronner Brothers Show in Atlanta for Continuing Education on February 24-26, 2024. The Board will approve the following hours:

February 24, 2024 – 4.0 CEU Hours

February 25, 2024 – 6.0 CEU Hours

February 26, 2024 – 4.0 CEU Hours

Debbie Coker provided a second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Debbie Coker moved to approve travel expenses and per diem for Board attendees to monitor the Bronner Brothers Show. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Debbie Coker moved to break for lunch at 11:20 a.m. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Board returned to session at 12:47 p.m.

XI. Board Training

Catherine Bell discussed the Conflict-of-Interest policy. She advised she would have the policy at the January 28, 2024, meeting for review and signature.

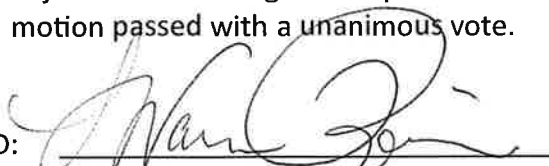
XII. Report of Council

Catherine Bell advised that the merger and sunset bills have been sponsored in both the House and the Senate. She is providing a red line version for both to use.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jewel Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 p.m. A second was provided by Debbie Coker. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVED:


Warren Rossi, Chairman


Jewel Stewart, Secretary