

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology  
Emergency Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 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 3:00 p.m. on January 18, 2024. Jewel Stewart performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Present telephonically:

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:

No public present.

II. Agenda Approval

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

III. Old Business

Catherine Bell presented counsel recommendations based on the Fresh Start Act for the felony candidates of MS Womens Institute in Greenwood.

Pursuant to the Fresh Start Act (MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-77-1 *et seq.*) and the Board's Rule 2.15, the following candidate's previous felony convictions of which the Board has knowledge on the date of the meeting would not prohibit the candidate's ability to receive a license under MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-7-27 (2)(d) once all education and testing were successfully completed:

- K. Campbell – 0298
- E. Clark – 7867
- C. Dunlap – 1507
- K. Gordon - 6933
- P. Hall – 9128
- J. Jackson - 0471
- S. Johnson - 0023
- M. Kinberger – 4301
- P. Neal - 4937
- E. Powell – 6339

- B. Ray – 3084
- V. Slayton – 1889
- S. Stallone – 2446
- D. Sutton – 2116
- T. Williams - 4090

Pursuant to the Fresh Start Act (MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-77-1 *et seq.*) and the Board's Rule 2.15, the following candidates with previous felony convictions of which the Board has knowledge on the date of the meeting are required to attend a show cause hearing before a determination can be made as to whether the Board will deny licensure to the candidate based on MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-7-27 (2) (d) once all education and testing were successfully completed:

- J. Aldridge - 7802
- H. Blansett – 5198
- L. Buckhalter – 0311
- K. Crowe – 7035
- A. Hobson – 7213
- B. Lester – 6837
- A. McKinnon – 4515
- W. Russell – 7419
- S. Sutton - 2522
- K. White – 1791
- A. Zinn 3744

Jewel Stewart made a motion to accept the counsel recommendations and approve a Teams Meeting for candidates requiring a Show Cause hearing. Hilda Bills provided a second. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Catherine Bell advised that Blue Cliff had provided notification of their counsel and would need a continuance to April 1, 2024.

Catherine Bell advised that Ruby Nails (Plumlee) had provided notification of their counsel and would need a continuance to April 1, 2024.

Sharon Clark discussed issues with the possible merger bill regarding the composition of the Board. Jewel Stewart moved to authorize Sharon Clark to notify authors of the merger bills in both House and Senate that if the composition of the Board would prohibit the merger bill's passage, then the MS State Board of Cosmetology supported that the composition of the Board could be amended to be comprised of three members of the Cosmetology related field, three members of the Barbering field, and one representative of the MS Dept of Health. Hilda Bills provided a second. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

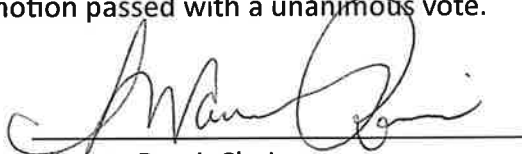
#### IV. New Business

Catherine Bell advised that new bills were being presented in both the House and Senate every day and she was keeping a watchful eye on them.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jewel Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m. A second was provided by Debbie Coker. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

  
Warren Rossi, Chairman

  
Jewel Stewart, Secretary