

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes
May 22, 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 9:02 a.m. on May 22, 2023. Debbie Coker performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Members calling in telephonically:

Warren Rossi, Chairman

Jewel Stewart, Vice-Chairman

Members present at Board office:

Debbie Coker, Secretary

Hilda Bills, Member

Member absent:

Dorothy Ennis, Member

Also present at the public access location:

Pete Cajoleas, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

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

Ruby Lowery, Deputy Director

Sharon Clark, Executive Director

Chairman Rossi welcomed Catherine Bell as our Incoming Counsel for the Board.

II. Hearing Update

Pete Cajoleas notified the Board that the findings from the Investigative Audit (Registration # 08-24123) would be discussed in Executive Session to determine if the Board will proceed with a complaint.

III. Agenda Request

Request for approval of felony candidate for entrance in Cosmetology School (School Registration # 08-40103).

The motion was made by Debbie Coker to approve based on Fresh Start Act. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Warren Rossi

Aye – Debbie Coker

Aye – Jewel Stewart

Aye – Hilda Bills

MS Fresh Start Act of 2019 (Miss. CODE ANN. § 73-77-1) states:

An act to create the "Mississippi Fresh Start Act"; To provide that no person shall be disqualified from pursuing, practicing or engaging in any occupation for which a license is required solely or in part because of a prior conviction of a crime, unless the crime for which an applicant was convicted directly relates to the duties and responsibilities for the licensed occupation; To require the revision of certain licensing restrictions that are based on criminal records; To provide for the review of licensing authorities; decisions; And for related purposes.

Request for approval of felony candidate for entrance in Cosmetology School (School Registration # 08-18).

The motion was made by Hilda Bills to approve based on Fresh Start Act. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

Continuing Education Request for The International Congress of Esthetics and Spa in Dallas, Texas on June 11-12, 2023. The motion was made by Debbie Coker to approve for 12 Continuing Education Hours with Certificate of Attendance. The second was provided by Warren Rossi. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

Continuing Education Request for Mississippi Independent Beautician Association (MIBA) in Philadelphia, MS on July 16, 2023. The motion was made by Hilda Bills to approve for 5 Continuing Education Hours. The second was provided by Jewel Stewart. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

MIBA will be monitored by Hilda Bills, Ruby Lowery and Sharon Clark.

IV. Discussion of Prior Board Meeting Meetings

The motion was made by Debbie Coker to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2023, as submitted. A second was provided by Jewel Stewart. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

V. Report of Officers

A. Chairman

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

B. Vice President

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

C. Secretary/Treasurer

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

D. Financial Report

Sharon Clark – Financials from Cornerstone, UMB Monthly Bill, and Trustmark report were presented.

VI. MS Cosmetology Council, MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-77-7 (1)

Ms. Ennis was not present. There was nothing to report at this time.

VII. Legislative Committee Update

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

VIII. Report of Counsel

Pete Cajoleas advised there is nothing to report at this time.

IX. Executive Director Report

Sharon Clark provided the Executive Director's Report.

X. Old Business

Hilda Bills made a motion to approve per diem for travel in performing official duties for Premiere Orlando and the MS School Association in Biloxi, MS. The second was provided by Debbie Coker. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

XI. New Business

July 8, 2023 – Southwest Mississippi Community College has requested a monitor for an Electric Course Certification Course. Debbie Coker will monitor.

July 13, 2023 – The Secretary of State's Office has requested a meeting to discuss our proposed Rule and Regulation changes and the SOS's 29 by 29 initiative. Debbie Coker, Ruby Lowery, and Sharon Clark will attend.

Closed Session - A motion was made by Debbie Coker to go into a closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

XII. Executive Session

Debbie Coker moved, seconded by Hilda Bills, that the Board has reason under Miss. CODE ANN. § 25-41-7 (k), as amended, to go into Executive Session, namely to discuss the prospective litigation after the Investigative Audit (Registration # 08-24123). The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

XIII. Vote to Proceed with Complaint

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

Debbie Coker made a motion to exit Executive Session. The second was provided by Hilda Bills.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Jewel Stewart
Aye – Hilda Bills

XIV. Actions Taken During Executive Session

Proceed with a complaint against the School with the Registration No. 08-24123 and set a hearing on Monday, June 25, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the MSBC Board Room, located at 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 301, Jackson, MS.

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the motion was made by Hilda Bills to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. A second was provided by Jewel Stewart. The motion carried with the following vote:

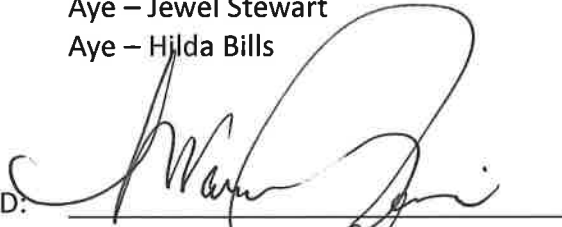
Aye – Warren Rossi


Aye – Debbie Coker

Aye – Jewel Stewart

Aye – Hilda Bills

APPROVED:



Warren Rossi, Chairman

Debbie Coker, Secretary