

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
Board Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2024
239 North Lamar Street, Suite 301, Jackson, MS 39201

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- A. Warren Rossi called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Roll call was completed. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Members present:

Warren Rossi, President

Bennie Lee Adkins, Vice President

Clelly Farmer

Michael McBunch

Linell Palmer, Jr.

Dr. Daniel Edney, State Health Officer or Designee – Absent

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

Sharon Clark, Executive Director, Cosmetology Board

Ann Welch, Interim Executive Director, Barber Board

Ruby Lowery

There were members of the public present.

II. Agenda Approval

- Bennie Lee Adkins moved to accept the agenda. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

III. Old Business

A. It Virtual Service Space Allocation

Clelly Farmer moved to approve the charge of \$150.00 for one (1) hour of work for Pileum to allocate additional space from the physical VMware host to the LicenseLynk virtual server. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

B. IT Contract

The Board reviewed the responses from three IT companies to the Board's request for quotes. Clelly Farmer moved to approve the selection of U.S. Next as the IT provider for the Board. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

Counsel was requested to prepare a contract for the IT services.

C. MS Esthetics and Spa Conference

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved to approve Alicia Tyner to monitor the continuing education. Michael McBunch provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

D. MS Esthetics and Spa Conference

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved to approve Alicia Tyner to monitor the continuing education. Michael McBunch provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

E. MS Ethics Opinion (24-017-E)

Catherine Bell provided an update of the MS Ethics Opinion 24-017-E. The Board took no action.

F. MS Ethics Opinion (24-018-E)

Catherine Bell provided an update of the MS Ethics Opinion 24-017-E. The Board took no action.

IV. New Business

A. Licensing

(a) Fresh Start Act Request (J. Alcorn)

Clelly Farmer moved that pursuant to the Fresh Start Act (MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-77-1 *et seq.*) and the Board's Rule 2.15, the J. Alcorn's previous felony conviction(s) 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. Bennie Lee Adkins provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

(b) Fresh Start Act Request (D. Humphrey)

Linell Palmer moved that pursuant to the Fresh Start Act (MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-77-1 *et seq.*) and the Board's Rule 2.15, the D. Humphrey's previous felony conviction(s) 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. Bennie Lee Adkins provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

B. Examination

(a) Practical Examiner Experience Requirement

The Board considered the job requirements for practical exam evaluator, specifically discussing how many years the applicant must have held a Mississippi license. Currently, the applicant is required to have held an active Mississippi license for at least ten years before he may be considered by the Board for the contract position of practical exam evaluator.

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to not reduce the current requirement of ten (10) years of Mississippi licensure for practical exam evaluators. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

(b) Cosmetology Practical Examiner

i. Francis Jewel Stewart

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to approve applicant to be a cosmetology practical exam evaluator on a contract basis. Clelly Farmer provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

ii. Deborah Bell Coker

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to approve applicant to be a cosmetology practical exam evaluator on a contract basis. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

iii. Madonna Jones

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved to approve applicant to be a cosmetology practical exam evaluator on a contract basis. Clelly Farmer provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

iv. Tracey Crawley

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to approve applicant to be a cosmetology practical exam evaluator on a contract basis. Clelly Farmer provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

(c) Barber Practical Examiner

i. Aundray Shackford

Michael McBunch moved to deny applicant based on experience requirement. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

ii. Michael Cothran

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved to deny applicant. Clelly Farmer provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

iii. Rodney Darnell Washington

Clelly Farmer moved to deny applicant based on experience requirement. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

iv. Carole Nestle

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to approve applicant. Clelly Farmer provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

v. Stacy Jenkins

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to approve applicant. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved that practical exam contract evaluators who are members of the same family may not serve as evaluators on the same test date and facility. Bennie Lee Adkins provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

C. Curriculum

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved to accept Tammy Taylor textbook and curriculum for instruction and use in Mississippi licensed schools. Bennie Lee Adkins provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

D. Compliance

a. Violation Payment Plan

A licensee requested a payment plan for inspection violations. Currently, the Board does not have any such plan established. The Board considered whether a payment plan should be established.

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to deny a violation payment plan development. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

b. Request For Hearing

Bennie Lee Adkins moved a set hearing for Joshua Mallory, pursuant to his written request for a hearing, in January 2025. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

E. Continuing Education

a. MIBBA – Joico (November 10, 2024)

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to approve the continuing education for 4.0 hours for the following licensees (cosmetologist and barber).

Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

Clelly Farmer moved to approve the travel and per diem of Board attendees. Linell Palmer, Jr. provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

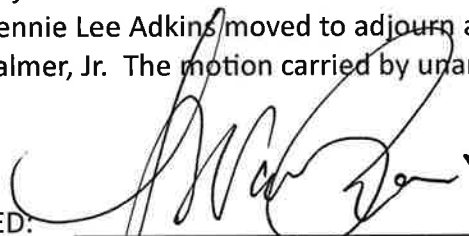
b. BSNEM Trade Show

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved to deny the continuing education request because the request for continuing education approval was not submitted by the 45-day requirement. Bennie Lee Adkins provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

IV. Adjournment

Bennie Lee Adkins moved to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. A second was provided by Linell Palmer, Jr. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

APPROVED:



Warren Rossi, President