



**Mississippi Board of Barber Examiners  
510 George Street, Suite 400, Jackson, MS 39202**

**Special Meeting Minutes of Sunday, December 3, 2023**

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Cothran.

**II. Roll Call**

**Members present:**

**Mike Cothran, Chairman  
Bennie Adkins, Vice-Chairman  
Mike McBunch, Secretary/Treasurer  
Clelly Farmer, Member**

**Also, in attendance were:**

**Kim Turer, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel Board  
Kristen Love, Hearing Officer  
Dana Gordon, Court Reporter  
Angela Welch, Interim Executive Director – MBBE  
Yarnell Waters, Administrative Support Assistant - MBBE**

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

Upon motion made by Mike McBunch, with a second by Bennie Adkins, the board members voted unanimously to approve the special meeting agenda.

**IV. Approval of the November 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion made by Bennie Adkins, and a second by Mike McBunch, the Board voted unanimously to approved the November 12, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

**V. Administrative Hearing, Case No. 2023-2716/87-01**

**Hearing Officer Kristen Love presided.**

**CLOSED DETERMINATION/ EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At the close of the administrative hearing, the Board voted unanimously, upon the motion of Mike McBunch, and a second by Clelly Farmer, to go into a closed determination session to determine the need for an Executive Session. Upon motion made by Bennie Adkins, and a second by Mike McBunch, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an Executive Session to consider the evidence presented and to deliberate upon the imposition of disciplinary action, if any.**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**Upon motion made by Mike McBunch and a second by Clelly Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to return to an open meeting, at which time, Hearing Officer Kristen Love announced that, during the Board's Executive Session, the Board found, by the clear and convincing evidence that, Respondent violated Miss. Code Ann. Sections 73-5-25(a), 73-5-8(b), 73-5-7, 73-5-11(2)(b) and 73-5-25(1)(a)(b)(f)(g). As the penalty, the Board revoked Respondent's barber instructor license and required Respondent, as a condition to maintaining his barber license, to provide the Board with documentation annually for the next five (5) years of his compliance with the terms and conditions of his supervised release and restitution, all as will be more specifically set forth by a written Order to be prepared by Ms. Love.**

**VI. Case No. 2023-5154-12**

**Upon motion made by Mike McBunch, with a second by Mike Cothran, the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the filing of a formal complaint on the basis of moral conduct. The hearing shall be held on the same date as the next regular board meeting in January, 2024.**

**VII. Executive Report**

**A. The Chairman reported that 44 inspections have been completed within the last few months. Three (3) applicants for inspector are to be completed following the conclusion of board business.**

**B. New Barber Business Reporting.**

**From 11/13/2023 to 12/2/2023, 52 permits were issued for the 11/12/23 testing, and 47 permits were issued for the 1/21/24 testing. 19 new barber licenses and 1 new barber instructor license have been issued. 1,184 barber licenses and 323 shop licenses have been renewed from July, 2023 through today.**

**VIII. Applications.**

Upon motion made by Mike McBunch, and a second by Bennie Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application to reopen the school at the Walnut Grove Correctional Facility.

New school application - Christopher Barber College, 4157 Northview Drive, Jackson, MS. Board member will schedule school inspection.

C. Art Barber College - Remote Class Room Approval; requested approval of the off-site classroom classes for barber students for a maximum of 60 days. Allowing time to repair fire damage to school building. Clelly Farmer will inspect the location and report his findings at the January 21, 2024 board meeting.

**IX. Revision to Schedule of Fines**

Bennie Adkins moved to revise the schedule of fines to a standard \$150.00 penalty for all violations. Upon a second by Clelly Farmer, the motion failed as the Board Members voted as follows:

Aye – Bennie Adkins  
Nay– Mike Cothran

Aye – Clelly Farmer  
Nay – Mike McBunch

Upon further discussion, a revised schedule of fines was agreed upon, a copy of which is attached hereto. Clelly Farmer made a motion to accept the revised schedule of fines. Upon a second by Bennie Adkins, the Board voted in favor of the revised schedule unanimously.

**X. Inspector Interviews**

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**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Upon motion made by Mike McBunch and a second by Clelly Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to return to an open meeting, at which time, Chairman Mike Cothran announced that the Board voted unanimously to extend employment offers to William Turner and Jermaine Sylvester to serve as District 1 inspectors.

**Steven Jackson will remain the Board's Chief Inspector and Sammy Raper will serve as Lead Inspector and will be responsible for training and supervision of the new inspectors.**

**XII. Adjournment**

**Upon motion made by Bennie Adkins, with a second by Mike McBunch, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

**The next board meeting will be on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

**APPROVED:**

  
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**Mike Cothran, Chairman**

  
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**Mike McBunch, Secretary**