

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
Disciplinary Hearings
February 22, 2025
239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Warren Rossi called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

Catherine Bell provided a roll call with the following present:

Warren Rossi, President
Bennie Lee Adkins, Vice President
Michael McBunch, Secretary
Clelly Farmer
Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong
Linell Palmer, Jr.

A quorum was present.

Others present were:

Catherine Bell, Executive Director
Ruby Lowery
Porsha Welch
Melissa Kelly
Alicia Tyner
Pamela Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board
Kristen Love, Special Assistant Attorney General / Hering Officer
Dana Gordon, Reporting by Dana, LLC

Members of the public were present.

2. INVOCATION

Bennie Lee Adkins provided the invocation.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mike McBunch moved, seconded by Clelly Farmer, to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

4. HEARINGS

a. Cause No. 2024-07-42015-1

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong moved to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Warren Rossi moved, seconded by Bennie Lee Adkins, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-7, issuance of an appealable order. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Within Executive Session the following action was taken:

Mike McBunch moved, seconded by Linell Palmer, Jr., as follows: Licensee was guilty of all charges. The Board ordered the licensee to pay a \$500 fine due in thirty days from the final order and a \$750 fine due sixty days from the final order. The licensee is also subject to

random inspections by the Board within thirty days of the final order. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mike McBunch seconded by Linell Palmer, Jr., moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

b. S. Holloway - Fresh Start

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mike McBunch moved to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Warren Rossi moved, seconded by Bennie Lee Adkins, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-7, issuance of an appealable order. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Within Executive Session the following action was taken:

Warren Rossi moved, seconded by Linell Palmer, Jr., that the felony convictions known by the Board and committed by the A. Bloom at the time of the hearing have been considered by the Board under the Fresh Start Act and do not prohibit A. Bloom from obtaining a license issued by the Board once all education and testing have been completed. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong, seconded by Linell Palmer, Jr., moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

c. Cause No. 2024-02-66427-1

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Warren Rossi moved to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong moved, seconded by Bennie Lee Adkins, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-7, issuance of an appealable order. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Within Executive Session the following action was taken:

Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong moved, seconded by Bennie Lee Adkins, as follows: The licensee guilty of all charges. The Board ordered the revocation of the licenses numbered 07-17573 and 02-66427. The Board further noted that the licensee may seek reinstatement after two (2) years and must pay the fine imposed during the inspection. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Bennie Lee Adkins, seconded by Linell Palmer, Jr., moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

d. Cause No. 2024-01-65462-1

The Board took no action.

e. Cause No. 2024-08-18995-01

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Warren Rossi moved to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mike McBunch moved, seconded by Bennie Lee Adkins, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-7, issuance of an appealable order. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Within Executive Session the following action was taken:

Warren Rossi moved, seconded by Mike McBunch, as follows: The licensee guilty of all charges. The Board ordered the revocation of the licenses numbered 07-17573 and 02-66427. The Board further noted that the licensee may seek reinstatement after two (2) years and must pay the fine imposed during the inspection. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Linell Palmer, Jr, seconded by Mike McBunch, moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Linell Palmer, Jr, seconded by Warren Rossi, moved to adjourn at 3:13 p.m. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Mike McBunch, Secretary