

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
Cosmetology and Barbering Council Meeting
February 23, 2025
239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201

1. WELCOME

Theresa Barr, Council President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Willie Wynn provided the invocation.

The Council observed a moment of silence in honor of Henrietta Lee and Representative Charles Young, Jr.

3. ROLL CALL

Melvin Calton, Council Secretary, provided a roll call. Delegates from the Mississippi Cosmetology and Barber School Association, Cosmetology and Barber School Owner and Teachers Association, Mississippi Cosmetology and Barbering Association, Mississippi Independent Beauticians and Barbers Association, and Mississippi Esthetics Association were present along with the following members of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering according to MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-7-7:

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

Others present were:

Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong
Catherine Bell, Executive Director
Ruby Lowery
Porsha Welch
Pamela Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board.

Members of the public were present.

4. MINUTES

Melvin Calton read the minutes of the September 2024 Council meeting. The Board took no action.

5. TREASURER REPORT

Kristen Bomar, Council Treasurer, provided the treasurer's report. The Board took no action.

6. OLD BUSINESS

The Council voted to put forward an amendment to MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-7-1 et seq. that would require all licensed professionals to have obtained five (5) hours of continuing education on sanitation upon licensure renewal. The Board took no action.

The Council noted that the statue was changed with cross over hours for a cosmetologist now at 600. The Board took no action.

The Council tabled the removal of the 600 hour barber instructor program. The Board took no action.

The Council nominated Melvin Calton to compile the Hall of Fame recipient list for the MSBCB's website. The Board took no action.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Adrian Powe addressed the Council. The Board took no action.

Catherine Bell provided an update on the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering. The Board took no action.

The Council discussed specific rules and regulations with suggested changes. Speakers from the Mississippi Esthetics Association and Mississippi Cosmetology and Barbering Association also provided specific rules change suggestions. The Board took no action.

The Council read a proclamation to the Board requesting the Board adopt a policy on communication with the industry. The Board took no action.

The Council noted that virtual meetings and more frequent meetings than the two (2) annual meetings were possible. The Board took no action.

The Council discussed specific legislative changes including apprenticeship for esthetic and nail technology instructor and removal of the college credit requirement for barber instructors. The Board took no action.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Barr closed the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVED:


Mike McBunch, Secretary