

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
Board Meeting
March 23, 2025
239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Warren Rossi called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Catherine Bell provided a roll call with the following present:

Warren Rossi, President

Clelly Farmer

Bennie Lee Adkins, Vice President

Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong

Michael McBunch, Secretary

Linell Palmer, Jr.

A quorum was present for voting purposes.

Others present were:

Catherine Bell, Executive Director

Ruby Lowery

Porcia Welch

Pamela Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

Phillips Strickland, Special Assistant Attorney General

Members of the public were present.

2. **INVOCATION**

Clelly Farmer provided the invocation.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was amended to include the following:

Item 6b COMPLIANCE

Item 6c LICENSE/WORK PERMITS/APPROVAL LETTER REPORT were added.

Mike McBunch moved to accept the agenda as amended. Clelly Farmer provided a second. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

4. **AGENDA REQUEST**

Tyrone McLaurin addressed the Board and discussed the scope of practice for barbering to include epilators and the requirement to clean the neck duster after each client. Mr. McLaurin provided a handout for the Board to review. The Board took no action.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

With hearty discussion and attention to detail, the Board reviewed the rules and regulations and made revisions to the rules and regulations. The Board took no action.

The Board discussed how to calculate a school's pass-fail ratio. Mike McBunch moved, seconded by Clelly Farmer, for the school's pass-fail ratio to be calculated for the period of the state's fiscal year and for the school to include all students who tested during that time period and for a "pass" to mean any student who passed the exam during that time period, even if multiple test attempts were made by that student during that period, and for a "fail" to mean any student who did not pass the exam during the time period. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

6. COMPLIANCE

Ruby Lowery provided an update of all establishments inspected and citation for violations issued for the previous month for the professions of cosmetology, barbering, nail technology, and esthetics. No action was taken.

7. LICENSE/WORK PERMITS/APPROVAL LETTER REPORT

Porsha Welch provided an update of all applications made and licenses/work permits issued for March for the professions of cosmetology, barbering, nail technology, and esthetics as well as establishments. Clelly Farmer moved, seconded by Mike McBunch, to approve all licenses/work permits as stated. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried. A copy of the accepted licenses is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

The Board reviewed the list of all applicants who tested during the month of March and scored at least a 70 but no more than a 74. The Board noted Kasha McDonald scored at least a 70 but no more than a 74 on the Written Examination during March. Mike McBunch moved, seconded by Linell Palmer, Jr., to approve as passing Kasha McDonald for the Written Examination. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved, seconded by Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong, moved to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Leisa McElreath, Chairman