

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
Cosmetology and Barbering Council Meeting
February 22, 2026
120 N. State Street, Jackson, MS

1. **WELCOME**

Jewel Stewart, First Vice President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION**

Sylvina Buckley provided the invocation.

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:

Leisa McElreath, Board Chair

Wendi Hill, Vice Chair

James Cook, Secretary

Thomas Elkins

Aaron Washington

Todd Freeman was absent.

Others present were:

Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong

Catherine Bell, Executive Director

Sara Hartzog, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board.

Members of the public were present.

4. **MINUTES**

Melvin Calton, Council Secretary, read the minutes of the September 2025 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 four (4) hours of continuing education on sanitation upon licensure renewal. The Board took no action.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

A representative from each association was provided an opportunity to present an update. The Board took no action.

The Council voted to amend the bylaws to change the February meeting month to January.
The Board took no action.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Barr closed the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

APPROVED:



Leisa McElreath, Board Chairman