

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
Board Meeting
May 18, 2026
Robert E. Lee Building, Jackson

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Leisa McElreath, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Catherine Bell provided a roll call with the following present:

Leisa McElreath, Board Chair
Wendi Hill, Vice Chair
James Cook, Secretary

Aaron Washington
Dr. Mary G. Armstrong

Thomas Elkins and Todd Freeman were absent.
A quorum was present for voting purposes.

Others present were:

Catherine Bell, Executive Director
Sara Hartzog, Special Assistant Attorney General/ Counsel for the Board

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

James Cook moved to accept the agenda. Aaron Washington provided a second. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

3. **BOARD MINUTE APPROVAL**

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 11, 2026. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

4. **AGENDA REQUEST**

LaTrenda Hudson addressed the Board. The Board took no action.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Catherine Bell provided an update to the Board on the position of Inspector II being opened for applications with the State Personnel Board. There is a scheduled TEAMS call with all licensed schools on May 21. The Agenda for each meeting will be added to the website. Ms. Bell provided an update on Thoughtspan and began soliciting locations for the inspectors to hold a town hall meeting with licensees in anticipation of inspections restarting.

6. **LICENSE/WORK PERMITS/APPROVAL LETTER REPORT**

Catherine Bell provided an update of all applications made and licenses/work permits issued for the month of April 2026, for the professions of cosmetology, barbering, nail technology, and esthetics as well as establishments. James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, 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 Fresh Start Application of C. S. Ezell. James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, that the felony convictions known by the Board and committed by C. S. Ezell at the time of the Board meeting have been considered by the Board under the Fresh Start Act and do not prohibit C. S. Ezell from obtaining a license issued by the Board once all education and testing have been completed. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Fresh Start Application of D. N. Jones. James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, that the felony convictions known by the Board and committed by D. N. Jones at the time of the Board meeting have been considered by the Board under the Fresh Start Act and do not prohibit D. N. Jones from obtaining a license issued by the Board once all education and testing have been completed. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to table the Fresh Start Request submitted by T. T. Truong. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to remove School Off Campus Education (practical) and C. Parker – theory exam payments from the table. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Aaron Washington moved, seconded by James Cook, to require that practical education for all licenses must be supervised by an instructor at all times. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to recommend the minimum hours across all licenses to be broken down as follows:

Discipline	Theory (25%)	Practical	Unassigned (5%)	Field Trip (4% of the unassigned hours)
Cosmetology	375	1050	75	60
Barbering	375	1050	75	60
Esthetics	150	420	30	24
Nail technology	88	244	18	14

The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to recommend the minimum hours for instructors to be broken down as follows:

Discipline	Theory (25%)	Practical	Unassigned (5%)	Field Trip (4% of the unassigned hours)
Instructor	150	420	30	24

The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Aaron Washington moved, seconded by James Cook, to amend Rule 8.12 to state:

A licensed school shall utilize the Board approved curriculum for the education of all students enrolled in a course of study for any profession licensed by the Board. The Board approved curriculum for each profession licensed by the Board is available on the Board's website or otherwise may be made available by the Board.

Of the hours of education and training required for each profession licensed by the Board, a student must complete both theory and practical hours. Theory hours must be taught by a licensed instructor or a student instructor. Theory hours must be conducted in a classroom

that is separate from the practical floor and must be taught at least four (4) hours each week. Students shall not leave a theory classroom to work on a client or on the practical floor. All hours must be performed under the supervision of a licensed instructor.

Students may earn clock hours for attending training for demonstration and for product knowledge being taught by suppliers if the licensed instructor is present and the demonstrator holds a demonstrator permit as required by these Rules.

A field trip is an instructor supervised, educational opportunity that takes place outside of the traditional school setting and may include a student's attendance at a job shadowing opportunity, trade show, continuing education presentation, and/or Board meeting. Students may earn no more than 4% of the total required clock hours for the student's program of study for student attendance on a field trip. A field trip is to be an educational enhancement not a substitute for theory or practical time.

The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Aaron Washington moved, seconded by James Cook, to amend Rule 8.18 to state:

A student may not perform work on any member of the public until that student has completed at least 15 % of the total time required for the program in which they are enrolled. All work performed by a student must be under the direct supervision of a licensed instructor.

A student instructor may not begin teaching, leading, or supervising any theory or practical class until the student instructor has completed at least 15% of the total time required for the program.

A student practitioner or student instructor may not receive remuneration for work on clients performed as part of school curriculum. All products used by students in the service of clients shall be provided by the school and shall not be paid for by the student.

The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The topics of School Online Education (theory) and School pass/fail ratio remained on the table.

Aaron Washington moved, seconded by James Cook, to waive the \$50 license fee for C. Parker. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to approve Prometric's proposed temporary testing location in a hotel in the Hattiesburg area. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by James Cook, to approve the form Establishment Application for Inspection. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Aaron Washington moved, seconded by James Cook, to approve the Instructor License Renewal Form. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to approve the Practitioner Renewal Form. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to table Rules and Regulations Chapters 9 and 12. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to strike Rule 10.13 and for the Executive Director to file Chapter 10: Establishments with the Secretary of State in a temporary manner and to invite public comment on the rules. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to amend Rule 11.12 and 11.13 as follows:

Work surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected after each client. All non-disposable implements, tools, materials, and/or supplies used in direct contact with a client must be thoroughly cleansed with soap and water and disinfected after each client.

Each establishment and school must have and use for disinfection a Wet Disinfectant Container that is covered at all times, properly labeled, and made of plastic/glass/stainless-steel/the type recommended by the manufacturer of the product it contains. The Wet Disinfectant Container must be large enough for total immersion of the implement(s) or tools and must contain the appropriate amount of solution for total immersion. Implements or tools must be removed from the disinfectant in such a manner as not to contaminate the disinfectant solution, rinsed, and placed on a clean dry towel to air dry.

The disinfectant must be EPA registered and demonstrate bactericidal, fungicidal, virucidal, pseudomonacidal properties. The licensee must follow the manufacturer's instructions for disinfectant mixing and immersion time. Disinfectant must be discarded when contaminated. Disinfectant cannot be used for storage of implements, tools, materials, or other supplies.

Ultraviolet ray cabinets and/or glass bead sterilizers are not Board approved disinfecting devices.

Rule 11.13 Non-disposable implements or tools that cannot be disinfected by the procedures in Rule 11.12 must be disinfected by:

1. Thoroughly cleansing the working parts of the implement after each use and prior to disinfection and
2. Immersion of the working parts of the implements in a solution of 70% alcohol for no less than five (5) minutes. Contact points of non-immersible equipment shall be wiped or sprayed with disinfectants that are EPA registered and demonstrate bactericidal, fungicidal, virucidal, pseudomonacidal properties.

The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to amend Rule 11.15 (b)(6) to state:

Remove and discard disposable gloves and double bag before discarding. Wash and scrub hands with soap and water. Replace any adhesive dressing or band aid as needed and double bag before discarding. If wound is on hand or finger, put on properly sized disposable glove or finger cot (e.g., plastic, vinyl, nitrile) on the wound or injury, if the service continues.

The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to add the following to Rule 11.6:

After the service, the 70% alcohol must be disposed after use on each client.

The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to approve the citation for violation classes. The voice vote was as follows:

Leisa McElreath – aye
Wendi Hill – aye
James Cook – aye
Aaron Washington – aye
Dr. Mary Armstrong – abstain.

Motion carried. A copy of the citation for violation classes is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Aaron Washington moved, seconded by James Cook, to place Citation for Violations – schools, Item 12 – Complaints, and Item 13 – Exam Development on the table. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Lori Lee presented the financial report. James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to approve the financial report pending audit. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

10. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

June 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. - virtual,
June 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – in person at the Robert E. Lee Building,
July 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – virtual, and
July 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – in person at the Robert E. Lee Building.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by James Cook to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Leisa McElreath, Board Chairman



**LICENSING TEAM LEAD REPORT
TESTING/LICENSE/PERMIT REPORT
MAY 2026**

(Report reflects April 2026 workload)

Universal Initial Licenses Issued	39
Practitioner Initial Licenses Issued	31
Establishment Licenses Issued	32
Universal Work Permits Issued	39
Student Work Permits Issued	32
Student Pass/Fail	57%
Cosmetology 74% Esthetics 66% Instructor 100% Nail Technology 73% Barber 40%	
Total License Issued: Practitioners 1,088 Salons 217 Schools 4	

UNIVERSAL INITIAL LICENSES ISSUED

First Name	Last Name
ALEXIS	INGRAM
ALISHA	CHEA
ANH	NGUYEN
BRIAN	DANG
CUONG	LE
CYDNEY	MCKELVEY
DUY	DINH
EMILY	HARVEY
HANG	NGUYEN
HUNG	LUU
HUYNH	TRAN
IRENE	PANTALEON
JESSICA	JACOBS
JIMMY	LE
KIEU	HUYNH
KOYASHA	MIZELL
KYEISHA	MELLS
LEEKADRA	JOHNSON
LINH	TRUONG
MADYSON	BOUNDS
MARCIA	TREPAGNIER
NHAT	PHAN

PRISILA	FLORES
SABREENA	MICHEL
SAMANTHA	WILLIAMS
SILVIA	YAMADA
STEPHANIE	HARRIS
TAMAR	WILLIAMS
TEAGAN	YOUNG
THI	TRAN
THI	VAN
TONYA	NGUYEN
TRINH	LE
TUYEN	HUYNH
VAN	DAO
VIET	TRAN
VY	NGUYEN

PRACTITIONER INITIAL LICENSES ISSUED (STUDENTS)

First Name	Last Name
ALLISON	DREYER
BLAKELY	PICKEL
BREANNA	LANTRIP
CHLOE	DAVIS
DAWN	POWELL
DEMARTAVIOUS	LEWIS
DESTANY	WILDER
D'MIA	GRAVES
EMILY	TAYLOR
HANNAH	HARTFIELD
HEAVEN	LEWIS
HILLARY	HOWARD
JUSTINE	GUY
KANNIE	CRABTREE
KANON	GAINES
KAYELEN	TEATER
KELSEY	JONES
KENYA	NGUYEN
KOURTNEY	HOSEY
LAUREN	RODGERS
LILLIAN	HOLLINGSWORTH
MADISON	LONG

MARY	EADY
MICHAELA	MATTHEWS
MORGAN	THIGPEN
MYEISHA	BOLDEN
NATALIE	WOODWARD
NIKIA	WADE
TANYA	REEDY
TRISTEN	BURKEEN
ZAKIYA	LOWE

ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES ISSUED	
Name	County
A KINGS CHOPP BARBERSHOP (BARBER)	Bolivar
SHE KUT'S (BARBER)	Clay
LEGACY BARBER (BARBER)	Desoto
THE GREEN ROOM (FULL SERVICE)	Desoto
SHEAR ENVY SALON (COSMETOLOGY)	Forrest
SALON SOUTH (COSMETOLOGY)	Forrest
ENHANCED BY THE DOLL (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS)	Harrison
D AVENUE HAIR LOUNGE (FULL SERVICE/BARBER)	Harrison
TIGHTHEADS BY T (BARBER)	Hinds
FATE 8:28 (BARBER)	Jackson
HAMBERLIN'S BARBER SHOP	Jefferson
WILLIAMS BARBERSHOP (BARBER)	Jones
GLAMOUR LANE SALON & BOUTIQUE (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Jones
COTTAGE CUTS (COSMETOLOGY)	Lamar
SALON SERENDIPITY (COSMETOLOGY)	Lamar
SOPHIA MISAKI BEAUTY (COSMETOLOGY)	Lee
DAILY ESTHETICS SKIN STUDIO LLC (ESTHETICS)	Madison
PIPER SKINNER AESTHETICS (ESTHETICS)	Madison
TOP CUTZ	Madison
MEME'S ESTHETICS (ESTHETICS)	Neshoba
GEORGE'S BARBER SHOP (BARBER)	Oktibbeha
TYRONE'S BARBERSHOP (BARBER)	Oktibbeha
SALON ELEVEN BY CHELSEA (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Pearl River
VIVI NAILS (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Rankin

THE RETREAT SALON AND SPA (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS)	Stone
PRIORITY CUTZ LLC (BARBER)	Sunflower
THE CHOP HOUSE STUDIO (BARBER)	Sunflower
N'S NAILS & SPA (MANICURE)	Tate
HAIR IT IZ (COSMETOLOGY/BARBER)	Warren
FADE MASTERS BARBER SHOP (BARBER)	Washington
BLONDE (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Webster
A-NEW-U BARBER SHOP LLC (BARBER)	Winston

UNIVERSAL WORK PERMITS ISSUED

First Name	Last Name
ADRIANNA	PETITGOUT
ALICIA	NEAL
ANDY HUY	TRAN
ANDY VINH	TRAN
ASHLYN	HOSTETTER
CAITLIN	STEPHENS
DIEU	NGUYEN
DONG	TRAN
GENIA	EMORY
GWENDOLYN	NGUYEN
HUAHUI	ZHAO
JILL	HUNTER
JOIA	BONNER
KAYLEE	BARTHLOME
LATOYA	SANDERS
LATOYA	WILLIAMS
LIEN	BUI
LINH	CAO
MCKENZIE	RHETT
MELISSA	KANOUFF
MINH	TRAN
NGOC	LE
PHUOC	PHAM
RAQUEL	MCGRAW
ROOSELLA	HOUZE
RYAN	WEBER
SHAMA	ANDERSON

TAN	LE
THANH	NGUYEN
THI BE HOA	NGUYEN
THI CAM	TRUONG
THI	TRAN
THI	NGUYEN
THI	PHAN
TIEN	DO
TIEN	LE
TUAN	LE
TUYEN	TRAN
VIVIAN	LAM

STUDENT WORK PERMITS ISSUED	
First Name	Last Name
ABBIE	JORDAN
ALLEY	BLACKMON
ALYSSA	LYLE
ANN	LAWRENCE
ASHTON	LADNER
AVERY	MABE
ELLA	BREWER
HANNAH	SHAHEEN
HARLEY	JORDAN
IREE	GORDON
JOSEPH	TRAN
KARLEI	WEST
KIMBERLY	BROWNLEE
KRISTIE	JOHNSON
KRISTY	MATHIS
LAINY	SNIDER
LAYKIN	HAGA
LEA	CRAWFORD
LEAH	THOMAS
LIZBETH	ESPERICUETA
LUIS	ARTEAGA GARCIA
LYNSEY	FOX
MARIA	WILLIAMS
MEAGAN	SPENCER
MELVIN	SELF
MOLLY	MCCLENDON
SAMANTHA	HOOVER

SAVANNA	PAYNE
SAVANNAH	JONES
SERENITY	DIZON
SHANDA	MCVAY
SHAYLA	HOLLOWAY

