

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING**  
**Special Call Board Meeting**  
**August 3, 2026**  
**Robert E. Lee Building, Jackson – Virtual**

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Leisa McElreath, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.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  
Thomas Elkins

Todd Freeman  
Aaron Washington  
Dr. Mary G. Armstrong

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**

Wendi Hill moved to accept the amended agenda. Todd Freeman provided a second. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

Todd Freeman moved, seconded by Thomas Elkins, to rescind the Board's decision of July 27, 2026, to accept a purchase order (POs) as payment from any state funded entity. The voice vote was as follows:

Leisa McElreath – aye  
Wendi Hill – aye  
James Cook – abstain  
Thomas Elkins - aye  
Todd Freeman – aye  
Aaron Washington – aye.  
Dr. Mary Armstrong – aye.

Motion carried.

Todd Freeman moved, seconded by Thomas Elkins, to create a Board invoice and quote process and policy to facilitate the payment of fees. The voice vote was as follows:

Leisa McElreath – aye  
Wendi Hill – aye  
James Cook – aye  
Thomas Elkins - aye  
Todd Freeman – aye  
Aaron Washington – aye  
Dr. Mary Armstrong – aye.

Motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Mary G. Armstrong moved, seconded by Thomas Elkins, to adjourn at 2:09 p.m. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

  
Leisa McElreath, Board Chairman