

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
Board Meeting
July 27, 2026
Robert E. Lee Building, Jackson

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Leisa McElreath, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:03 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

Thomas Elkins
Aaron Washington
Dr. Mary G. Armstrong

Todd Freeman was absent but later joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.
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 agenda. Thomas Elkins 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 July 13, 2026. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Catherine Bell provided an update to the Board of the pass/fail ratio for the MSBCB by profession for FY26 at 77%. The Board reviewed the pass/fail ratios and compliance data for monthly reports for each school. The Board reviewed data for all inspections performed and citations for violation written in June 2026. Ms. Bell notified that the school presentation for any school that did not attend the July 14 or July 22 conferences will be via TEAMS on July 31. The next Inspections Town Hall will be July 28 at Horn Lake. The MSBCB will be soliciting applications for a Customer Service Representative II through the State Personnel Board.

James Cook moved, seconded by Thomas Elkins, for the Executive Director to send notice to each school of its pass/fail ratios. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Catherine Bell provided an update of all applications made and licenses/work permits issued for the month of June 2026, for the professions of cosmetology, barbering, nail technology, and esthetics as well as establishments. Wendi Hill moved, seconded by Thomas Elkins, 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".

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by James Cook, for Board Council to file a Complaint and set for hearing R. Abston for the matter of test payments. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by James Cook, to place A. T. Webster's Fresh Start Request on the table due to lack of submission of Judgement. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by Thomas Elkins, to approve Itawamba Career and Technical Center for the program of cosmetology. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to amend the agenda to permit Smith County CTE program representatives to address the Board. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Todd Freeman joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to accept purchase orders (POs) from any state funded entity. The voice vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Todd Freeman moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to approve the FY28 Budget as presented. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to approve the Military Application to include the submission of the service order requesting relocation. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to approve the Application to Test for Instructor License to reflect the program grade of 80. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Thomas Elkins moved, seconded by James Cook, to clarify that the Board required cold wave equipment on the Board Required Student Equipment/Kit for cosmetology and barbering to read "cold wave equipment (sets for 2 dozen rods) and end papers (1 box)". The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Thomas Elkins moved, seconded by James Cook, to clarify that the Board requires a school to have and maintain the minimum equipment that is listed in the School Equipment list and the decision to add more equipment beyond the minimum equipment requirements of the Board is a school's decision based on the school's needs. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Todd Freeman, to amend “dryers (‘a chair or standing hair dryer with a hood, either stationary or portable’)” to read “dryers (‘a portable or stationary hair dryer with or without a hood or a portable or stationary heating lamp’)” on the School Equipment List and Establishment Equipment List. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Todd Freeman moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to amend “free standing magnifying light” on the Board Required Establishment Equipment list to read “magnifying device”. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Thomas Elkins moved, seconded by James Cook, to remove the woods lamp from the Board Required Establishment Equipment for esthetics. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Thomas Elkins, that yoni steaming is not within the scope of practice for any license regulated by the MSBCB. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, that a “back facial” was not within the scope of practice of and esthetics license in Mississippi. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, that a vagacial/vajacial was not within the scope of practice of a esthetics license in Mississippi. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by James Cook, that a lash lift was within the scope of practice for barber and/or cosmetology licenses in Mississippi but was not within the scope of practice of esthetics licenses in Mississippi. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Todd Freeman, that a head spa treatment was not within the scope of practice of esthetics license in Mississippi. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board began discussing and drafting the rules and regulations for mobile establishments. Wendi Hill moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to place Rules and Regulations: Mobile Establishments on the table. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

7. **EXPENSE REVIEW**

Thomas Elkins moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to approve the Cornerstone (January -March 2026) bill and Cornerstone (April- June) 2026 bill. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

9. **COMPLAINTS**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wendi Hill moved to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by James Cook, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-7, investigative proceedings regarding

allegations of misconduct or violations of law. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Within Executive Session the following action was taken:

James Cook moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to file a complaint and set the matter numbered 2025-1410-1 for hearing. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Todd Freeman moved, seconded by Leisa McElreath, to file a complaint and set the matter numbered 2025-2010-1 for hearing. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by Leisa McElreath, to dismiss the claim numbered 2025-2110-1. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Wendi Hill moved, seconded by James Cook, to dismiss the claim numbered 2025-2111-1. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Todd Freeman moved, seconded by James Cook, to dismiss the claim numbered 2026-3003-2. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Leisa McElreath moved, seconded by James Cook, to dismiss the claim numbered 2025-0303-1. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

James Cook moved, seconded by Aaron Washington, to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

10. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

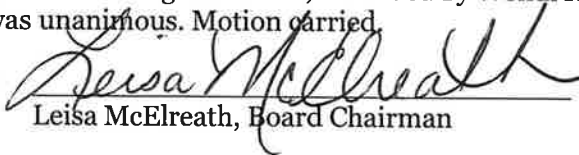
August 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – in person at the Robert E. Lee Building,
September 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. - Cosmetology and Barbering Council meeting – Sun-N-Sand,

September 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – in person at the Robert E. Lee Building,
October 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – in person at the Robert E. Lee Building,
November 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – in person at the Robert E. Lee Building, and
December 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. – in person at the Robert E. Lee Building.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Aaron Washington moved, seconded by Wendi Hill, to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Leisa McElreath, Board Chairman

LICENSING TEAM LEAD REPORT
TESTING/LICENSE/PERMIT REPORT

July 2026

(Report reflects June 2026 workload)

Universal Initial Licenses Issued	9
Practitioner Initial Licenses Issued	11
Universal Work Permits Issued	25
Student Work Permits Issued	33
Establishment Initial License Issued	40
Total License Issued: Practitioners 860 Salons 149 Schools 1	

UNIVERSAL INITIAL LICENSES ISSUED

First Name	Last Name
ANDREA	KOSTOS
HA HIEU TRUNG	NGUYEN
HUU TUYEN	VU
JASE LEE GONZALES	LIAS
JASMINE LATREICE	MARTIN
LISSETTE	TORRES VALENTIN
LOREN GRACE	HOUSTON
SUSAN NGHI HUE	TRAN
TRUNG THANH	NGUYEN

PRACTITIONER INITIAL LICENSES ISSUED (STUDENTS)

First Name	Last Name
KYMBERLIE ALEXIS	GABLE
SHARLAKECIA	JEFFERSON
JAYLA ANN	ROWLAND
KINSLEY	CHAMBLEY
ALIYAH	BARNETT
WARREN FREDRICK	GIDEON
TERRANCE	STANTON
LEA IRIS	HARTEL
MA'KYRA ZANE	BAYS
ANNA GRACE	WHITVIER

RAQUEL ELIZABETH	DEDEAUX AUSTIN
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ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES ISSUED

Name	County
SABREENA FRANCES ARTISTRY & AESTHETICS	Oktibbeha
HAIR STORY	Rankin
RUBY NAILS (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Forrest
MAGIC NAILS (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Rankin
SALON 759 (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Oktibbeha
TODAY NAILS SPA (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Hinds
TIPPED BY TARAH (MANICURE)	Tishomingo
CUTTING EDGE (BARBER/MANICURE)	Hinds
WELLSPRING RESTORED (COSMETOLOGY)	Madison
THE CO. LAB BEAUTY STUDIO LLC (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Lowndes
TOTAL PACKAGE BARBER SHOP (BARBER)	Jeff Davis
ELITECUTZ BARBERSHOP (BARBER)	Wayne
MAIN 26 SALON (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS)	Desoto
BACKWOODS BARBER (BARBER)	Lincoln
TEASE SALON (COSMETOLOGY/MANICURE/BARBER)	Marion
THE BEAUTY BAR BOUTIQUE & MEDISPA (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS)	Jackson
BLONDE LLC (COMSETOLOGY/MANICURE/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Webster
GLOW NAIL AND SPA (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Madison
E'Z BARBERSHOP (BARBER)	George
HAIR TIME (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Lamar
THE NAIL LOUNGE SPA (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Lafayette
BROOKHAVEN BARBER SHOP (COSMETOLOGY/BARBER)	Lincoln
PT NAILS & SPA (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Pike
ALY'S SKINCARE (ESTHETICS)	Jackson

THE MANE MAGNOLIA HAIR STUDIO LLC (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Tishomingo
INSPIRED BY GRACE SALON (COSMETOLOGY)	Montgomery
FRESHERWORLD (COSMETOLOGY)	Panola
INDIGO AND CO (COSMETOLOGY)	Lauderdale
MILO NAILS & SPA (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Lamar
QUALITY CUTS LLC (BARBER)	Lauderdale
LADY L NAILS & SPA (MANICURE/ESTHETICS)	Harrison
THE HAIR STUDIO	Rankin
THE HAIR SPA (COSMETOLOGY)	Hinds
REFORMATION WELLNESS LLC (ESTHETICS)	Jones
THE GLAM BOX (COSMETOLOGY)	Marshall
THE GOLDEN HOUR HAIR & LASH (COSMETOLOGY/BARBER/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Desoto
HALO SALON & BLOWOUT BAR (COSMETOLOGY)	Pearl River
STREET'S CASUAL CUTS AND STYLES (COSMETOLOGY/BARBER)	Tate
KASUAL KUTS SALON (COSMETOLOGY/ESTHETICS LIMITED)	Leflore
YESHUA'S BARBER AND STYLIST	Winston

UNIVERSAL WORK PERMITS ISSUED

First Name	Last Name
AALIYAH ANYA	STRICKLAND
ANH TU	TRAN
DAC LAM	PHAN
DOAN VAN	LE
EMILY GAYLE	MCFARLAND
GAN VAN	TRAN
HANH THI BICH	DONG
HARPER ROSE	MICHAELS
HARRIET LYNETTE	NEWSOME
HUONG HO	MCKENNEY
JOHNNY	PHAM

JORDIN DA'ANAIRA	PETERSON
KHANH	HUYNH
LYDIA GRACE	GOODWIN
MARIA MARION	ENDRIKAT
MARILYN NANETTE BOLDEN	JOHNSON
MICHAEL BRENT	LOFTON
MINA	LE
MORGAN REESE	SALVUCCI
NICHOLAS DUC	DANG
NICOLE SHERRELL	DICKERSON
PHUONG HONG	CAO
QUAN HUNG ANH	TRAN
THU THUAN	NGUYEN
TUNG THANH	TRUONG

STUDENT WORK PERMITS ISSUED	
First Name	Last Name
ADDISON	MASK
ALISSA	HARRIS
ALIVIA GRACE	BRATHWAITE
ANGELICA RENEE	DANIELS
ANNA LEIGH	AINSWORTH
AUBREE MORGAN	KEHOE
CAMPBELL CLAIRE	BLAINE
CARTER	HARRIS
ELIZABETH GRACE	CAVER
ELLA KATE	JOHNSON
ESMERALDA MIREYLI	PALMA
HALLIE	ROGER
IVON GARCIA	HERRERA
JAQUALIN	OSBORNE
JOVANTE OCTAVIS	MACKIN
KADYNCE ANN	STEWART
KATHRYN NICOLE	HACKETT
KIMBERLY JADE	JOHNSON
KYLA	MCGOUGH
KYNEASHA ALIZE	VARNADO
LATERICA	MARTIN
MACEE KERR	SISSON
MADISON ALIVIA	WILLIAMS
MAKENZIE ELIZABETH	BRELAND
MADISON GRACE	GILMER

MAURICE DONNELL	CLARK JR
OLIVIA LYNN	PANNELL
RYLEE	GANN
SANTANA FAITH	LOCKRIDGE
SARAH JAYNE	LADNER
SHUNTRIA	DAVIS
TISHA	WILLIAMS

