

A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, May 2, 2016, in the 3rd floor conference room, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Building, 500 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

The following members were in attendance:

Ms. Sharon Bunch, Acting Chair, Consumer Member

Ms. Piccola Winkey, Industry Member

Ms. Maxine Sisserman, Industry Member

Ms. Lisa Lane-Treadwell, Industry Member

Others present:

Ms. Shirley Leach, Executive Director

Ms. Victoria L. Wilkins, Commissioner

Ms. Susan Cherry, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Erica Lewis, Board Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. by Ms. Bunch.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Sisserman to approve the agenda with amendments, Ms. Lane-Treadwell seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Bunch to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 Board meeting with amendments, Ms. Sisserman seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

New Business

Appeal for License-Tommy Nguyen

Mr. Nguyen came before the Board requesting the opportunity to receive his Nail Technician license after receiving a fraudulent license in 2005. Mr. Nguyen informed the Board he received a Cosmetologist fraudulent however his Nail Technician license was received by testing. Mr. Nguyen's Nail Technician license expired in the year 2006. Mr. Nguyen requested the Board to consider allowing him to work in the State of Maryland without having to sit for an examination. Ms. Cherry advised Mr. Nguyen the Board is bound by the law Comar 5-313b which explains if a licensed is not renewed within five years a licensee is required to sit for an examination.

Informal Conference- Cherice Ebron-Apprentice Restart

An informal conference was held for Ms. Cherice Ebron, who requested to restart her Cosmetologist apprenticeship. After hearing Ms. Ebron's explanation for her departure from the program, the Board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Ebron's reinstatement. The Board also directed Ms. Ebron and her new sponsor attend the next apprentice orientation.

Informal Conference – Nicole Mobley- Request to sit for Cosmetology Examination

Nicole Mobley came before the Board requesting permission to sit for the Cosmetology Exam. Ms. Mobley began school in the State of Maryland and later moved to Massachusetts where she completed the program. The State of Maryland requires students to completed 1500 hours before sitting for the exam however Massachusetts only requires 1000 hours. Ms. Sisserman explained the Board would be unable to consider and recommendations without proof of completion from school. Ms. Mobley advised she would follow up with Ms. Leach once she has additional information.

Informal Conference- Lacy Dodge- Waiver of Visible Signage

Lacy Dodge, the owner of Lace Brows & Beauty LLC came before the Board requesting to be exempt from displaying her salon signage due to a leasing agreement. Ms. Dodge advised she is leasing a private room in a Dental Office and there is no space available for her signage except a window in her working area. Ms. Bunch advised the importance of a signage as it allows the potential customer to know what type of establishment they are walking into along with the services which are offered. Ms. Sisserman explained the confusion an inspector may come across walking into a Dental suite being unable to locate a salon. Ms. Cherry instructed the Board and Ms. Dodge she will reach out to the Dental Board and inquire about this special circumstance.

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Request for the Nail Technician’s exam to be offered in Mandarin Chinese

American University Law students, sponsored by their Professor, came before the Board a second time to present additional information as it relates to Nail Technicians who speak Mandarin Chinese. The law students explained the importance of the theory examination being available in Mandarin Chinese as it encourages equality. After further discussion the Board conferred with the Secretary’s office.

PSI all School Meeting

Ms. Leach explained to the Board the testing vendor PSI will be conducting an all school meeting with helpful information which will be shared in the coming months. As the training may apply to apprentices, Ms. Leach suggested all sponsors attend the meeting also. Ms. Sisserman agreed that sponsors should receive an invite to attend the meeting however their workshop or training should be held separate.

Convictions

The following convictions were presented and applications for their license were approved by the board.

- 1) Connie Tengwei
- 2) Kiera Hanley
- 3) Latisha Taylor

Public Comment

Ada Alston, a licensed Cosmetologist in the State of Maryland expressed her concern with the growing amount of unlicensed shops and workers in the industry. The Board sided with Ms. Alton’s concerns and expressed their willingness to combat the issue. Members of the Board suggested Ms. Alton refer any potential applicants to Ms. Leach as it would assist with filling the current inspector vacancy.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Lane-Treadwell to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Sisserman. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27p.m.

Approved By:

Acting Chair, Sharon Bunch