

Board of Cosmetologists Minutes October 6, 2014

A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, October 6, 2014, 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. Clairee Britt-Cockrum, Chair, Industry Member
Ms. Maxine Sisserman, School Owner Member
Ms. Lisa Lane-Treadwell, Industry Member
Ms. Piccola Winkey, Industry Member
Ms. Christina Roberts, Consumer Member

Not in attendance:

Ms. Sharon Bunch, Consumer Member
Ms. Carmel Owens, Industry Member

Also in attendance:

Ms. Shirley Leach, Executive Director
Mr. Brian Logan, Assistant Executive Director
Mr. Eric London, Assistant Attorney General

Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08AM by Ms. Britt- Cockrum.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Sisserman to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2014 meeting of the Board; Ms. Lane-Treadwell seconded the motion; and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

New Business

Informal Conference-Qasim Ali-Waiver of Senior Cosmetologist Exam

Mr. Qasim was not in attendance in attendance at the meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his request.

Old Business

2nd Request-Virginia Whitt-Waiver of Examination Requirements

Ms. Whitt was not in attendance in attendance at the meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his request.

Informal Conference-James Innes-Conviction

An informal conference was held for Mr. Innes, who disclosed a criminal conviction when he attempted to renew his license. After Mr. Innes explained the circumstances surrounding his conviction, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Innes license renewal.

Informal Conference-Gena Williams-Conviction

An informal conference was held for Ms. Gena Williams, who disclosed a criminal conviction when submitting her application for a license. After Ms. Williams's explained the circumstances surrounding her conviction, the Board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Williams's license application.

Complaint / Inspections Update

Ms. Leach advised the Board that last month the Cosmetology Board had fifty-four (54) outstanding complaints in September the number had slightly increased to sixty-one (61). Ms. Leach further reported that although the State had attempted to hire two new inspectors, no applicants were hired. Mr. Carl Suber, the Administrative Officer for the Barbers and Cosmetologist Board, would be in the field performing inspections to help alleviate the current situation.

Ms. Leach also asked the Board for guidance about potential actions against shop owners that had fines levied against them and then sold the shop. Ms. Leach asked whether the Board could bring any sanctions against the new shop. Assistant Attorney General Eric London, counsel to the Board, agreed to research the issue and report his finding at the next Board meeting.

Public Comments

Ed and Sharon Ruiz owner of two Paul Mitchell Schools in Maryland voiced their concern about the Blood Spill portion of the Cosmetology Exam. The Ruizs acknowledge

the Blood Spill portion of the exam was extremely important 72- 90% fail rate for students taking the exam after August 11, 2014 was unacceptable. Mr. Ruiz expressed several ideas for allowing the Blood Spill portion of the exam to remain an important facet of the exam, but allow students that failed this portion of the exam to take the rest of the exam

Latisha Hamilton and Minyon Bailey of Fortis Institute also voiced their concerns about the Blood Spill portion of the test. Their suggestion was for the Board to create an educational tutorial video demonstrating the correct procedure for the Blood Spill portion of the exam. They suggested that the video could be placed on the Cosmetology Board website for students to review before the exam. The Board was amenable to the suggestion, Ms. Leach, the Executive Director, advised it would take several months before the video could be on the website.

The Board went into Executive session to discuss the Blood Spill portion of the exam with Counsel.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Lane-Treadwell to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Sisserman; and the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Approved By:

Clairee Britt-Cockrum
Chair