

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
December 11, 2000 at 1:30 PM
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Mr. Ed Barnes, Chairman, of Lexington, called the regular meeting of the Board of Barber Examiners to order at 1:30 p.m., with a quorum present. Other board members participating during the meeting included: Mr. Don Norris, Vice-Chairman, of West Columbia; Ms. Betty Thompson, of Greer; Mr. Napoleon Rogers, of Hartsville; and Mr. Fredrick Evans, of Columbia.

Members of staff participating during the meeting included: Mr. Eddie Jones, Administrator; Ms. Lisa Hawsey, Program Coordinator; Mr. Randall Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director; Ms. Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Mr. Dwight Hayes, Assistant Administrator-Investigations; Ms. Shonda Johnson, Administrative Specialist; and Ms. Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Barnes announced the meeting was being held in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed to The State Newspaper, Associated Press, WIS-TV and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted on the bulletin boards at the two main entrances of the Kingstree Building.

Approval of the October 9, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Thompson noted the election of officers was not included in the minutes of the October 9, 2000 meeting.

Ms. Thompson moved the minutes be approved as amended. Mr. Norris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks

Mr. Barnes made no remarks at this time.

Administrator's Remarks

1. Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

No advisory opinions were given during the December 11, 2000 meeting.

2. Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There was no legislative update given during the December 11, 2000 meeting.

3. Exam Results for October 2000 and November 2000

The board was presented with the exam results from October 2000 and November 2000. (These records are herewith attached and become part of this record.) The board briefly discussed the exam results.

Action Items

Old Business

1. Review of Annual Budget and Proposed Fee Increase

Mr. Bryant stated the General Assembly has mandated the professional and occupational boards be held accountable for their budgets and that they be self-supporting. He went over the budget and the projected fee increases with the board.

Following some discussion regarding this matter, Mr. Barnes asked Mr. Bryant to provide the board with more detailed information regarding the budget.

2. Laser Grade Testing Proposal

Ms. Thompson stated she feels the proposal submitted by Laser Grade would be a good concept. She noted the problem is that the company requires the use of a credit card, which is unavailable to most of the students.

Ms. Dantzler informed the board that Laser Grade Testing submitted the same proposal to the Board of Cosmetology. She went on to say the proposal is too costly and too complicated for the students of the barber program. She said that if the board gets to the point that it would like to offer computer-based testing, she suggested that the chairman appoint a subcommittee to work with the procurement office and that bids be submitted to different testing companies. She noted that no company would bid if the board requests the computer testing be an optional avenue to take the exam. She recommended that the board not accept this proposal.

Mr. Bryant stated there are five companies that offer the computer-based testing.

The board agreed with Ms. Dantzler's recommendation of not accepting this proposal.

Mr. Barnes directed staff to write a letter to Laser Grade informing them of the board's decision.

New Business

1. Keri Bennett's Request to Take the Registered Barber Exam

Ms. Debra Poinsette, Community Program Supervisor for the Coastal Pre-Release Center located in Charleston, sent a letter to the board on behalf of Mr. Keri Bennett, who is asking the board to allow him to take the exam to become a registered barber. The letter noted that Mr. Bennett is serving a four year sentence for marijuana possession and possession with intent to distribute. He has had no disciplinary problems and is currently in a work release program.

Mr. Evans moved the board table this matter until more information is received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norris and unanimously carried.

2. Paulette Belton's Request for a third Student Permit

Ms. Belton stated she is requesting a third student permit to complete the 390 remaining hours to obtain her license. She indicated Snippers, the first shop she enrolled in to complete her OJT, has gone out of business. She has been at Fred's California Concept for approximately one year and is attending on a part-time basis.

Mr. Evans moved the board grant Ms. Belton a third student permit, to expire in one year, to complete her 380 hours of OJT training. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norris and unanimously passed.

Mr. Barnes informed Ms. Belton she would not be able to obtain another permit should she not complete her training with this student permit.

3. Request from Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence to Allow Students to Take Both Exams on the Same Day/Use of Facilities for Barber Instruction

Mr. Marwin McKnight stated the Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence is requesting the board's permission to allow their students to take the written and practical exams in one day. He indicated there would be six underage students who would be eligible to take the exam in March 2001 or April 2001. He indicated they would be bringing their models in with them.

Following a brief discussion, the board tabled the decision until the February 2001 meeting. Mr. Barnes stated Mr. McKnight would be notified, in writing, of the board's decision.

Mr. McKnight stated the Beaufort-Jasper Technical College of the Low Country would like to begin a barber program in the afternoons since there is not such a program in that area. He noted that Denmark Technical College is the closest program. He does not believe the college has sent the request in yet, however, the college has approached him regarding teaching the class. He asked the board if it would be possible for him to become an instructor for that college as well. He went on to say the Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence has a partnership with the Technical College of the Low Country. He

indicated he would be at his job site the entire day since the program would be at the facility where he is currently employed.

Ms. Hawsey asked the board to request that both schools submit the working hours he would be assigned to each school.

Executive Session

Mr. Evans moved the board enter executive session to discuss disciplinary actions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson and carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

Mr. Barnes noted for the record that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Mr. Evans moved the board approve the Disciplinary Report dated November 13, 2000, as presented. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (This report is herewith attached and becomes part of this record.)

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Mr. Evans moved the board approve the Disposition Report dated November 13, 2000 as presented. Mr. Norris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (This report is herewith attached and becomes part of this record.)

Public Comments

Ms. Cat Kelly, President of the Palmetto Barber's Association, made remarks regarding the OJT program and the students passing the exam. She stated the instructors should present what information is being taught.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Rogers moved the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The December 11, 2000 meeting of the S. C. Board of Barber Examiners adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Barber Examiners has been scheduled for February 12, 2001.