MINUTES South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners Board Meeting 1:30 PM, February 11, 2002 Synergy Business Park 110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108 Columbia, South Carolina

Don Norris, Vice Chairman, of West Columbia, called the regular meeting of the S. C. Board of Barber Examiners to order at 1:40 p.m., with a quorum present. Other members present for the meeting included Fred Evans, of Columbia and Betty Thompson, of Greer.

Ed Barnes, Chairman, of Lexington, and Napoleon Rogers, of Hartsville, were granted excused absences.

Staff members participating at various times during the meeting included: Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Hawsey, Assistant Administrator; Shonda Johnson, Administrative Specialist; Eddie Jones, Administrator; and Kathy Stephens, Investigator.

Members of the audience included: Melvin Belk, Carlton Dreher, Larry Gunn, Glenn Mobley, III, Joan Smith and Mike Smith.

Mr. Norris 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.

Invocation All present recited the Lord's Prayer.

Approval of the December 10, 2001 Meeting Minutes Mr. Evans moved the minutes of the December 10, 2001 board meeting be approved as submitted. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Administrator's Remarks

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A discussion ensued regarding the exams. During the discussion it was suggested that the OJT video be used as a training tool for instructors teaching students in their shops.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the February 11, 2002 meeting.

## Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Bill #H-4545 - Board's Position

Bill #H-4545 would allow cosmetologists to work in barbershops. The board members present for this meeting oppose this bill.

## Action Items

Old Business

Selection of IRC/DRC Chairman

The Board and staff discussed the possibility of an individual in the barber profession to act as the DRC chairman. It was suggested at the December 2001 meeting that Thelma Robinson be asked to fill this capacity. Mr. Norris stated he would contact Ms. Robinson to see if she would be willing to serve in this capacity.

## MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the board approve Ms. Robinson as the DRC chairman if she is willing to fill this capacity. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson and unanimously carried.

## New Business

Request for Waiver of Barber College Transcript - Glenn Mobley, III Mr. Mobley stated he attended Mangum's Barber and Hair Styling College in 1992 and 1993 (graduated in 1993). He has been attempting to obtain a copy of his transcript from the college until recently. He indicated the college changed its name approximately two years ago and lost his transcripts and records indicating his attendance. He continued by saying he obtained 1,500 hours form Mangum's Barber and Hair Styling College. He also stated he did not obtain his license at the time he graduated because he was incarcerated for 18 months. He indicated Mr. Mangum was to be present for today's meeting but was not present. He is asking the Board to approve him to take the exam without the required transcripts.

Ms. Dantzler stated the Board would have to consider a sworn affidavit from Mr. Mangum that he personally taught Mr. Mobley and that Mr. Mobley had been completed a nine-month course of 1,500 hours.

Request from Larry Gunn Regarding Alternative Means to Verify Eligibility for Examination Mr. Gunn stated that his OJT instructor, Mr. Eddie Dixon, is terminally ill and unable to sign to sign his transcript. He further stated he is appearing before the Board to seek an alternative means for verification of eligibility for examination. He indicated he completed his hours in mid November 2001. He also stated no one is able to see Mr. Dixon due to his illness. He continued by saying he has over 1,100 hours and 811 hours with a barber college.

Ms. Dantzler stated Mr. Gunn is asking about an alternative way of demonstrating his hours. She further stated if staff could verify the hours of the other documents and the Board approves the Board would be all right by the statute.

The Board asked Ms. Johnson to research staff's records to verify Mr. Gunn's hours.

Braiding in Barber Schools and Barber Shops - Joan T. Samuel

Ms. Samuel questioned the board regarding a special license for braiding hair and how the barber schools could obtain some of the monies generated by the State Education Lottery. Ms. Dantzler informed Ms. Samuel these are matters that would require legislation from the General Assembly to enact as law.

Request for Third Permit - Gene Dawson Mr. Dawson did not appear at this meeting.

Discussion - Acceptance of Correspondence School for Proof of Education Ms. Hawsey stated staff has received a copy of a diploma from an individual who took a barber course from a correspondence school. She further stated the diploma is from an out-of-state and is not detailed. She also stated the individual is applying for a student permit.

Ms. Dantzler stated a correspondence school could not meet the requirements of a barber school in South Carolina, starting with the minimum ten barber chairs. She also stated a correspondence trade school does not match the education the Board requires if the diploma is being submitted for barber education.

Recess

The Board took a five-minute recess.

**Return to Public Session** 

MOTION (Larry Gunn)

Ms. Thompson made a conditional motion that if Mr. Gunn can produce the hours and if the hours can be verified by staff that the Board credit the hours Mr. Gunn has requested, without Mr. Dixon's signature, and give him permission to take the exam. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion Items There were no discussion items brought before the board at this time.

Public Comments There were no public comments made during the February 8, 2002 meeting.

**Executive Session** 

Mr. Evans moved the board enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session Mr. Norris noted for the record that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the time the board was in executive session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board at this time, Mr. Evans moved the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The February 11, 2002 meeting of the S. C. Board of Barber Examiners

adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Barber Examiners is scheduled for April 8, 2002.