

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners

Board Meeting

1:30 PM, October 18, 2004

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building

110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108

Columbia, South Carolina

Edwin Barnes, chairman, of Lexington, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Barber Examiners to order at 1:30 p.m. Other Board members attending the meeting included: Frederick Evans, of Columbia and Paul Robinson, of Orangeburg.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Ronnie Blackmon, Inspector; Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; Eddie Jones, Administrator; and Glinda Legette, Administrative Specialist.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Pat Ford, Trevis Frazier, Jinny Gaston, Renata Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harley, Lisa Holloway, Eddie Howard, Albertus Kelly, Marwin McKnight, Andre Moore, Gilbert Portee, Frederick Reid, Dr. B. J. Staggs, and Walter Suber.

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Barnes announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Barber Examiners office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108 and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the August 9, 2004 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board approve the minutes of the August 9, 2004 meeting. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks - Edwin Barnes

Mr. Barnes stated the annual conference, held in Reno, Nevada in September 2004, went well. He further stated he hopes to become involved with a prostate cancer program entitled Prostate Net Cancer Center for Barbers. He indicated the National Barber Board is endorsing the program and he is looking into getting South Carolina involved in the project. He went on to say barbershops, hospitals, and nurses would be involved in this project. He also stated he hopes to partner with North Carolina and Georgia on this project.

Administrator's Remarks, For Information - Eddie Jones

Exam Results for August 2004 and September 2004

Mr. Jones presented the members with the exam results for August 2004 and September 2004. These exam results were presented as information only. (The August 2004 and September 2004 exam results are attached and become a permanent part of the record retained at the Board's office.)

Mr. Jones stated he hoped the Board members were pleased with the new facility for the practical exams.

Mr. Barnes stated he hopes to begin the OJT meeting at 10:30 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. and indicated that if the OJT meeting began at an earlier time, it may be possible to begin the Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Robinson stated he was also pleased with the facility and the equipment.

Mr. Robinson thanked the members for postponing the meeting to this date and allowing him to attend the cosmetology continuing education meeting last week.

Mr. Evans stated he inspected the Strictly Business Barber College from the August 9, 2004 meeting. He indicated it was a nice facility.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no advisory opinions or legislative update given during the October 18, 2004 meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. Approval of Affidavits/Records

a. Melvin Jefferson, Jr.

Mr. Jefferson appeared before the Board during the August 2004 meeting. At that time he was informed he must produce evidence regarding his completion of a nine-month barber college and affidavits from three registered barbers attesting that he was registered as an apprentice for twelve months during that time. It was suggested he locate tax records during that time which would indicate that he was working in a barbershop during that time.

Mr. Jefferson did not appear at this meeting.

The Board determined it would discuss this matter in executive session.

New Business

1. Approval of Reinstatement Application

a. Walter Pinckney Suber

Walter Pinckney Suber has submitted an application to become a master haircare

specialist. His application indicates he has an arrest record.

Walter Suber appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Suber stated he was incarcerated in 2001 for conspiracy for trafficking drugs and was sentenced to 41 months in a federal prison. During his incarceration he decided he would like to reinstate his license after his release. He then went through a nine-month residential drug program. He has since opened an investment business and would like to practice in the barber profession. He is currently serving a six-year probation, which began in May 2004. He went on to say conditions of his probation include staying drug free, random drug testing once a month and gainful employment. He has established a real estate investment company since his release. He indicated his probation officer is Charles Hatfield of the United States Probation Office.

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board discuss this matter in executive session.

2. Approval of Third Student Permit

a. Andre D. Moore

Andre Moore has submitted a request for a third student permit. His request indicates he has held two student permits while attending Denmark Technical College for one and one-half years.

Andre Moore appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Moore attended Denmark Technical College for one and one-half years; however, he did not complete his training within a timely manner because he had to attend classes that did not relate to barbering. He went on to say he no longer attends Denmark Technical College. He believes he has a balance of over 400 hours yet to take. He went on to say his OJT instructor would be Clarissa Perry.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the Board grant Mr. Moore a third student permit with the understanding this is his last permit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried.

The Board informed Mr. Moore that since he would be receiving OJT instruction he would be required to complete 800 hours instead of the balance of 400 hours.

Mr. Barnes stated that individuals requesting a third student permit should be aware that the Board does not issue fourth student permits.

b. Renata Hamilton

Renata Hamilton is requesting Board approval for a third student permit.

Renata Hamilton appeared before the Board at this time.

Ms. Hamilton stated she had been attending school on a part time basis during the first permit. She further stated that during the time she had the second permit she lost concentration. She lacks approximately 400 hours. She is attending Shabazz Barber & Styling College.

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board grant a third student permit.

c. Frederick L. Reid

Frederick L. Reid is requesting the Board's approval to receive a third student permit.

Frederick L. Reid appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Reid stated he would be attending Shabazz Barber & Styling College. He further stated he began OJT in 2002, however, the barbershop closed. He then began training at Shabazz Barber & Styling College in April or May 2003, which is where he would complete his training. He has approximately 400 hours remaining.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board grant Mr. Reid a third student permit with the same condition (no fourth student permit) as previous individuals. The motion was seconded Mr. Evans and unanimously carried.

e. Gilbert Portee, Sr.

Gilbert Portee, Sr. attended Tolliver's Barber College in 2000, however, he did not receive training on the theory portion of barbering. He is requesting a third student permit to complete his training.

Gilbert Portee appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Portee stated after Tolliver's Barber College closed he was diagnosed with an illness. He further stated he would be attending Shabazz Barber & Styling College.

Ms. Patricia Ford, of Contemporary Hair Institute, stated Mr. Portee's application is pending with staff.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the Board grant Mr. Portee a third student permit with the same condition (no fourth student permit) as previous individuals. The motion carried unanimously

d. Albertus Kelly

Albertus Kelly is requesting Board approval for a third student permit. His request indicates he has been hospitalized for the past two months.

Albertus Kelly appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Kelly stated he attended Tolliver's Barber College for several months. He then had to have surgery and did not return until October 2003. He further stated he would like to attend Contemporary Hair Institute. He believes he has approximately 180 hours remaining.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the Board grant Mr. Kelly be granted his third permit. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Approval of "The Barber "Ann" Beauty Shop on Wheels" - Eddie L. Howard

The Board received a letter from Eddie Howard requesting to appear before the Board to discuss The Barber "ANN" Beauty Shop on Wheels.

Eddie Howard appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Howard stated he would like to assist individuals who are handicapped or invalids as well as single parents with children.

Mr. Barnes stated the practice act allows Mr. Howard to enter the hospitals and nursing homes to practice barbering. However, state law prohibits a mobile van such as Mr. Howard is proposing.

Ms. Dantzler stated the Board would, at a minimum, have to change Regulation 17-20 and would more than likely have to undergo a statutory change.

4. Review/Approval of Extending Student Permits to Three Years - Marwin McKnight, Beaufort-Jasper A.C.E.

Mr. Jones stated there was nothing in place and that the logistics were not set.

Mr. McKnight stated it is expensive for the students to obtain three student permits to complete the program at Beaufort-Jasper A.C.E. He is asking that the Board approve extending the student permits to three years in the school.

Ms. Ford stated it would be a good idea if it would apply to all schools.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the Board table this matter to executive session. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Robinson stated it is his opinion that the private schools are instructing adults and the public schools are instructing students.

5. Review Establishment of Curriculum for Manicuring, Pedicuring and Barber Assistant Shampooing - Karen Shabazz, Shabazz Barber & Styling College
Karen Shabazz appeared before the Board at this time.

Ms. Shabazz stated the courses would be 300 hours, not the required 1,500 hours for a full barber license. She would like to teach shampooing, manicure and pedicures separately from the barber curriculum.

Discussion on this matter ensued.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the curriculum for shampooing, manicuring, and pedicuring as a barber assistant.

Mr. Robinson withdrew the motion.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the barber assistant curriculum for Shabazz Barber & Styling College. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

6. Review Request to Teach Braiding in Master Hair Care Classes in Barber Schools, Third Student Permits if in School Status, and Application Process - Patricia Ford, Contemporary Hair Care Ins.
Patricia Ford appeared before the Board at this time.

Ms. Hawsey stated Mr. Bryant has asked that she take names in regard to the braiding issue.

Ms. Dantzler stated the General Assembly has passed legislation regarding hair braiding, however, Governor Sanford has not signed the bill so it has not become law. She further stated licensed cosmetologists can braid hair and she believes registered barbers can also braid hair.

Ms. Ford discussed student permits. She would like for students in private barber schools to have one two-year permit.

e. Trevis Frazier

Trevis Frazier appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Frazier stated he was unable to concentrate on learning the practice of barbering during the first permit. He indicated the first permit was bad business. He would continue

with OJT. He has approximately 500 hours left. Henrietta Riley would be his instructor.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the Board grant Trevis Frazier a third student permit. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the October 18, 2004 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board enter executive session to seek legal advice and to discuss disciplinary matters. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board return to public session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

DRC Reports

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the Board approve the DRC Reports for October 2004. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried.

Melvin Jefferson, Jr.

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board approve the affidavits and allow Mr. Jefferson to take the written and practical exams.

Walter Suber

Mr. Robinson stated the Board is deeply concerned about Mr. Suber's arrest record and that the Board would Mr. Suber and his probation officer appear with him at the next scheduled meeting of the Board, which is December 13, 2004.

Mr. Barnes stated the Board would need a copy of the probation report and a fitness report to include compliance with drug testing.

Review/Approval of Extending Student Permits to Three Years - Marwin McKnight, Beaufort-Jasper A.C.E.

Mr. Barnes stated he would form a committee to consist of Mr. Evans, an OJT instructor, a member of the public school system, a private school owner, and a technical school owner. The Board asked staff to recommend individuals for this committee.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Mr. Evans moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The October 18, 2004 meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.