

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting

1:30 PM, February 14, 2005

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 1:37 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; Eddie Jones, Administrator; Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; Connie Huffstetler, Administrative Assistant; and Glinda Legette, Administrative Specialist.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Cecilia Harley, Douglas Harley, Pat Ford, Trey Brown, Sr., Reginald Wesley, Ronald E. King, Jr., Anthony Green and Gregory Fielder.

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 cited the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the December 13, 2004 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2004 meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Administrator's Remarks, For Information - Eddie Jones

Exam Results for December 2004 and January 2005

The members received, for their information, the exam results for December 2004 and January 2005.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Barnes what type of assistance he might need from the staff in preparation for the National Convention. He noted that, since the staff will be in renewals, it would be advantageous to know as early as possible what is expected of the staff for the convention. Mr. Barnes advised Mr. Jones that he would let him know as

soon as possible.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the February 14, 2005 meeting.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no legislative updates given during the February 14, 2005 meeting

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for the February 14, 2005 meeting.

New Business

Approval of Barber School Application

a. Anderson Barber Academy - Trey Brown, Sr.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved for approval of the application and Mr Robinson seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans advised the Board that he had visited the school with Raymond Lee, LLR Inspector and that it was an impressive facility. Mr. Brown thanked the Board for their support.

Approval of Third Student Permits

a. Kendrick Brayboy

Mr. Brayboy did not appear.

b. Reginald A. Wesley

Mr. Wesley stated he had been an OJT student with a licensed instructor at a shop on Devine Street. The instructor did not keep the terms of their agreement and Mr. Wesley was not receiving the proper instruction to make it possible for him to pass the barber exam. Mr. Barnes asked how many hours he had completed. Mr. Wesley said that he is currently enrolled in barber college, but does not know how many hours he has. Mr. Barnes advised him that he should have a copy of his hours and Mr. Wesley answered that he does have a copy but does not have it with him. Mr. Robinson asked for circumstances surrounding second permit. Mr. Wesley again explained that he had been an OJT student and did not get proper instruction. Mr. Barnes asked the name of the instructor and Mr. Wesley said it was Solomon Murray. Mr. Barnes asked how long Mr. Wesley was at the shop and he answered about 12 months. He now has 800 hours at Harley's Barber College and his second permit is about to expire. He is requesting the third permit in order to complete his instruction.

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve Mr. Wesley's request for a third permit. Mr. Robinson seconded and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Barnes advised Mr. Wesley to make certain he completes his training with this permit because getting a fourth permit would be very unlikely.

c. Anthony Montgomery

Mr. Barnes asked Mr. Montgomery to explain why needs third permit. Mr. Montgomery explained that he has been training under Esaw Walters but still needs 60 hours to complete his training.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved to approve a third permit for Mr. Montgomery. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously.

Mr. Barnes stated that 60 hours is a short time and advised Mr. Montgomery to make sure he finishes with this third permit.

d. Ronald E. King, Jr.

(Please note that Mr. King was not present at the time he was to appear on the agenda but did appear later, after Pat Ford.)

Mr. King advised that he needs a third permit to complete school at Denmark Tech. His two previous permits were at the school and after an investigation by the Board, his hours were changed from a total of 1306 to 837 hours. He now has over 1100 hours but his permit has expired.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to approve a third permit for Mr. King. Mr. Robinson seconded and it carried unanimously.

e. Wendell B. Wilson

Mr. Wilson stated that his first OJT was with Freddie Griffith and that he and his parents were advised by law enforcement contacts that it would be best for him to leave the shop because of things that were occurring at the shop. His second permit was with Solomon Murray at Mo Betta. Mr. Wilson said that Mr. Murray was forced to close that shop. Mr. Barnes asked how many hours Mr. Wilson has and he responded that he has 456 hours. Mr. Barnes asked if Mr. Wilson heard what he told the previous gentlemen regarding the importance of completing their training with the third permit and Mr. Wilson assured him that he did.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to approve a third permit for Wendell Wilson. Mr. Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Fourth Student Permit

a. Anthony Green

Mr. Green explained that when he was granted his third permit he returned to his hometown of Marion to train with Clarence Dekeyser. He said the training was delayed while waiting for installation of a chair in the shop, but that after the chair was in, he was still not allowed to start and the instructor said he had changed his mind about training Mr. Green. Mr. Barnes asked if he had made arrangements before getting the permit to train with Mr. Dekeyser and Mr. Green assured him that he had done so. Mr. Barnes asked where Mr. Green would train with a fourth permit and how he could be sure that he would receive the instruction required to receive his license. Mr. Green answered that he had not yet chosen an instructor until he found out if he would be granted the permit. Mr. Evans asked when Mr. Green received his third permit and Mr. Green advised it was in April 2004. Mr. Evans asked why he waited so long to ask for the fourth permit and Mr. Green advised that he had made several attempts and contacts with the Barber Board staff that led to his requesting to appear before the board. Mr. Evans asked how long he worked in the shop and Mr. Green advised he never cut a head of hair in the shop. Mr. Barnes advised Mr. Green that the Board would discuss the his request in Executive Session and advise him of their decision afterward.

Approval of Master Haircare Specialist License

a. Walter Pinckney Suber

Mr. Suber did not appear. Ms. Hawsey advised that this was the second time he was to appear before the Board and did not do so.

Discussion Items

Discussion of OJT Within Barber Shop Environment

Patricia Ford expressed concern for the OJT process in the barber industry, saying students often have problems with instructors and do not get full benefits from this training. She suggested that the Barber Board should be on the same page as the Cosmetology Board and should do away with OJT. Mr. Barnes advised that that the board can do nothing to eliminate the OJT system as it is in the statute and would require a change by the legislature. He further stated that the intent of OJT is to attract and train more individuals in the industry. Ms. Dantzler stated that OJT has been in place for more than thirty years and reiterated to Ms. Ford that any change would have to come from the legislature.

Public Comments

There were no public comments during the February 14, 2005 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the Board enter Executive Session. Mr. Robinson seconded and the motion carried.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved that the Board return to Public Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

February 2005 DRC Report

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved and Mr. Robinson seconded a motion to approve the February 2005 DRC Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Braiding Bill

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved that the Board authorize LLR to proceed in conjunction with the Governor's office and the legislature in regards to passing legislation to provide for registration of hair braiders with the Board of Barber Examiners. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Anthony Green

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved that, contingent upon Mr. Green filing a complaint against the instructor, Clarence Dekeyser, the Board approve a fourth permit for Mr. Green. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Number One Cuts Barber College

Eddie Jones, Administrator, noted that he was not present at the December meeting, but that he now has been given an inspection report that states "Eddie Jones to send mail ballot". Mr. Jones advised that Greg Fielder was in attendance at the February 2005 and he was sure Mr. Fielder was expecting to hear something regarding the approval of his school, but it was not on the agenda. Mr. Evans advised that Raymond Lee had inspected the school on December 23 and that he, Mr. Evans, had also inspected the school. He further stated that the school meets the requirements for approval.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved that the Board approve Number One Cuts Barber College. Mr. Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business, Mr. Evans moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robinson

seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The February 14, 2005 meeting of the SC Board of Barber Examiners adjourned at 3:12 p.m.