

## Minutes

South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners

Board Meeting

1:30 PM, April 11, 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; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; Glinda Leggette, Administrative Specialist; and Connie Huffstetler, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Ja'Ki Bennon; William Gore; Shannon Jordan; Howard Boyd, Boyd's Barber College; Kenyatta Grimmage, Boyd's Barber College; Mr. & Mrs. Harley, Harley's Barber College; and Gregory Fielder.

Meeting Called to Order - 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 February 14, 2005 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting of the Board of Barber Examiners. The motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, carried.

Chairman's Remarks - Edwin Barnes

Mr. Barnes noted the national convention coming up the third week of September and said he should know soon what assistance would be needed from the staff. He asked that a letter be sent to the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce requesting someone to speak at the convention and said that he thought it would be a nice gesture if a key to the city could be presented.

Mr. Barnes expressed some concern that students taking the exam are not properly trained in shaving techniques. He said that a number of students failed the exam on

shaving and that he had demonstrated to some of the instructors the proper method.

#### Administrator's Remarks, For Information - Eddie Jones

##### Exam Results for February and March 2005

The members were presented, for their information, the exam results for February and March, 2005.

#### Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions for the April 11, 2005 meeting.

#### Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Mr. Jones noted that legislation was pending regarding the registration of hair braiders by the Barber Board.

#### Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for the April 11, 2005 meeting.

#### New Business

##### Laser Grade Testing for Barber Exam

Mr. Howard Boyd and Kenyatta Grimmage, of Howard's Barber College, appeared before the Board to propose that the school be allowed to serve as a test site for a computer exam for the written test for barbers. They noted that this would be more convenient for students in the Charleston area by reducing the time and expense of traveling to Columbia.

After discussion among the Board members, it was decided to consider the matter in Executive Session.

#### Approval of Third Student Permits

##### William Gore

Mr. Gore stated that he had been unable to complete his training due to working full-time as a truck driver. He explained that if given a third permit, he planned to attend Harley Barber College. The members reminded Mr. Gore that he would need to complete his training with the third permit, because another would not be issued.

#### MOTION

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

##### Britt Brayboy

Mr. Brayboy failed to appear before the Board.

##### Angela Moore

Ms. Moore did not appear before the Board.

Ja'Ki D. Bennon

Mr. Moore advised the Board that he needed a third permit to complete his training at The Brothers Barber Shop. He stated that he had approximately 400 hours remaining.

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve a third student permit for Mr. Bennon. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

James Carter

Mr. Carter failed to appear before the Board.

Shannon Jordan

Mr. Jordan appeared before the Board to request a third student permit in order that he may transfer from Howard's Barber College to an OJT instructor. He explained that he has a provisional driver's license and the distance to the school is farther than he can travel. He wants to train under Kenneth Colson at K&K Barber Shop to complete his hours.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to approve a third student permit for Mr. Jordan, pending satisfactory completion of all required paperwork and staff approval of the application. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried.

Public Comments

Gregory Fielder commented that he was concerned about what he considers leniency by the Board regarding examinations and the remarks made by Mr. Barnes about demonstrating shaving at the Barber Exam. Mr. Barnes advised Mr. Fielder that what he said was that he had assisted instructors in the proper shaving technique after their students had already failed the exam. He reiterated that he was not teaching shaving, but simply showing the instructors the method they should be teaching their students. Mr. Fielder apologized for misunderstanding what Mr. Barnes had said.

Mr. Fielder also asked for clarification of the hours required to train as an OJT student. Mr. Barnes explained that the statute allows an average 20 hours a week as part-time student.

Mr. Evans responded to Mr. Fielder's remarks about leniency by the Board stating that the Board takes into consideration that the students should be at entry level, not at the same skill level as someone who has been barbering for a number of years. He added that few would pass the test if they did not make such allowances.

Executive Session

## MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to enter Executive Session to consider disciplinary and contractual matters. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## Return to Public Session

## MOTION

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

## April 11, 2005 DRC Report

## MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the April 11 DRC Report. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ronnie Blackmon suggested that the Board consider naming and alternate hearing officer for the DRC. He commended Ms. Thelma Robinson on the excellent job she does but said there might be a time when, due to reasons beyond her control, she could not attend the DRC hearing.

## MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to appoint Don Norris as an alternate DRC hearing officer. He then amended the motion to remove the name and to state that a former Board member be contacted to serve as an alternate. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion as amended. The motion carried.

## Howard's Barber College - Howard Boyd

Mr. Evans advised Mr. Boyd that, after deliberation in Executive Session, the Board feels it would be a conflict of interest to allow a school to serve as a testing facility for the barber exam. He further stated that the Board agrees that a computer test would be an appropriate option to offer students and will pursue the possibility of implementing such a test throughout the state.

The Board members asked Mr. Jones to contact Laser Grade regarding offering a computer test for the Barber Exam.

Mr. Robinson asked about the status of the matter of three-year permits for students at the Beaufort-Jasper Academic Center for Excellence. Mr. Evans stated that it was going to be handled by Randy Bryant and Sharon Dantzler. Mr. Jones said that Ms. Dantzler had not advised him of anything to report or present regarding the matter and he would follow up with her before the next meeting.

## Adjournment

## MOTION

There being no further business, Mr. Evans moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously.