

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting

1:30 PM, August 8, 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 1:34 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: Sharon Dantzler, LLR - Office of General Counsel; Ronnie Blackmon, Inspector; Eddie Jones, Administrator; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; Connie Huffstetler, Administrative Assistant; Glinda Legette, Administrative Specialist; and Donna Barnhard, Administrative Specialist.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Claus Lang, PCS; Anthony Gibson; Jamie Carter; Gregory Bell; Troun Tenyak; Lewis Rice; Greg Fielder; Willie Shands, Jr.; Thomas Hoeffler; Bryan Collins; Dr. B. J. Staggs; and Francis Archer.

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 June 13, 2005 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2005 meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks

Mr. Barnes noted the upcoming Barber Convention in Myrtle Beach. Senator Jake Knotts is scheduled to speak regarding the legislative process.

Administrator's Remarks

Exam Results for June and July 2005

The members received, for their information, the exam results for June and July 2005.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the August 8, 2005 meeting.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no legislative updates given during the August 8, 2005 meeting

Mr. Jones advised the Board that LLR is moving toward electronic renewals for the next renewal period.

Unfinished Business

Board Position on H. 3781 - Amendment to the Engine Bill

Mr. Evans noted that he saw no significant impact as pertains to the Board of Barber Examiners. Mr. Robinson agreed. Mr. Evans commented that the amendment would give the staff more flexibility concerning administrative procedures, but would not change the way the Board functions according to the practice act.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved to endorse H. 3781. Mr. Robinson seconded and the motion carried.

Hair Braiding

Mr. Evans asked if anyone present had questions regarding the Hair Braiding registration. Mr. Fielder asked if the application had been formulated yet. Mr. Jones responded that the application and the curriculum for the six-hour class are both in the process of being developed.

Electronic Renewals

Mr. Jones advised the members that the agency is moving to electronic renewals for all boards and commissions. He noted that there would be exceptions but licensees will be strongly encouraged to renew online.

Investigation of Missing Chairs

Mr. Jones stated that he had been unable to attend to the Board's request for an investigation of the chairs that were missing from the Margaret H. Miller Center due to his illness and absence from work. He hoped to have a report on the situation at the next meeting.

Budget Report

Mr. Evans noted that the members had not recently seen any type of report on the budget. Mr. Jones said that he did not think the final figures for the fiscal year were ready yet but he should be able to have the information at the next meeting.

New Business

Request for Third Student Permit

Troun O. Tenyak

Mr. Tenyak appeared before the Board to request a third permit. He has completed his hours but needs another permit to continue to work until he takes the exam. After

questioning Mr. Tenyak, the Board advised him that he needs only to apply to take the exam and he will receive a 90-day temporary permit.

James Jerome Carter

Mr. Carter explained that under his first permit he worked as an OJT student and the shop closed. He stated he worked for about 6 months but the instructor did not turn in his hours. He then received a second permit but never trained with that permit. He now wants to attend a barber school and needs a third permit.

Mr. Barnes reminded Mr. Carter that in the OJT class he attended, he was clearly instructed to keep copies of his hours. Mr. Evans expressed concern that Mr. Carter worked under an instructor but did not receive credit for the hours. Ms. Hawsey was asked to check the records to see if Mr. Carter had received any hours under his first permit. The members deferred the matter while waiting for Ms. Hawsey to check the records.

Gregory Bell

Mr. Bell requested a third permit to complete his hours. He needs approximately 1400 hours. Mr. Barnes reminded Mr. Bell that he would need to complete all of his hours with the third permit.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to approve a third permit for Mr. Bell. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Robinson abstaining from the vote.

Approval for Exam Eligibility

Bryan Collins

Mr. Collins appeared before the board to answer questions regarding items on his background report. His license expired and he wishes to take the practical exam. Mr. Barnes asked Mr. Collins some questions relating to his incarceration and release. Mr. Collins responded, to the Board's satisfaction.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved to allow Mr. Collins to take the practical exam. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried.

Thomas Thurston Hoefer, Sr.

Mr. Hoefer appeared before the Board to answer questions regarding his criminal record. He was licensed as a registered barber before he was incarcerated for 13 years. He was released in November 2004, and is looking for steady employment. The members deferred the matter to Executive Session.

Approval of Third Student Permit

James Jerome Carter

Ms. Hawsey advised the members that no hours were submitted for Mr. Carter under his first permit. Mr. Evans stated he felt that the matter should be investigated. Ms. Dantzler

advised that the Board could initiate a complaint against the instructor and have the staff investigate.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to initiate a complaint against the instructor in question. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to approve a third permit for Mr. Carter. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried.

New School Application

Top of the Line Barber College

Mr. Anthony B. Gibson appeared before the Board to request approval for his school. Mr. Evans noted that he had inspected the school and was very impressed with the facility.

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved to approve the school application for Top of the Line Barber College. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried.

Public Comments

Mr. Lewis Rice spoke to the members regarding renewal of his license. He has been a barber for sixty years.

Mr. Rice had contacted Mr. Jones to ask if there was an exemption for renewal after so many years of being licensed. Mr. Jones was out sick and in the interim, Mr. Rice's license expired. Ms. Dantzler explained that it would require a change in statute to create and emeritus license. Mr. Rice asked for consideration of the late fee due to the circumstances. Mr. Barnes agreed that the late fee could be waived. Mr. Evans advised Mr. Rice that he would be honored to pay for Mr. Rice's license renewal. Mr. Rice thanked the Board members and everyone present. The members wished Mr. Rice well and continued success in barbering. The Board requested that the staff send a certificate to Mr. Rice in honor of his long and distinguished career.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items during the August 2005 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the Board enter Executive Session to consider contractual matters. Mr. Robinson seconded and the motion carried.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

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

August 2005 DRC Report

Mr. Blackmon presented to the Board the DRC report for August 2005.

MOTION

Mr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the August 2005 DRC Report. The motion carried.

Approval of Exam Eligibility

Thomas Thurston Hoefer, Sr.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved to allow Mr. Hoefer to take the exam and become licensed as a barber, with the provision that he remain on probation for a period of three years, during which time he submit a SLED report each year. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried.

Professional Credential Services

Mr. Evans stated that he thinks the overall proposal by PCS to administer the barber exam is good. However, he expressed some concern with having access to data from PCS regarding exam results and other information. He feels the Board should have instant access and not be required to make a request that could take up to three days to receive the information.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion to go forward with a cost analysis of allowing PCS to administer the exam, with further attention given to the matter of access to the data. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business, Mr. Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried.