

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners**  
**Board Meeting**  
**1:30 p.m., December 12, 2005**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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: Sharon Dantzler, LLR – Office of General Counsel; Ronnie Blackmon, Inspector; George Barr, Inspector; Mark Sanders, Inspector; Eddie Jones, Administrator; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; Connie Huffstetler, Administrative Assistant; and Glinda Legette, Administrative Specialist.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Shemeka Cusack, SC Braider's Association; Keith Middleton and Kendrick Lawson, Bamm's Art of Fades Barber Shop & Academy; Jarvis Brooks, Harley's Barber College; Veronica Cooper; Julia Poole; Wendall Nesbitt; Charmaine Green; John Cherry, Glover's 1; Thomas R. Jones; Michele Norris; Mary G. Norris; Hampton H. Blocker, Glover's Barber Shop; Marwin McKnight, Beaufort Jasper A.C.E.; and Don Norris.

**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, Kingtree 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.

**Presentation to Don Norris**

Mr. Barnes presented a plaque to Mr. Norris in appreciation for his many years of dedication to the Board of Barber Examiners and his outstanding leadership. Mr. Norris thanked the staff for their support during the time he served on the Board and shared some remarks about the early days of organizing members of the profession.

**Approval of the October 17, 2005 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2005 meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried.

### **Chairman's Remarks**

Mr. Barnes noted that he would like to see some appointments made to the Board, noting that if one member was unable to attend a meeting, there would be no quorum to conduct business and the meeting would have to be cancelled.

### **Administrator's Remarks**

#### *Exam Results for October and November 2005*

The members received, for their information, the exam results for August and September 2005. He noted that only 50% of those taking the test passed.

#### *Advisory Opinions, Office of General Counsel*

There were no advisory opinions given during the December 12, 2005 meeting.

#### *Legislative Update, Legislative Liaison Office*

There were no legislative updates given during the December 12, 2005 meeting

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Hair Braiding Class and Examination

Mr Jones asked that this item be discussed in Executive Session.

### **New Business**

#### Request for Third Student Permit

##### *Marwin McKnight - Beaufort-Jasper A.C.E.*

Mr. Evans noted that the Board was in receipt of Mr. McKnight's letter regarding the school's program and the fact that the students are in high school and take three years to complete the training. He commended Mr. McKnight on the program and acknowledged that the Board understood the need for third student permits. Mr. Evans advised Mr. McKnight that the Board would allow him to serve as an agent for the students to request a third student permit, rather than requiring the students to travel to Columbia to appear before the Board.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Evans moved to approve the list of Beaufort- Jasper A.C.E. students submitted by Mr. Marwin McKnight for a third student permit. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. McKnight stated that he wanted to reopen the barbering program at the Technical College of the Low Country. Mr. Evans advised him that the staff would assist him with the application process.

Mr. McKnight proposed to the members that they consider allowing barber instruction via a program called Web CT, or Blackboard. Mr. Evans explained to everyone present that Mr. McKnight is referring to a type of instruction called web enhancement. The members deferred further discussion to Executive Session.

Mr. McKnight asked if barbering could be taught as an elective at a four year institution. Mr. Evans explained that the number of hours required would preclude a barbering program as an elective. Mr. Jones noted that NACAS is exploring the conversion process for clock hours of instruction to credit hours for classroom training.

*Kendrick Lawson*

Mr. Lawson attended Woods Barber College under his first permit. He then attended Shabaz Barber School in Rock Hill. It is no longer feasible for him to travel to Rock Hill. Mr. Lawson has no record of his hours in either program.

Mr. Evans asked if records from Woods Barber College would have been submitted to the Board when the school closed. Ms. Hawsey stated that there is a process for transferring records to the Board, but that process is not always followed. Mr. Barnes expressed concern that a school could close without submitting the proper records to the Board and, at some later date, open another school.

Mr. Jones acknowledged that upon closing, a school is required to submit records on students enrolled at the time it closes. Mr. Jones noted that it is the student's responsibility to obtain a transcript upon leaving a program.

The members deferred the matter of Mr. Lawson's request for a third permit to Executive Session.

*John N. Cherry*

Mr. Cherry attended Harley Barber College under his first permit but left due to a hardship situation. He obtained a second permit and returned to Harley's Barber College, but said the program had many more students than the first time he attended. Mr. Cherry has completed a total of 499 hours. He now wishes to complete his training as an OJT student. Mr. Evans warned Mr. Cherry that he would need to complete the remainder of his hours with this permit, as the Board rarely issues a fourth permit.

**MOTION**

Mr. Evans moved to approve Mr. Cherry's request for a third permit. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion and it carried.

**Approval of Eligibility for Licensure**

*Thomas Rafer Jones*

Mr. Jones wishes to take the practical exam in order to reinstate his barber license. He appeared before the Board to answer questions regarding his criminal background report. Mr. Jones served time for his offense, completed his probation and has relocated to another area. Mr. Evans asked if any of the charges for which Mr. Jones was convicted occurred in or around a barber shop. Mr. Jones answered that they did not.

**MOTION**

Mr. Robinson moved to allow Mr. Jones to take the practical exam, under the condition that he be on probation for one year. A SLED report is to be submitted, at the licensee's expense, at the end of the probationary period. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried.

*Jarvis Edward Brooks*

Mr. Brooks wishes to receive approval from the Board to take the barber exam. He appeared before the Board to answer questions regarding his criminal background report. He committed one offense and completed the Pre-Trial Intervention program.

**MOTION**

Mr. Robinson moved to allow Mr. Jones to take the practical exam, under the condition that he be on probation for one year. A SLED report is to be submitted, at the licensee's expense, at the end of the probationary period. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried.

Request for Approval to Teach Hair Braiding

*Barbara McKnight*

Ms. McKnight did not appear at the December 12, 2005 meeting.

Board Meeting Dates for 2006

Mr. Barnes noted a conflict with the August 14 meeting date. The members agreed to wait until closer to the meeting date to reschedule.

Election of Officers

**MOTION**

Mr. Evans moved that Mr. Barnes serve as chairman for the upcoming year. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion.

Mr. Barnes expressed that he enjoys serving as chair, but he encouraged the other members to consider serving at some point.

**MOTION**

Mr. Evans moved that Mr. Robinson serve as vice-chairman for the upcoming year. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Evans noted that, as a public member of the Board, he feels that licensed barbers should serve as officers.

**Public Comments**

Veronica Cooper appeared before the Board, asking to be considered to teach the six hour hair braiding registration class. She has developed a curriculum for the class according to requirements she received from the staff. Ms. Cooper presented a copy for the members to review. The members agreed to consider the matter in Executive Session.

Charmaine Greene and Shemeka Cusack appeared before the Board to clarify some matters regarding their approval at the October Board meeting to teach the six hour class. As part of the proposal submitted to and approved by the Board, the class included administering the test. Ms. Greene was later told that they would not be allowed to administer the exam. A staff member was sent to administer the class. However, she understands that attendees for future classes will be required to travel to the Board office to take the test. Mr. Jones noted that although exams are administered on site for vocational schools, Ms. Greene's program is a private one and the students will need to take the test at the Board office. The members apologized for the misunderstanding. Mr. Evans verified with Ms. Greene that the issue had been addressed to her satisfaction and the matter was now closed. She stated that it was.

Patricia Stephens appeared to request the Board to consider approving her to open St. Stephens Hair Braiding Academy. She feels there is a need for instruction in hair braiding, in addition to the six hour class now required for registration. The members noted that only natural hair may be braided with a hair braiding registration. Any other instruction would fall under cosmetology or barber instruction and is a separate issue.

## **Executive Session**

### **MOTION**

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

## **Return to Public Session**

### **MOTION**

Mr. Evans moved to return to Public Session. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried.

### *Web Enhancement*

The members advised Mr. McKnight that his request regarding web enhanced instruction is not a Board issue, but would be at the discretion of the school.

### *Kendrick Lawson*

### **MOTION**

Mr. Robinson moved to approve Mr. Lawson's request for a third student permit. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried.

### *Veronica Cooper*

Ms. Cooper was advised that the members had reviewed the information she presented and advised her to submit her request at the next Board meeting.

### Disciplinary Reports

### **MOTION**

Mr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr., to approve the DRC Report with one correction, that the name of a staff member be deleted from the report. The motion carried.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Evans moved to accept the Inspections Report and Open Case Report presented to the Board. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried.

## **Adjournment**

### **MOTION**

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