

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting
9:00 A.M., February 12, 2007
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Robinson announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Barber Examiners office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building 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.

Paul Robinson, vice chairman, of Orangeburg; called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Barber Examiners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other Board members attending the meeting included: Frederick Evans, of Columbia. Marian Tew, of Taylors, attended the meeting by conference call.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant, Larry Hall, Inspector; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; Eddie Jones, Administrator; Glinda Legette, Administrative Specialist; Mark Sanders, Inspector; and Rick Wilson, Advising Attorney.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Daryl Jefferson, Stacy Jenkins, Tirrell Kitchings, Leviticus Long, Ivan Oree, and Renee Patton.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Excused Absences

The Board granted Edwin Barnes, chairman, of Lexington, an excused absence.

Approval of the December 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Evans moved the Board approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 meeting as presented. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman's Remarks – Paul Robinson

Mr. Robinson wished everyone a happy new year.

Administrator's Remarks, For Information – Eddie Jones

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Mr. Jones presented the members with Statement of Economic Interest Forms. He stated the members must complete the forms and return them directly to the State Ethics Commission no

later than April 16, 2007. He noted any member submitting the form after April 16, 2007 would face a \$100 per day penalty. He went on to say a Statement of Economic Interest Form has been mailed to Mr. Barnes and a form would be mailed to Mrs. Tew.

Mr. Robinson stated he attended a subcommittee hearing in regard to Bill H3334. He further stated this bill adds hair extensions to the definition of braiding. He went on to say he informed the committee the Board opposes this bill.

Mr. Jones stated the bill has passed the third reading from the House of Representatives and will now go before the Senate. Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Jones what action the Board could take, other than contacting their legislators, to prevent the bill from passing. Mr. Jones replied he knew of no other way other than for the members to contact legislators.

Inspection Report – Ronnie Blackmon

Mr. Mark Sanders, Inspector, briefed the Board on the inspection report. He noted that 76 inspections were conducted in November 2006, 43 inspections were conducted in December 2006 and a total of 421 inspections have been conducted since July 2006.

Approval of DRC Report – Ronnie Blackmon

The Board reviewed the December 11, 2006 DRC report.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board accept the inspection report and the December 11, 2006 DRC report as presented. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Jones if the change of location for the practical exam has been completed. Mr. Jones replied affirmatively and stated one exam has been given at the new location. He went on to say that, although he was not present at the exam, there have been no complaints.

New Business

1. Approval of Licensure by Examination Applications
 - a. *Leroy Freddie Jackson*

Leroy Freddie Jackson was issued an apprentice license and placed on probation until November 2007. On February 7, 2007 the Board received a criminal history report provided by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) in regard to Mr. Jackson. The criminal history report showed Mr. Jackson had been arrested on two occasions since he had appeared before the Board. In a letter dated February 7, 2007 Mr. Jackson was requested to appear before the Board during the February 12, 2007 meeting to discuss the updated criminal history report.

Mr. Jackson did not appear during the February 12, 2007 meeting.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tew and unanimously carried, that the Board discuss this matter in executive session.

- b. *Tirrell K. Kitchings*

The Board received an application for examination dated January 31, 2007 from PCS in regard to Tirrell K. Kitchings who has applied to take the registered barber practical examination. Since Mr. Kitchings answered yes to the question asking, "Have you been found guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere for any crime in this or any other state?" neither PCS nor staff could process the application without the Board's approval. In a letter dated February 2, 2007 Mr. Kitchings was informed he was scheduled to appear before the Board during the February 12, 2007 meeting to answer questions in reference to his criminal history report.

Tirrell Kitchings appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Kitchings stated he received an apprentice license in 1998 and received his OJT hours under his grandfather. He went on to say in 2000 he was convicted and sentenced to serve time in federal prison for conspiracy to possess cocaine. He said he was released from prison on November 15, 2006. He continued by saying he is now at a federal halfway house until May 15, 2007 and will then serve federal supervised release for five years. He stated none of the criminal activity took place near a school.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board discuss this matter in executive session. Following a brief discussion Dr. Evans withdrew this motion.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tew and unanimously carried, that the Board grant Mr. Kitchings the opportunity to take the exam, upon successful completion, that he be licensed with his license placed on probation for five years to run concurrent with the federal supervised release and that during that time he provide the Board with a SLED Report, at his own expense, on an annual basis.

c. Leviticus Long

On December 14, 2006 the Board received an application for examination from PCS in regard to Leviticus Long, who has applied to take the registered barber theory and practical examinations. Since Mr. Long answered yes to the question asking, "Have you been found guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere for any crime in this or any other state?" neither PCS nor staff could process the application without the Board's approval. In a letter dated February 6, 2007 Mr. Long was informed he was scheduled to appear before the Board during the February 12, 2007 meeting to answer questions in reference to his criminal history report.

Leviticus Long appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Long stated he began OJT at the Contemporary Hair Care and he last worked in 2001 at Duke's Barber Shop. He went on to say his last permit expired in December 2006. He is not on probation or parole. He believes he was last arrested in 2002.

Dr. Evans stated it appears Mr. Long was last arrested in 2001 with one year suspended with probation and one year credit, jail time one month.

Mr. Long stated he was not sentenced to serve time in jail and that the whole matter was suspended upon payment of fines, money due to the probation office. He is not currently serving on probation and that none of the activities for which he was arrested occurred near a school or a barbershop.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board grant Mr. Long the opportunity to take the exam, upon successful completion be granted licensure to be placed in probation for one year during which time he provide the Board with a SLED Report at his own expense. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Ivan Michael Oree

On December 7, 2006 the Board received an application for examination from PCS in regard to Ivan Michael Oree. Mr. Oree has applied to take the registered barber theory and practical examinations. Since Mr. Oree answered yes to the question asking, "Have you been found guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere for any crime in this or any other state?" neither PCS nor staff could process the application without the Board's approval. In a letter dated January 4, 2007 Mr. Oree was informed he was scheduled to appear before the Board during the February 12, 2007 meeting to answer questions in reference to his criminal history report.

Ivan Michael Oree appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Oree stated he is not currently serving time on probation or parole. He was last arrested in November 2006 for simple assault. None of the activities involving his arrests occurred near a barbershop.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tew and unanimously carried, that the Board granted permission Mr. Oree to take the exam, upon successful completion that he be granted a license which is to be placed on probation for one year and that he submit a SLED report at his own expense at the end of that year.

e. Orestes Verge

On December 18, 2006 the Board received an application for examination from PCS in regard to Orestes Verge, who has applied to take the master hair care practical examination. Since Mr. Verge answered yes to the question asking, "Have you been found guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere for any crime in this or any other state?" neither PCS nor staff could process the application without the Board's approval. Mr. Verge was arrested for entering a bank with the intent to steal. In a letter dated February 6, 2007 Mr. Verge was informed he was scheduled to appear before the Board during the February 12, 2007 meeting to answer questions in reference to his criminal history report.

Orestes Verge appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Verge stated he was only arrested once. He would like to upgrade his apprentice license to a registered barber license.

Dr. Evans asked Mr. Jones if the hours Mr. Verge received while he was incarcerated in Colorado applicable to the hours required for training in South Carolina. Mr. Jones stated he believes the hours are applicable based on what he has reviewed; however, he would like to discuss this matter in executive session.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board discuss Mr. Verge's application in executive session. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

f. Tremayne V. Young

On November 30, 2006 the Board received an application for examination from PCS in regard to Tremayne V. Young, who is applying to take the registered barber theory and practical

examinations. Since Mr. Young answered yes to the question asking, "Have you been found guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere for any crime in this or any other state?" neither PCS nor staff could process the application without the Board's approval. In a letter dated January 4, 2007 Mr. Young was informed he was scheduled to appear before the Board during the February 12, 2007 meeting to answer questions in reference to his criminal history report.

Tremayne V. Young did not appear before the Board at this meeting.

2. Approval of Reciprocity Application

a. *Gerlando Scala*

On January 8, 2007 the Board received a registered barber/master hair care reciprocity application from Gerlando Scala. Mr. Scala has been licensed by the New York Board of Barber Examiners since September 27, 1999. In a letter dated January 17, 2007 Mr. Scala was informed he was scheduled to appear before the Board during the February 12, 2007 meeting.

Gerlando Scala appeared before the Board at this time. He stated he is requesting the Board's approval of his application to move from New York. He went on to say there is an issue in regard to his eighth grade education, whereas South Carolina requires a ninth grade education.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board discuss this matter in executive session. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Hair Braiding Instructor/Workshop

a. *Anthena R. Brown*

In a memo dated January 23, 2007 Anthena R. Brown stated she is seeking the Board's approval of a hair braiding class. In a letter dated February 7, 2007 Ms. Brown was informed she was scheduled to appear before the Board during the February 12, 2007 meeting.

Anthena Brown did not appear during the February 12, 2007 meeting.

4. Approval of Third Student Permit

a. *Daryl Jefferson*

On January 28, 2007 the Board received a request from Daryl Jefferson seeking the Board's approval of a third student permit.

Daryl Jefferson appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Jefferson stated he needs 50 hours to complete his training. He further stated his first OJT permit was under Willie Woods and his second permit was granted to work under Alphonso Jefferson. He went on to say he is going back to train under Willie Woods.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board approve Mr. Jefferson for a third student permit. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. *Stacy Jenkins*

On January 24, 2007 the Board received a letter from Stacy Jenkins seeking the Board's approval of a third student permit. He attends the barber training program at Denmark Technical College.

Stacy Jenkins appeared before the Board at this time. He stated Leroy Ruff and Dale Davis are the program's instructors. He further stated he needs 336 hours to complete his training. He went on to say he is currently enrolled at Denmark Technical College and has completed the barber classes, but has not completed his hours of training.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tew and unanimously carried, the Board grant Mr. Jenkins a third student permit.

5. Approval of New Barber School

a. *Bryant's Barber Academy – Adam Bryant*

On February 6, 2007 the Board received a barber school application from Adam Bryant, owner of Bryant's Barber Academy. This school would be located in Anderson, South Carolina.

Adam Bryant did not appear at the February 12, 2007 meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the February 12, 2007 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board enter executive session to seek legal counsel. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board return to public session. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Robinson noted that no motions were offered or made during executive session.

Leroy Freddie Jackson

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tew and unanimously carried, that the Board suspend Mr. Jackson's license until such time as he appears before the Board at which time the Board will review his violation of his probation.

Gerlando Scala

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board grant licensure by reciprocity to Mr. Scala. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously,

Orestes Verge

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Verge if he was still on federal probation. Mr. Verge stated he is on probation and will serve another five years.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tew and unanimously carried, that the Board grant Mr. Verge permission to take the exam, upon successful completion be granted a license, which will be placed on probation for five years to run concurrent with his federal probation during which time he will be required to submit a SLED report to the Board on an annual basis at his own expense.

Adjournment

MOTION

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

The February 12, 2007 meeting of the Board of Barber Service adjourned at 10:25 a.m.