

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting
9:00 AM, April 9, 2007
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Edwin Barnes, chairman, of Lexington, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Other Board members present for the meeting included: Paul Robinson, vice chairman, of Orangeburg; Dr Fred Evans, of Columbia; Renee Patton, of Inman; and Marion Tew, of Taylors.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Larry Hall, Inspector; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; Eddie Jones, Administrator; Glenda Legette, Administrative Specialist; and Mark Sanders, Inspector.

Members of the public included: Frances Archer, Johnny Bradley, Anthena Brown, Adam Bryant, Randrico Craig, Juaquina Cremedy, Marc Daniels, Samuel Gore, Leroy Jackson, Marwin McKnight, Leslie Norris, Terry White, and Chris Williams.

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 recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the February 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Barnes asked a question regarding one of the applicants.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board accept the minutes as written. Dr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks - Edwin Barnes

Mr. Barnes stated he attended a meeting for the national conference in San Antonio, Texas. He further stated he has been invited to attend a meeting with NIC in June 2007 in Columbia.

Mr. Barnes stated the national barber board meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida during the third week in September. He further stated the 2008 meeting would be held in Washington, DC. He has been asked to sit as Parliamentarian during the 2008 national meeting.

Mr. Barnes stated he recently met with Barbers International, a newly formed organization. He went on to say he has been invited to attend a hair styling competition in Cleveland, Ohio in

August 2007. He said he has not yet accepted the invitation; however, he is considering the offer.

Mr. Barnes introduced Renee Patton, the new Board member from Boiling Springs.

Administrator's Remarks, For Information – Eddie Jones

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the April 9, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Jones stated reminded the members the Statement of Economic Interest Forms are to be submitted to the State Ethics Commission no later than April 16, 2007. He further stated failure to submit the forms by the deadline could result in a \$100 per day penalty.

Legislative Update

Mr. Jones stated he and Mr. Robinson attended the Senate LCI subcommittee met on March 21, 2007 in regard to the hair braiding bill. He went on to say the subcommittee reported the bill unfavorably. He further stated the chairman for the SC Board of Cosmetology spoke in opposition of the bill. He went on to say there was no one present to speak in favor of the Bill.

Mr. Robinson stated the members of the subcommittee have no intention of changing the law forward. He noted the authors of the bill were not present for the meeting.

Recess

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the Board recess for five minutes.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the Board return to public session.

The Board returned to public session at 9:20 a.m.

Inspection Report

Mr. Sanders briefed the Board on the number of inspections since July 2006.

DRC Report

Mr. Sanders briefed the Board on the DRC Report.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved to approve the DRC Report to include the following cases. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

66-5076 66-4217 66-4223 66-4224 66-4225 66-4292

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed during the April 9, 2007 meeting.

New Business

1. Approval of Third Student Permit

a. Juoaquina L. Cremedy

On March 20, 2007 the Board received a letter from Juoaquina L. Cremedy asking to meet with the Board. Ms. Cremedy is requesting the Board's approval of a third student permit.

Ms. Cremedy stated when she registered for a student permit she did not begin classes at the right time. She noted she registered in February 2005 and did not begin training until May 2005. She went on to say she has a little over 1,200 hours and lacks approximately 300 hours. She attends the B Unique Barber Academy.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board grant Ms. Cremedy a third student permit. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Randrico Craig

On April 5, 2007 the Board received an e-mail from Randrico Craig asking to meet with the Board to seek approval for a third student permit.

Randrico Craig stated he suffered a back injury during the time he held his first permit and could not complete his training at school. He did not feel he was being properly trained under OJT with the second permit. He has obtained less than 500 hours. He would be training at Style Trends Barber Academy in Rock Hill.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board allow Mr. Craig to receive his third student permit. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Marc Daniels

On March 1, 2007 the Board received a letter from Marc Daniels seeking to meet with the Board in regard to seeking a third student permit. The letter stated he was unable to complete his training due to family matters.

Mr. Daniels stated there were personal issues, a death in the family, and adjustments to be made. He will be completing OJT under the same instructor. He has obtained approximately 1,450 hours of training. He does not remember when he received his first permit; however, he received his second student permit in 2002.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board grant Mr. Daniels a third student permit. Dr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Fourth Student Permit

a. Leslie Timothy Norris

On March 12, 2007 the Board received a letter from Leslie Timothy Norris seeking the Board's approval of a fourth student permit. Mr. Norris began his training at Brierson's Beauty and

Barber in Columbia. During his training at this barber shop he noticed several of the barbers were involved in illegal drug activity and transferred to Brother and Sister Beauty and Barber, where there was a lack of business. He then transferred (with a third student permit) to Outing's Barber Shop. The letter states the Richland County Sheriff's Office raided the barbershop approximately two months later. Although he was not charged with illegal drug activity he was terminated for "planting" illegal drugs on one of the barbers. He has received 1,255 hours of training and lacks 665 hours.

Mr. Norris stated he has been attempting to complete his training since 1993. He began training at a barber college, however, he moved to OJT in a barber shop. With his first permit he began training at a barber shop, but left that barber shop due to illegal drug activity. He used his second permit to work in a barber shop where the barber would make customers wait while he played video games on a Play Station. He would use a fourth student permit to train under George Thompson at Boys II Men Barber Shop.

MOTION

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

3. **Approval of Applications**

a. *Leroy Freddie Jackson*

Leroy Freddie Jackson was scheduled to appear during the February 12, 2007 meeting due to his SLED Report reflecting an arrest since the Board issued him a license in February 2006 with a two year probation. Mr. Jackson did not appear at the February 2007 meeting and was notified in writing to appear during the April 9, 2007 meeting.

Leroy Freddie Jackson stated the Board placed his license under probation for two years as a result of his arrest record. He further stated he was driving under suspension with marijuana in the vehicle.

MOTION

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

b. *Terry White*

On September 28, 2006 the Board received an examination application from PCS on behalf of Terry White. Mr. White's application indicates he had been arrested. As staff could not approve Mr. White's application due to his arrest record, he was notified in writing he must appear before the Board for their review of his application. Mr. White's arrest record reflects an arrest and conviction involving possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and an arrest for no driver's license and violation of probation.

Terry White appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. White stated he has completed 1,920 hours of OJT. His arrest record reflects his arrest was in 1993. His arrest did not take place near a school or barbershop.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board allow Mr. White to take the exam. Mrs. Tew seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. *Aaron T. Williams*

On March 13, 2007 the Board received an examination application from PCS on behalf of Aaron T. Williams. Mr. Williams' application reflects he had been arrested. Since staff could not approve Mr. Williams' application, he was informed he must appear before the Board for their review. His arrest record reflects arrests for auto break-in, assault on a police officer, petty larceny, simple possession of marijuana, and criminal domestic violence.

Aaron T. Williams appeared before the Board at this time. He stated he was last arrested in 2001 and that none of the arrests took place near a barber shop or barber school. He stated his 2005 arrest for assault and battery was dropped.

MOTION

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

4. Approval of Barber School Application

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

On February 6, 2007 the Board received a barber school application in regard to Bryant's Barber Academy. The school would be located in Anderson. Adam Bryant is the school instructor. The application included a course outline and a drawing of the school layout.

Mr. Bryant stated the school has 1,800 square footage and 10 work stations. He further stated he would be the instructor.

Mrs. Tew and Ms. Patton will inspect the school.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the application be approved pending inspection by the Board members and a staff inspector. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. *Nue C'zons – Marwin McKnight*

On March 30, 2007 the Board received a barber school application in regard to Nue C'zons. The school instructor would be Marwin McKnight. The application indicates Mr. McKnight and Beaufort Jasper Academy for Career Excellence as the school owners. The application included a classroom layout, a course outline, and a memorandum of agreement (final contract) between the Technical College of the Lowcountry, the Academy of Career Excellence and Nue C'Zons.

Marwin McKnight appeared before the Board at this time. He stated he is partnering with Technical College of the Lowcountry (Beaufort Jasper Technical College) to teach a barber course.

Dr. Evans stated he believes Mr. McKnight would enter into an agreement with the Technical College of the Lowcountry. He further stated the Board should review the contract between the parties involved since the Technical College of the Lowcountry and Nue C'zons would be issuing joint certificates.

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board approve the barber school application upon the administrative review of the contractual agreement. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion Topics

1. *Barber Practical Exam Concerns – Samuel Gore, Jr.*

On March 7, 2007 the Board received a letter from Samuel Gore, Jr. who is asking to meet with the Board to discuss the barber exam.

Mr. Gore stated he has been in the barber profession for approximately 40 years. He further stated his son took the practical exam to become a registered barber and the testing has changed. He went on to say the candidates used to be able to bring on tools to examine, now they provide the tools. He went on to say the test now includes thermal curl, which he was not taught in barber school. He also said the testing service answered "Cosmetology" when he contacted the service to schedule his son for the registered barber exam.

Mr. Robinson stated last year the Board determined it would allow testing on the entire book which includes thermal curl and clip over cut. He further stated both the current and previous books used to train barbers include thermal curl. He noted it is the instructor's responsibility to teach the matter included in the book. He went on to say the Board's reason for moving to this type of exam is to bring the Board to a national level so a barber can move to other states if he/she so desires. He went on to say thermal curl is not a typical barber technique; however, it will now have to be taught.

Mr. Barnes stated the Board is attempting to improve the industry for individuals desiring to be a barber. He also reiterated that the OJT instructors and the schools must completely teach the book.

2. *Barber Board Practical Exam Concerns with PCS*

The Board determined it would discuss this matter in executive session.

Hair Braiding Applicant

Anthena Brown stated she was appeared before the Board in December 2006. She further stated she submitted a new curriculum. She was scheduled to appear before the Board has not received the curriculum and was unable to app

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board conditionally approve the curriculum upon review by Mr. Jones and himself. Dr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during executive session.

Executive Session

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session to seek legal advice and to discuss contractual issues.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Patton and unanimously carried, that the Board return to public session.

Mr. Barnes noted for the record that no motions were offered or made during executive session.

Approval of Fourth Student Permit – Leslie Timothy Norris

Dr. Evans asked Mr. Norris in what year he began his training. Mr. Norris replied he began training in 2005. Dr. Evans then asked Mr. Norris at what barber shop he began his training. Mr. Norris replied he began training at Brierson's Beauty and Barber. Dr. Evans then asked if he then moved to Brother and Sister Beauty and Barber and finally to Outing's Barber Shop. Mr. Norris replied affirmatively.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the Board deny Mr. Norris's request. He may petition the Board again in one year, at that time he provide the Board with a SLED Report at his own expense, and encouraged him to provide documentation that he has fully researched the OJT instructor or barber school.

Aaron T. Williams

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board approve Mr. Jackson's request to take the exam, that upon successful passage of the exam that his license be placed on one year probation, and that at the end of that one year he provide the Board with a SLED Report at his own expense. Dr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Leroy Freddie Jackson

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Evans and unanimously carried, that the Board suspend Mr. Jackson's license until such time that the felony and fraudulent card charges have been resolved, if the resolution is in his favor his license will be reinstated in a probationary status.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, Dr. Evans made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The April 9, 2007 meeting of the SC Board of Barber Examiners adjourned at 12:50 p.m.