

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting
9:00 A.M., June 11, 2007
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Edwin Barnes, Chairman, of Lexington, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Paul Robinson, Vice Chairman; Frederick Evans, of Columbia; and Renee Patton of Inman.

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

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Karen Bonner, Fred Davis, Leon L. Davis, Cecilia Harley, Ira Hemingway, Dorothy Jones, Arthur Keith, Angela Nash, Jamison Randolph, Rodrick Samuels, and Janet Seslah.

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 Excused Absences

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board excuse Mrs. Tew's absence from the June 11, 2007 meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded the meeting, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the April 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Evans and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting as presented.

Chairman's Remarks - Edwin Barnes

Mr. Barnes stated the national conference would be held in September 2007. He further stated he met with PCS on Sunday, June 3, 2007 to discuss the examination. He noted there are no outstanding bills regarding the barber industry.

Administrator's Remarks, For Information – Eddie Jones

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no advisory opinions given during the June 11, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Jones stated the braiding bill remains the same.

Inspection Report

Mr. Sanders briefed the Board on the inspection report. He noted 90 inspections were conducted in April 2007 and 116 inspections conducted in May 2007. He stated 779 inspections have been conducted during this fiscal year.

Approval of DRC Report – April 9, 2007

Mr. Sanders and Mr. Hall briefed the Board on the April 9, 2007 DRC Report.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Patton and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the April 9, 2007 DRC Report in regard to the following cases.

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New Business

1. Approval of Third Student Permit
 - a. *Karen Bonner*

On April 6, 2007 the Board received a letter from Karen Bonner seeking the Board's approval of a third student permit. She attends Harley's Barber and Career Institute. In a letter dated April 16, 2007 Ms. Bonner was notified that she was scheduled to appear before the Barber Board at the June 11, 2007 meeting to discuss her request.

Karen Bonner appeared before the Board at this time. Ms. Bonner stated she works full time and trains at Harley's Barber and Career Institute on a part time basis. She needs to obtain approximately 35 hours.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Evans and unanimously carried, that the Board approve a third student permit for Ms. Bonner.

- b. *Arthur Keith*

On June 7, 2007 the Board received a letter from Arthur Keith seeking the Board's approval of a third student permit. Mr. Keith had been attending Strictly Business Barber School in Georgetown; however, he quit attending the school for personal reasons. He would like to complete his barber training at Personal Touch Barbering School in Kingstree. In a letter dated June 8, 2007 Mr. Keith was notified he was scheduled to appear before the Board during the June 11, 2007 meeting to discuss his request.

Arthur Keith appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Keith stated the first two student permits were used to attend Strictly Business Barber School. He further stated he would complete his training at Personal Training. He went on to say he feels he was not being taught from the book and no classes were offered at Strictly Business Barber School. He has approximately 200 hours of training left to obtain.

MOTION

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

c. Jamison Randolph

On April 11, 2007 the Board received a letter from Jamison Randolph seeking the Board's approval of a third student permit. Mr. Randolph's letter stated he was attending Harley's Beauty and Barber School, however, due to his work schedule he was unable to complete the training with the first two permits. The letter states that if he is granted a third student permit, he would complete his training as an OJT student at the Anderson Barber Shop in Hopkins. In a letter dated April 16, 2007 Mr. Randolph was notified he was scheduled to appear before the Board during the June 11, 2007 meeting to discuss his request.

Jamison Randolph appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Randolph stated he did not use the first permit as he was in between jobs. He further stated when he obtained the second permit he found he could not combine training as a barber with his work schedule. He went on to say he now works nights and attends school during the day. He has received only 200 hours of training and lacks approximately 1,300 hours of training.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the Board grant Mr. Randolph a third student permit.

2. Approval of Fifth Student Permit

a. Leon L. Davis

On April 27, 2007 the Board received a statement from Leon L. Davis seeking the Board's approval of a fifth student permit. In a letter dated May 3, 2007 Mr. Davis was notified he was scheduled to meet with the Board on June 11, 2007 to discuss his request.

Staff's records reflect that Mr. Davis was issued student permits on November 9, 1998, January 7, 1999, August 24, 2001, and January 26, 2003.

Leon Davis appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Davis stated he was unaware he had held four previous permits. He further stated he initially began worked at Kat's Barber Shop for two months under his first permit and worked at Kenny G's for approximately four or five months under his second permit. He continued by saying he did not work as a OJT barber student OJT after he left Kenny G's nor did he attend a barber school.

The Board tabled this matter to executive session.

3. Approval of Six Hour Braiding Course

a. Dorothy Jones, New Trendz Hair Designer

On May 11, 2007 the Board received a request from Dorothy Jones seeking the Board approval of a six-hour braiding course. By letter dated May 16, 2007 Ms. Jones was notified she was scheduled to meet with the Board on June 11, 2007 to discuss her request.

Dorothy Jones appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Robinson stated he had reviewed the documentation submitted by Ms. Jones. He further stated the course syllabus should include sanitation, fees and renewal, procedures and regulations, and diseases of the scalp. He suggested Ms. Jones visit the Board's website and review the guidelines for hair braiding course. He reminded Ms. Jones she would not be teaching cosmetologists and some of the topics should not be included in the syllabus. He informed Ms. Jones that the Board could not approve the course at this time; however, she could revise the outline and resubmit the documentation for the August 2007 meeting.

b. Angela Nash

On April 16, 2007 the Board received a request from Angela Nash seeking the Board's approval of a six hour braiding course. In a letter dated April 25, 2007 Ms. Nash was notified she was scheduled to meet with the Board to discuss her request during the June 11, 2007 Board meeting.

Angela Nash appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Robinson stated he had reviewed the documentation submitted by Ms. Nash. He further stated the course syllabus should consist of these topics: sanitation, fees and renewals, diseases of the scalp, procedures, and regulations. He went on to say she did not need to include sterilization. He suggested Ms. Nash visit the Board's website and review the guidelines for hair braiding course. He informed Ms. Nash that the Board could not approve the course at this time; however, she could revise the outline and resubmit the documentation for the August 2007 meeting.

4. Approval of New Barber School

a. Salon 496 Barber Academy – Fred Davis

On May 31, 2007 the Board received a barber school application for the Salon 496 Barber Academy. The school's owners are Fred Davis and Janet Seslah. Mr. Davis would also serve as the instructor. The school will be located in Greenville. In a letter dated June 1, 2007 Mr. Davis and Ms. Seslah were notified they were scheduled to meet with the Board during the June 11, 2007 meeting to discuss the school application.

Fred Davis and Janet Seslah appeared before the Board at this time and answered questions from the Board. He stated he currently owns a hair salon, which he would remodel into the school.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the application be approved pending inspections by staff and a Board member.

5. Approval of Distance Learning Program

a. Profile Barber Institute – Rodrick E. Samuels

On April 3, 2007 the Board received a letter from Rodrick Samuels of Profile Barber Institute seeking the Board's approval of a distance learning program. Mr. Samuels' letter states the purpose of the distance learning program would be to cater to individuals who must work full time but wish to pursue a career in the barber profession. Mr. Samuels' letter also states that the program is not a true, independently led, computer-based program, a good portion of the work would be completed away from the school, with a minimum of 10 to 15 hours a week spent at the school. Mr. Samuels' letter goes on to state that Milady, an imprint of Thomson Learning, is working with him to design the program.

Rodrick Samuels, Sandy Charette, and Judy Roberts appeared before the Board at this time. Mr. Samuels presented the members with documentation regarding a distance learning program. He stated Profile Barber Institute has been chosen as a pilot program. He further stated the program is not in any other school in any other state. He does not yet know the cost of tuition. Students would receive textbooks and school's reference library would be available to the students.

Ms. Charette stated there are a number of platforms of oversight to ensure the students who are training to become barbers are the actual individuals. She further stated the platform that would be used should this program be approved has a number of reporting capabilities that would allow an instructor or a school to monitor the student's progress through the actual program as well as the on-line programmatic assessments. She went on to say there will always be the possibility of someone attempting to cheat the system. She continued by saying those individuals would only cheat themselves since the Board has a process of testing to earn licensure. She noted the students are tested at intervals in the program and the students are not allowed to move forward until issues are resolved. She believes the program would be able to be used by OJT instructors as well as the barber schools.

Ms. Roberts stated there is an open chat line which allows daily contact between the students and an instructor. She went on to say assignments are given on a daily basis and that the students would be at the school two nights and on Saturday every week.

Dr. Evans asked how staff would conduct inspections on this program. He deferred this question to Mrs. Dantzler.

Mrs. Dantzler stated she has identified the statute and regulation involved in this matter; however, she preferred that the matter be discussed in executive session.

The Board viewed a short computer program regarding a distance learning course.

Mrs. Dantzler stated they would be monitoring the number of log-ins and questioned Ms. Roberts if they would be monitoring the time spent in the system. Ms. Roberts stated the system would capture the first day a student logs into a program and would capture the last day the student has logged in; however, it would not monitor or keep a clock of the amount of time spent in the program. She noted there are other platforms that monitor the amount of time spent in the program.

Mrs. Dantzler stated this is a contact hour based statute and asked if the program provider would be able to provide materials to show that it is anticipated to complete this section would take a certain amount of hours. Ms. Charette stated this is something that could be done.

Mrs. Dantzler stated the statute has a limit to the number of clock hours that can be earned in a week. She asked if there is a way to monitor, assess, qualify a supervising instructor's to pace a students work. Mrs. Charette answered affirmatively.

6. Approval to Take Examination with Criminal Background

a. *Ira Joseph Hemingway*

On May 31, 2007 the Board received an application for Examination and Licensure from PCS on behalf of Ira Joseph Hemingway. PCS notified staff that Mr. Hemingway had provided a criminal arrest record from the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). Since Mr. Hemingway had a criminal background staff could not approve him for licensure during the routine manner. Mr. Hemingway was notified that he must appear before the Board to discuss his application during the June 11, 2007 Board meeting.

Ira Joseph Hemingway appeared before the Board at this time and offered the following testimony.

Mr. Hemingway completed barber school, Strictly Business Barber College, in February 2007. He was aware of a crime (a robbery/murder); however, he did not report the crime. The original charge was conspiracy; however it was dropped to accessory after the fact. He knew there would be a robbery but did not know the robbery would involve murder. He has been out of prison since 2001 and he is not currently serving probation. He has been employed with private companies in Horry County, including a cement company and Pepsi Cole, since his release from prison. He would work at Precision Hair Care if he is approved to take and successfully the exam.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board allow Mr. Ira Joseph Hemingway to take the exam and after successful completion of the exam, he be issued a license with a one-year probation, during which time if there are any violations of the law or arrests, he must appear before the Board and his license would be revoked. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion Item

1. PCS Exam Process – Rebecca Frye

On June 1, 2007 the Board received a letter from Rebecca Frye asking to speak to the Board regarding the exam as it is administered by PCS. Ms. Frye was notified in writing in a letter dated June 4, 2007 that she was scheduled to meet with the Board to discuss her concerns in regard to the exam.

Ms. Frye did not attend this meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the June 11, 2007 meeting.

Recess

The Board took a 15 minute recess at 11:20 a.m. and returned to public session at 11:35 a.m.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board enter executive session to seek legal advice regarding the matters brought before the Board. Dr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 a Third Student Permit - Arthur Keith

MOTION

Mr. Robinson moved the Board approve a permit for Mr. Keith and authorize staff to investigate the school regarding his concerns. Dr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of a Fifth Student Permit - Leon Davis

Dr. Evans informed Mr. Davis the Board would investigate the number of student permits he has been issued since there is a discrepancy regarding the number of permits issued. He went to say Mr. Davis must appear before the Board during the August 13, 2007 Board meeting.

Approval of National Conference Ad

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board approve the ad for the national conference. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Distance Learning Program – Profile Barber Institute

Mr. Robinson stated the Board would like more time to study this matter. He went on to say the Board would like underlying research completed to verify the information received in today's meeting. He said the Board would like information on how they would match the components being taught on-line with the hours the Board requires in the regulations and information on verification of how a faculty member or instructor would adequately monitor those hours. He said if and when the Board approves the program, it would be of this specific program but for every barber school to have this opportunity.

Ms. Roberts briefly explained how they determined the number of hours for the program.

Mr. Samuels stated it would take approximately six months to set up the prototype course.

PCS Exam

MOTION

Ms. Patton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Evans and unanimously carried, that the Board eliminate thermal curling and blow drying from the registered barber practical exam by September 1, 2007.

Adjournment

MOTION

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

The June 11, 2007 meeting of the SC Board of Barber Examiners adjourned at 12:22 p.m.