

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting
9:00 AM, June 9, 2008
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Edwin Barnes, chairman, of Lexington, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Paul Robinson, vice chairman; of Orangeburg; Frederick Evans, of Columbia; and Renee Patton of Inman.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: George Barr, Inspector; Ronnie Blackmon, Inspector; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Hawsey, Assistant Administrator; Eddie Jones, Administrator; and Glinda Legette, Administrative Specialist.

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, 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 grant an excused absence to Marian Tew. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the April 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Evans and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting.

Chairman's Remarks - Edwin Barnes

Mr. Barnes made no remarks at this time.

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 this meeting.

Mr. Jones stated the legislature passed a bill that enables cosmetologists, estheticians, and nails to work in barber shops. He noted the new law would replace the proviso that has been in place in previous years.

Mr. Jones stated all travel expenses for this fiscal year must be submitted to the office no later than the week of June 30 – July 3, 2008.

Inspection Report

The Board accepted the Inspection Report as information.

Approval of DRC Report

MOTION

Dr. Evans moved the Board approve the April 14, 2008 DRC Report. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business

Approval of Applications

a. Karl A. Green

On April 8, 2008 the Board received a registered barber examination application from Karl Green. Mr. Green 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?" His criminal history report, provided by SLED, reflects arrests and convictions involving drugs. Mr. Green was notified by letter dated May 2, 2008 that the Board would review his application during this meeting and that he should appear to answer questions from the meeting.

Karl Green served thirty-four months in prison (February 2004 to November 2006) for the 2003 arrest of selling crack cocaine and is not currently on probation or parole. He has paid his debt to society and is now trying to change his life. None of the violations occurred in or near a barber shop. He received his barber training at Harley's Barber College.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the Board grant Mr. Green approval to take the exam, and upon successful completion, be granted a license, and that the license be placed in probation for a period of one year during which time he must submit a SLED Report to the Board at his own expense.

b. Tory Hopkins

On May 30, 2008 the Board received a registered barber examination application from Tory Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins 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?" His criminal history report, provided by SLED, reflects arrests and convictions which includes drugs and forgery. Mr. Hopkins was notified by letter dated June 2, 2008 that the Board would review his application during this meeting and that he should appear to answer questions from the members.

In his early twenties Tory Hopkins stayed in the streets which resulted in trouble. He stayed out of trouble for the most part for approximately ten years and was then arrested for drug conspiracy in 2001. He served four years for a gun charge and is currently serving probation from which he will be released in August 2008. None of the violations took place in or near a barber shop. He completed OJT at Bryson's Barber Shop.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Evans and unanimously carried, that the Board allow Mr. Hopkins to take the examination and, upon successful completion, be granted a license, which is to be immediately placed in probation for two years, during which time he submit a SLED report to the Board at his own expense on an annual basis. He must appear before the Board if there are any violations in that two year period.

c. LeRoy Freddie Jackson

LeRoy Freddie Jackson appeared before the Board during the February 2006 meeting. During that meeting the Board voted to allow Mr. Jackson to sit for the exam and upon successful completion, be granted a license, which was to be immediately placed under probation for two years during which time he was to provide the Board with a SLED report, at his own expense, on an annual basis. On May 7, 2008 Mr. Jackson submitted an updated SLED report which reflected that the financial transaction card theft reported on his SLED report submitted in 2006 was still unresolved.

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the Board not make any decision in regard to Mr. Jackson's license at this time since the financial transaction card theft matter on his criminal history report had not yet gone through the court system.

Dr. Evans stated he had made the initial motion in February 2006 to grant licensure for Mr. Jackson.

d. David A. Little

On April 30, 2008 the Board received a registered barber examination application from David A. Little. Mr. Little 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?" His criminal history report, provided by SLED, reflects arrests and convictions involving drugs and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. Staff notified Mr. Little by letter dated May 2, 2008 that the Board would review his application during this meeting and that he should attend the meeting to answer questions from the members.

David A. Little appeared before the Board at this time. He was arrested for selling drugs within proximity of a school occurred because he lived approximately one and one-half miles from a school, although he was not selling drugs to children. He was released from prison on November 1, 2006. He is currently serving a two year probation which ends October 31, 2008. None of the violation occurred in a barber shop. He received his barber training from Makins New Creations.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Patton and unanimously carried, that the Board allow Mr. Little to take the examination and, upon successful completion, be granted a license which is to be immediately placed on one year probation during which time he is to provide the Board with a SLED report at his own expense. He must appear before the Board if there are any violations in that one year period.

e. Ernest D. Mitchell

On April 29, 2008 the Board received a master hair care examination application from Ernest D. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell 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?" Mr. Mitchell's criminal history report, provided by SLED, reflects arrests and convictions involving common law/strong arm robbery, drugs, and breaking and entering into a vehicle. Mr. Mitchell was notified by letter dated May 2, 2008 that the Board would review his application during this meeting and that he should appear to answer questions from the members.

Ernest Mitchell got into trouble when he was younger and is now turning his life around. He is a family man and is getting married in April 2009. He is not currently on probation. The last

criminal domestic violence charge was dismissed. None of the violations occurred in a barber shop. He was charged with contempt of court as a result of not appearing because he was incarcerated at the time and is working to get that charge cleared. He completed his barber training at Top of the Line Barber College, where he graduated with honors.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Evans and unanimously carried, that the Board allow Mr. Mitchell to take the exam, and upon successful completion, be granted a license which is to be immediately placed on probation for six months.

f. Lonnie E. Partlow

On February 22, 2008 the Board received a registered barber examination application from Lonnie E. Partlow. Mr. Partlow 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?" Mr. Partlow's criminal history report, provided by SLED, reflects arrests and convictions for driving under suspension, receiving stolen goods, and fraudulent check(s). Mr. Partlow was notified by letter dated June 3, 2008 that the Board would review his application during this meeting and he should attend the meeting to answer questions from the members.

Mr. Partlow did not attend this meeting and the Board took no action on the application.

Mr. Barnes expressed concern over the number of applicants with criminal histories.

Approval of Third Student Permit

a. Dennis Alexander

On April 24, 2008 the Board received a request for a third student permit from Dennis Alexander. In a letter dated May 2, 2008 staff notified Mr. Alexander that the Board would review his request during the June 9, 2008 meeting and that he should attend the meeting to discuss this matter with the members.

Dennis Alexander did not attend this meeting and the Board took no action on the request.

b. John Anthony Cook, II

On February 7, 2008 the Board received a letter from John Cook. Mr. Cook's letter states he first trained under Henry Jenkins at East End Barber Shop, then used his second permit to train under Catherine Kelly. The letter states he was enrolled in the barber program at Denmark Technical College. He is seeking a third student permit to complete his hours. Mr. Cook was notified by letter dated May 2, 2008 that the Board would review his request during this meeting and asked that he attend the meeting to answer questions from the members.

John Cook began his OJT at East End Barber Shop and worked there for approximately four to five months. He saw what he felt was an opportunity for advancement to work under Catherine Kelly and he and his cousin moved from Beaufort to Columbia. However, after a couple of months they were unable to pay for gas, the \$175 booth renter fee, and \$4,000 instructor fee. They notified Ms. Kelly of their decision to have her dismiss them. He could not locate his copies of the monthly reports and does not know the number of hours he has currently. He would like to complete his training at East End Barber Shop. He also attends South Carolina State University and is majoring in Political Science/Public Administration. He was enrolled in and attended classes in the barber program at Denmark Technical College; however, he could no longer attend there without obtaining a student permit. He did not earn hours at Denmark Technical College since he did not have a student permit.

MOTION

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

Approval of Hair Braiding Course

a. Anthony Sellers

On April 28, 2008 the Board received an outline of a proposed six hour hair braiding course from Anthony Sellers. Mr. Sellers was notified by letter dated May 8, 2008 that the Board would review his outline during this meeting and asked that he attend the meeting to answer questions from the members

Anthony Sellers appeared before the Board at this time.

Mr. Robinson stated Mr. Sellers' outline lacks instruction on fees/renewal and statutory requirements for hair braiders. He also noted that any references to *Milady's Standard Professional Barber Course Management* should be removed as it would give the impression to the hair braiders that they would be licensed instead of registered as hair braiders. He suggested Mr. Sellers review the class guidelines located on the Board's web page or that he contact staff for an outline. He also stated Mr. Sellers could submit the revised course outline for the Board's review during the August 2008 meeting and that he must also appear during that meeting.

Approval of Barber School

a. B & S Barber School, Rorlanda Gilmore, Owner

On May 21, 2008 the Board received a barber school application from B & S Barber School which included the hours of operation, a hand drawn schematic, and a course outline. The proposed school would be located on Two Notch Road in Columbia.

Mr. Gilmore owns two barber shops, which would be managed by his partner during the time he is teaching in the school. He has been licensed as an instructor for approximately two years. He would serve his customers after school hours.

MOTION

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Evans and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the school pending favorable inspection.

Public Comments

Claire Carter and Mary Rock of Greenville Technical College spoke to the Board in regard to the possibility of a barber program through the school.

Executive Session

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, that the Board enter executive session.

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 official action was taken during executive session.

Election of Officers

MOTION

Dr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Ms. Patton and unanimously carried, that the current slate of officers remain in place.

Adjournment

MOTION

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

The June 9, 2008 meeting of the Board of Barber Service adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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