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MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting
9:00 A.M., December 12, 2011
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

10 **Meeting Called to Order**

11 Chairman Edwin Barnes called the meeting to order of the SC Board of Barber Examiners at 9:10 a.m.
12 Other members participating in the meeting included: Paul Robinson, Vice Chairman, Edwin Barnes,
13 Frederick M. G. Evans and Renee Patton.
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15 **Staff members participating in the meeting included:** Sheridan Spoon, Advice Counsel; Byron Ray,
16 Administrator; Lisa Hawsey, Assistant Administrator, Matteah Taylor, Roz Bailey-Glover,
17 Administrative Staff, Malinda Presley, Administrative Staff, Andrew Rodgers, General Counsel-OGC,
18 DeLeon Andrews, Investigator, and Cecelia P. Englert, Court Reporter.
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20 **Others participating in the meeting included:** Breon Faison, Derrick H. Alexander, Madous D. Knight,
21 Jr., AlexWhite, III, Kendrick White, Sameh S. Awad, Thomas L. Latimer, Zanjerry D. Dunham, Edward
22 L. Baxter, Ralph W. King, Tymon Greer, Barbara T. Tompkins,
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24 **Video of this meeting can be viewed at the state's public website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Barber,**
25 **On the Board's home page click "Board Information" and follow the link to the video.**
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27 **Public Notice:**

28 Mr. Barnes announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Barber
29 Examiners Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons,
30 organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of
31 Information Act.
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33 **Pledge of Allegiance:**

34 All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
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36 **Approval of Excused Absences:**

37 All members were present at the December 12, 2011 meeting.
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39 **Approval of the October 10, 2011 Minutes**

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41 **Motion:**

42 Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the October 10, 2011 minutes with one correction to
43 line 12. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
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45 **Chairman's Remarks - Edwin Barnes**

46 Chairman Barnes recognized staff member Lisa Hawsey as she is retiring at the end of the year.
47 Chairman Barnes presented Ms. Hawsey with a plaque from the board members, thanking her for the
48 many years of service to LLR and the Board. Ms. Hawsey graciously accepted the award and said a few
49 words of thanks.
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52 **Administrator’s Remarks, for Information – Byron Ray**

53 Mr. Ray also thanked staff member Lisa Hawsey for her many years of service and introduced Ms.
54 Hawsey’s replacement, Malinda Pressley.

56 **Discussion for Approval for Administrator to Sign Letters of Caution on Behalf of the Board**

57 Mr. Ray stated that Mr. Charlie Ido, Office of Board Services, asked all Administrators to speak with
58 their Boards and consider allowing the Board Administrator to sign the letters of caution on behalf of the
59 Board. Mr. Spoon clarified the purpose of the letter of caution. The Board discussed the suggestion and
60 entertained a motion.

61 **Motion:**

62 Mr. Robinson made a motion to continue to have the Chairman’s signature on the letters of
63 caution. Ms. Renee Patton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

66 **OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement**

67 Mr. DeLeon Andrews, LLR Investigator, reviewed the OIE report for the Board. He stated there were 5
68 active cases. Investigations closed 5 cases since the October 2011 board meeting and there are 11 pending
69 cases. Mr. Andrews also reviewed the IRC report and answered questions from the Board.

71 **Motion:**

72 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve OIE and IRC reports as information. Mr. Evans
73 seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

75 **Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office**

76 There were no legislative updates reported.

78 **Inspections Report**

79 Mr. Ray read the inspections report to the Board members as information only.

81 **Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel**

82 There were no opinions.

84 **OGC-Office of General Counsel**

85 Mr. Andrew Rodgers, General Counsel-OGC, addressed the Board stating there were 2 pending reports
86 and they closed 3 cases as of 1/1/11.

88 **Unfinished Business**

89 **Approval for Licensure through Reciprocity from Egypt—Sameh S. Awad.**

90 At the October 2011 Board meeting, Mr. Awad was asked to submit verification of licensure from the
91 licensing authority in Egypt translated by one of the translation services the Board has approved.

92 Chairman Barnes called upon Mr. Sameh S. Awad to testify. Mr. Awad submitted documents requested
93 for the Board’s review and provided evidence of having completed 1920 hours of education to meet
94 licensure requirements.

96 **Motion:**

97 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Mr. Awad to be licensed as a Registered / Master
98 Haircare Barber in SC. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

99 Board member, Mr. Evans had questions regarding international reciprocity. Mr. Spoon, Advice Counsel
100 addressed the issue stating that international reciprocity was not covered in the Engine Bill or Statute and
101 to apply basic reciprocity rules to international applicants. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Board agreed
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103 that applicants from outside of SC who are applying for licensure with On-the-Job (OBT) hours are equal
104 to an apprenticeship in SC. The Board wants to continue to review the applications from other countries
105 and applicants transferring from another state with fewer hours.

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107 **Old Business**

108 Mr. Robinson stated for the record that Board members inspect new schools. He stated that he went to
109 inspect the school owned by Ms. Stack, but the school was not ready for inspection.

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111 **New Business**

112 **Approval of Third Student Permit for Breon Faison**

113 Mr. Faison submitted a letter requesting an appearance before the Board seeking approval for the issuance
114 of a third student permit. The first two permits were issued for Greenville, SC and he completed 1442
115 hours with the BAM School.

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117 **Motion:**

118 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the third student permit. Ms. Patton seconded the
119 motion, which carried unanimously.

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121 **Approval of Third Student Permit for Derrick H. Alexander**

122 Mr. Alexander submitted a letter requesting an appearance before the Board seeking approval for the
123 issuance of a third student permit. Mr. Alexander testified that he previously attended Thompsons Barber
124 College but did not finish because the owner became ill. He stated that the owner's son, Sheridan
125 Thompson did not have a license, so he only completed approximately 330 hours, on weekends. Mr.
126 Alexander also stated that the other son, Greeland Thompson was at the school, but only on weekends.
127 Chairman Barnes stated that he wants an investigation done to determine who has a license at the
128 Thompsons Barber College and who does not. Mr. Alexander stated that he was going to work with
129 Styles R Us, under Joie Reynolds if the third permit is granted. He was reminded that a 4th permit has
130 never been granted.

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132 **Motion:**

133 Ms. Patton made a motion to approve the third student permit. Mr. Evans seconded the motion,
134 which carried unanimously.

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136 **Approval of Third Student Permit for Madous D. Knight, Jr.**

137 Mr. Knight submitted a letter requesting an appearance before the Board seeking approval for the
138 issuance of a third student permit. Mr. Knight testified that his first permit under Mr. Howard Boyd
139 resulted in zero hours. The second permit under Mr. Cromwell resulted in 900 hours. If granted a third
140 permit he will work at Diamond City Barber Shop in Goose Creek, SC.

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142 **Motion:**

143 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the third student permit. Ms. Patton seconded the
144 motion, which carried unanimously.

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147 **Approval of Third Student Permit for AlexWhite, III**

148 Mr. White submitted a letter requesting an appearance before the Board seeking approval for the issuance
149 of a third student permit. Mr. White testified he received his first permit under Mr. William Perry at
150 Perry's Barber Shop. He was there for two months and no hours were turned. Mr. White stated the
151 second permit was for Platinum Barber Shop under Kenneth Brown. He was there for 6 months and
152 again, no hours were turned in for him as he was incarcerated. If granted a third permit, Mr. White would
153 work with Luccion's Barber Shop. Chairman Barnes asked staff if a transcript was received for Mr.

154 White. Ms. Hawsey stated that she would need to do some research. Chairman Barnes stated that LLR
155 staff should track the hours per student from the instructors. Ms. Hawsey clarified that and inspector
156 actually gets a copy of the hours for monitoring and stated that Inspector Mr. Raymond Lee was working
157 on the hours. Mr. Byron Ray stated that he would check with Mr. Raymond Lee on the process.
158 Chairman Barnes reminded Mr. White that a 4th permit will not be granted.
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160 **Motion:**

161 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the third student permit. Ms. Patton seconded the
162 motion, which carried unanimously.
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165 **Approval of Apprentice Registered/Master Haircare Application for Thomas L. Latimer**

166 Mr. Latimer was sent a letter on November 29, 2011 to appear before the Board seeking approval an
167 Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare license with a criminal background report. Mr. Latimer testified
168 that his offense occurred in 1994 and he maxed out his sentence. He has a family to support and would
169 like to be granted the license.
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171 **Motion:**

172 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the third student permit. Ms. Patton seconded the
173 motion, which carried unanimously.
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175 **Approval of Apprentice Registered/Master Haircare Application for Zanjerry D. Dunham**

176 Mr. Dunham was sent a letter on November 29, 2011 to appear before the Board seeking approval an
177 Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare license with a criminal background report. Mr. Dunham
178 appeared to provide testimony along with his wife, Robin Ann Dunham. Mr. Dunham stated that he
179 received substance abuse help, vocational rehabilitation and was going to Keystone for court ordered
180 counseling. He attended several sessions at Keystone, but has not completed the counseling program. He
181 has a session scheduled for December 17, 2011. The program consists of 4 weeks where he attends two
182 sessions per week. Mr. Dunham stated he works two jobs now which interrupt the counseling sessions.
183 Board members were concerned that Mr. Dunham must finish the counseling program. Mr. Dunham
184 currently has a provisional license.
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186 **Motion:**

187 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the license upon completion of the court ordered
188 counseling with Keystone. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
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191 **Approval of Apprentice Registered/Master Haircare Application for Edward L. Baxter**

192 Mr. Baxter was sent a letter on November 29, 2011 to appear before the Board seeking approval an
193 Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare license with a criminal background report. Mr. Baxter provided
194 testimony stating he made bad choices and served three years in jail. He attended Barber School in prison
195 and has a passion for the profession. He was arrested nine months ago and is currently on probation. The
196 Board clarified to Mr. Baxter that he must submit all documents and information regarding his probation
197 and current charge. Chairman Barnes stated that Mr. Baxter must appear at the next Board meeting with
198 all of his documents for consideration. Mr. Barnes asked LLR staff to obtain the missing supporting
199 documents from Mr. Baxter for the next meeting including a current SLED report showing the current
200 case.
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202 **No motion was made. Mr. Baxter must appear at the next Board Meeting.**
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204 **Approval of Apprentice Registered/Master Haircare Application for Ralph W. King**

205 Mr. King was sent a letter on November 29, 2011 to appear before the Board seeking approval an
206 Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare license with a criminal background report. Mr. King testified
207 that 1993 was his last arrest. Chairman Barnes stated that if the offense occurred five years or more the
208 Board Administrator, Mr. Ray should grant approval and no Board appearance would be necessary as
209 long as all legal obligations have been met. If no parole, even if a felony was committed, it is okay for
210 the administrator to approve. If, however, the person is on parole, they should appear before the Board.

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212 **Motion:**

213 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the license. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which
214 carried unanimously.

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216 **Approval of Apprentice Registered/Master Haircare Application for Tymon Greer**

217 Mr. Greer was sent a letter on December 6, 2011 to appear before the Board seeking approval an
218 Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare license with a criminal background report. Mr. Greer testified
219 that was arrested in North Carolina in 2002. He now lives in Georgia. He does not plan to work in South
220 Carolina as he will seek reciprocity into Georgia where he lives now. Mr. Greer stated he paid all of the
221 fines related to his arrest for driving with a suspended license.

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223 **Motion:**

224 Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the license. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which
225 carried unanimously.

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228 **Review of SLED report from licensee on probation with an additional charge for Edward Barrett**

229 Staff received Mr. Barrett's SLED report dated 4/1/11 with additional charges. Mr. Barrett was not
230 present to provide testimony. The Board discussed his case and determined that under the previous order
231 of 2010 the terms of the order was to submit an updated SLED report, which he has done. The additional
232 charges stem from failure to stop for the light on 2/26/2010. This offense took place before the Board
233 Order was issued. Based on the 10/26/11 letter, Mr. Barrett was supposed to appear before the Board
234 previously. He did not appear and was placed on the agenda again. Mr. Barrett is on probation until June
235 2012. His apprentice license is now lapsed. The Board agreed that Mr. Barrett cannot renew the license
236 and cannot elevate the license to a Master Haircare. Mr. Barrett must appear before the Board. LLR staff
237 will send Mr. Barrett a letter giving him 30 days notice to appear before the next Board meeting to
238 explain the new charges.

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240 **Public Session**

241 Chairman Barnes stated that Board elections will be carried over to the February 2012 meeting. A
242 discussion ensued and it was decided that the election of Board members would occur during a Board
243 Meeting Conference Call scheduled for December 19, 2011. The conference call will be open to the
244 public.

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246 **Motion:**

247 Mr. Evans made a motion to recess for ten minutes. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which
248 carried unanimously.

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250 **Return to Public Session**

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252 **Motion:**

253 Mr. Evans made a motion to return to public session. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which
254 carried unanimously.

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256 Chairman Barnes stated for the record that he was very dissatisfied that each year the Board gets
257 pushed back with new changes. He stated that LLR should return to what helps the Barber Board
258 and profession. The industry is still making money, but the laws being added does not help the
259 profession. Chairman Barnes stated that after twenty years there are now legislative hearings
260 about the deregulation of Barbering, and he wanted to know where the deregulation suggestions
261 are coming from. He stated that there are meetings with senators about deregulation, but the
262 Board is not notified. Mr. Barnes is not happy about all of the changes.

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264 **Adjournment**

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266 **Motion:**

267 Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which
268 carried unanimously.

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270 **The next meeting of the SC Board of Barber Examiners is scheduled for February 20, 2012.**