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MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting
9:00 A.M., February 6, 2012
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina

10 **Meeting Called to Order**

11 Chairman Paul Robinson called the meeting to order of the SC Board of Barber Examiners at 9:05 a.m.
12 Other members participating in the meeting included: Renee Patton Vice Chairman, Frederick M. G.
13 Evans and Edwin Barnes.

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15 **Staff members participating in the meeting included:** Dean Grigg, Advice Counsel; Byron Ray,
16 Administrator; Malinda Presley, Matteah Taylor, Roz Bailey-Glover, Glenda Legette, and Lisa Hawsey
17 Administrative Staff, DeLeon Andrews, Investigator, and Betty Washington, Court Reporter.

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19 **Others participating in the meeting included:** James M. Pearson, Brandon E. Stinson, Vergina
20 Norcio, Christina Hemphill, Edward L. Baxter, Elliott V. Miller, and Frances Archer.

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22 **Video of this meeting can be viewed at the state's public website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Barber,**
23 **On the Board's home page click "Board Information" and follow the link to the video.**

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25 **Public Notice:**

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

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31 **Pledge of Allegiance:**

32 All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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34 Mr. Evans noted that the Board did not have a copy of the Roberts Rules of Order and requested that
35 copies be provided to the full Board for reference at the next Board meeting.

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37 **Approval of Excused Absences:**

38 All members were present at the February 6, 2012 meeting.

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40 **Approval of Agenda**

41 Mr. Ray stated that under item (10) New Business (c.) iii – Nicholas J. Brannon, and (c.) iv – Gary E.
42 McCutcheon will be not be attending the Board meeting and will be rescheduled.

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44 **Motion:**

45 Ms. Patton made a motion to approve the agenda with changes as stated. Mr. Barnes
46 seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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48 **Approval of the Meeting Minutes:**

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50 **December 12, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes** – Draft minutes were not provided to the Board for review.
51 The Board agreed to review the December 12, 2011 draft minutes at the April 9, 2012 Board meeting.

52 **November 28, 2011 Telephone Conference Call Meeting Minutes:**

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54 **Motion:**

55 Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the November 28, 2011 telephone conference call
56 minutes. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
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58 **Chairman's Remarks – Paul Robinson**

59 Chairman Robinson expressed his gratitude for being elected the new Board Chairman. He also
60 recognized the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Edwin Barnes for his 20+ years of dedicated service to the Barber
61 Board and the Barber profession. Chairman Robinson stated the Board would recognize Mr. Barnes
62 service at a later time. Mr. Robinson thanked his parents for helping him thus far as his family has been in
63 the Barber profession for 57 years. He also thanked the late Mr. Hampton, former inspector for the
64 Barber Board who planted the notion of becoming part of the Barber Board. Chairman Robinson stated
65 that he looked forward to serving the people of South Carolina.
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67 **Administrator's Remarks, for Information – Byron Ray**

68 Mr. Ray reminded the Board that the Ethics Commission documents were due by April 15, 2012 and that
69 the documents can only be submitted electronically. Mr. Ray requested that Board members let him
70 know via email when they submit the documents.
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72 **Chairman's Remarks – Paul Robinson**

73 Board member Mr. Evans wanted to know if the Engine Bill revisions were complete. Mr. Grigg stated
74 that the legislature is in the process of reviewing the revisions submitted. Chairman Robinson recognized
75 Mr. Barnes, who attended the Legislative Subcommittee meeting in December, 2011. Mr. Barnes stated
76 that he spoke with LLR Director, Katherine Templeton who answered questions about the Barber Board
77 being listed for deregulation. Mr. Barnes was assured by several Senators that the Barber Board was not
78 listed for deregulation, and that the Barber Board was removed from the Legislative Subcommittee
79 meeting agenda. Mr. Barnes also received a call from the Governor's office to further assure him that the
80 Barber Board was not listed for deregulation.
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82 Chairman Robinson stated that he meet with Mr. Ray and Mr. Spoon to discuss how to help the board
83 meetings to progress more efficiently. Some of those items discussed were, informing participants of
84 their rights prior to coming to the meeting. Staff must inform applicants that they have the right to bring
85 forth witnesses, general counsel, and affidavits relevant to support their circumstances. Applicants must
86 identify permit numbers, and names of schools and OJT instructors ahead of time, so that staff will be
87 able to research their requests in a more efficient manner. Make sure applicants bring in the number of
88 total hours completed up until the time they make a request for a third permit. Applicants should also
89 bring in more details about circumstances why they have not completed their course of study. Provide
90 proof of probation or parole completion or adjudication by the court system, in writing, and updated
91 SLED reports with their application. If documents are older than two months staff should ensure an
92 updated SLED report is received so the Board can make a decision on applications when they come
93 before the Board. With requests for a third permit, there should be a letter from the school and or the OJT
94 Instructor who the applicant will be training under. Applications from foreign candidates must have
95 properly translated documents by government officials as well as documented court orders, voluntary
96 counseling and community service information. Anything applicants can bring with them that will
97 demonstrate positive activities since being released from the criminal justice system is helpful. The
98 Board members will be provided with a Board member manual which will be ready for the next meeting.
99 The open meetings law which determines the guidelines for Board meetings is available on-line and can
100 be downloaded.
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103 **Inspections Report:**

104 Mr. DeLeon Andrews, LLR Investigator, stated there were 10 active cases, 12 were closed and LLR
105 received 22 cases this year. The Board accepted the data as information.

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107 **OGC-Office of General Counsel Report – There was none.**

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109 **Old Business**

110 Mr. Barnes stated that he needed to know if the Board had received approval from LLR about
111 attending the National meeting in San Diego, California. Mr. Ray stated that he has not heard
112 anything back yet, but that he did receive information from Mr. Barnes. Ms. Patton stated that
113 she would turn in her information to Mr. Ray today. Mr. Ray stated that he will take care of
114 getting an answer today.

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116 Chairman Robinson stated that in the previous meeting the Board had requested a meeting with
117 PCS to question them about some of the processes they have in place. Chairman Robinson
118 wanted to know if there was a meeting set up with PCS or one of their representatives yet? Mr.
119 Ray stated that there would be a conference call meeting with PCS on 2/14/12 and that he would
120 give the Board the time the meeting would start. Chairman Robinson wanted to address the issue
121 of hours received by PCS, but no verification of those hours are given to LLR staff that the
122 individual received their hours properly. The Board still may want a representative from PCS to
123 come to the Board meeting in the Spring to answer questions.

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125 Mr. Barnes stated that he went to Florida a few weeks go to work with the NIC and PCS as they
126 are getting ready to change the format on testing procedures. Mr. Barnes stated that he worked
127 with a team for five days on the practical part of the test, and that the techniques are changing as
128 well as the shaving portion.

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130 Mr. Ray stated that he will forward the email he received about PCS to the Board, as he did not
131 have a chance to read it completely. Ms. Patton asked if the email was sent to all instructors, but
132 Mr. Ray stated that he did not know. Mr. Evans pointed out that he was public member, and that
133 he could not have anything to do with the testing, so please omit him from the emails regarding
134 testing.

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136 **New Business**

137 **Approval of Third Student Permit for Mr. James M. Pearson**

138 Mr. Pearson submitted a letter requesting an appearance before the Board seeking approval for the
139 issuance of a third student permit. Mr. Pearson stated the transcript shows 1,258 hours completed at the
140 Harley's Barber College. Mr. Pearson stated he left Harley so he can complete OJT training instead. Mr.
141 Pearson testified that he became frustrated with Harley's College because he started the program in June
142 2010 and had still not completed his hours. He felt that he had achieved more hours than the school
143 reported on the transcript. The Board pointed out that the OJT hours would require him to complete 1920
144 hours instead of the 1500 hours of school training. Mr. Pearson stated that he was a part-time student and
145 felt the school was trying to charge him more money. The Board pointed out that the transcript indicated
146 "poor attendance". Mr. Pearson explained that he was only attending part-time and now wants to
147 complete his hours as an OJT under Ms. Yolanda Fleming.

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151 **Motion:**

152 Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the third student permit. Ms. Patton seconded the motion,
153 which carried. Mr. Barnes voted nay. Chairman Robinson pointed out to Mr. Pearson that the Board
154 does not extend a fourth permit.

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156 **Approval of Third Student Permit for Mr. Brandon E. Stinson**

157 Mr. Alexander submitted a letter requesting an appearance before the Board seeking approval for the
158 issuance of a third student permit. Mr. Stinson stated that personal problems and his work schedule
159 prevented him from completing his hours. Mr. Stinson stated that he has a very ill child at home and had
160 to change his work hours to help care for his sick child. He is now in a position to go to a shop full time
161 and plans to work with Mr. Claude Shelton at Shelton's Barber Shop in Chester, SC. Mr. Stinson did not
162 bring evidence to show he completed any hours.

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164 Chairman Robinson stated that staff must endure that applicants are notified what they need to bring (like
165 evidence of their hours) to the Board meeting. Mr. Stinton stated that for the first permit he was
166 completing 3 hours per day for 1 year. For the second permit he stated he spent about 6 months at 3 hours
167 per day.

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169 **Motion:**

170 Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the third student permit. Ms. Patton seconded the motion,
171 which carried unanimously.

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173 **Approval of Licensure by Reciprocity – Ms. Vergina Norcio**

174 Ms. Norcio submitted a letter requesting an appearance before the Board seeking approval for the
175 issuance of her Barber license by reciprocity. Ms. Norcio stated she went to high school in the
176 Philippines in 1966 and that because she was a military wife and traveled extensively with her husband,
177 she lost her diploma. She stated she has a document showing she went to community college only. Ms.
178 Norcio stated she went to Barber school from May 2004 – January 2005 where she received 1500 hours
179 of classroom training. She passed her examinations and worked in several shops in addition to owning her
180 own shop called MGB Magnificent Cuts.

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182 **Motion:**

183 Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the application by reciprocity. Ms. Patton seconded the
184 motion, which carried unanimously.

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186 **Approval of Apprentice Registered/Master Haircare Application for Ms. Christina Hemphill**

187 Ms. Hemphill was sent a letter on January 24, 2012 to appear before the Board seeking approval an
188 Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare license with a criminal background report. Ms. Hemphill
189 testified she had no excuses for what she had done. Her life is better now and she is not on probation or
190 parole from the drug charges. Ms. Hemphill stated that she voluntarily went to a 90 day rehabilitation
191 center in Florida, and that she has not had any arrests since October 2011. She has a job at Sport Clips in
192 Newport, SC. Her 90 day permit expired, but she was told by PCS that she would work on she
193 examination score sheet.

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195 **Motion:**

196 Ms. Patton made a motion to approve the license. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, which carried
197 unanimously.

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199 **Approval of Apprentice Registered/Master Haircare Application for Mr. Edward L. Baxter**

200 Mr. Baxter was sent a letter on January 24, 2012 to appear before the Board seeking approval an
201 Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare license with a criminal background report. Mr. Baxter appeared

202 to provide testimony. Mr. Baxter stated he is currently on probation. He was given 2 years probation or
203 pay \$1,300 fine. Mr. Baxter testified that from 2005 to 2008 he was incarcerated. Mr. Baxter stated that
204 he was currently working and has no other court orders. He stated he does community events to help the
205 kids in his community by offering free haircuts on Monday. Mr. Baxter stated that he has paid \$100
206 towards his fine and intends to pay it in full.

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208 **Motion:**

209 Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the license with three (3) years probation. Mr. Baxter will
210 provide the Board with a yearly, current SLED report at his own expense. Any violations within the three
211 year period will result in license revocation. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which carried
212 unanimously.

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214 Chairman Robinson stated that PCS is erroneously informing applicants that they can practice on the
215 examination score report after the 90 day work permit expires. This is not a general practice of the Board.

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217 **Approval of Apprentice Registered/Master Haircare Application for Mr. Elliott V. Miller**

218 Mr. Miller was sent a letter on January 24, 2012, to appear before the Board seeking approval an
219 Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare license with a criminal background report. Mr. Miller provided
220 testimony stating he went to Barber school under Mr. Fielders. Mr. Miller testified that he passed both
221 examinations and that some of the charges were his, however, much of the police record existed because
222 his son has the same name. Mr. Miller stated that his son had warrants against him and was driving his
223 car and living in his trailer. Because everything was in Mr. Miller's name, he was arrested for his son's
224 crimes. He stated that he has two jobs and that he's not on probation. He has a job already and is just
225 trying to make his life better.

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227 **Motion:**

228 Ms. Patton made a motion to approve the license contingent upon the Board receiving evidence
229 that his probation is completed. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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231 **Public Comments – There were none.**

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233 **Adjournment**

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235 **Motion:**

236 Mr. Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Patton seconded the motion, which carried
237 unanimously.

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239 **The next meeting of the SC Board of Barber Examiners is scheduled for April 9, 2012.**

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