

**South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Special Called Meeting
Conference Call
4:00 p.m., March 18, 2020
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. 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.

2. Consideration of Online Theory Classes for Barber Schools and OJT During Public Health Emergency

Chairperson Paul Robinson called the meeting of the S.C. Board of Barber Examiners to order via conference call at 4:00 p.m. Other Board members participating via conference call were:

- Frederick Evans
- Christopher Jarvis
- Renee Patton

Other persons participating included: Theresa Brown, Administrator (via conference call); Mary League, Advice Counsel; Shannon Beaudry, Staff; Patrice Deas, Staff; Tina Behles, Court Reporter

Mr. Robinson stated the first item to discuss is consideration of online theory classes for barber schools and OJT. The initial idea was to allow 20% of credit hours.

Dr. Evans stated this is an excellent idea and that the Board must be fluid and able to adapt during this time.

Mr. Jarvis and Ms. Patton are also in agreement with this. If the school is currently enrolled with Milady and PivotPoint, then they are already paying for this service. If they are not already enrolled, then Milady has made their platform free or discounted.

Mr. Robinson stated that some students don't have access to internet. It's going to be a challenge for some anyway even if this is done.

Ms. Brown and Ms. League suggested that the Board approve schools to utilize distance learning platforms for up to 25% for each program for 10 weeks. Schools/instructors must still keep track of hours.

Ms. Patton made a motion to approve schools to utilize distance/online learning for up to 25% of the required hours for each program over a 10 week timespan. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board stated this is not a substitute for the hands-on work.

3. Consideration of Extension of OJT Permits

The next item the Board addressed was extending OJT permits and 90 day work permits affected by the public health emergency.

The Board discussed delegating authority to the Board administrator for the period of time affected by the public health emergency to extend permits.

Mr. Jarvis made a motion to give the Board administrator and staff the authority to extend student permits and 90 day work permits during the period of the public health emergency. Ms. Patton and Dr. Evans seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Consideration of Delegation of Authority to Board Chair to Address Issues Arising During Public Emergency

Ms. League asked the Board to consider delegating authority to the Board chair to make decisions during the public health emergency because the current situation requires flexibility. Any decisions made by the chair would be ratified by the Board and the Board would be apprised of the decisions.

Ms. Patton made a motion to delegate authority to the Board chair to make decisions during the public health emergency. Dr. Evans seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. League stated they are also seeking the Board's permission to put information on the website. This language would read, in essence: In regards to sanitation procedures, the Board advises that shops continue to follow safety/sanitation guidelines and should follow any directives from the governor or local authority. The Board suggests shops be familiar with Federal OSHA and CDC guidelines.

The Board agreed to add this language to the Board website.

Finally, inspections may need to be suspended because of the public health emergency. Ms. League stated that pursuant to Executive Order 2020-10 which allows for waiver of regulations, the Board can issue a temporary permit for not more than 90 days in the event an inspection cannot be performed, effective during the period of the public emergency.

Dr. Evans made a motion to allow the issuance of a 90-day temporary shop permit during the period of the public emergency if an inspection cannot be performed. Ms. Patton seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Adjournment

Dr. Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 p.m. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion and it carried.
