

**South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
9:00am, April 10, 2023  
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. Due to technical constraints, members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. For meeting access information, please email [boardinfo@llr.sc.gov](mailto:boardinfo@llr.sc.gov).
- b. Rules of the Meeting

**2. Introduction of Board Members and All Other Persons Attending**

Chairman Paul E. Robinson called the meeting of the S.C Board of Barber Examiners to order at 9:05 a.m. Other Board members participating in the meeting included:

- Renee Patton
- Melissa Jones Horton

Staff members present included: Theresa Brown, Administrator; Mary League, Advice Counsel; Robynn Devine; Lakin Raulerson; Patrice Deas; James Kemfort, (OIE); Jennifer Stillwell, (OIE); and Erin Baldwin, (ODC).

All other persons in attendance: Julie Taradash, Court Reporter, Scott Bills, Lindi Kamps, Adam Fisher, Fred Davis, Janet Seglah, Francesca Gotoy, Angel Colon, Alphonso Houston, Rosey Houston, John Bond, Markel Bailey and Christian Duboise.

**3. Approval of Excused Absences**

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve the absence of Mr. Christopher Javis. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

**5. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Melissa Jones Horton made a motion to approve the Barber Board meeting minutes for February 13, 2023. Ms. Renee Patton seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve the Task Force meeting minutes for February 13, 2023. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve the OJT Overview meeting minutes for March 6, 2023. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve the OJT Overview meeting minutes for March 27, 2023. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

**6. Chairperson's Remarks – Paul E. Robinson**

None at this time.

**7. Administrator's Remarks, For Information – Theresa Brown**

**a. Budget/Drawdowns – For information**

Mr. Paul Robinson noted that the upcoming renewal will change the budget drastically at the next meeting.

**b. OIE Report – For Information – James Kemfort –** Mr. James Kemfort gave the report and stated that this is for information purposes. As of January 1, 2023 to April 6, 2023, they received a total of 33 total complaints, 2 active cases, the average age is 71 days and 4 closed cases.

**c. IRC Report – For Approval – James Kemfort-**The IRC met on March 23, 2023. The IRC members that were in attendance were Anthony Gibson and Tony Holloman. They reviewed a total of 4 cases and recommended 3 cases for dismissal and 1 case for cease and desist.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve the IRC report. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

**d. ODC Report – For Information – Erin Baldwin –** Ms. Erin Baldwin informed the Board that Ms. Sara Morris returned back to private practice. Ms. Baldwin stated that they will be hiring again for the position. It will be either an in-house shift or until the vacancy is filled. Ms. Baldwin stated that the Board will not experience a gap in service during this time.

Ms. Baldwin then stated that case 2021-207, has entered a consent agreement that has been signed and they are in position to not having to do that hearing.

**e. Inspection Report – For Approval – Jennifer Stillwell-** For the month of February, there were a total of 220 inspections conducted, 186 of those were physically inspected, 9 were permanently closed, 24 were not open at the time of inspection, and that included 1 school. For the month of March, a total of 383 inspections were conducted, 306 of those were physically inspected, 30 were permanently closed, 60 were not open at the time of inspection, and that included 2 schools for a total year to date, 835 total inspections.

Ms. Renee Patton asked how many of those inspections are permanently closed year to date. Ms. Jennifer Stillwell stated that year to date, there are 30 permanently closed.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve the Inspection report. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton second the motion and it carried.

**8. New Business**

**a. Consideration for Licensure**

**i. Lindi Sue Kamps**

Ms. Lindi Sue Kamps represented herself and requested to meet with the Board in reference to consideration for licensure. She is seeking licensure by reciprocity for a barber instructor and a master haircare license. Currently she is licensed in another state as a cosmetology instructor and she possesses a cosmetology license. The licensure verification within the materials is for cosmetology licensure and not barbering. Staff is unable to issue the requested licenses as she does not possess equal licensure to the SC BBE in another state. Ms. Kamps had Mr. Scott Bills as her witness. Ms. Kamps and Mr. Bills were sworn in by the court reporter, gave background information about her set of circumstances, and answered the board's questions.

Ms. Melissa Jones Horton made a motion to go into executive sessions for legal advice and Ms. Theresa Brown stay to answer questions the Board may have. Ms. Renee Patton seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Melissa Jones Horton made a motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Renee Patton seconded the motion and it carried. There were no votes made or taken during executive session.

Ms. Theresa Brown received an email from the Wisconsin Board reflecting Ms. Kamps has a valid Cosmetology license and Cosmetology Instructor license. The Cosmetology Instructor license covers the instruction of Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetics, and Manicuring.

Ms. Mary League stated that after conferring with the Board chair, it appears that Ms. Kamps does have an equivalent credential. However, for endorsement, there still is the question about the exam type. Ms. League stated depending upon the type of examination, the type of license the Board can offer will depend on the type of exam Ms. Kamps took. Because Ms. Kamps is a military spouse, the Board has determined that they will accept the State exam, not the NIC exam for licensing under the military spouse provisions which is licensing only during the duration of the orders for active duty in this State. Ms. League stated that if Ms. Kamps has not taken the NIC examination, Ms. Kamps must provide LLR staff a copy of the military orders and a copy of her marriage license. If Ms. Kamps has taken the NIC examination, then she would not be restricted to the military spouse license as she would meet the requirements for endorsement licensure. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion that if Ms. Kamps provides the appropriate documentation, marriage license and orders, to Board staff that she is entitled to military spouse licensing, the Board will grant licensure. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

ii. John Bond

Mr. John Bond represented himself and requested to meet with the Board in reference to his request for a student permit. Mr. Bond has criminal history that accompanied his application, currently Mr. Bond is on probation for manufacturing, possession of other substance in schedules I, II, and III with intent to distribute and three counts of breaking into auto/tanks where fuel is stored. Mr. Bond is expected to complete probation on or before June 12, 2024.

Mr. Bond was sworn in by the court reporter, gave background information about his set of circumstances, and answered the board's questions.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve Mr. John Bond for a student permit on probation for the duration of his probation until November 2023. Mr. Bond will provide to the Board, at his own expense, a SLED report showing no new offenses before the end of his probation November 2023. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

**b. Consideration of OJT Educational Process**

**i. Christian Duboise**

Mr. Christian Duboise appeared before the board representing himself to ask the Board questions about the OJT educational process. Mr. Duboise discussed his barbering background and presented questions to the Board then discussion ensued.

The Board answered questions relating to who can teach the master hair care curriculum. The Board informed Mr. Duboise to refer to the SC Code of Regulations and 17-8 which reads in part:

**17–8. Barber Students, Applications, Permits, Training, Progress Reports, and Examinations. 1. Every person desiring to train in a barber school or college, or under the personal supervision of a registered barber or a master hair care specialist who is a qualified on the job training instructor, shall file an application for a student permit to take the training. Such application shall be on a blank form furnished by the Board and shall be signed by the applicant and official of the school or college or the qualified on the job training instructor, under whom the applicant desires to train. Prior to the issuance of a permit, a prospective student who desires to train under the personal supervision of a qualified on the job training instructor, shall meet along with the instructor with a representative of the Board. A qualified on the job instructor may train only two (2) students in his shop at a time, provided the students have a chair at all times. To be eligible for licensing as a master hair care specialist, a student training in a barbershop must train under the personal supervision of a qualified on the job training instructor who holds a current master hair care specialist license.**

**c. Final Order Hearings**

**i. 2021-75**

Ms. Erin Baldwin informed the Board that she received a signed waiver of attorney and signed stipulations of facts in this matter.

This case is in the matter of Fred Davis. Mr. Davis appeared before the board representing himself and was sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Erin Baldwin presented the findings of the case.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried. No votes were taken during the executive session.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve a public reprimand for allowing

students to practice without a valid license and a fine of \$500 for failing to have hard copies of monthly reports. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

**ii. 2022-11**

Ms. Erin Baldwin informed the Board that she received a signed waiver of attorney and signed stipulations of facts in this matter.

This case is in the matter of Alphonso T. Houston. Mr. Houston appeared before the board representing himself and was sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Erin Baldwin presented the findings of the case.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to approve a \$200 fine for each violation for a total of \$600 to be paid within 90 days. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

**iii. 2021-207**

Ms. Erin Baldwin informed the Board that prior to the meeting they received a consent agreement and the Board Chair signed it.

**iv. 2021-92**

This case is in the matter of Janet Seglah. Ms. Seglah appeared before the board representing herself. Ms. Francesca Gotoy was also in attendance as a witness. Both Ms. Seglah and Ms. Gotoy were sworn in by the court reporter. Ms. Erin Baldwin presented the findings of the case.

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to accept the MOA and a fine of \$100 to be paid within 90 days from the date of receiving the final order. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.

**9. Board Member Reports**

Ms. Melissa Jones Horton attended the SkillsUSA competition in Greenville, SC at the convention center. The competition was mostly for public schools. Ms. Jones Horton stated that she participated as a judge for Barbers and there were competitions for Cosmetology, Nails, Esthetician, and Hair Braiders. Ms. Jones Horton stated she will turn in this report as well as the report for when she visited the testing site for PSI at the Delta Hotel.

**10. Public Comments**

Ms. Theresa Brown informed the Board that the Barber renewals will begin on May 1, 2023 and the notifications will be sent via email. Board members should have already receive emails requesting verification of their email address on file with LLR.

Mr. Paul Robinson asked Ms. Theresa Brown were there any updates from PSI about the pass/fail rate. Ms. Brown stated there were no updates. Then discussion ensued.

**11. Adjournment**

Ms. Renee Patton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. Ms. Melissa Jones Horton seconded the motion and it carried.