

**South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
9:00am, April 8, 2024
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Pee Dee Conference Room
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.
- 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 9:00 a.m. Other Board members participating in the meeting included:

- Renee Patton
- Melissa Jones Horton

Staff members present included: Tracy Adams, Board Executive; Mary League, Advice Counsel; Lakin Raulerson, Staff; Robert Dean, (OIE); Jennifer Stillwell, (OIE); Sheila Hawkins (OIE); Tori Smith (OIE); LeAnna McMenamin, (ODC); and Allen Gay, (DOTS)

All other persons in attendance: Robin Reibold, Court Reporter; Demetrius Campbell; Jaronald Varner; Cheryl Pringle; and Chesley Paige Phillips.

3. Approval of Excused Absences

There were no absences.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of Agenda
R. Patton/M. Jones Horton

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approval of Barber Board Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2024
R. Patton/M. Jones Horton

Motion: Approval of OJT Overview Minutes – February 26, 2024
R. Patton/M. Jones Horton

6. Chairperson's Remarks – Paul E. Robinson

Mr. Paul Robinson gave brief remarks.

7. Administrative Reports – Tracy Adams

- a. **Budget/Drawdowns – For information**
- b. **OIE Report – For Information – Robert Dean** – Mr. Dean gave the OIE report for informational purposes only. For year to date, OIE received a total of 79 total complaints, 21 active investigations and has closed 1 case.
- c. **IRC Report – For Approval – Robert Dean** – Mr. Dean gave the IRC report and the IRC

presented 12 cases for recommendation; the IRC recommended 4 cases for cease and desists, and 8 case for dismissals.

Motion: Approval of IRC Report
R. Patton/M. Jones-Horton

- d. **ODC Report – For Information – LeAnna McMenamini** – Ms. McMenamini presented the ODC report for informational purposes only. Ms. McMenamini reported that ODC currently has 15 open cases, 14 pending hearings or agreements, 8 cases that have been closed since the last report in January 26, 2024 and 15 total cases closed for the year 2023.
- e. **Inspection Report – For Approval – Jennifer Stillwell**- For the month of March, 243 inspections were completed, 192 of those were physically inspected, 18 were permanently closed, 31 were not open at the time of inspection, and that included 2 were schools.

Motion: Approval of Inspection Report
R. Patton/M. Jones-Horton

8. New Business

a. Consideration for Licensure

i. Cheryl Pringle

Motion: Approval to receive Hair Braider Registration
R. Patton/M. Jones-Horton

ii. Jaronald Varner

Motion: To go into Executive Session for legal advice
R. Patton/M. Jones-Horton

Motion: To come out of Executive Session
R. Patton/M. Jones-Horton

Motion: Approval of Student Permit with Probation
R. Patton/M. Jones-Horton

iii. Demetrius Campbell

Motion: Approval of Reinstatement of License with Probation
R. Patton/M. Jones-Horton

iv. LaDiamond Beckham

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9. Board Member Reports

Ms. Jones-Horton informed us she attended the Skills USA competition and wanted to express how her students are doing a wonderful job.

Ms. Patton stated that Master Skills has reached out to her and requested for help on the mock exam for the practical and will be attending. She also stated that she gave her notice on the National Barber Boards of America and is no longer the Treasurer. Mr. Robinson thanked Ms. Patton for her services.

Mr. Robinson shared that PSI has developed a test prep app and it is downloadable under Apple or Android Users. It is available for barbering and cosmetology and is available for purchase.

Ms. Jones-Horton expressed that she is hearing nothing but complaints on PSI and is on the opinion that PSI has breached their contract and wanted to inquire about dissolving the contract with them.

Ms. Tracy Adams informed Ms. Jones-Horton that she has addressed the complaints and completed a pop and has been in contact with PSI and NIC to make sure everything is running properly. The process of testing facilities was explained to Ms. Jones-Horton.

10. Public Comments

Chesley Paige Phillips made Public Comments.

11. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjournment at 10:06 a.m.
R. Patton/M. Jones-Horton