South Carolina Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
9:00 A.M., April 11, 2011
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

# **Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Edwin Barnes called the meeting to order of the SC Board of Barber Examiners at 9:15 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Paul Robinson, Vice Chairman, Frederick Evans and Renee Patton.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Christa Bell, General Counsel, Eddie Jones Administrator, Glinda Legette, Jessica DeBenadetto, Lisa Hawsey and Roz Bailey-Glover, administrative staff and Court reporter Ms. Ciel Englart

Others participating in the meeting include: John R. Campbell, Nathaniel Stewart, Makili Terry, Xavier Sibert, Cedrick L. Perry, Tyrone Davis, Walter Lindsey, Carlos L. Williams

# No video of this meeting can be viewed at the state's public website

#### **Public Notice:**

Mr. Barnes announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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.

# Pledge of Allegiance:

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **Approval of Excused Absences:**

All members were present at the April 11, 2011 meeting.

# **Approval of the February 14, 2011 Minutes:**

Minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting were not approved. Minutes were postponed for corrections to the following: Page 1, line 45 change from National Barber meeting to the Mid-Winter Conference.

#### Motion:

Frederick M.G. Evans made a motion to hold the minutes of February 14, 2011 to the next board meeting scheduled June 13, 2011. Paul E. Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

# **Chairman's Remarks – Edwin Barnes:**

Chairman Barnes stated that he had an opportunity to have a productive thirty minute meeting with the new Director of LLR, Catherine Templeton and some of the reorganization changes that were happening. He also stated that he was looking for at least one more speaker to fill the empty spot at the National Convention. Local speakers are fine and any topic would be considered (the economy, tourism etc). He asked LLR Staff for assistance with recommending one to two new speakers. Mr. Frederick M.G. Evans stated that he meet with the Associate

Dean of Coastal Carolina in an effort to recruit another speaker. Coastal Carolina will name the speaker and Mr. Evans will follow-up with a formal letter to the speaker. Chairman's remarks were concluded and the meeting was turned over to the Board Administrator, Mr. Eddie Jones for his remarks.

#### Administrator's Remarks, For Information – Eddie Jones:

Mr. Eddie Jones addressed the board and meeting attendees and briefly explained the reorganization of LLR and a number of staff changes. He explained that the Office of Licensure & Compliance was closed on April 1, 2011 and as a result, several new administrative assistants were added to his staff. Mr. Jones introduced the new staff members present as follows: Roz Bailey-Glover and Jessica DeBenedetto. In addition, he introduced Ms. Christa Bell, Advisory Counsel from the Office of General Counsel replacing retired counsel Sharon Dantzler.

 Mr. Jones also requested that the Board approve a DRC and IRC Chairperson for upcoming meetings. A discussion ensued: The Board recommended Mr. Don Norris for the IRC consideration as a professional member. Mr. Paul E. Robinson then asked if there were specific requirements for the position of the IRC. Ms. Christa Bell, legal counsel, explained that some boards have chosen to establish criteria to be used when selecting IRC members, but if there was no comfort level in the selection then the Board should not approve. Chairman Barnes stated that he had previously suggested that Mr. Robinson become a member. No conclusion was reached. Mr. Jones reminded the Board that a DRC was scheduled for today, April 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., and since Mr. Norris was out of town that Mr. Nathaniel Stewart would assist with the session. Chairman Barnes recommended that the DRC be postponed in order to clarify procedural matters, duties and responsibilities prior to the hearing. Mr. Jones further added that no one was ever appointed for the IRC position. In addition, the Board could recommend alternates and that LLR would cover a \$35 per diem and mileage.

#### **Motion:**

Paul E. Robinson made a motion to nominate Nathaniel Stewart to DRC and Mr. Don Norris for the IRC. Renee Patton seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

# Advisory Opinions, if needed, Office of General Counsel: No report presented.

# <u>Legislative Update</u>, if needed, <u>Legislative Liaison Office</u>:

Mr. Jones pointed out that the Office of General Counsel will review every Board's statutes and regulations for conflicting information by May 1, 2011. A discussion ensued. Ms. Christa Bell stated that statutes and regulations, particularly where regulations exceed the statutes or were outdated would be cleaned up and all changes would be provided to the Boards for review. Chairman Barnes stated that board member Renee Patton will be in charge of the preliminary review and that Mr. Eddie Jones would provide all email addresses of board members to Ms. Patton for proper communication of the changes. The discussion concluded.

# Administrator's Remarks, For Information – Eddie Jones:

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OGC-Office of Investigations and Enforcement:

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Office of General Counsel:

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Inspection Report:

The total number of inspections done to-date is 905. For the month of February, 2011 there were 110 and for March, 2011 there were 132.

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# **Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

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# **New Business:**

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Approval of DRC Report:

Board members were provided with a copy of the Disciplinary Report for Monday, February 14, 2011. The report summarized six (6) new cases with a total sum \$1,800 issued for civil penalties.

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#### Motion:

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Renee Patton made a motion to approve the DRC report. Paul E. Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

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# **Approval of Third Student Permit:**

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Board Chair Barnes called upon Ms.Connie Taylor from Palmetto Unified Barbering School -Evans Correctional Institution on behalf of Christopher Hudson seeking approval for a third student permit. Ms. Taylor was not present.

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Ms. Taylor was not present to give testimony. The Board took no action.

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Board Chair Barnes called upon Mr. Makili Terry from Heyward Career & Technology Center School to speak on behalf of seven students that are applying for a third year permit because of the number of years it takes to complete the schools 1500 hour program. Chairman Barnes pointed out that as long as the appropriate paperwork is submitted to the Board on time there should be no problem with allowing a third permit. Mr. Evans clarified that the request was granted in advance and was approved already and that no further actions by the school were required. Mr. Evans further suggested that a three (3) year permit be granted instead of a one (1) year so that the school does not have to come in every year for the same thing.

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#### **Motion:**

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Paul E. Robinson made a motion to grant the third permit. Renee Patton seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

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Board Chair Barnes called upon Mr. Twane Dash seeking approval for a third student permit to resume his training.

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Mr. Twane Dash was not present to give testimony. The Board took no action.

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Board Chair Barnes called upon Carlos L. Williams seeking approval for a third student permit to resume his training. Mr. Williams explained that he was in the Marine Corp's Reserve when he received his first permit and that he completed two months of training but was transferred out by the military and had to forgo his studies. He recalled spending about three months with Shabazz Barber Shop in 2004 or 2005 but had no records of his training hours. He believes he has under 600 hour again, without any proof of his hours. Chairman Barnes reminded Mr. Williams that moving forward it was his responsibility to keep copies of his own records.

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#### Motion:

Paul E. Robinson made a motion to grant the third permit. Renee Patton seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

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Board Chair Barnes called upon Tyrone D. Davis seeking approval for a third student permit to resume his training. Mr. Davis explained that he experienced court and financial issues and that he had no record of his hours. He did however believe that his instructor Mr. Eric Clark had his hours on record. Chairman Barnes expressed his concerns that students must retain copies of their hours as it continues to be the student's responsibility. LLR staff member Lisa Hawsey pointed out that packets of information regarding the retention of student hours are sent to instructors, but instructors admit that they don't necessarily read the materials sent to them from the Board. She further explained that a record of hours from 2004 and prior were not retained. Administrator Mr. Eddie Jones explained that LLR is headed in the right direction by looking into a way to place student hours on the current database. At this time a file comes in and someone has to manually input the data. Chairman Barnes gave Mr. Jones ninety-days (90) to report back to the Board on his progress with getting an automated solution to tracking student hours. A discussion ensued. Mr. Paul Robinson stated that there should be a penalty imposed on instructors who do not retain the proper student records. Ms. Renee Patton added that the student hour reports are sent to LLR and transcripts go directly to PCS. There appears to be no follow-up or connection of hours for the students. So whose responsibility is it to track the hours? Mr. Robinson pointed out that the hours presented by the student are expired, they cannot test. The hours from the students / instructors must be captured before the student submits to PCS for testing. We deal with everything up to the test and trust that the student and teacher have completed the requirements. So, maybe PCS that should ensure that the appropriate number of hours are obtained from the instructors? A number of other questions were raised without answers so Chairman Barnes requested that Administrator, Mr. Eddie Jones invite a representative from PCS to attend the next board meeting on June 13, 2011.

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#### Motion:

Renee Patton made a motion to grant the third permit. Paul E. Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

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241 242 Board Chair Barnes called upon Ms. Sherika McGowan seeking approval for a third student permit to resume her training for a Master Barber.

Ms. McGowan was not present to give testimony. The Board took no action.

# Approval of Apprentice Registered / Master Haircare Licensure Application:

Board Chair Barnes called upon Mr. Tymon D. Greer seeking approval of his Apprentice Registered Barber license application. Mr. Greer submitted a criminal background report with his license application and was requested to appear before the board for approval.

Mr. Greer was a not present to give testimony. The Board took no action.

Board Chair Barnes called upon Mr. Walter Lee Lindsey seeking approval of his Apprentice Registered Barber license application. Mr. Lindsey submitted a criminal background report with his application and was requested to appear before the board for approval. Mr. Frederick M.G. Evans expressed concerns about Mr. Lindsey's extensive criminal background and wondered if the offenses posed a danger to the general public. Mr. Lindsey assured the board that he was now a family man and put his criminal past behind him.

# Motion:

Renee Patton made a motion to grant the Apprentice Registered Barber license. Paul E. Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

Board Chair Barnes called upon Mr. John R. Campbell seeking approval of his Apprentice Registered Barber license application. Mr. Campbell submitted a criminal background report with his application and was requested to appear before the board for approval. After hearing testimony from Mr. Campbell the Board made the following motion:

# Motion:

Paul E. Robinson made a motion to approve the Apprentice Registered Barber license with the condition that he remain on probation with the board for one (1) year and at the end of the one year he is required to submit a current SLED report to the Board at his own expense. Renee Patton seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

Board Chair Barnes called upon Mr. Xavier Sibert. Mr. Sibert submitted a criminal background report with his application for an Apprentice Registered Baber license and was requested to appear before the board for approval. Mr. Sibert testified that he was currently working at a good job he enjoyed with Ginuine Cuts and really needed the license to turn his life around.

#### Motion:

Paul E. Robinson made a motion to grant the Apprentice Registered Barber license. Renee Patton seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

Board Chair Barnes called upon Mr. Cedrick L. Perry. Mr. Perry submitted a criminal background report with his application for an Apprentice Registered Barber license and was requested to appear before the board for approval. Mr. Perry testified that he was no longer on probation and had turned his life around.

Motion:

 Renee Patton made a motion to grant the Apprentice Registered Barber license. Paul E. Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimous.

Chairman Barnes concluded the new business segment of the meeting and moved on to general discussion and comments from the Board. Mr. Paul E. Robinson had a question for legal counsel, Christa Bell. The Veteran's Administration had asked if a person with AIDS/ HIV could practice in the barber profession and if the Barber Board statutes / regulations would prohibit licensing. Christa Bell stated that after her research, she found no restrictions of practice for a person with AIDS/ HIV to practice.

**Public Comments:** 

Administrator Eddie Jones stated that he would have the appropriate corrections made to the minutes of February 14, 2011 for the June 13, 2011 board meeting. He also stated that he would arrange to meet with Ronnie to determine what it's about. Chairman Barnes stated that he needed a name to submit for the Myrtle Beach area as a board member. He stated that the Director of LLR, Ms. Templeton, wanted someone found to sit on the board from the low-country, preferably a barber, in good standing.

The April 11, 2011, Board of Barber Examiners meeting was adjourned at: 11:50 a.m.

#### **Executive Session:**

There was no executive session.

# **Adjournment of Meeting:**