

South Carolina Board of Cosmetology
Board Meeting
9:00 a.m, March 8, 2021
Via Teleconference

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Cosmetology 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. In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting will be held virtually. 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.
- b. Rules of the Meeting

2. Introduction of Board Members

Vice Chairperson LaQuita Clark-Horton called the meeting of the S.C Board of Cosmetology to order at 9:01 a.m. Other Board members participating in the meeting were:

- ❖ Melanie Thompson
- ❖ Patricia Walter

Staff members present included: Mary League, Advice Counsel; Theresa Brown, Administrator; Patrice Deas, Staff; Kimberly Brooks, Staff ; Jennifer Stillwell, Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE); Charles S. Gwynne, Jr., Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Rodney Pigford, Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE); Jamie Bellamy, Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE)

All Others Person Attending

Tina Behles, Court Reporter; Danika Georgia; Da'Shawna Anderson; Christine Danis; Wanda Sullivan; Christina Danis; Deana Sutler; Gloria Smith; Jeff Blankensip; Kevin Eckard; Lynn Martin; Nicole Sullivan; Sankinan; Merriweather; Christene Howell; Steve Dawson; Ruthie Buechele; Regina Benton; Mary Smith;

3. Approval of Excused Absences

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to excuse the absence of Stephanie Nye. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. League informed the Board that Marci Delaney has officially resigned from the esthetician seat on the Board.

4. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the agenda with any deviations necessary. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021

Ms. Melanie Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2021 board meeting. Ms. Patricia Walters seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Chair Remarks – None

7. Administrator's Remarks – no remarks at this time.

- a. **Budget/Drawdowns** – For Information- the budget will be reviewed at the next board meeting held May 11, 2021.
- b. **OIE Report** – OIE Report – For Information - Rodney Pigford – The report is dated March 1, 2021. It shows the total yearly OIE investigations from the past few years; in 2017, there were 330; in 2018, there

were 346; and in 2019, there were 448, 1 of which is still active. So far in 2020, there have been 357 investigations, 20 of which are still active. There are a total of 22 active investigations.

- c. **IRC Report – For Approval – Rodney Pigford-** The first IRC report is dated March 1, 2021. Based on this IRC meeting, the committee recommends 14 cases for dismissal, 1 case for dismissal - 9 cease and desist, and 2 letter of caution.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the IRC report dated March 1, 2021. Ms. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

- d. **ODC Report – For Information – Charles S. Gwynne, Jr. –** The report is dated as of February 23, 2021. There are currently 38 open cases. There are 3 cases pending attorney review, 3 case pending Consent Agreement/Memorandum of Agreement, 6 cases pending Formal Complaint, 8 cases pending Panel Hearing, 0 case pending Board Action, 3 cases pending Final Order Hearing, and 15 cases pending Citation Appeal Hearing.

- e. **Inspection Report/Citation Report – For Approval –** Jennifer Stillwell presented in place of Christa Bell In January, there were 648 inspections, 4 of which were schools. In February, there were 756 inspections, 7 of which were schools. There were 6 citations issued in January, 28 citations issued in February.

8. New Business

a. Consideration of Licensure

i. Danika N. George

Danika George was representing herself and was asked to appear before the board regarding her reinstatement application.

Ms. George answered the board's questions and gave background information on her application.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to go into executive session to garner legal advice. Ms. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Patricia Walter made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Melanie Thompson. No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

The motion was made by Ms. Patricia Waters that Ms. George receive her license under the following conditions, she will be on probation for a 3 year period and must provide proof of a Sled report at the end of each year. Ms. George must pay for the Sled report at her own expense.

ii. Da'Shawna Anderson

Da'Shawna Anderson was representing herself and was asked to appear before the board regarding her exam application.

Ms. Anderson answered the board's questions and gave background on her application.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to go into executive session to garner legal advice. Ms. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

The motion was made to return to executive session. No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

The motion was made by Ms. Patricia Walters to deny licensure based on the information that was submitted. Ms. Anderson will have to retake and pass the NIC exam, theory and practical, within 6 months.

iii. Christine Danis

Motion was made by Patricia Walters to close executive session. Melanie seconded the motion and it carried.

Christina Danis was representing herself and was asked to appear before the board regarding her exam application.

Ms. Danis answered the board's questions and gave background on her application.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to go into executive session to garner legal advice. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Melanie Thompson. No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

The motion was made by Ms. Patricia Walters that upon passing the exam Ms. Danis will receive her license with conditions, she will be on probation for a three year period and must provide a Sled check at end of each year. Ms. Dania must pay for her Sled report at her own expense.

Motion was made by Patricia Walter to return to opened session. Melanie seconded the motion and it carried.

iv. Wanda Nicole Sullivan

The motion was made to closed executive session. No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Wanda Sullivan was representing herself and was asked to appear before the board regarding her reinstatement application.

Wanda Sullivan answered the board's questions and gave background on her application.

Ms. Melanie Thompson made a motion to go into executive session to garner legal advice. Ms. Patricia Walters seconded the motion and it carried. No motion was made or votes taken during executive session

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to come out executive session. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to deny based on the information given. The Board does not have any discretion in this area and the applicant must follow the SC Code of Regulation. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Motion was made by Patricia Walter to return to opened session. Melanie seconded the motion and it carried.

b. Consideration of School Changes

i. East Cooper Center for Advanced Studies (Wando High School)

Mary Smith appeared before the board representing East Cooper Center for Advance Studies to request a name change.

Patricia Walter made a motion to approve the name change. Ms. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

ii. Upstate College of Cosmetology

Lynn Martin appeared before the board representing Upstate College of Cosmetology to request approval for additional 4,000 sq. ft.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the additional space for Upstate College of Cosmetology pending the preliminary and final inspections. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

iii. Regina Benton Schools of Cosmetology

Regina Benton appeared before the board representing Regina Benton School of Cosmetology to request an update to the school's contract to become an accreditation with the National Accrediting Commission of Arts and Sciences.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the school request to update the school's contract to become complaint with National Accrediting Commission of the Arts and Science. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

iv. Kenneth Shuler (SCH 1115)

Steve Dawson appeared before the board representing Kenneth Shuler to request approval for additional classroom space for the Spartanburg Campus.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the additional space for the Spartanburg Campus pending the preliminary and final inspections. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

c. Ratification of Approved CE Packets with Substantial Corrections

Patricia Walters made a motion to approve Affirm Wellness and SCACA to provide 4 hours of continuing education classes for 2021. Melanie Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

d. Appeal of Cease and Desist Order

i. 2020-276-

Melanie Thompson made a motion to defer case until the May 11, 2021 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patricia Walters and it carried.

9. Review Proposed Temporary Work Permit Regulation in Regards to Student Instructor Programs and Methods of Teaching Students

Temporary working permits for Student Instructors and Methods of Teaching programs are only approve for Register Cosmetologist, Esthetician and Nail Technician. Instructors are prohibit from temporary working permits.

10. Board Member Reports

Nothing to report at this time.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Patricia Walters reminded everyone that March 10, 2021 is the deadline for Cosmetology, Esthetician and Nail Technician renewals.

Ms. Melanie Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m. Ms. Patricia Walters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Cosmetology is scheduled for May 11, 2021.