

**South Carolina Board of Cosmetology**  
**Board Meeting**  
**9:00 a.m., July 12, 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. 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](mailto: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 9:03 a.m. Other board members participating in the meeting were:

- ❖ Patricia Walters
- ❖ Ashley Tucker Johnson
- ❖ Stephanie Nye

Staff members present included: Mary League, Advice Counsel; Theresa Brown, Administrator; Kimberly Brooks, Staff; Patrice Deas, Staff; Charlie Gwynne, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Rodney Pigford, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Shayla Hayes; Staff.

**All Other Persons Attending**

Travis McLeod, Court Reporter; John Ray, Nancy Poole, Bela Petro, Cynthia Gray, Chesley Phillips, Eleanor Glover Gladney, Erica Williams, Monique Grosz, Kelly Sanderson, Steven Dawson, Gloria Smith, Tanguiniko McKinney, Terry Frick, Kathryn Stabler and Dianne Lloyd.

**3. Approval of Excused Absences**

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to excuse the absence of Melanie Thompson. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the agenda with any deviations deemed necessary. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

**5. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 11, 2021, board meeting. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

**6. Chair Remarks – Melanie Thompson**

No remarks given at this time.

**7. Administrator's Remarks – Theresa Brown**

- a. **Budget/Drawdowns – For Information**

- b. **OIE Report** – For Information – Rodney Pigford- This report was for information purposes only and was given by Rodney Pigford. The OIE report was dated for July 12, 2021. 233 complaints received 1/1/2021-5/4/2021; 27 active investigations and 48 closed cases.
- c. **IRC Report** – For Approval – Rodney Pigford- This report was for approval and was given by Rodney Pigford. The IRC report is from the July12, 2021 IRC meeting. Based on this IRC meeting, the committee recommends 17 cases for dismissal, 2 cease and desist, and 1 formal complaint. A total of 20 complaints.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the IRC Report. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion.

- d. **ODC Report** – For Information – Charles S. Gwynne, Jr. - The report is for informational purposes only. The ODC report was dated for June 28, 2021. There are currently 33 open cases. There are 27 cases pending hearing and agreements, 0 cases pending closure, 17 closed cases, and 0 appeal cases.
- e. **Inspection Report/Citation Report** – For Approval – Rodney Pigford.

In January, there were 648 inspections, 4 were schools. In February, there were 756 inspections, 7 were schools. In March, there were 680 inspections, 6 were schools. In April, there were 696 inspections, 2 were schools. In May, there were 510 inspections, 3 were schools. In June, there were 623 inspections, 4 were schools. A total of 3,913 salon inspections for the year, 26 were schools. There was a total of 6,512 active salons as of July 2, 2021.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the inspection and citation reports. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

- f. **Legislative Updates** – Holly Beeson- No report given at this time.

## 8. Old Business

## 9. New Business

### a. Consideration of Licensure

#### i. Dianne Lloyd

Ms. Diane Lloyd represented herself and requested licensure without passing the NIC exam. Ms. Lloyd answered the board's questions and gave background information on her application.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to deny licensure for Ms. Dianne Lloyd based on our state regulation. Ms. Stephanie Nye seconded the motion and it carried.

#### ii. Monique J. Grosz

Ms. Monique Grosz represented herself and requested licensure without passing the NIC. Ms. Grosz answered the board's questions and gave background information on her application.

Ms. Patricia Walters a made a motion to deny licensure for Ms. Monique Grosz based on our state regulation. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

#### iii. Bela Petro

Ms. Bela Petro represented herself and requested an extension to take the NIC exam. Ms. Melissa Petro (Bela Petro's mother) explained why she should be approved for extension to take the NIC exam.

Laquita Clark Horton made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Stephanie Nye made a motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Patricia Walters seconded the motion. There were no motions or votes taken during the executive session.

Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson made a motion to approve an extension for 6 months due to the pandemic. Ms. Stephanie Nye seconded the motion and it carried.

**b. Consideration of New School**

**i. Spartanburg Community College**

Ms. Cynthia Gray appeared before the board representing Spartanburg Community College to request an approval to open a new school. Ms. Gray stated that the planned opening date is August 23, 2021.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the new school pending the preliminary and final inspections. Ms. Stephanie Nye seconded the motion and it carried.

**c. Consideration of School Relocation for Classes**

**i. J. Harley Bonds Career Center**

Ms. Erica Williams and Mr. Kelly Sanderson appeared before the board representing Harley Bonds Career Center to request an approval to change the location of the esthetic classroom/lab and to create a second classroom for cosmetology/lab.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the new location for classroom and labs pending the preliminary and final inspections. Ms. Stephanie Nye seconded the motion and it carried.

**d. Proposal for Emergency Temporary Distance Education Regulations**

**i. Steven Dawson and Dr. Eleanor Glover Gladney**

Mr. Steven Dawson explained why temporary distance regulations should be considered for distance education. Mr. Dawson stated that emergency regulations will protect students when unforeseen circumstances occur.

Dr. Eleanor Glover Gladney thanked the Board members for supporting all public schools and allowing extensions for students. This extension allowed students to successfully complete the cosmetology program.

Ms. Laquita Jones Horton suggested that this proposal be added as an agenda item at the next board meeting when all board members are present.

**e. Consideration of Virtual or In-person Meetings**

Ms. Brown discussed with the Board members about virtual meetings and in-person meetings. Ms. Brown asked the Board members if they wanted to continue with virtual meetings or return to in-person meetings. Ms. League stated that members of the public would not be allowed to attend the in-person board meetings, but the meeting would be held live stream on YouTube.

A motion was made by Patricia Walters to continue with virtual meetings until September 13, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stephanie Nye and the motion carried.

**f. Discussion and Consideration of CE Provider Requirements**

Ms. Brown discussed with the Board about the current requirements for CE providers. She explained the current process for CE providers and the check list process. She asked the board to assist with simplifying the process for CE providers and staff. The Board agreed to accept one hard copy and one flash drive.

A motion was made by Patricia Walters to instruct staff to revise the CE provider instructions. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

A comfort break was given at this time.

**10. Final Order Hearings – Charles S Gwynne**

**i. 2019-451**

This case is in the matter of Nhi Nguyen. The respondent did not appear but was properly noticed. Mr. Charles Gwynne and the chair stated they were comfortable moving forward in the respondent's absences.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendations. Ms. Stephanie Nye seconded the motion and it carried.

**ii. 2019-312**

This case is in the matter of Innovaction. The respondent did not appear but was properly noticed. Mr. Gwynne and the chair stated they were comfortable moving forward in the respondent's absence.

Ms. Patricia Walters made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendations. Ms. Stephanie Nye seconded the motion and it carried.

**11. Board Member Reports**

No reports given at this time.

**12. Adjournment**

Ms. Patricia Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Cosmetology is scheduled for September 13, 2021.**