

AGENDA
South Carolina Board of Cosmetology
Special Called Meeting
Conference Call
September 2, 2021
9:00 a.m.

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 by telephone. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. For meeting access information, please email boardinfo@llr.sc.gov.

2. Consideration of Allowing Schools to Use Distance Learning During the Pandemic

Vice Chairperson Laquita Clark- Horton called the meeting of the S.C. Board of Cosmetology to order at 9:02 a.m. via conference phone. Other board members participating in the meeting via conference phone included:

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

Staff members participating included: Mary League, Advice Counsel; Theresa Brown, Administrator; Kimberly Brooks, Staff; Jennifer Stillwell, Officer of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE)

All other persons attending: Steven Dawson; John Ray; Angela Morrison, Nancy Poole

A motion was made by Patricia Walters to allow distance learning to students during the pandemic. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Nye and the motion carried.

Schools can provide distance learning instruction for all theory classes until November 8, 2021. The distance learning platform used for theory instruction must provide real-time, live, interactive audio/video instruction. Schools can continue to provide distance learning instruction for practical/clinical classes for those students who were enrolled as of or prior to March 27, 2020, until November 8, 2021, for up to 25% of the required program hours. Schools can provide distance learning instruction for practical/ clinical classes for those students who were enrolled after March 27, 2020, until November 8, 2021, limited to instruction in the basic services in each discipline of cosmetology, esthetics and nail technology. Any services requiring the use of chemicals, such as on hair or in facials, or acrylic nails, are not basic services and cannot be taught online.

The distance learning platform used for practical or clinical instruction must provide real-time, live, interactive audio/ video instruction, and allow for the student to view the instructor, and for the instructor to view the student while the student is practicing the technique being demonstrated. Schools are required to monitor student attendance and hours. Schools are strongly urged to work with their students to ensure the safety of the students, faculty and staff, and the public, and to allow students to make up any work missed due to the effects of the pandemic without penalty, or to grant requested leaves of absence to students during this time. The Board suggests that schools review and be familiar with federal OSHA and CDC information regarding COVID-19. The Board will review these distance learning guidelines at its November Board meeting, or earlier if necessary.

3. Consideration of Allowing CE Providers to Use Distance Learning During the Pandemic

A motion was made by Patricia Walter to allow CE providers to use distance learning during the pandemic. The motion was seconded by Ashley Tucker Johnson and the motion carried.

CE providers are approved to offer 6-hour CE classes through live webinars until November 8, 2021.

If a licensee has been lapsed for less than three years, they may complete 6-hour reinstatement classes through live webinars, and they will count as in-person CE classes. The rule is still the same, one online (self-study) class and one in-person/live webinar class or they may obtain two in-person/live webinar classes to reinstate. Lapsed licensees are not allowed to complete 4-hour CE classes until their licenses have been reinstated. The Board will review the distance learning requirements for CE at its November Board meeting, or earlier if necessary.

4. Adjournment

Stephanie Nye made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patricia Walters and Ashley Tucker Johnson. The motion carried.

