

South Carolina Board of Cosmetology
Board Meeting
9:00 a.m., May 9, 2022
Via Webex

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.
- b. Rules of the Meeting

2. Introduction of Board Members

Chairperson Melanie Thompson called the meeting of the S.C. Board of Cosmetology to order at 9:05 a.m. Other board members participating in the meeting were:

- ❖ Laquita Clark-Horton
- ❖ Ashley Tucker Johnson

Staff members present included: Mary League, Advice Counsel; Theresa Brown, Administrator; Lakin Raulerson, Staff; Patrice Deas, Staff; Charles Gwynne, Staff; Jennifer Stillwell, Staff; Rodney Pigford, Staff; Erin Baldwin, Staff.

All other Person Attending

Sean Carry, Court Reporter

3. Approval of Excused Absences

Patricia Walters was absent. Ms. Laquita Clark-Horton made a motion to approve her absence and Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Laquita Clark-Horton 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
Board Meeting- March 14, 2022

Ms. Laquita Clark-Horton made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2022 Board meeting. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Chair Remarks – Melanie Thompson

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 May 9, 2022. 157 complaints received 1/1/2022-4/28/2022; 15 active investigations and 23 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 April 27, 2022 IRC meeting. Based on this IRC meeting, the committee recommends 5 cases for dismissal and 1 case needs to be revised. A total of 6 cases for approval.

Ms. Laquita Clark-Horton made a motion to approve both IRC Reports. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

- d. **ODC Report** – For Information – Erin Baldwin- The report is for informational purposes only. The ODC report was dated for April 20, 2022. There are currently 20 open cases and 8 closed cases. These cases were between 1/1/2022-4/20/2022.
- e. **Inspection Report/Citation Report** – For Approval – Jennifer Stillwell – Since January 1, 2022 there have been 3,044 inspections and 30 school inspections. There has been a total of 3, 074 inspections.

Ms. Laquita Clark-Horton made a motion to approve the Inspection Report. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

8. New Business

a. Consideration of New School

i. Bar Education, INC DBA Southeastern College

Mr. Oxner appeared before the board representing Bar Education, INC DBA Southeastern College to request to open a new school.

Ms. Laquita Clark- Horton made a motion to approve the new school pending their corrections to be submitted to Ms. Melanie Thompson and to be submitted for the preliminary and final inspections. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

ii. Riches Beauty Academy

Ms. Sims appeared before the board representing Riches Beauty Academy to request to open a new school.

Ms. Laquita Clark- Horton made a motion to approve the new school pending their corrections to be submitted to Ms. Melanie Thompson and to be submitted for the preliminary and final inspections. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

iii. Beauty After Esthetics Institute

Ms. Floyd appeared before the board representing Beauty After Esthetics Institute to request to open a new school.

Ms. Laquita Clark- Horton made a motion to defer the school's request to the July meeting with corrections as mentioned by Ms. Melanie Thompson. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

iv. Professional School of Nails & Esthetics

Mr. & Mrs. Brown appeared before the board representing Beauty After Esthetics Institute to request to open a new school.

Ms. Laquita Clark- Horton made a motion to approve the new school pending their corrections to be submitted to Ms. Melanie Thompson and to be submitted for the preliminary and final inspections. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

b. Consideration of New Program

i. Technical College of the Low Country

Ms. Deloach appeared before the board representing Technical College of the Low Country, who is already a licensed school, to request an approval for a new Nail Technology program.

Ms. Laquinta Clark-Horton made a motion to approve Technical College of the Low Country pending revisions being submitted to Ms. Melanie Thompson and to be submitted for a preliminary and final inspection. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

9. Final Order Hearings – Erin Baldwin

i. 2020-101

This case was in the matter of Shelly Gifford. Ms. Gifford appeared before the board representing herself. Ms. Erin Baldwin presented the findings of the case.

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

Ms. Laquita Clark Horton made a motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried. No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Ms. Laquita Clark-Horton made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendations with modifications to extend probation period to be concurrent with criminal background. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

ii. 2021-276

This case was in the matter of Nail Tech Academy of Easley. The respondent was not present. Ms. Erin Baldwin presented the findings of the case and also read a letter from the respondent.

Ms. Laquita Clark-Horton made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.

iii. 2021-127 & 2021-149

This case was in the matter of Theresa Nguyen & Kim Nguyen. The respondents were represented by Ms. Lam. Ms. Erin Baldwin presented the findings of the case.

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

Ms. Laquita Clark Horton made a motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson seconded the motion and it carried. No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson made a motion to uphold the revocation of the license for Mr.

Nguyen and to make the modification that the salon manager must have never been disciplined by the board. She also made a motion for Mrs. Nguyen to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation with modification that she can't be a manager of a salon for 2 years. Ms. Laquita Clark-Horton seconded both motions and it carried.

10. Consideration of Waiver of Final Order Hearings Process

Defer to the July Meeting

11. Consideration of Regulation Task Force

Defer to the July Meeting

12. NIC Annual Conference 2022

Defer to July Meeting

13. Board Member Reports

Defer to July Meeting

14. Adjournment

Ms. Laquita Clark- Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 p.m. and it was seconded by Ms. Ashley Tucker Johnson.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Cosmetology is scheduled for July 11, 2022.