

# South Carolina Board of Cosmetology

## Board Meeting Minutes

9:00am, March 9, 2026  
Synergy Business Park  
Kingstree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Lowcountry Conference Room  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

### 1. Meeting Called to Order (9:08 AM)

- a. Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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.
- b. Rules of the Meeting

### 2. Introduction of Board Members

### 3. Approval of Excused Absences – No absences.

### 4. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Approve the agenda with any deviations necessary  
T. Jones/E. Pistoris

### 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Cosmetology Board Meeting – January 5, 2026  
**Motion:** Approval of the minutes  
A. Macleod/T. Jones

### 6. Chairperson's Remarks – LaQuita Clark-Horton – None

### 7. Board Executive's Remarks - For Information – Tracy Adams

### 8. Legislative Update – Virginia Wetzel

### 9. Investigation and Disciplinary Reports

- a. **OIE Report** – For Information – Renee Young
- b. **IRC Report** – For Approval – Renee Young  
**Motion:** Approval of IRC Report  
A. Macleod/T. Jones
- c. **ODC Report** – For Information – LeAnna McMenamin
- d. **Inspection/Citation Report** – For Approval – April Howe  
**Motion:** Approval of Citation & Inspection Report  
T. Jones/E. Pistoris

### 10. New Business

#### a. Board Member Service Awards

- i. Janice Curtis was recognized for her service as a Cosmetology Board Member from 2011-2016.
- ii. Marcia Delaney was recognized for her service as a Cosmetology Board Member from 2015 - 2020

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- iii. Stephanie Nye was recognized for her service as a Cosmetology Board Member from 2010 – 2022
- iv. Cynthia Rodgers was recognized for her service as a Cosmetology Board Member from 2007 – 2015
- v. Patricia Walters was recognized for her service as a Cosmetology Board Member from 2012 - 2024

### b. Consideration for Examination

- i. Katie White (T. Jones absent from this hearing)

**Motion:** Enter Closed Session in compliance with state and federal confidentiality laws

A. Johnson/A. Macleod

**Motion:** Approved to sit for the exam

T. Johnson/T. Lewis

**Motion:** Exit Closed Session:

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

- ii. Karla Vargas

**Motion:** Approved to sit for the exam

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

- iii. Amelia Cooper

**Motion:** Approved to sit for the exam

A. Johnson/A. Macleod

### c. Consideration for Duplicate License

Helen Phung - Applicant provided testimony and evidence supporting her request for another duplicate license.

**Motion:** Enter Executive Session

A. Johnson/A. Macleod

**Motion:** Exit Executive Session

T. Jones/A. Macleod

**Motion:** Allow duplicate to be printed today but will be the only duplicate distributed during this license period. Any further duplicate license requests in the 2027 renewal cycle will require a Board appearance.

A. Johnson/T. Jones

### d. Consideration of a Change in Ownership

- i. Coastal Beauty School - Applicant provided testimony and evidence supporting the request for an ownership change

**Motion:** Approve Change in Ownership

A. Johnson/E. Pistolis

### e. Consideration of a New Program

- i. Carolina School of Esthetics - Applicant provided testimony and evidence supporting the request for a new nail technology program

**Motion:** Enter Executive Session

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

**Motion:** Exit Executive Session

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T. Lewis/A. MacLeod

**Motion:** Approve new nail technology program upon passing preliminary and final inspections

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

- ii. Horse Creek Academy Charter School - Applicant provided testimony and evidence supporting the request for a new esthetics program

**Motion:** Approve new esthetics program upon passing preliminary and final inspections

A. Johnson/T. Jones

### f. Consideration of Change in Contracts

- i. Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology - Applicant submitted testimony and evidence in support of its request to revise school contracts as required by schools' accrediting entity

**Motion:** Enter Executive Session

A. Johnson/A. MacLeod

**Motion:** Approve contract changes and delegate authority to staff to approve requested contract changes by other schools

necessary to comply with these accrediting entity requirements

### g. Consideration of a New School

- i. Southeastern Health and Wellness Institute - Applicant provided testimony and evidence supporting a request to open a new location in Charleston to teach esthetics. The motion was to approve the new facility pending preliminary and final inspections.

**Motion:** Approve New Facility

T. Jones/A. johnson

### h. Ratifications of CE Packet Revisions for 2026-2027

- i. DMG
- ii. Hair, Etc.
- iii. Southern Cosmetology Association of Licensed Professional, LLC (SCALP)

**Motion:** Ratify approval of the continuing education programs submitted by these approved CE providers

A. Johnson/A. MacLeod

### i. Final Order Hearings – (All hearings were held in closed session)

- i. 2024-534 – Son Minh Van

**Motion:** Accept Hearing Officer's recommendations. Public reprimand, \$4,000 civil penalty, complete disciplinary law and disciplinary sanitation classes, one year suspension of license, prohibited from being a salon manager.

A. Johnson/T. Jones

- ii. 2025-140 – Sophanha Pres

**Motion:** Accept Hearing Officer's recommendations. Public reprimand and \$500 civil penalty

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iii. 2025-279 – Anh T. Pham

Motion: Accept Hearing Officer's recommendations. Public reprimand, complete disciplinary law class, \$500 civil penalty, cannot be salon manager for one year from date of order

T. Jones/E. Pistolis

iv. 2025-316 - I LUV NAILS

Motion: Accept Hearing Officer's recommendations. Citation affirmed and \$1,500 civil penalty.

T. Jones/A. Macleod

v. 2025-431 – Tam T. Cao

Motion: Accept Hearing Officer's recommendations. Citation affirmed and \$500 civil penalty.

T. Jones/E. Pistolis

Motion: To come out of closed session and return to open session, following the completion of Final Order Hearings.

T. Jones/A. Johnson

**11. Ratification of Approval to Delegate Authority to Staff Regarding School Contract Changes**

Motion: Grant Board Executive the authority to approve school contract changes.

T. Jones/A. Macleod

**12. Review and Approval of Limited Distance Learning in Exceptional Circumstances**

Motion: Grant Board Executive the authority to approve synchronous hours limited distance learning (live stream) for theory only in extraordinary circumstances. Notice/request of distance learning must be submitted to the Board, in writing.

A. Johnson/T. Jones

**13. Review and Approval of Continuing Education Instructions and Forms Revisions**

Motion: Approve the proposed revisions to the CE Instructions and forms.

T. Jones/A. Macleod

**14. Request for Board Approval for NIC Conference – October 19 – 22, 2026**

Motion: Approve all Board members, Tracy Adams, and Meredith

Buttler to attend the NIC theory conference on October 19-22, 2026 in Billings, MT.

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

**15. Public Comments – Chesley Phillips made comments to the Board**

**16. Adjournment**

Motion: Adjourn at 1:13 PM

T. Jones/T. Lewis

\*\*The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Cosmetology is scheduled for May 4, 2026