

South Carolina Board of Cosmetology Board Meeting Minutes

9:00am, July 13, 2026
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Lowcountry Conference Room
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

1. Meeting Called to Order (9:04 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

- a. **Motion:** Approve the agenda with any deviations necessary
T. Jones/A. Johnson

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Cosmetology Board Meeting – May 4, 2026
Motion: Approval of the minutes
T. Jones/A. Johnson

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

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

8. Investigation and Disciplinary Reports

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

9. New Business

- a. **Consideration for Examination**
 - i. Kierstyn Downs – request for Board to accept education hours obtained out of state
Motion: Enter Executive Session for legal advice
A. Johnson/T. Lewis
Motion: Exit Executive Session
T. Lewis/T. Jones
Motion: Approved to sit for the exam in that Applicant has completed

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her education in a comparable curriculum at a reliable school.

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

b. Consideration for Licensure (Charlie Nguyen was interpreter for Ms. Tran)

- i. Amy Tran – requesting endorsement licensure

Motion: Enter Executive session for legal advice

A. Johnson/T. Jones

Motion: Exit Executive Session

T. Lewis/T. Jones

Motion: Deny application as Applicant does not meet qualifications for

Endorsement due to license revoked in Virginia on grounds of fraudulent information provided to support the license, and no active licensure at the time endorsed into North Carolina.

A. Johnson/T. Jones

c. Consideration for Reinstatement

- i. *Tana Dukes' hearing was deferred as she was not in attendance.*

d. Consideration for CE Exemption

- i. Delilah White presented evidence and testimony regarding her request to be exempted from Continuing Education

Motion: Enter Executive Session for legal advice

A. Johnson/T. Jones

Motion: Exit Executive Session

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

Motion: Deny request because statute requires 15 years of of active licensure, which Applicant does not have.

T. Jones/T. Lewis

Motion: Respondent's attorney requests to move Final Order Hearings 9i.i (2025-47) and 9i.ii (2025-142) up on the agenda for Board review

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

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

- i. 2025-47 – Thuy Thanh Nguyen. Charles Nguyen was present as translator. Attorney Andrew Syrett represented Respondent.

Motion: Accept Hearing Officer's recommendations of a public reprimand, and for her license to suspended for a period of 1-year beginning as of the date of the final order. The Salon must provide Board staff the name of a new salon manager within ten days of the date of the final order.

A. Johnson/S. Todd

- ii. 2025-142 – Nail Design. Charles Nguyen was present as translator for Respondent's manager Thuy Tanh Nguyen. Attorney Andrew Syrett represented Respondent.

Motion: Accept Hearing Officer's recommendations of a public reprimand, and a \$1,250 civil penalty to be paid within 60 days of the date of the final order.

A. Johnson/T. Jones

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Motion: Exit closed session
T. Lewis/T. Jones

e. Requesting to Appeal Staff Determination of Late Renewal

- i. Shannon Chaplin presented evidence and testimony regarding her request to appeal her late renewal in 2025, due to CE provider reporting issues.

Motion: Enter Executive Session for legal advice with Tracy Adams.

A. Johnson/T. Jones

Motion: Exit Executive Session

T. Lewis/S. Todd

Motion: Approved. Staff is advised to change reinstatement into a renewal and to issue a refund. The second CE class taken on May 14, 2025, to be used towards the 2027 renewal.

A. Johnson/T. Jones

f. Consideration of New School Program

- i. Coastal Beauty School

Motion: Approved; Pending passing preliminary & final inspections.

T. Lewis/T. Jones

- ii. Carolina School of Esthetics

Motion: Approved; Pending passing preliminary & final inspections.

T. Lewis/T. Jones

g. Consideration of a New School

- i. Aster College and Cosmetology Institute –Ms. Quezia

De Oliveira Azevedo, School owner. Ms. Lyla was present as translator.

Motion: Approved; Pending passing preliminary & final inspection.

A. Johnson/T. Lewis

h. Consideration for New Continuing Education Provider

- i. BGorgeous Salon
- ii. Eye Candy Beauty
- iii. Reach
- iv. She'Bo Continuing Education

Motion: All approved to be a CE Provider

T. Lewis/T. Jones

Motion: To move item 12 up on the agenda for Board review.
T. Jones/T. Lewis

12. Home School Topic with Callie Bunyea

Board Member Ashley Johnson recused herself from this discussion.

The Board discussed that a post-secondary school is not authorized to teach the secondary, high-school cosmetology curriculum.

Board Member Ashley Johnson returned to the meeting

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Motion: Enter closed session for disciplinary hearing.
T. Jones/T. Lewis

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

iii. 2025-454 – Mai Thi Tran did not appear.

Motion: Accept Hearing Officer's recommendations and affirm the citation's administrative penalty of \$1,500 for sanitation violations, to be paid within 120 days from the date of the final order.
T. Jones/T. Lewis

Motion: Exit closed session.
T. Jones/J. Lewis

10. Review and Approval for Resolution Guidelines

Motion: Approve the updated Resolution Guidelines.
T. Jones/S. Todd

11. Review and Approval for Crossover Curriculum

Motion: Approve the Master Hair Care Specialist to Cosmetologist crossover curriculum.
T. Lewis/S. Todd

13. Public Comments – Shannon Chaplin spoke during public comments

14. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 1:41 PM
T. Jones/T. Lewis

****The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Cosmetology is scheduled for September 14, 2026**