

**South Carolina Board of Cosmetology  
Board Meeting  
9:00 a.m., May 19, 2015  
Synergy Business Park  
Kingtree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Cosmetology office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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.

**Rules of the Meeting Read by the Chairman**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introduction of Board Members:**

Chairperson Melanie Thompson called the regular meeting of the Board of Cosmetology to order. Other Board members in attendance included, Cindy Rodgers, Janice Curtis, Selena M. Brown, Patricia Walters, Eddie Jones and Stephanie Nye.

**Staff Members Participating in the Meeting:**

Mary League, Advice Counsel; Charlie Ido, Assistant Deputy Director; Theresa Richardson, Administrator; Roz Bailey-Glover, Matteah Taylor, Renee Young, Staff; Tina Behles, Court Reporter

**All Other Persons Attending:**

Alma Flores Ramirez, Ocquavia Jackson, Ausha Allen, Eddie Bookert, Laura Merkel, Paige Carr, Drema Nance, Kimberly Usery, Polly Usery, Crystal Adams Covolesky, Jennifer Merkel, Colleen Large, Sheila Dickson, Lauren Dodman, Thai Tran, Carolyn Moore, Gloria Smith, Michael Glover, Tina Brigman, Alma Vasquez, Tim Wolfe, Courtney Freeman, April Cobb

**Approval of Excused Absences: Selena Brown and Stephanie Nye**

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to approve the absence of Selena Brown. Eddie Jones and Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to approve the absence of Stephanie Nye. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to approve the agenda with any deviations necessary. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's remarks:**

Ms. Thompson mentioned the cosmetology industry is ever changing. Change is the reason individuals get involved with this industry because of the interest in being creative, they like change, working with their hands, and interacting with people. This industry has come a long way. Years ago the definition of a cosmetologist was someone who cut hair, styled hair, and arranged hair. Today cosmetology professionals use very harmful chemicals. Basic colors have moved to more advanced techniques. The blow-out treatments use harmful chemicals that can be detrimental. In years past nail technicians used Madge and Palmolive for soaking of the cuticles and softening skin. Today pedicure spas that are not properly disinfected have caused people to die. There are chemicals in nail products that can cause the loss of nail plates. Skin is the largest organ of the body, where the cuticle connects with the nail plate and is the only seal of defense of protection from infection. Receipt of a bad manicure will damage the seal and an infection can have an avenue to enter the bloodstream. This poor service has caused people to die.

For estheticians the use of Ponds cold cream was a facial. Now there is different equipment that is used to penetrate the skin so deeply that it has caused the facial skin to completely peel off due to chemicals used in salons. Some estheticians are using chemicals that are prohibited without the direct supervision of a physician.

This industry is also under scrutiny and being attacked from several directions. The Institute of Justice does not understand why states cannot agree on the number of hours required to properly train an individual. Certain states are trying to deregulate the entire industry because they do not understand why a license is necessary to simply paint nails, fix hair, and apply make-up. It is up to this Board and people in this audience who are licensed and the potential licensees to get out and defend this industry, to educate their legislators, other licensed co-workers and the clients most importantly. Show them precautions taken for their safety when using chemicals. It is the responsibility of every licensee in this State to stop being re-active and become proactive while fighting for their industry.

Ms. Thompson stated she wanted everyone to know the staff at LLR works very hard on behalf of the licensees and potential licensees. When calling into the office you may have had a bad day but staff is not allowed to have a bad day. They are spread thin and work for two other boards other than Cosmetology. With that in mind staff has a job to do and guidelines to follow. It is the objective of this staff and this Board to assist the licensees to best of their ability. The Board does not want to prohibit anyone that comes into this State from working and the Board does not want to prohibit anyone who has legitimately obtained training and a license from working. The Board will always uphold the laws that they are governed by. This Board was formed to look-out for the health, safety, and wellbeing of the public. The decisions made today are not personal and not intended to upset anyone. There are means for appealing the Board's decision.

Ms. Thompson proceeded to thank the board members for their hard work. Each board member works very hard in the profession as well as for the Board and its assigned duties.

**Administrator's remarks:**

Ms. Richardson turned her remarks over to Assistant Deputy Director, Charlie Ido. Mr. Ido explained that LLR recognizes their employees annually for their well-done jobs and years of service. At this annual reception Renee Young was not able to attend and Mr. Ido recognized Renee Young for her service. Ms. Young has been with the agency for six years. Ms. Richardson explained that Ms. Young handles many fascists for Cosmetology.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *CE Training Courses*

Courtney Freeman appeared before the Board as a representative of CE Training Courses. The discussion included but was not limited to online esthetics courses. Ms. Freeman explained the layered chemical peel process and percentages of the different chemicals she used during in the online demonstration. The first portion of the video is an in-depth lecture. Ms. Thompson mentioned that it may be beneficial to have a live webinar for the esthetics component of the online course. Janice Curtis expressed the importance of interaction with the licensees in a classroom setting because of the harmful chemicals that may be used. Ms. Freeman agreed with the Board's concerns related to the chemical peel portion being an online course.

### **MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to deny the esthetics component of the online portion for CE Training Course because the layered chemical peels should have some type of instructor/licensee interaction. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review for Consideration of Licensure with DACA**

#### *Alma Flores Ramirez*

Alma Flores Ramirez appeared before the Board to discuss her citizenship. The discussion included but was not limited to seeking approval for reinstatement of her registered cosmetology license. Ms. League was asked to explain why the Board has no option as to the stance they are making. The Federal stance expresses that someone with a DACA status is eligible to work in the United States but is not eligible to obtain a professional license. The legal opinion is based upon the Federal statute that denies public benefit to a certain class of immigrants in the United States. Unless a state has affirmatively opted out of the prohibition controls of South Carolina, the demonstration of the legal opinion of the Board/the agency has not affirmatively opted out. In fact eligibility of lawful presence has shown intent to prohibit public benefits including professional licensure provided by Federal statute. Since there has not been a change in the Federal statute or the State's statute that affirmatively allows the State to take a different action than which is a guiding principal for the Board. The Attorney General's opinion was issued in March 2014 with definitive guidance provided to this agency as to how this matter should be handled.

### **MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to deny the reinstatement of Alma Flores Ramirez's registered cosmetology license due to her DACA status based on Federal laws. Cindy Rodgers and Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Alma P Vasquez*

Alma P Vasquez appeared before the Board to discuss her citizenship. The discussion included but was not limited to seeking approval of the renewal of her registered cosmetology license. Ms. League was asked to explain why the Board has no option as to the stance they are making. The Federal stance expresses that someone with a DACA status is eligible to work in the United States but is not eligible to obtain a professional license. The legal opinion is based upon the Federal statute that denies public benefit to a certain class of immigrants in the United States. Unless a state has affirmatively opted out of the prohibition controls of South Carolina, the demonstration of the legal opinion of the Board/the agency has not affirmatively opted out. In fact eligibility of lawful presence has shown intent to prohibit public benefits including professional licensure provided by Federal statute. Since there has not been a change in the Federal statute or the State's statute that affirmatively allows the State to take a different action than which is a guiding principal for the Board. The Attorney General's opinion was issued in March 2014 with definitive guidance provided to this agency as to how this matter should be handled.

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to deny the renewal of Alma P Vasquez's registered cosmetology license due to her DACA status based on Federal laws. Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Review for Consideration of Licensure with Background Checks**

*Michael Glover*

Michael Glover appeared before the Board seeking approval of the reinstatement of his registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to his criminal background history and a previous Board order. With the previous board order Michael Glover was placed on probation. Since the last board appearance Michael Glover has cleared up his background history.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to approve the reinstatement of Michael Glover's registered cosmetology license. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Crystal McCafferty*

Crystal McCafferty appeared before the Board seeking approval of the reinstatement of a registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to her criminal background history and a previous board order. Crystal McCafferty explained she has married and her name is changed to Crystal Adams-Kowalewski, the marriage certificate was provided. With the previous board order Ms. Kowalewski was placed on probation. There are new charges on Ms. Kowalewski background report. Ms. Kowalewski has completed drug and alcohol rehabilitation treatment programs.

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to approve the reinstatement of Crystal Adams-Kowalewski registered cosmetology license with a two year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be submitted yearly at Ms. Kowalewski's expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to take a break. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. Thompson called the meeting back to order.

*Tina Brigman*

Tina Brigman appeared before the Board seeking approval of the reinstatement of her registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to her criminal background history and a previous board order. Ms. Brigman's public defender obtained a plea deal for these charges. Ms. Brigman is currently on probation until November of 2015.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to approve the reinstatement of Tina Brigman's registered cosmetology license with a two year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be submitted yearly at Ms. Brigman's expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Laura Merkel*

Laura Merkel appeared before the Board seeking approval of the renewal of a registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to her criminal background history. Jennifer Merkel, mother of Laura, appeared as a witness. Ms. Merkel explained her offense occurred December 2013 due to being under a lot of pressure. Ms. Merkel was under the care of the Department of Mental Health. Jennifer Merkel explained Laura had not exhibited any aggressive behavior before or after this charge.

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to approve the renewal of Laura Merkel's registered cosmetology license with a one year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be submitted yearly at Ms. Merkel's expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Motion was amended

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to approve the renewal of Laura Merkel's registered cosmetology license with a two year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be submitted yearly at Ms. Merkel's expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Cindy Rodgers opposed to the motion.

*Ocquavia Jackson*

Ocquavia Jackson appeared before the Board seeking approval for the renewal of her registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to her criminal background history. Ms. Jackson was arrested January 5, 2014 for criminal domestic violence (CDV). The CDV charges were dropped but there were charges for child neglect as Ms. Jackson's children were in the home when the violation occurred. Ms. Jackson has attended an eight week parenting class and a 26-week alternative to violence class. Ms. Jackson is currently on probation and due to end December 2015.

**MOTION:**

Patricia Walters made a motion to approve the renewal of Ocquavia Jackson's registered cosmetology license with a one year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be submitted yearly at Ms. Jackson's expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Farrell White*

Farrell White did not attend the meeting. Ms. White requested to be re-scheduled for the July's board meeting.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to defer until the July's Board meeting. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Carolyn Moore*

Carolyn Moore appeared before the Board seeking approval of the registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to her criminal background history. Ms. Moore provided false information to the housing authority. Ms. Moore is currently on a five year restitution probationary period that will end January 24, 2017. According to the Probation and Parole Office Ms. Moore is compliant with the probation.

**MOTION:**

Patricia Walters made a motion to approve Carolyn Moore for a registered cosmetology license. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Motion was amended.

**MOTION:**

Patricia Walters made an amended motion to approve Carolyn Moore for a registered cosmetology license with a one year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be

submitted at the end of the year at Ms. Moore's own expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Kimberly Usery*

Kimberly Usery appeared before the Board seeking approval for a registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to her criminal background history. Polly Ann Usery, mother of Kimberly appeared as a witness. Within a six month period Ms. Usery completed the required two year unsupervised probation. Ms. Usery has completed the drug classes required as well as 300 hours of community service.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to approve Kimberly Usery's application for a registered cosmetology license. Patricia Walters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Ausha Allen*

Ausha Allen appeared before the Board seeking approval for a registered cosmetology licensure by endorsement. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to her criminal background history. Ms. Allen served 45 months in prison for conspiracy charges and received early release for good behavior. Ms. Allen is currently on supervised release for a four year probationary period. The probation is scheduled to go through 2019.

**MOTION:**

Eddie Jones made a motion to approve Ausha Allen's registered cosmetology license with a four year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be submitted at the end of each year at Ms. Allen's own expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Patricia Walters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Lauren Dedman*

Lauren Dedman appeared before the Board seeking approval for a registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to her criminal background history. Ms. Dedman's charges were drug related. Instead of going to prison Ms. Dedman enrolled into drug court program completed February 2015. Ms. Dedman has been clean for 18 months. Ms. Dedman is currently enrolled in an AA support program.

**MOTION:**

Patricia Walters made a motion to approve Lauren Dedman's registered cosmetology license with a two year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be submitted at the end of the year at Ms. Dedman's own expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Eddie Jones seconded the motion. Janice Curtis and Cindy Rodgers opposed the motion. Ms. Thompson agreed to approve Lauren Dedman for licensure.

*Drema Godwin Nance*

Drema Godwin Nance appeared before the Board seeking approval of the registered cosmetology license by endorsement. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation of her criminal background history. Ms. Nance used a credit card that did not belong to her. Ms. Nance has completely paid restitution for the charges. Ms. Nance holds a cosmetology license in North Carolina that was received at the end of 2014.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to approve Drema Godwin Nance's registered cosmetology license. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Shaquanda Goodwin*

Shaquanda Goodwin did not attend the meeting.

**MOTION:**

Eddie Jones made a motion to deny Shaquanda Goodwin registered cosmetology license due to absence. Patricia Walters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Stephanie Williams*

Stephanie Williams did not attend the meeting due to lack of transportation.

**MOTION:**

Eddie Jones made a motion to defer Stephanie Williams' application hearing until she notifies staff of another board appearance. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Eddie Bookert*

Eddie Bookert appeared before the Board seeking approval for a registered cosmetology license. The discussion included but was not limited to explanation pertaining to his criminal background history. Mr. Bookert was involved in a fight in 1989 during which an individual was shot and killed. Mr. Bookert was not the shooter but instead of running from the scene as others did he stayed until the police came. Due to Mr. Bookert being the only person present he was charged with the murder and served 14 years in prison. In 2006 Mr. Bookert visited a friend in North Carolina and was unaware that his friend was selling drugs. Mr. Bookert friend's home was under surveillance. Because of Mr. Bookert's past criminal background he was charged and served 11 months in prison. Mr. Bookert is not currently on probation.

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to approve Eddie Bookert's registered cosmetology licensure with a two year probationary period. A SLED report is required to be submitted at the end of the year at Mr. Bookert's own expense. If any additional violations occur the registered cosmetology license will be immediately administratively suspended. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion for a lunch break. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.



Ms. Thompson called the meeting back to order.

Ms. League explained to the board members that the final orders were the full board's opportunity to review the hearing officer's recommendation and to either agree or disagree with the hearing officer's sanctions and/or recommendations.

Ms. Thompson moved case 2013-179 up to the top of the list because she was the hearing officer for this case. Ms. Thompson recused herself. Cindy Rodgers served as acting Chair.

### **Review Final Order Hearings**

#### *Case 2013-179*

Ms. Perlman explained the violation was not in a formal complaint and the Hearing Officer's recommendation was to dismiss this case.

#### **MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session to obtain legal advice. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to come back to regular session. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

During executive session no motions were made and no votes were taken.

#### **MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation for case 2013-179. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Eddie Jones recused himself from hearing cases i, ii, iii, iv, v, vii, viii, ix, and x due to being the Hearing Officer for these cases. Ms. Thompson took the meeting over as Chair.

#### *Case 2012-28 and 2013-226*

Ms. Perlman explained the Hearing Officer's recommendation for both of these cases that both school licenses be revoked.

#### **MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to enter executive session to obtain legal advice. Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to come back to regular session. Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

During executive session no motions were made and no votes were taken.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation for cases 2012-28 and 2013-226. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Case 2012-36*

Ms. Perlman explained the Hearing Officer recommended the issuance of a public reprimand, a fine of \$250 for each violation to equal \$2500 payable within 90-days, and for the license to be on probation for two years. Failure to comply or any other violations occurring while on probation will result in the license being administratively suspended.

**MOTION:**

Patricia Walters made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation for case 2012-36. Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Case 2013-94*

Ms. Perlman explained the Hearing Officer's recommendation that case 2013-94 be dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction over this violation.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation to dismiss case 2013-94. Patricia Walters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Case 2013-107*

Ms. Perlman explained the Hearing Officer recommended case 2013-107 receive a public reprimand and a \$250 civil penalty to be paid within 60-days.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation for case 2013-107. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Case 2013-122*

Ms. Perlman explained the Hearing Officer recommended a public reprimand, a \$250 fine per each statutory violation for a total of \$500 to be paid within 60-days of the final order, additionally the respondent must appear before the Board for the license to be reinstated.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation for case 2013-122. Patricia Walters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Case 2014-8*

Ms. Perlman explained the Hearing Officer recommended case 2014-8 be dismissed due to the complainant's failure to appear for testimony, without the testimony the State's case could not be proven.

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation for case 2014-8. Patricia Walters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Case 2014-12*

Ms. Perlman explained the Hearing Officer recommended case 2014-12 be dismissed due to hearing multiple testimonies and based on prejudice. The State did not prove its case against the respondent.

**MOTION:**

Patricia Walters made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation. The motion died due to no second of the motion.

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion for the full Board to hear case 2014-12. The motion died due to no second of the motion.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to enter into executive session to obtain legal advice. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to come out of executive session. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

During executive session no motions were made and no votes were taken.

**MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation in case 2014-12. Janice Curtis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Case 2014-15*

Ms. Perlman explained the complainant requested to no longer pursue this case. The State requested the Hearing Officer dismiss case 2014-15. The Hearing Officer granted Ms. Perlman's request to dismiss case 2014-15.

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation. Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Case 2014-80*

Ms. Perlman explained the compliant was subpoenaed but did not appear. Without the complainant's testimony the State did not have a case. The State requested that the Hearing Officer dismiss case 2014-80. The Hearing Officer granted the dismissal.

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation. Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Review of Consideration of Remanded Order**

#### *Case 2013-103*

Mr. Rogers explained he had been in contact with the respondents' attorney. The respondents' attorney informed him that his clients have sold their salon and they no longer reside in the State of South Carolina. He stated that he had not had contact with his clients in over a year. The respondents appealed the decision of the Board in reference to their individual licenses but not the salon license. This case is based on the respondents allowing a pet duck in the salon during business hours. The ALC struck the case pertaining to the pet duck because the witness was not available for testimony. The ALC will allow the unlicensed practice to stand. In light of the Pham v. SCDLLR case, these cases are similar. In this case the salon has been sanctioned and Justin Chapman and Jennifer Yip cannot be sanctioned. Mr. Rogers recommended that this case be handled as the Pham case was handled and dismiss the case against Mr. Chapman and Ms. Yip's individual licenses.

#### **MOTION:**

Patricia Walters made a motion to accept the ALC's Remanded Order and to dismiss based on the Pham case. Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### *Case 2013-104*

Mr. Rogers explained he had been in contact with the respondents' attorney. The respondent stated that she thought the lack of a subpoena indicated her attendance was not mandatory. The salon, Golden Nails, was sanctioned and fined for \$3000. The salon entered into a consent agreement. A companion case was brought against the owner/manager with identical charges and fines. The salon owner/manager appealed the case against the individual because the salon was ran as a sole proprietorship the owner/manager and salon are considered legally the same entity and could not be sanctioned twice for the same violations. The case against the salon was never appealed and recently closed because of the consent agreement the salon entered into.

#### **MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session to obtain legal advice. Cindy Rodgers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION:**

Cindy Rodgers made a motion to come back to regular session. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

During executive session no motions were made and no votes were taken.

#### **MOTION:**

Patricia Walters made a motion in accordance with the ALC's Remanded. The Board sanctioned the respondent for one violation of South Carolina Code of Law §40-13-110(A)(2), a public reprimand, and a penalty of \$500. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Cindy Rodgers left the Board meeting at 3:10pm. A quorum was maintained.

**Discussion:**

Ms. Thompson requested the travel documents for the NIC Annual Conference. Ms. Richardson explained that according to the finance department the forms they use to submit prior to traveling are no longer required. Ms. Richardson asked the members that would be traveling to e-mail her an estimate of their travel expenses along with the agenda of the meeting and she would submit that for approval.

**Board Member Reports:**

Eddie Jones monitored the practical examination on April 20, 2015 at the Granary Hotel. There were 132 cosmetology candidates scheduled, 30 nail technician candidates, 24 esthetician candidates, and 10 instructor candidates. Out of the 132 cosmetology candidates 13 did not show up: three nail technician candidates, three esthetic candidates, and 1 instructor candidate. It appeared that everything at the exam site ran smoothly in accordance with the board's standards.

Ms. Thompson requested that all board members send their continuing education monitoring list to Ms. Richardson. The list will be shared with all board members to avoid the attendance of multiple members at the same location. Ms. Thompson reminded all board members they are only at the continuing education classes for observation. The continuing education providers have been warned and they should not introduce the board members but, it is still the board member's responsible not to interact. While monitoring the class, board members should be looking for the following: classes are started on time and end on time, the agendas are posted, that the instructor is teaching from the lesson plans that have been board approved, and that there is proper order in the class. Board members are asked to take notes and report during board meetings. Nothing is to be said to the provider about anything observed. Ms. Richardson asked if the classes are allowed to have hands-on interactions. Ms. Thompson explained there have been classes approved for hands-on interactions. With the hands-on demonstrations no mention is to be made of products and can only include techniques, procedures, and process.

Janice Curtis reported that she attended the phone conference held by LLR staff on February 2, 2015. On March 3, 2015 she monitored Nail, Skin & Hair of America in Greenville, the instructor was Chesley Phillips and two participants, one participant was the monitor, and the class was being recorded. March 20, 2015 she monitored a continuing education class for SC Esthetics Colleen Large was the instructor, there were 12 participants, and the class was run well. March 23, 2015 Ms. Curtis monitored Cosmetics Arts in Walterboro. The instructor was Hassan Sahebekhtiari and the monitor was Nannette Sahebekhtiari. Ms. Sahebekhtiari was in the office during the class and there were two participants in the back of the class while holding their own conversation. The class was not being recorded. April 12, 2015 SCACS was monitored in Greenville. There were 86 participants, Echo Morris was the instructor, the class was video recorded, and ran well. May 17, 2015 Southeastern Esthetics class was monitored. There were 17 participants, one participant arrived late and was turned away. Courtney Freeman was the instructor and the class was not being recorded. Ms. Curtis expressed there seems to be a breakdown with the monitors understanding all of their continuing education classes must be recorded.

Patricia Walters monitored Southeastern Esthetics on April 12, 2015, it was a hands-on waxing class, the agenda was clearly posted and the class ran smoothly. April 13, 2015 Q&A association class was monitored, the monitor was posted outside the door, a sanitation video was shown at the beginning of the class, and the instructor was interesting.

**Public Comments:**

Colleen Large thanked Ms. Thompson for her remarks pertaining to how far the cosmetology industry has come. Ms. Large stated her slogan is from the old Virginia Slim's commercial "we've come a long way baby".

Director Richele Taylor came to introduce herself to the board members.

**Adjournment: 3:32 pm**

**MOTION:**

Janice Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Eddie Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.