

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

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Deborah Coker - President
Jewell Stewart - Vice President
Dorothy Ennis - Secretary



Hilda Bills - Member
Stacy Lea, Executive Director

BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM
MINUTES

Board Members Present:
Deborah Coker, President
Jewel Stewart, Vice-President
Dorothy Ennis, Secretary
Hilda Bills, Member

Others Present:
Pete Cajoleas, Special AG Attorney
Stacy Lea, Executive Director
Ruby Lowery, School Coordinator
Jody Wilmoth, Reciprocity Agent

Board President Coker called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM.

Board Secretary Ennis called for a roll call of Board Members, staff, and members of the public. All four (4) Board Members were present, one (1) attorney, three (3) staff, no (0) members of the public were present.

President Coker stated the Board would now hear agenda requests.

President Coker stated the Board would now hear Deborah Ballou's agenda request for the Board to approve corrections to her license account records to accurately reflect her renewal payments based on her testimony and payment documentation.

Secretary Ennis motioned for the Board to approve Ms. Ballou's request to update her account records to accurately reflect all license renewal payments made. Member Bills seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

President Coker stated the Board would now hear agenda request from Carl Musgrove regarding clarification of requirements for license renewal.

Carl Musgrove was not present.

Secretary Ennis motioned for the Board to require that Mr. Musgrove appear before the Board in person to present his requests. Member Bills seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

President Coker stated the Board would now hear the agenda request of Amber Sukhbaatar of Sunray Company for the Board to approve the addition of an opt-in option to MSBC's license renewal

application that would allow practitioners to receive communications via mail and email from others within the industry and/or industry supporters.

Secretary Ennis motioned for the Board to table Ms. Sukhbaatar's agenda request to add an opt-in feature to MSBC's license renewal application pending additional informational needed. Member Bills seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

President Coker stated the Board would now hear agenda requests from Bounnhong Nguyen regarding clarification of test requirements for practitioner license renewal and salon inspection findings.

Bounnhong Nguyen was not present.

Secretary Ennis motioned for the Board to table Ms. Bounnhong's request pending further legal review by AG Attorney Pete Cajoleas. Vice-President Stewart seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

President Coker stated the Board would now hear Cantise Henius agenda request for the Board to accept her cosmetology work experience or cosmetology instructor school hours in lieu of the 250 cosmetology school hours required for reciprocity cosmetology licensure transfer from Pennsylvania to Mississippi.

Secretary Ennis stated that Ms. Henius' Pennsylvania work experience nor instructor school hours meet reciprocity requirements of Rule 2.9* and motioned that the Board deny Ms. Henius' agenda request. Vice-President Stewart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4-0)

**Copy attached below for reference: Rule 2.9 Examination Eligibility for Out-of-State Applicants*

President Coker stated the Board would now hear Cassandra Cain's agenda request to waive testing requirements for reciprocity licensure transfer from South Carolina to Mississippi.

Secretary Ennis stated that South Carolina and Mississippi do not currently have a reciprocal licensure agreement and motioned for the Board to uphold Rule 2.9* and deny Ms. Cain's request to waive reciprocity testing requirements for licensure transfer from South Carolina to Mississippi. Secretary Bills seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

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President Coker stated the Board would now hear Thi Ha's agenda request for the Board to permit a language interpreter for theory testing or to waive reciprocity testing requirements for licensure transfer from Florida to Mississippi.

Vice-President Stewart stated that Florida and Mississippi do not currently have a reciprocal licensure agreement and motioned for the Board to uphold Rule 2.9* and deny Thi Ha's request for a language interpreter for theory testing and to deny the request to waive reciprocity testing requirements for licensure transfer from Florida to Mississippi. Secretary Ennis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

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President Coker stated the Board would now hear Coi Nguyen's agenda requests to accept her cosmetology work experience to meet reciprocity requirements for licensure from Ohio to Mississippi.

Secretary Ennis stated that work experience does not meet the requirements of Rule 2.9 and motioned that the Board deny Ms. Coi Njuyen's request to waive reciprocity licensure requirements from Ohio to Mississippi. Vice-President Stewart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

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President Coker stated the Board would now hear Payton Enke's agenda requests for clarification on reciprocity testing requirements for licensure transfer from Kansas to Mississippi.

Vice-President Stewart motioned that the Board require Ms. Enke to take the theory exam only to meet reciprocity requirements for licensure transfer from Kansas to Mississippi. Secretary Ennis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

President Coker stated the Board would now consider New Board Business.

President Coker stated the Board would now review official Complaints

President Coker stated the Board will now consider Executive Director Lea's proposals to upgrade the agency's IT network server capacity.

Executive Director Lea stated that IT experts she has consulted have determined that the agency network server power capacity needs to be increased to support system upgrades needed and to enable future advancement of system capabilities.

Executive Director Lea asked IT expert Buddy Sharp to present two server upgrade option quotes for the Board to consider.

Mr. Sharp presented information on server options to the Board and a discussion was held.

Vice-President Stewart motioned for the Board to approve the purchase of a new in-house server for the agency. Member Bills seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

President Coker stated the Board will now consider Executive Director Lea's request to approve a quote for a three-month-trial for a professional phone answering service to assist with answering and directing the high volume of daily calls received in the agency office.

A discussion was held. No action was taken.

President Coker requested a motion to adjourn.

Secretary Ennis motioned for the Board to adjourn. Vice-President Stewart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

President Coker state the meeting is now adjourned at 6:15 PM.

There were no public comments.

Public Present:
Melvin Calton
Buddy Sharp
Deborah Ballou
Amber Sukhbaatar
Cassandra Cain
Dixie Brabham
Payton Enke
Sylina Buckley
Jennifer Reese-Pace

References:

**Rule 2.9 Examination Eligibility for Out-of-State Applicants*

A. Eligibility Requirements for Examination – Practitioner

1. Any person who is licensed by a state in which Mississippi does not have provision for reciprocity licensure, or any student who is at least seventeen years of age, can read, write, and speak English, and has successfully completed a course of training in another state which meets Mississippi’s minimum requirements, but is not licensed in that state, may be eligible for licensure by examination.

The State’s minimum requirements are:

Cosmetologist 1500 School Hours

Manicurist 300 School Hours

Esthetician 600 School Hours

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