

**Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2022**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology regular scheduled meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 25, 2022. The following members of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology were present:

Hilda Bills, Member  
Debbie Coker, Secretary  
Dorothy Ennis, Member  
Warren Rossi, Chairman  
Jewel Stewart, Vice-Chairman

Also present was:

Pete Cajoleas, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board  
Kenneth Mayfield (Dynasty College)  
Mrs. Mayfield (Dynasty College)  
Jessica Robinson (Kingsley College LLC)  
Lisa Daniels  
Vanessa Myers  
Jones Community College Representative (Adjunct Cosmetology Teacher)  
Melvin Calton  
Ruby Lowery, Interim Executive Director  
Porsha Welch, Senior Licensing Agent

II. Hearing / Hearing Update

Counsel for the Board Pete Cajoleas requested for Mrs. Lakisha Johnson-Peten The Beauty College to appear today July 25, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. This was not a hearing, just information about errors found in the May 26, 2022, audit. Attorney Pete Cajoles gave Mrs. Johnson-Peten until 9:40 a.m. to appear and she did not show. A letter was mailed to her concerning her compliance with MSBC rules and regulations. Motion was made by Debbie Coker to add the letter mailed to Mrs. Johnson to the board minutes. Dorothy Ennis provided a second.

Aye – Hilda Bills  
Aye – Dorothy Ennis  
Aye – Jewel Stewart

Aye – Debbie Coker  
Aye – Warren Rossi

III. Agenda Request

A. Anita Jamison-SOTA CEU Request

Mrs. Jamison was not present in support of her CEU request; however, the board approved the provided information regarding the 2022 event scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at the Hyatt Place Ridgeland, Mississippi. The dates do

conflict with the boards schedule, but the board approved to have a MBSC Agent present in their absence, or the dates will have to be rearranged. The motion was made by Jewel Stewart to approve this CEU request for six method hours (6) hours per day. Debbie Coker provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Hilda Bills	Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Dorothy Ennis	Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Jewel Stewart	

B. Kingsley College LLC

The board approved to allow the school to move forward with development with the contingent that a business plan will be reviewed before the initial school inspection will happen. It was also agreed that the business plan will be reviewed by the board under confidentiality. After discussion by the Board, Debbie Coker made the motion. A second was provided by Jewel Stewart. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Hilda Bills	Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Dorothy Ennis	Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Jewel Stewart	

C. Dynasty College Post-Secondary Request

Board will approve Dynasty College for Post-Secondary once final review of paperwork is completed on August 15, 2022; the motion was made by Jewel Stewart to approve. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Hilda Bills	Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Dorothy Ennis	Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Jewel Stewart	

IV. Discussion of the Prior Board Meeting Minutes

The motion was made by Hilda Bills to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 26, and 27, 2022. A second was provided by Jewel Stewart. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Hilda Bills	Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Dorothy Ennis	Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Jewel Stewart	

The motion was made by Jewel Stewart to approve the Special Called Board Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2022. A second was provided by Hilda Bills. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Hilda Bills	Aye – Debbie Coker
Aye – Dorothy Ennis	Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Jewel Stewart	

- V. Report of Officers
- A. Chairman  
Warren Rossi had no special business to come before the Board.
  - B. Vice-President  
Jewel Stewart had no special business to come before the Board.
  - C. Secretary/Treasurer  
Board accepted the financial reports submitted by Denise De Rossette.
- VI. MS Cosmetology Council (73-7-7 (1))  
Dorothy Ennis indicated the next regularly scheduled meeting is September 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson, Mississippi.
- VII. Legislative Committee Update  
Discussions will continue to prepare anticipated guidelines pursuant to the PEER Report and future merger discussions of MS Board of Cosmetology and MS Barber Board. Thirty-one (31) states currently regulate both the Barber Board and the Cosmetology Board as one agency in the U.S. No action required by the Board. Future updates to follow.
- VII. Report of Counsel  
Special Assistant Attorney General Pete Cajoleas reported that he will be sending a letter for a hearing on September 19, 2022, for V.I.P Nails. No action required by the board.
- Special Assistant Attorney General Pete Cajoleas will also mail a letter requesting the appearance of Goddess Lengths to discuss getting the salon licensed. No action required by the board.
- A recess was taken from 10:15am-10:29am.
- IX. Executive Director's Report
- A. Inspector Report  
Ruby Lowery presented inspection reports which were attached to and included in the distribution of the agenda. No action required by the Board.
  - B. School/Testing Report  
Sanitation and Law Examination were conducted July 12, 19, and 22, 2022 for those who hold a permit which will expire in August 2022. 75 individuals were scheduled to test; of the total of 66 tested; 15 passed; 51 failed; 8 were no shows, and 1 cancellation.

X. Old Business

A. J-Bar Contract

Board signed approved contract from June 26, and 27, 2022 meeting to extent contract for period July 1, 2022, thru December 31, 2022.

B. Vickie McGee Contract

Counsel for the Board Pete Cajoleas changed the extension for Vickie McGee's contract from sixty (60) days to ninety (90) days beginning July 1, 2022, from board meeting June 26, and 27, 2022, with the board's approval. Motion was made by Debbie Coker. A second was provided by Hilda Bills. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Hilda Bills  
Aye – Dorothy Ennis  
Aye – Jewel Stewart

Aye – Debbie Coker  
Aye – Warren Rossi

XI. New Business

A. Vacant Positions

The board will hire three (3) inspectors alongside the three (3) current contract workers approved at the May 16, 2022, meeting. No action required by the board.

B. Distant Learning / COVID Increasing

The board has made the final decision that since the extension of distance learning was approved until midnight November 4, 2022 in August 4, 2020 board minutes, they will not approve additional distant learning. No action required by the board.

C. Inactive Practitioner Licensing

Statute 73-7-13 refers to inactive practitioners who would like to go back active. Board agreed to not require inactive practitioners who are in good standing to not complete CEU hours due to section (a) states "as approved by the board".

D. Office Personnel Change

Recommendation was made by Interim Executive Director Ruby Lowery to promote the Porsha Welch to the open position of Team Lead. Recommendation was motion for acceptance by Jewel Stewart. Second was provided by Dorothy Ennis.

Aye – Hilda Bills  
Aye – Dorothy Ennis  
Aye – Jewel Stewart

Aye – Debbie Coker  
Aye – Warren Rossi

XIII. Executive Session / Closed Determination Session

Upon motion made by Debbie Coker at 11:40 a.m. the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Hilda Bills, Debbie Coker, Dorothy Ennis, Warren Rossi, and Jewel Stewart; voting against none; recusal: none; absent: none.

In the determination session, Dorothy Ennis moved, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely for developing plans for dealing with schools not following MSBC rules and regulations. The Board determined that facts presented constituted the need for Executive Session under § 25-41-7 (d), Miss. Code Ann., as revised. The motion carried by Jewel Stewart with the following members voting for: Hilda Bills, Debbie Coker, Jewel Stewart, Dorothy Ennis, and Warren Rossi, voting against none; recusal: none; absent: none.

The Board announced to the public the aforesaid reasons as the Board's purpose for entering an Executive Session.

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session, the Board voted, upon motion made by Debbie Coker to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Hilda Bills, Debbie Coker, Dorothy Ennis, Warren Rossi, and Jewel Stewart; voting against: none; recusal: none; absent: none.

The Board resumed in open meeting by announcing the following actions and votes taken in Executive Session.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Within the Executive Session, the Board took the following actions:

1. Motion was made by Debbie Coker to inspect Lakisha Johnson-Peten The Beauty College 30 days from today July 26, 2022 of the six (6) areas of concern from the audit on May 26, 2022 due to violations were found that were not in compliance with MSBC rules and regulations. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

Absent – Hilda Bills  
Aye – Dorothy Ennis  
Aye – Jewel Stewart

Aye – Debbie Coker  
Aye – Warren Rossi


XI. Adjournment


There being no further business to come before the Board, the motion was made by Debbie Coker to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. A second was provided by Jewel Stewart. The vote was, as follows:

Absent – Hilda Bills  
Aye – Dorothy Ennis

Aye – Debbie Coker  
Aye – Warren Rossi  
Aye – Jewel Stewart

APPROVED:

  
Jewel Stewart, Vice Chairman

  
Debbie Coker, Secretary