

Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology  
Location for Public Access – Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 301, 239 N. Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39202

**Special Called Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Warren Rossi, Chairman of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on March 8, 2023. Debbie Coker performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes with the following members of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology present:

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

Members absent due to illness:

Dorothy Ennis, Member – due to illness

Also present were:

Pete Cajoleas, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board  
Ruby Lowery, Interim Executive Director  
Yvonne Laird, Contractor/Consultant

II. Executive Session

**CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

In the determination session, Debbie Coker moved, seconded by Hilda Bills, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely for the transaction of business and discussions regarding (1) the employment of a staff person; The Board determined that facts presented constituted the need for Executive Session under § 25-41-7 (k), Miss. Code Ann., as revised. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Hilda Bills, Debbie Coker, Jewel Stewart, and Warren Rossi; voting against none; recusal: none; absent: Dorothy Ennis.

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 Jewel Stewart to come out of Executive Session. A second was provided by

Hilda Bills. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Hilda Bills, Debbie Coker, Jewel Stewart, and Warren Rossi; voting against: none; recusal: none; absent: Dorothy Ennis.

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:

The motion was made by Jewel Stewart to notify Denise De Rossette requesting that she prepare an offer letter to Sharon Berry Clark to fill the position of Executive Director with the annual salary of \$75,000. An assessment will be performed by the Board in six (6) months which will be based on developed performance measures in accordance with the State Personnel Board requirements. A second was provided by Debbie Coker. The vote was, as follows:

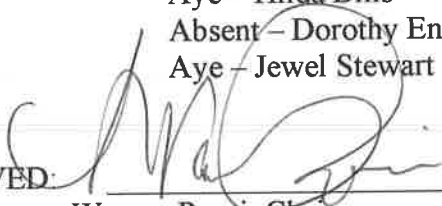
Aye – Hilda Bills	Aye – Debbie Coker
Absent – Dorothy Ennis	Aye – Warren Rossi
Aye – Jewel Stewart	

### III. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the motion was made by Debbie Coker to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. A second was provided by Hilda Bills. The vote was, as follows:

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

APPROVED:

  
Warren Rossi, Chairman

  
Debbie Coker, Secretary