

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology  
Special Called Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2023**

**Location for Public Access:**

**Robert E. Lee Building, 239 N Lamar Street, Suite 301, Jackson, MS 39201**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Warren Rossi, Chairman of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. on August 1, 2023. Jewel Stewart performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

**Members present telephonically:**

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

**Also present telephonically:**

Catherine Bell, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

**Also present at the public access location:**

Ruby Lowery, Deputy Director  
Sharon Clark, Executive Director

No members of the public were present.

**Old Business**

Catherine Bell advised that Ammie Nguyen, counsel for Mr. Thoai Le, had made a counteroffer regarding the Consent Order for the Board's consideration.

Warren Rossi stated that the Board would now consider a motion to enter Closed Session.

Jewel Stewart made a motion to enter Closed Session to consider the counteroffer. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

The Board entered Closed Session at 12:33 p.m.

Warren Rossi stated that the Board would now consider a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of consideration of the counteroffer made by Mr. Thoai Le's counsel.

Jewel Stewart made a motion to enter Executive Session. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 12:34 p.m.

After consideration, Jewel Stewart made a motion to accept the counteroffer for Mr. Thoai Le to suspend his license for six (6) months with no other changes to the consent order. Hilda Bills seconded the motion.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Debbie Coker made a motion to exit Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Hilda Bills. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

The Board returned to open session at 12:36 p.m.

Jewel Stewart made a motion to adjourn at 12:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Warren Rossi, Chairman

  
Jewel Stewart, Secretary