

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023**

Location for Public Access:

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

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Warren Rossi, Chairman of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2023. Jewel Stewart performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Present at Board office:

Warren Rossi, Chairman

Debbie Coker, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Stewart, Secretary

Hilda Bills, Member

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

Ruby Lowery, Deputy Director

Sharon Clark, Executive Director

Public Present:

Anita Jamison

Melvin Calton

Carlene Daniels

Vanessa Myers

Shintelle Bell

Sarah Sissman

Cajen Taylor-Fillman

Asten Veasley

Antoinette Fulgham

Cynthia Perez

Sylvina Buckley

II. Discussion of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jewel Stewart to approve the July 31, 2023, Board Minutes with corrections. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

Aye – Warren Rossi

Aye – Debbie Coker

Aye – Jewel Stewart

Aye – Hilda Bills

Motion made by Jewel Stewart to approve the August 1, 2023, Board Minutes with no corrections. Debbie Coker provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

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

Motion made by Debbie Coker to approve the August 16, 2023, Board Minutes with no changes. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

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

III. Formal Complaint

Sharon Clark presented Formal Complaint Number 20230810-001. Ms. Clark advised this was a duplicate of Formal Complaint Number 20230605-001. Motion made by Debbie Coker to notify the Complainant that the complaint is closed. Warren Rossi provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

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

IV. Report of Officers

A. Chairman

Warren Rossi advised there was nothing to report at this time.

B. Vice President

Debbie Coker advised there was nothing to report at this time.

C. Secretary/Treasurer

Jewel Stewart advised there was nothing to report at this time.

D. Financial Report

Sharon Clark – Financials, UMB Monthly Bills, and Trustmark report and reconciliation were presented.

V. Executive Director Report

Sharon Clark provided the Executive Director's Report.

Ms. Clark explained where there was an occurrence in the office where a recruiter from the European Wax Center in Hattiesburg misrepresented herself as a licensee. Porsha Welch and Ruby Lowery gave the Board specifics. Debbie Coker made a

motion to issue a violation of dishonest conduct based on Rule 8.1.5 to European Wax Center in Hattiesburg. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

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

VI. Deputy Director Report

Ruby Lowery provided the Deputy Director's Report.

VII. Old Business

Debbie Coker discussed a formal complaint FC # 20230628-001 that she had been issued.

VIII. New Business

Warren Rossi requested consideration of a change to the rules and regulations for submission to the OLRC regarding dermaplaning. He discussed that he believed it should be included under our scope of services if a guarded blade is used. Jewel Stewart made a motion to make dermaplaning with a guarded blade permitted and for the rules and regulations to be changed to reflect that such was now permitted. Warren Rossi provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

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

Sharon Clark provided verbiage received from Yvonne Laird regarding the possibility of creating a provision for mobile salons to be regulated by the Board. After discussion by the Board, Jewel Stewart made a motion to continue the prohibition of mobile salons and not adopt the discussed regulation. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

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

The Board requested appearance by salon owners and/or managers charged with a second offense of unlicensed workers to discuss the charge and continue investigations into same. The Board asked questions of the license holders, and the license holders were permitted opportunity to ask questions of the Board and/or discuss the reason for the second offence of unlicensed workers. License holders were provided with an option of a formal hearing or a consent order. The consent order required that the license holder pay all outstanding violations, agree that they

will not hire unlicensed workers going forward, and a suspension of their personal license for six (6) months.

The following license holders signed the consent orders and their licenses will be suspended effective August 28, 2023 thru February 28, 2024:

Khoa Truong (02-4674)
Kate Vo (02-4227)
Cathy Mai Thi Nguyen (00-51655)
Vang Thi Nguyen (00-65643)
Nghia Truong (00-66223)
Nina Le Nguyen (02-41219)

The following license holders were given until 5:00 on Friday, September 1, 2023 to either sign the consent order or request a formal hearing:

Thuan Tran (02-4003)
Lili Phung (02-4440)

Owners that were unlicensed and applicants for licensure under UROLA had their UROLA application denied and temporary practice permit revoked. These applicants will need to reapply for licensure under UROLA. The applicants were:

Tuyen Van Tran
Hung Van Tran

Nguyen Verrett (02-15748) and Mai Nguyen (02-20090) with Mavy Nails and Spa, LLC of Picayune did not appear before the Board as requested. The Board requested Sharon Clark and Ruby Lowery to present the Consent Order in person at salon and give the licensees an option to either have a hearing or accept the consent order.

Inspection of Nail Shop in Meridian (07-18778) found that Brandon Huynh had changed his UROLA temporary practice permit expiration date from 2023 to 2024. Based on these findings, the Board has revoked his UROLA temporary practice permit and denied his UROLA application. Mr. Huynh will need to reapply for licensure under UROLA.

Inspection of Nail in Meridian (07-18778) found that David Vu Tran (02-4202) had changed the expiration date of his license. Mr. Tran failed to appear before the Board as requested to discuss this issue. Based on the inspection finding, Mr. Tran received a violation of \$100 for dishonest conduct.

The Board received a renewal payment from Houg Thi Tran (02-518) on August 3, 2023. Inspection found that the license holder's name and photo were invalid. Mr. Tran failed to appear before the Board as requested to discuss this finding. Based on the inspection, Mr. Tran's renewal was denied.

Inspection of Cute Nails Spa in Tupelo (07-41322) found a license posted for Tam Minh Vo with the expiration date changed. Further review of the license, the reciprocity application, and file found that the individual in the photo of the license posted in the salon was not the same individual who initially received the license through reciprocity. Mr. Vo failed to appear before the Board as requested to discuss this matter. Based on this investigation, Mr. Vo's renewal was denied. Mr. Vo must appear before the Board and present photographic identification before his license can be renewed.

Catherine Bell addressed the issue regarding schools that include the user of "beauty" or "styling" in their name or advertising. Debbie Coker made a motion that the Board will not currently regulate the verbiage of "beauty" or "stylist". Hilda Bills provided the second. The vote was, as follows:

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

Sharon Clark notified the Board of an issue with Blue Cliff regarding a student where the final transcript receipt in the Board office created a situation where the student had to complete an additional 150 hours to test. Blue Cliff convinced the student to complete an additional 530 hours due to their module system. The Board tabled the discussion and requested a pass/fail ratio of Blue Cliff at next Board Meeting. They also requested Ruby Lowery and Sharon Clark to complete an audit of the school.

Sharon Clark advised that Goshen School of Cosmetology in Greenville had requested approval of a Manicuring and Esthetics program. Final inspection was completed by Debbie Coker, Ruby Lowery, and Sharon Clark. Based on minimum square footage, Goshen School of Cosmetology in Greenville would have to operate the Esthetics and Manicuring Program at night with staggered schedule. She staggered schedule is as follows: Esthetics on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights with Manicuring on Thursday and Friday nights. Cosmetology will be taught during the daytime on Monday through Friday. Ms. Williams was notified that there can be no overlap in programs. Jewel Stewart made a motion to approve based on the staggered schedule provided by Ms. Williams. Debbie Coker provided the second. The vote was, as follows:

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

Sharon Clark advised that LCSF – Career Technology Center has submitted a school application to add a Cosmetology Program. They are ready for final inspection.

Sharon Clark requested approval for Ruby Lowery and Sharon Clark to complete final inspection due to schedule conflicts with the school and Board members. Hilda Bills made a motion to approve. Jewel Stewart provided the second. The vote was, as follows:

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

Sharon Clark advised that she and Ruby Lowery completed and audit at CMSF and provided the Board with a copy of the audit findings.

IX. Bribery Policy

Sharon Clark requested assistance and recommendations from Catherine Bell regarding a development of a bribery policy. Ms. Bell made her recommendations. A new bribery policy will be created for use by field personnel.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:25 p.m. with request to return at 1:05 p.m. Jewel Stewart made the motion. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

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

The Board reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

X. Report of Council

Catherine Bell advised there was nothing to report at this time.

XI. October Board Meeting

Jewel Stewart made a motion to change the date of the October Board Meeting to October 23, 2023, based on Board members and staff attending the NIC Convention. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was, as follows:

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

XII. OLRC Rules and Reg Review and Approval

After discussion, the Board made the decision to pull both the March 2022 and August 2022 submission to the OLRC. The Board will use the initial red line strike out submission and each Board Member will be assigned a specific section to review for changes before next Board Meeting. At that time, the Board will discuss all changes

to the rules and regulations. Jewel Stewart also requested Sharon Clark request information from NIC regarding states providing apprenticeship programs.

XIII. Adjournment

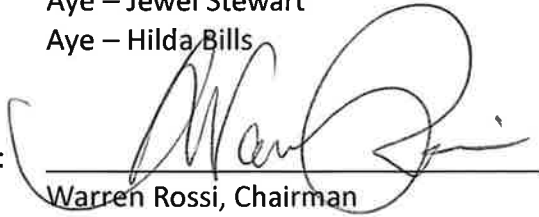
There being no further business to come before the Board, the motion was made by Jewel Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. A second was provided by Debbie Coker. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Debbie Coker

Aye – Jewel Stewart

Aye – Hilda Bills

APPROVED:


Warren Rossi, Chairman


Jewel Stewart, Secretary