

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023**

Location for Public Access:

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

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Debbie Coker, Vice-Chairman of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2023. Jewel Stewart performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Present at Board office:

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

Members Absent:

Warren Rossi, Chairman

Public Present:

Alyse Lunsford

Carlene Daniels

Vanessa Myers

Katlyn Bonvillain

Courtney Dearman

Ashley Howard

Kenya Nguyen

Sylvina Buckley

Chelsea Kelley

Karoline Finch

II. Agenda Approval

Jewel Stewart moved to approve the agenda. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

III. Discussion/Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

Hilda Bills moved to approve the September 25, 2023, Board Minutes. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Hilda Bills moved to approve the September 28, 2023, Board Minutes. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Report of Officers

A. Chairman

Warren Rossi was absent.

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.

V. Executive Director Report

Sharon Clark provided the Executive Director's Report and financials.

VI. Deputy Director Report

Ruby Lowery provided the Deputy Director's Report.

VII. Old Business

Debbie Coker advised there was no old business to discuss at this time.

VIII. New Business

The Board requested an appearance by salon owners and/or managers charged with a second offense of employment 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 offense of employment 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 consent orders and their licenses will be suspended effective October 23, 2023, thru April 23, 2024:

The Board discussed with Nga Nguyen the findings of the inspection on October 5, 2023. Jewel Stewart moved to offer Consent Order. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Nga Nguyen (00-61744) signed the consent order for the six (6) month suspension of license.

Ann Tran (00-66212) did not appear. Jewel Stewart moved for Ann Tran to appear at the December 2023 Board Meeting and notice be sent to Ms. Tran. Hilda Bills made the second. The vote was unanimous.

The Board discussed with Phuong Thi Ho the findings of the inspection on August 24, 2023. Jewel Stewart moved to offer Consent Order. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Phuong Thi Ho (00-64608) signed the consent order for the six (6) month suspension of license.

The Board discussed with Hien Truong the findings of the inspection on October 5, 2023. Jewel Stewart moved to offer Consent Order. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Hien Truong (02-39655) signed the consent order for the six (6) month suspension of license.

The Board discussed with Tammy Nguyen the findings of the inspection on September 29, 2023. Jewel Stewart moved to offer Consent Order. Debbie Coker provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Tammy Nguyen (00-63061) signed the consent order for the six (6) month suspension of license.

The Board discussed with Thuy Pham Plumlee the findings of the inspection on September 25, 2023. Hilda Bills moved to offer Consent Order. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Thuy Pham Plumlee (02-4443) requested time for consideration of consent order. Ms. Plumlee has until 5:00 pm on October 27, 2023 to either sign the Consent Order, or she will be requested to appear for formal hearing in December.

The Board discussed with Ngoc Chau Thi Ngo the findings of the inspection on September 21, 2023. Jewel Stewart moved to offer Consent Order. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Ngoc Chau Thi Ngo (02-41318) signed the consent order for the six (6) month suspension of license.

The Board discussed with Thuy Thi Le Nguyen the findings of the inspection on October 6, 2023. Hilda Bills moved to offer Consent Order. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Thuy Thi Le Nguyen (02-23792) signed the consent order for the six (6) month suspension of license.

During the discussion regarding the inspection and licensure, Ms. Nguyen admitted to the Board that her Esthetics License from Hollywood Beauty Academy, Inc. in

Orlando, Florida was not a valid transcript but purchased without her ever attending school for same.

Hilda Bills moved for Closed Session. The vote was unanimous. During closed session, Hilda Bills moved to enter executive session for the Board to conduct an investigative proceeding for the alleged misconduct or violation of law admitted to by Ms. Nguyen.

Jewel Stewart moved to deny the UROLA application of Ms. Nguyen with no option to reapply with her current Florida transcript. She would need to complete the hours by attending school and earning a valid transcript. Hilda Bills provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

The Board returned to open session.

The Board discussed the addition of Dermaplaning to the Board regulated services. Jewel Stewart made the motion to approve the curriculum for schools to teach Dermaplaning. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

Jewel Stewart moved for the Board to break for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and to return at 1:00 p.m. Hilda Bills provided a second. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Hilda Bills moved to deny all online training acquired by Art of Hair student with SSN ending in 9089 for all online training hours acquired after March 5, 2021. Jewel Stewart provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

Jewel Stewart moved to table the Board's review of Art of Hair's continued offer of online hours after March 5, 2021, when the Board stopped accepting online hours. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Jewel Stewart moved for the Board to approve the medical extension for the Instructor Student with SSN ending in 2197 allowing the Instructor Student an extension of testing eligibility until the next open and available testing date. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sharon Clark discussed with the Board an issue with a school regarding failures on the haircut. The Board advised Attorney Bell and Sharon Clark to respond.

IX. Career Development Center Audit

Debbie Coker as investigating Board Member moved for the Board to call Career Development Center for a hearing on December 18, 2023, based on research, pictures, and documentation from the October 10, 2023, audit and inspection. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Jewel Stewart moved to accept the recommendations of counsel and the presented procedure for the Board to consider a request under the Fresh Start Act. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Hilda Bills moved to approve the proposed emergency rules that addressed UROLA, Military Family Freedom Act, the Fresh Start Act, and Rule 3.2 and for the four emergency rules changes to be properly filed as such by counsel. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

X. Credit Card Charges

Hilda Bills moved that all credit card processing fees are to be incurred by the licensee and not the Board as required by MISS. CODE ANN. § 27-104-33. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Jewel Stewart moved to deny Hong Xiem Queen Vu's application for manicurist licensure via reciprocity from Vietnam based on lack of supporting documentation, specifically lack of properly transcribed educational transcript. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

XI. Report of Council

Catherine Bell presented to the Board the draft of the Lakeisha Johnson, The Beauty College Order for the Board to review and make corrections, if needed. Catherine Bell advised the Board that the Barber Board should have their changes to the proposed Merger bill to the Board by November 1, 2023.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jewel Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m. A second was provided by Debbie Coker. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:


Warren Rossi, Chairman


Jewel Stewart, Secretary