

A meeting of the State Board of Cosmetologists was held on Monday, April 4, 2016, in the 3rd floor conference room, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Building, 500 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

The following members were in attendance:

Ms. Sharon Bunch, Acting Chair, Consumer Member

Ms. Piccola Winkey, Industry Member

Ms. Lisa Lane-Treadwell, Industry Member

Ms. Maxine Sisserman, Industry Member

Others present:

Ms. Shirley Leach, Executive Director

Ms. Victoria L. Wilkins, Commissioner

Mr. Eric London, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Erica Lewis, Board Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by Ms. Bunch.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Sisserman to approve the agenda with amendments, Ms. Lane- Treadwell seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Bunch to table the minutes of the February 1, 2016, Board meeting with amendments, Ms. Lane-Treadwell seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to table the minutes.

New Business

Resignation of Clarie Britt-Cockrum

The Executive Director Shirley Leach advised the agency had received a resignation from Chair Clarie Britt-Cockrum dated, February 2016.

Acting Chair

Assistant Attorney General Eric London, Board Counsel, advised the Board if a Chair is no longer present at a meeting the bylaws should determine who presides. A motion to appoint an Acting Chair of the Cosmetology Board was made by Ms. Lane- Treadwell and seconded by Ms. Winkey. The Board voted unanimously to have Ms. Bunch act as the Chair until a Chair is appointed.

Request For Nail Technician License Exam to be offered in Mandarin Chinese

American University Law students, sponsored by their Professor, came before the Board representing nail technicians that speak Mandarin Chinese. They requested the Board adopt a policy to allow for the theory portion of the exam to be taken in Mandarin Chinese. The Board advised the State of Maryland has recently entered into a contract with its testing vendor in June of 2015, which did not include Mandarin Chinese. The Board asked about the amount of Mandarin Chinese speakers in the industry and the presenters did not have statistical data relating to the number of Mandarin Chinese speakers in the industry. The Board did advise the Barber Board does allow for interpreters on the theory portion of the exam and it is something that the Board would examine, particularly if the presenters would be able to show the Board the extent to which Mandarin Chinese speakers were in the industry. The Board explained to the presenters that there were costs associated with offering the examination in an additional language. The Board explained that when it allowed the theory portion of the exam to be taken in Vietnamese and Spanish, the Board was given more information about those speakers in the industry. The presenters acknowledged the additional costs of the test as well as their lack of statistical data regarding Mandarin Chinese speakers in the industry, but were hoping that the Board would consider the accommodation. The Board requested additional data from the presenters and they agreed to provide it.

Publishing Meeting Announcements on State's Website vs DLLR's Website

Executive Director Shirley Leach advised the Board that it was her recommendation that all meeting announcements moving forward should appear on the DLLR's website, as she believed it would reach a wider audience. A motion was made by Ms. Sisserman to have meeting announcements appear on the DLLR's website and Ms. Lane-Treadwell seconded. The Board voted unanimously to have the announcements appear on the DLLR'S website only.

Smooth Talc Invention

The Board received a request from Rosalyn Lopez, who is interested in having the Board review her invention that assists with removing hair after a haircut. The Board invited Ms. Lopez to the Board

meeting, but she failed to appear. The Board advised they would be unable to make any decisions without speaking with Ms. Lopez and directed the Executive Director to invite her to the next Board meeting on May 2, 2016.

Appeal for license -Hung Chau

Ms. Chau came before the Board requesting the opportunity to receive her Nail Technician license after receiving a fraudulent license in 2005. Ms. Chau informed the Board she has since attended a Nail School and passed both examinations. Ms. Sisserman made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive advice from Counsel at 11:30 AM and Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The Executive Session ended at 11:36 AM. The Board voted unanimously to allow Ms. Chau to receive her Nail Technician license.

Old Business

Shawntay Johnson- Nail School proposal

Ms. Johnson submitted her nail school curriculum to the Board for review. Ms. Sisserman stated she would take the responsibility for reviewing the curriculum to ensure all of the needed requirements are included and bring back her findings to the Board on May 2, 2016.

Limited Blow-drying License HB1291

Ms. Leach advised the Board that House Bill 1291, offering a Limited Blow-drying License, had passed. To ensure the Board can start the process of creating a curriculum for the limited license, Ms. Leach suggested the Board create a committee. The committee will consist of Ms. Bunch, Ms. Sisserman and Ms. Winkey.

Mobile Beauty Salon- House Bill 567

Ms. Leach advised the Board that House Bill 567, allowing for a mobile Beauty Salon had recently passed.

Frederick County Salons –House Bill 843

Ms. Leach advised the Board that House Bill 843, which allows licensed beauty salons to provide beer and wine by the glass, had passed.

Animals on site-Senate Bill 678

Ms. Leach advised the Board that Senate Bill 678, allowing a beauty salon permit holder to allow dogs and other pets on the premises of the beauty salon, failed to pass.

Unemployment Insurance - Exemption From Covered Employment - Nail Technicians –Senate Bill 679

The Board was advised by Ms. Leach that Senate Bill 679, allowing Nail Technicians to be recognized as Independent Contractors, had passed.

Public Comment

Andy Hu, an owner of a Nail Salon in Baltimore City, came before the Board explaining the needed for continuing education. Mr. Hu advised many of the Nail Technicians are in need of additional education to prevent mistakes, which can lead to unsafe practices. The Board thanked Mr. Hu for his diligence in ensuring the industry continues to protect the customer and advised him he should speak with his local Delegate regarding the importance of continuing education.

Mahia Mills, an owner of a Salon in Baltimore City, came before the Board inquiring if a Shampooer can blow-dry hair. The Board explained to Ms. Mills a shampooer who does not hold a Cosmetologist license cannot use hair tools which alter the hair such as a blow-dryer. Ms. Mills also expressed her concern with braiding shops not being regulated by the Board of Cosmetology. The Board thanked Ms. Mills for attending the Board meeting and advised her she should contact her local Delegate in regards to the importance of having braiding shops regulated.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Lane-Treadwell to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Sisserman and the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM

Approved By:

Acting Chair, Sharon Bunch