

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 9, 2016

TIME: 11:06 a.m.

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Acting Chair, Consumer Member, Sharon Bunch
Maxine Sisserman, Industry Member,
Lisa Lane-Treadwell, Industry Member (via telephone conference call)

ABSENT: Piccola Winkey, Industry Member,
Shirley Leach, Executive Director,

OTHERS PRESENT: Victoria Wilkins, Commissioner
Kim Burns, Chief of Staff
Eric London, Assistant Attorney General,
Erica Lewis, Board Administrator

Call to Order

Acting Chair, Ms. Bunch called the business meeting of the Board of Cosmetology to order at 11:06 a.m.

Fee Reduction for Board of Cosmetology

Victoria Wilkins, Commissioner, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, opened the meeting by thanking the Board for holding the specially-scheduled meeting to discuss a proposal to reduce fees charged to consumers and business owners within the cosmetology industry. Commissioner Wilkins explained reducing fees charged to individuals and businesses is a priority of the Governor and each cabinet member of the Governor's administration has been charged with establishing fee reduction initiatives for their respective agencies. Commissioner Wilkins explained the regulatory fee-setting process for the Commission's special-fund and how that process requires agencies to set fees that cover the direct and indirect costs associated with the agencies' operation. She indicated the Commission's fees for the Board of Cosmetology are relatively high and have contributed to the Board having a surplus in its fund. She recommended that the Board consider eliminating the \$12.50 fee charged to Senior Cosmetologists, Cosmetologist, Estheticians, Apprentices and Nail Technicians. In addition, Commissioner Wilkins suggested the Board consider eliminating the \$25.00 fee for duplicate licenses for shop owners. Finally, Commissioner Wilkins recommended that the Board consider eliminating the \$25.00 certification fee. Ms. Sisserman and Ms. Bunch expressed their concerns with the Board current limited budget. Ms. Sisserman inquired if the Board approved a reduction would it impact funding in the future and Commissioner Wilkins advised, "No." Ms. Lane-Treadwell sided with Ms. Bunch and Ms. Sisserman's concern with the current state of Cosmetology industry however all members advised they were willing to support the Governor's vision. Commissioner Wilkins voiced her willingness along with Secretary, Kelly Schulz to assist the Board of Cosmetology. Suggestions were given to the Board to retain a lobbyist to represent both the cosmetologist and barbers. Commissioner Wilkins explained that those cost-cutting measures will not have any material fiscal impact on the Board's operation.

A motion was made by Acting Chair Ms. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Sisserman that the Board of Cosmetology eliminate duplicate license fee charged to Senior Cosmetologists, Cosmetologist, Estheticians, Apprentices and Nail Technicians. A vote was administered by roll and the Board of Cosmetology approved the motion to eliminate duplicate license fee charged to Senior Cosmetologists, Cosmetologist, Estheticians, Apprentices and Nail Technicians.

A motion was made by Acting Chair Ms. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Sisserman that the Board of Cosmetology eliminates the duplicate license fee shop owners. A vote was administered by roll call and by majority vote the Board of Cosmetology approved the motion to eliminate the duplicate license fee charged to shop owners.

A motion was made by Acting Chair Ms. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Sisserman that the Board of Cosmetology eliminate the certification \$25.00 fee charged to all Cosmetology licensees. A vote was administered by roll call by vote the Board of Cosmetology to approve the motion eliminating the certification fee charged to all Cosmetology licensees.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Acting Chair Ms. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Sisserman and unanimously carried that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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Sharon Bunch, Acting Chairperson

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