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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Monday, August 12, 2024

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State Board of Cosmetology
August 12, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Tammy Y. O'Neill, Chair, Professional Member
Jennifer A. D'Amato-Dow, Vice Chair, Professional Member
Nicole Weakland, Secretary, Professional Member
Heather Kelly, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Member - Absent
Felicia L. Brown-Haywood, Professional Member - Absent
Teresa Whisler, Professional Member
Sandra Jenkins, Professional Member
Linda Iezzi, Professional Member
Alexandria Lee, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel
Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Valerie Eaton, Board Administrator
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Association of Career Schools
Debbie Eckstine-Weidner, Supervisor, DeRielle Cosmetology Academy
Paula DeSabato, Owner, Bella Capelli Academy
Anna Russo
Madeline Helmstetter, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Cosmetology

3 August 12, 2024

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
9 a number of matters currently pending before the
10 Board and to receive the advice of counsel. The
11 Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
14 Board of Cosmetology was held on Monday, August 12,
15 2024. Tammy Y. O'Neill, Chair, Professional Member,
16 called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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18 Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees

19 [Valerie Eaton, Board Administrator, provided a roll
20 call of Board members and introduction of attendees.
21 A quorum of Board members was present.]

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23 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
24 meeting was being recorded, and those who continued
25 to participate were giving their consent to be

1 recorded.

2 Mr. Hinsey also noted the Board entered into
3 Executive Session with Board Counsel to have
4 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of
5 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations.]

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7 Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2024

8 CHAIR O'NEILL:

9 We can move to approval of our draft
10 minutes from June 10, 2024.

11 Can I have a motion to approve?

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 So moved.

14 CHAIR O'NEILL:

15 Second motion?

16 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

17 Second.

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19 MS. EATON:

20 Roll call.

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22 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
23 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
24 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
25 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;

1 Alexandria Lee, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Report of Board Prosecution

5 [Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on
6 behalf of J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board
7 Prosecutor and Prosecution Liaison, presented the
8 Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-45-006240.]

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10 [Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on
11 behalf of Jonathan F. Zurinskas, Esquire, Board
12 Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case
13 No. 24-45-000398.]

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15 [Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
16 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-45-
17 005410.]

18 MR. HINSEY:

19 Based on the presentation of the
20 prosecution division, does any Board
21 member wish to reenter Executive
22 Session for deliberations on any of
23 these matters?

24 Based on Executive Session
25 deliberations, I believe the Board

1 Chair would entertain a motion to
2 approve the Consent Agreements at
3 agenda item 2, Case No. 23-45-006240;
4 agenda item 3, Case No. 24-45-000398;
5 and agenda item 4, Case No. 24-45-
6 005410.

7 CHAIR O'NEILL:

8 Can I have a motion to approve the
9 Consent Agreements?

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 So moved.

12 CHAIR O'NEILL:

13 Second motion?

14 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

15 Second.

16 MS. EATON:

17 Roll call.

18
19 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
20 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
21 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
22 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
23 Alexandria Lee, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
25 name at agenda item 2, Case No. 23-45-006240, is

1 Naturelle Nails, LLC DBA Naturelle Nals; agenda item
2 3, Case No. 24-45-000398, Bosco Hair Design, Inc.;
3 and agenda item 4, Case No. 24-45-005410, Pine Tree
4 Wellness Center and Spa.]

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6 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudications and
7 Orders

8 MR. HINSEY:

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Based on Executive Session
10 deliberations, I believe the Board
11 Chair would entertain a motion
12 directing Board Counsel to issue the
13 Final Adjudications and Orders at
14 agenda item 5, Case No. 22-45-015810,
15 Linh Nguyen and agenda item 6, Case
16 Nos. 23-45-016621 & 23-45-016622, Tip
17 Top Nails.

18 CHAIR O'NEILL:

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Can I have a motion to approve the
20 Final Adjudication and Orders?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22

So moved.

23 CHAIR O'NEILL:

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Second motion?

25 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

1 Second.

2 MS. EATON:

3 Roll call.

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5 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
6 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
7 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
8 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
9 Alexandria Lee, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Report of Board Counsel - Motions to Deem Facts

13 Admitted

14 MR. HINSEY:

15 Based on Executive Session
16 deliberations, I believe the Board
17 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
18 the Motions to Deem Facts Admitted and
19 Enter Default and direct Board Counsel
20 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
21 accordance with the discussions in
22 Executive Session in the matters at
23 agenda item 7, Case No. 23-45-015854,
24 LA Nails; agenda item 8, Case No. 24-
25 45-001137, Ruth Lewis; agenda item 9,

1 Case No. 23-45-016410, N&P Nails Spa;
2 and agenda item 10, Case No. 23-45-
3 001623, Gregory Schack.

4 CHAIR O'NEILL:

5 Can I have a motion to approve the
6 Motions to Deem Facts Admitted?

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 So moved.

9 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

10 Second.

11 MS. EATON:

12 Roll call.

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14 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
15 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
16 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
17 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
18 Alexandria Lee, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudications and
22 Orders

23 MR. HINSEY:

24 Based on Executive Session
25 deliberations, I believe the Board

1 Chair would entertain a motion to
2 direct Board Counsel to draft an
3 Adjudication and Order consistent with
4 discussions in Executive Session in the
5 matter at agenda item 11, Case No. 23-
6 45-013985, Seyedeh Ghoreishi.

7 CHAIR O'NEILL:

8 Can I have a motion to approve the
9 Order for Adjudication?

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 So moved.

12 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

13 Second.

14 MS. EATON:

15 Roll call.

16
17 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
18 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
19 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
20 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
21 Alexandria Lee, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. HINSEY:

25 Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt
3 the Proposed Adjudication and Order at
4 agenda item 12, Case No. 20-45-001456,
5 Diona Nichols.

6 CHAIR O'NEILL:

7 Can I have a motion to adopt?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

11 Second.

12 MS. EATON:

13 Roll call.

14
15 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
16 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
17 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
18 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
19 Alexandria Lee, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MR. HINSEY:

23 Based on Executive Session
24 deliberations, I believe the Board
25 Chair would entertain a motion to

1 rescind the vote on June 10, 2024,
2 provisionally denying the Request for a
3 Variance at agenda item 13, Case No.
4 24-45-009713.

5 CHAIR O'NEILL:

6 Can I have a motion to rescind the vote
7 from June 2024.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 CHAIR O'NEILL:

11 Second?

12 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

13 Second.

14 MS. EATON:

15 Roll call.

16
17 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
18 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
19 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
20 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
21 Alexandria Lee, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. HINSEY:

25 Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 Chair would entertain a motion to
3 provisionally deny the Application for
4 Licensure as a Cosmetologist at agenda
5 item 14, Case No. 24-45-010629,
6 Tasheeka Forsythe.

7 CHAIR O'NEILL:

8 Can I have a motion to provisionally
9 deny the license?

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 So moved.

12 CHAIR O'NEILL:

13 Second motion?

14 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

15 Second.

16 MS. EATON:

17 Roll call.

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19 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
20 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
21 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
22 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
23 Alexandria Lee, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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3 Report of Acting Commissioner

4 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
5 Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced that
6 their Board website was updated and encouraged
7 everyone to check it out when they have a chance.

8 Acting Commissioner Claggett informed Aaron
9 Shenck that they are in the process of scheduling a
10 meeting but that it has been a challenge to get all
11 of the parties involved in the meeting scheduled at
12 the same time.]

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14 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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16 Applications - Act 41/Endorsement Applications

17 MR. HINSEY:

18 Based on Executive Session
19 deliberations, I believe the Board
20 Chair would entertain a motion to
21 approve the Application for Licensure
22 as a Cosmetology Teacher by Endorsement
23 at agenda item 15, Taja Whitaker.

24 CHAIR O'NEILL:

25 Can I have a motion to approve?

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 So moved.

3 CHAIR O'NEILL:

4 Second motion?

5 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

6 Second.

7 MS. EATON:

8 Roll call.

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10 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
11 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
12 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
13 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
14 Alexandria Lee, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MR. HINSEY:

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Based on Executive Session
deliberations, I believe the Board
Chair would entertain a motion to
approve the Application for Licensure
as a Nail Technician by Endorsement at
agenda item 16, Ivanna Smetaniuk;
agenda item 23, Yuliia Hrytsyniuk; and
agenda item 26, Zarina Barkinhoyeva.

1 CHAIR O'NEILL:

2 Can I have a motion to approve?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 So moved.

5 CHAIR O'NEILL:

6 Second motion?

7 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

8 Second.

9 MS. EATON:

10 Roll call.

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12 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
13 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
14 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
15 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
16 Alexandria Lee, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MR. HINSEY:

20 Based on Executive Session
21 deliberations, I believe the Board
22 Chair would entertain a motion to
23 approve the Applications for Licensure
24 as an Esthetician by Endorsement at
25 agenda item 17, Olha Zhuravlova; and

1 agenda item 24, Olha Fedorchuk.

2 CHAIR O'NEILL:

3 Can I have a motion to approve?

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 So moved.

6 CHAIR O'NEILL:

7 Second motion?

8 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

9 Second.

10 MS. EATON:

11 Roll call.

12

13 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
14 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
15 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
16 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
17 Alexandria Lee, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MR. HINSEY:

21 Based on Executive Session
22 deliberations, I believe the Board
23 Chair would entertain a motion to
24 approve the Applications for Licensure
25 as a Cosmetologist by Endorsement at

1 agenda item 18, Dmytro Zhuravlov;
2 agenda item 21, Mavludahon Azizova;
3 agenda item 22, Iryna Lypka; and agenda
4 item 25, Angelina Ermakova.

5 CHAIR O'NEILL:

6 Can I have a motion to approve for
7 licensure?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 CHAIR O'NEILL:

11 Second motion?

12 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

13 Second.

14 MS. EATON:

15 Roll call.

16
17 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
18 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
19 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
20 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
21 Alexandria Lee, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. HINSEY:

25 Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 Chair would entertain a motion to
3 provisionally deny the Application for
4 Licensure as a Cosmetologist by
5 Endorsement at agenda item 19, Nairovy
6 Foxan de Valdez.

7 CHAIR O'NEILL:

8 Can I have a motion to deny for
9 licensure?

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 So moved.

12 CHAIR O'NEILL:

13 Second motion?

14 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

15 Second.

16 MS. EATON:

17 Roll call.

18
19 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
20 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
21 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
22 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
23 Alexandria Lee, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MR. HINSEY:

2 Based on Executive Session
3 deliberations, I believe the Board
4 Chair would entertain a motion to
5 approve the Application for Licensure
6 as a Cosmetologist by Endorsement and
7 grant a Provisional License to Practice
8 Cosmetology at agenda item 20, Hanna
9 Muravska.

10 CHAIR O'NEILL:

11 Can I have a motion to approve for a
12 Provisional License?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 So moved.

15 CHAIR O'NEILL:

16 Second?

17 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

18 Second.

19 MS. EATON:

20 Roll call.

21
22 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
23 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
24 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
25 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;

1 Alexandria Lee, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Applications - Variance Requests

5 MR. HINSEY:

6 Based on Executive Session
7 deliberations, I believe the Board
8 Chair would entertain a motion to
9 provisionally deny the Request for
10 Variance at agenda item 27, Summers &
11 Zim's Incorporated and agenda item 28,
12 MSS McKnight Salon 104A.

13 CHAIR O'NEILL:

14 Can I have a motion to provisionally
15 deny the Variance Requests?

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

17 So moved.

18 CHAIR O'NEILL:

19 Second?

20 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

21 Second.

22 MS. EATON:

23 Roll call.

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25 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,

1 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
2 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
3 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
4 Alexandria Lee, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Report of Board Members - No Report

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9 Report of Regulatory Counsel - Regulation Status
10 Report

11 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
12 provided a Status of Regulations Report for the month
13 of August prior to the Board meeting.]

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15 Report of Regulatory Counsel - Final-Form Rulemaking
16 - 16A-4518 Massage Therapy in Cosmetology &
17 Esthetician Salons

18 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
19 referred to 16A-4518 regarding massage therapists in
20 cosmetology and esthetician salons and informed Board
21 members that the final-form rulemaking is complete.
22 He noted prior Board discussion concerning the
23 comments, and the Independent Regulatory Review
24 Commission (IRRC) pointed out some duplicative
25 language. He noted removing paragraph (b) and adding

1 text Chapter 20 to new paragraph (c) for
2 clarification based on duplicative language.

3 Mr. Davis reported that 120 square feet as the
4 minimum room size for massage therapists in the
5 proposed regulation received some pushback, and the
6 State Board of Cosmetology and State Board of Massage
7 Therapy decided to roll it back to 90 square feet,
8 which is reflected in the final-form rulemaking in §
9 7.150(a)(3)(ii)(A).]

10 MR. DAVIS:

11 Based on the Board's discussions in
12 open session, I believe the Chair would
13 accept a motion to approve final-form
14 rulemaking 16A-4518 relating to the
15 practice of massage therapy in
16 cosmetology and esthetician salons and
17 to direct reg counsel to promulgate the
18 final-form rulemaking through the
19 regulatory review process.

20 CHAIR O'NEILL:

21 Yes, thank you. Can I have a motion to
22 approve?

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

24 So moved.

25 CHAIR O'NEILL:

1 Second motion?

2 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

3 Second.

4 MS. EATON:

5 Roll call.

6

7 Arion Claggett, aye; Tammy O'Neill,
8 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Nicole
9 Weakland, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
10 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
11 Alexandria Lee, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
15 pointed out that there are a couple more levels of
16 approval before it is final, and it will be a few
17 months before it is published in the *Pennsylvania*
18 *Bulletin*.]

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20 Upcoming 2024 Board Meetings

21 [Tammy Y. O'Neill, Chairperson, Professional Member,
22 noted the next Board meeting is scheduled for October
23 21.]

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25 Public Comment

1 [Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic
2 Association of Career Schools, referred to prior
3 discussion concerning the federal rule called the
4 Clock Hour Rule that would make many cosmetology
5 programs potentially change their hours. He reported
6 that the federal rule was delayed due to some court
7 challenges and does not see as many programs changing
8 their hours.

9 Debbie Eckstine-Weidner, Supervisor, DeRielle
10 Cosmetology Academy, referred to massage therapists
11 in esthetician and cosmetology salons. She noted
12 their law requires 60 square feet for an additional
13 person and asked whether someone who has a salon that
14 is 120 square feet and wanted to have an esthetician
15 or massage therapist would need 90 square feet if it
16 is a massage therapist.

17 Mr. Davis explained that the boards were
18 concerned that with massage therapy being added to
19 cosmetology salons that some massage therapists would
20 be asked to provide services in a 60 square foot room
21 because the cosmetology regulations currently say 60
22 square feet for each additional licensee. He stated
23 the regulations are clarifying that if the "licensee"
24 is a massage therapist that the room must be at least
25 90 square feet.

1 Anna Russo presented to the Board to addressed
2 her concern with the Board not being able to resolve
3 her issue within a reasonable amount of time. She
4 also mentioned that she has done some networking and
5 investigating, and it is not an isolated incident.

6 Ms. Russo referred to the new website and
7 welcomed the change, noting it has not been
8 functional over the last 15 years. She reported her
9 case has taken over three months and has been handled
10 improperly and unethically. The Board should not be
11 collecting money from licensees if they cannot
12 perform basic acceptable functions.

13 Ms. Russo noted asking the Board solicitor and
14 director, along with leaving several messages,
15 regarding how to file a complaint. She mentioned
16 being told that the Board does not have enough
17 resources, because they oversee so many people. She
18 also asked whether there was a way to address
19 concerns in a more streamlined manner or whether they
20 should file complaints against every single Board
21 member.

22 Mr. Hinsey informed Ms. Russo that her concerns
23 about the reinstatement of her license have been
24 addressed by the legal department of the Office of
25 Chief Counsel for the Department of State, Bureau of

1 Professional and Occupational Affairs. He explained
2 that any complaints about the process of how she was
3 told to go about reinstating her license or a general
4 complaint about how the Board of Cosmetology conducts
5 its business can be addressed with Governor Shapiro's
6 Office and through the Office of Attorney General.

7 Mr. Hinsey stated it could also be addressed by
8 finding an attorney and discussing legal options for
9 her and others similarly situated to her position.

10 Mr. Hinsey informed Ms. Russo that he cannot give
11 legal advice about how to take legal action against
12 the Board because his duty is to provide legal advice
13 to the Board and not licensees. He also informed Ms.
14 Russo that she could forward any other questions
15 concerning reinstatement to the Board but suggested
16 she speak with an attorney to discuss options if she
17 is looking to file against the Board or any of the
18 Board members.

19 Ms. Russo commented that dumping money into it
20 was not her best option. She believed there were
21 other ways to hold people accountable, including
22 continuing to attend meetings and publicly express
23 her concerns. She mentioned being told that there
24 would be an investigation, and she reviewed the
25 Sunshine Act, noting she provided the information

1 within the time frame verified by a timestamp and
2 whoever is monitoring the email failed to perform the
3 duties of their job. She commented that licensees
4 are paying into the Board and heavily regulated by
5 the Board, noting the Board should also follow their
6 own rules.

7 Ms. Russo mentioned that the department is being
8 handled poorly and believed it would be an ethics
9 violation for any sitting Board member who is part of
10 allowing the system to be handled poorly. She noted
11 that a better way to handle it would be for the Board
12 to voluntarily look at what is going on, recognize
13 that it is not appropriate, and look at how to do
14 better in the future.

15 Acting Commissioner Claggett offered to contact
16 Ms. Russo after the meeting to discuss her issue.]

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18 Adjournment

19 CHAIR O'NEILL:

20 Could I have a motion to adjourn this
21 meeting?

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 So moved.

24 CHAIR O'NEILL:

25 Second?

1 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

2 Second.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 The meeting is adjourned.

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6 [There being no further business, the State Board of
7 Cosmetology Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.]

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10 CERTIFICATE

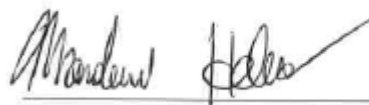
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12 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
13 minutes of the State Board of Cosmetology meeting,
14 was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision,
15 and that the minutes accurately summarize the
16 substance of the State Board of Cosmetology meeting.

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Madeline Helmstetter,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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10:38	Report of Board Counsel
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