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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, October 21, 2024

State Board of Cosmetology
October 21, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel
Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
and Prosecution Liaison
Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Timothy A. Fritsch, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
William A. Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Riley Baker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Valerie Eaton, Board Administrator
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General
Counsel
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic
Association of Career Schools
Anthony Panuccio, Gmerek Government Relations, Inc.
Debbie Eckstine-Weidner, Supervisor, DeRielle
Cosmetology Academy
Justin Layman

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

- Paula DeSabato, Owner, Bella Capelli Academy
- Madeline Steinhardt
- Morgan Adams
- Cheyenne Walton
- Anna Russo
- Rachel Wilbur-Adams, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Cosmetology

3 October 21, 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 Michel P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, for
8 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations on a number of matters currently
10 pending before the Board and to receive the advice of
11 counsel. The Board returned to open session at
12 10:00 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Cosmetology was held on Monday, October 21,
16 2024. Tammy Y. O'Neill, Chair, Professional Member,
17 called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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19 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
20 noted the meeting was being recorded and voluntary
21 participation constituted consent to be recorded.

22 Ms. Walter also noted the Board entered into
23 Executive Session this morning to discuss matters on
24 the agenda and to receive the advice of counsel.]

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1 Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees

2 [Valerie Eaton, Board Administrator, provided a roll
3 call of Board members and introduction of attendees.
4 A quorum of Board member was present.

5 She also introduced new Board Counsel, Michael
6 Merten.]

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8 Approval of minutes of August 12, 2024

9 CHAIR O'NEILL:

10 Next on the agenda is the approval of
11 our minutes from the August 12, 2024
12 meeting.

13 I move to approve the minutes from
14 the prior Board meeting.

15 Could I have a motion to second?

16 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

17 Second.

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19 MS. EATON:

20 Roll call.

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22 Matt Eaton, abstain; Tammy O'Neill,
23 aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather
24 Kelly, abstain; Felicia Brown-Haywood,
25 aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi,

1 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.
2 [The motion carried. Matthew Eaton and Heather Kelly
3 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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5 Report of Board Prosecution
6 [J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
7 and Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent
8 Agreements for Case No. 22-45-012570, Case No. 24-45-
9 006764, and Case No. 24-45-009396.]

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11 [J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
12 and Prosecution Liaison, on behalf of Jonathan
13 Zurinskas, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the
14 Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-45-003162.]

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16 [Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
17 presented the Consent Agreements for Case Nos. 23-45-
18 015312 & 23-45-015314, Case No. 23-45-000003, Case
19 No. 23-45-002351, Case No. 24-45-002277, Case No. 24-
20 45-012452, Case No. 23-45-013536, and Case No. 24-45-
21 010447.]

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23 [Timothy A. Fritsch, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
24 presented the Consent Agreements for Case Nos. 23-45-
25 012468 & 24-45-007169, Case Nos. 24-45-007147 & 24-

1 45-007201, Case Nos. 23-45-011178 & 24-45-007148,
2 Case Nos. 23-45-012466 & 24-45-007140, Case Nos. 23-
3 45-012456 & 24-45-007149, Case Nos. 24-45-007139 &
4 24-45-007203, and Case Nos. 23-45-012463 & 24-45-
5 007141.]

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7 [William A. Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
8 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-45-
9 005512.]

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11 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
12 informed Board members that Michael Merten was
13 assigned as Board Counsel for the State Board of
14 Cosmetology.]

15 MS. WALTER:

16 I believe the Board would entertain a
17 motion to approve the Consent
18 Agreements at items 2 through 20 on the
19 agenda.

20 Number 2, Case No. 22-45-012570;
21 number 3, Case No. 24-45-006764; number
22 4, Case No. 24-45-009396; number 5,
23 Case No. 24-45-003162; number 6, Case
24 Nos. 23-45-015312 & 23-45-015314;
25 number 7, Case No. 23-45-000003; number

1 8, Case No. 23-45-002351; number 9,
2 Case No. 24-45-002277; number 10, Case
3 No. 24-45-012452; number 11, Case no.
4 23-45-013536; number 12, Case No. 24-
5 45-010447; number 13, Case No. 23-45-
6 012468 & 24-45-007169; number 14, Case
7 Nos. 24-45-007147 & 24-45-007201;
8 number 15, Case No. 23-45-011178 & 24-
9 45-007148; number 16, Case Nos. 23-45-
10 012466 & 24-45-007140; number 17, Case
11 Nos. 23-45-012456 & 24-45-007149;
12 number 18, Case Nos. 24-45-007139 & 24-
13 45-007203; number 19, Case Nos. 23-45-
14 012463 & 24-45-007141; number 20, Case
15 No. 23-45-005512.

16 MS. IEZZI:

17 So moved.

18 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

19 Second.

20 MS. EATON:

21 Roll call.

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23 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;
24 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather
25 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, aye;

1 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
2 Alexandria Lee, aye.
3 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
4 name at number 2 is Star Bling Nail Salon, Inc.;
5 number 3, Susan Adriatico; number 4, T Q Nail; number
6 5, Head Courters; number 6, Beyond Nails, Inc.;
7 number 7, Coco Nail Salon; number 8, Michele D.
8 Servance; number 9, Spa Nails; number 10, Gloria
9 Nails and Spa, LLC; number 11, Katie Barbish Salon;
10 number 12, Nails Spa; number 13, Samantha Broome,
11 Individually, and t/d/b/a Swept Hair Studio; number
12 14, Jordyn Olivia Baffone, nee Frawley & IV.You LLC;
13 number 15, Grace Shenk, Individually and t/d/b/a
14 By Grace Hair Studio; number 16, Mariah Waughtel,
15 Individually, and t/d/b/a Mariahs Styles; number 17,
16 Marcus V. Keller & Fade LLC; number 18, Christina L.
17 Herr, Individually, and t/d/b/a Studio Styles; number
18 19, Gabriella Miller, Individually, and t/d/b/a
19 Fringe Hair Studio; and number 20, Philly's Nails.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Citation Appeals

22 MS. WALTER:

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I believe the Board would entertain a
motion to uphold this Citation and deny
the appeal in the matter of Hair's In

1 Place, Case No. 23-45-017575.

2 MS. IEZZI:

3 So moved.

4 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

5 Second.

6 MS. EATON:

7 Roll call.

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9 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;

10 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather

11 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, aye;

12 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;

13 Alexandria Lee, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudications and

17 Orders

18 MS. WALTER:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a
20 motion to issue the Final Adjudications
21 and Orders at the following items:

22 number 22, Case No. 23-45-015854, LA

23 Nails; number 24, Case No. 23-45-

24 017224, N&P Nails Spa; number 25, Case

25 No. 23-45-001623, Gregory Schack.

1 MS. IEZZI:

2 So moved.

3 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

4 Second.

5 MS. EATON:

6 Roll call.

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8 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;

9 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather

10 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, aye;

11 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;

12 Alexandria Lee, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MS. WALTER:

16 Number 23 on the agenda, Case No. 24-

17 45-001137, Ruth Lewis, will be tabled.

18 MS. IEZZI:

19 So moved.

20 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

21 Second.

22 MS. EATON:

23 Roll call.

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25 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;

1 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather
2 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, 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 Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts
8 Admitted

9 MS. WALTER:

10 Number 26. I believe the Board would
11 entertain a motion to grant the Motion
12 to Deem Facts Admitted in the matter of
13 Krystal Clark, Case No. 24-45-006562,
14 and direct Board Counsel to draft the
15 Final Adjudication and Order consistent
16 with discussions during Executive
17 Session.

18 MS. IEZZI:

19 So moved.

20 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

21 Second.

22 MS. EATON:

23 Roll call.

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25 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;

1 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather
2 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, 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 Counsel - Proposed Adjudication and
8 Order

9 MS. WALTER:

10 Number 27. I believe the Board would
11 entertain a motion to adopt the
12 Proposed Adjudication and Order in the
13 matter of Seyedeh Ghoreishi, Case No.
14 23-45-013985.

15 MS. IEZZI:

16 So moved.

17 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

18 Second.

19 MS. EATON:

20 Roll call.

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22 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;
23 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather
24 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, 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 Counsel - Application for
5 Reconsideration

6 MS. WALTER:

7 Number 28 on the agenda is an
8 Application for Reconsideration,
9 Application No. AA0005552190, the
10 Application for Salon Licensure of MSS
11 McKnight Salon 104A.

12 I believe the Board would entertain
13 a motion to vacate the provisional
14 denial and grant the Application for
15 Salon Licensure.

16 MS. IEZZI:

17 So moved.

18 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

19 Second.

20 MS. EATON:

21 Roll call.

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23 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;

24 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather

25 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, aye;

1 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
2 Alexandria Lee, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Applications - Act 41/Endorsement Applications

6 MS. WALTER:

7 I believe the Board would entertain a
8 motion to provisionally deny the
9 following Applications for Licensure
10 under Act 41 Endorsement: Number 29,
11 Crystal Martinez-Eorio; number 31,
12 Salome Orbeladze; number 33, Olha
13 Verhun.

14 MS. IEZZI:

15 So moved.

16 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

17 Second.

18 MS. EATON:

19 Roll call.

20
21 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;
22 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather
23 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, aye;
24 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
25 Alexandria Lee, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. WALTER:

4 I believe the Board would entertain a
5 motion to grant a provisional license
6 to Nicholas Murati at number 30 on the
7 agenda and number 35, Diana Kelasova.

8 MS. IEZZI:

9 So moved.

10 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

11 Second.

12 MS. EATON:

13 Roll call.

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15 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;
16 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather
17 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, aye;
18 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
19 Alexandria Lee, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MS. WALTER:

23 I believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion to grant the License by
25 Endorsement of Thor Nickson Izidoro,

1 number 32 on the agenda.

2 MS. IEZZI:

3 So moved.

4 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

5 Second.

6 MS. EATON:

7 Roll call.

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9 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;

10 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather

11 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, aye;

12 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;

13 Alexandria Lee, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. WALTER:

17 I believe the Board would entertain a

18 motion to request additional

19 information from the Applicant Svetlana

20 Cherdzhieva for additional information

21 regarding experience in Russia.

22 I'd also like to make a motion to

23 request the authority for Board Counsel

24 to grant the license should the

25 additional information satisfactory for

1 meeting requirements of Act 41 be
2 received.

3 MS. IEZZI:

4 So moved.

5 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

6 Second.

7 MS. EATON:

8 Roll call.

9
10 Matt Eaton, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye;
11 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Heather
12 Kelly, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood, aye;
13 Sandra Jenkins, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;
14 Alexandria Lee, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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19 Report of Acting Commissioner

20 [Matthew Eaton, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of
21 Professional and Occupational Affairs, on behalf of
22 Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner, announced
23 the new vendor to replace the Pennsylvania Licensing
24 System (PALS) is System Automation. He mentioned
25 working with the company in the past as far as the

1 licensing system. He noted the platform is called
2 Evoke and mentioned a targeted implementation date at
3 the end of 2025.

4 Deputy Commissioner Eaton commented that the
5 department wanted that vendor and system and is very
6 confident it will go well.]

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8 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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10 Report of Board Members

11 [Linda Iezzi, Professional Member, reported receiving
12 complaints from people having issues with not being
13 able to put their hours in because the system has
14 been down.

15 Ms. Iezzi noted that the pilot program ends in
16 July 2025 and suggested providing a good program for
17 students in the future.

18 Ms. Walter explained that a pilot program
19 started during COVID, which allowed cosmetology and
20 barber students enrolled in Career and Technology
21 Center programs to receive their education and to
22 have a few different options.

23 Ms. Walter further explained that it is under the
24 Pennsylvania Department of Education statutory
25 scheme. She stated any continuation of the program

1 would need to be enacted by the legislature, noting
2 that any CTC schools interested continuing the
3 program should reach out to the local legislators.

4 Ms. Iezzi noted that she would be attending an
5 audio-visual (AV) tech meeting on Friday and would
6 bring that up with Nikki Weakland.

7 Ms. Walter mentioned that it is actually through
8 the Department of Education, noting it is in their
9 law but not in the cosmetology law.

10 Ms. Eaton mentioned that an email blast was sent
11 out informing all cosmetology and barbering schools
12 and barbershops of the issue in PALS with reporting
13 quarterly hours. She noted they will accept paper
14 reporting forms for the third quarter of 2024.

15 Ms. Eaton stated the deadline to report the hours
16 will be October 30 and asked anyone whose facility
17 did not receive the email blast to make sure they
18 update the email address on PALS. She noted that
19 anyone who does not have the information could reach
20 out to them by email at st-cosmetology@pa.gov. She
21 also noted being hopeful that it will be fixed by the
22 fourth quarter but will notify everyone again if that
23 changes.]

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25 Report of Regulatory Counsel - October 2024

1 Regulatory Update

2 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
3 provided a Status of Regulations Report for the month
4 of October prior to the meeting for the Board's
5 review. He provided an update for 16A-4518 regarding
6 massage therapy in cosmetology and esthetician
7 salons.

8 Mr. Davis noted the Board approved the final-form
9 rulemaking in August 2024 and received approvals from
10 budget and the Office of General Counsel (OGC). He
11 mentioned that they are awaiting approval from policy
12 and is hoping to have another update at the next
13 meeting. He explained that it would facilitate the
14 90-square foot minimum for massage therapists in
15 cosmetology salons. He reported having until January
16 2026 to get that published.

17 Mr. Davis addressed Act 41 regulations regarding
18 licensure by endorsement, noting that he is currently
19 working on about five or six of those and hoped to
20 have that available for the Board's review at the
21 January 2025 meeting.]

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23 Public Comment

24 [Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic
25 Association of Career Schools, informed Board members

1 that the legislature has passed legislation to get
2 rid of the natural hair braiding license, which will
3 go into effect in about 60 days. He requested
4 confirmation that the natural hair braiding license
5 is no longer needed to practice the services outside
6 of a salon, but anyone wanting to do those practices
7 within a licensed salon would need a full cosmetology
8 license.

9 Ms. Walter stated Act 100 of 2024 was signed by
10 Governor Shapiro on October 16, 2024, and will have
11 additional information regarding the text of the act
12 at the January 2025 meeting.

13 Debbie Eckstine-Weidner, Cosmetology Instructor,
14 DeRielle Cosmetology Academy, noted writing to Ms.
15 Eaton concerning a potential student, Maribel Torres
16 Rodriguez, who was supposed to be attending her
17 school but was told by Ms. Rodriguez that she is
18 already enrolled in a school in Florida. The state
19 of Pennsylvania told her she could do the course
20 completely online in Florida, receive her license
21 down there, and then take the test in Pennsylvania
22 and receive her license in Pennsylvania.

23 Ms. Eaton stated their staff would never tell
24 somebody that they can do 100% of their hours online
25 and did not see any legality issues if she is

1 enrolled in a school and is obtaining her hours and
2 obtains a license.

3 Ms. Walter mentioned that the Board cannot
4 provide legal advice on whether an application would
5 or would not be granted in a particular circumstance,
6 including the one that was just indicated. She
7 explained that the staff and Board, if necessary,
8 reviews the application to determine if someone would
9 qualify for licensure, either under the standard
10 licensure provisions or something, such as Act 41,
11 licensure by endorsement, whether it is a prospective
12 student for her school or anyone else.

13 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner commented that a student can
14 go anywhere in the United States for any program that
15 they have now and get it online and then the Board
16 will think about reciprocating it in their state.

17 Ms. Walter referred to the statute under 63
18 Pa.C.S. § 3111, which allows for licensure by
19 endorsement if the Board determines that the
20 licensure qualifications of the jurisdiction in which
21 the individual holds a license are substantially
22 equivalent to the licensure requirements of those of
23 Pennsylvania. She explained that once there is
24 substantial equivalency that the Board would move on
25 to determine whether or not the individual meets the

1 competency requirements, which are active practice in
2 the profession for two of the five years preceding
3 the application.

4 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner commented that the Board
5 should never approve education from a state whose
6 school does not have a hands-on requirement if it is
7 a requirement in Pennsylvania.

8 Ms. Walter explained that the analysis is whether
9 or not the jurisdictions are substantially equivalent
10 to Pennsylvania, not whether or not they are equal,
11 where each state or jurisdiction is analyzed on an
12 individual basis.

13 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner noted that Pennsylvania
14 mandates having so much hands-on in their schools in
15 order for people in Pennsylvania to take a test and
16 requested confirmation that the Board would think
17 about whether someone coming from another state could
18 have a license with no hands-on at all.

19 Ms. Walter stated the law requires that the Board
20 shall issue a license to an individual who currently
21 holds a license in active practice in another state
22 that is substantially equivalent to the laws in
23 Pennsylvania, which may or may not include the
24 practice that she indicated because each application
25 is reviewed individually to determine whether or not

1 substantial equivalency exists. She reported that
2 there have been appellate court decisions that
3 substantially equivalent does not mean equal.

4 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner commented that someone could
5 go anywhere they want now and get it online and come
6 to Pennsylvania and receive a license.

7 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner mentioned it was a rule in
8 the 70s, where someone who had an electrolysis
9 certificate as well as a cosmetology license could
10 perform electrolysis in the state and asked whether
11 they are still allowed to do that.

12 Ms. Walter stated the Board cannot provide legal
13 advice or other advice, condone or approve conduct
14 specific for an individual salon. She encouraged Ms.
15 Eckstine-Weidner to look at the Board Act and
16 regulations to make that determination.

17 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner asked whether an
18 electrologist could work in a cosmetology salon.

19 Ms. Walter again stated the Board cannot provide
20 legal advice or approve or disapprove of specific
21 conduct and suggested she reach out to her private
22 counsel for an answer to that question.

23 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner requested information
24 concerning finding a date in the minutes for the
25 public hearing when the practical portion of the test

1 was removed from the state Board test. She mentioned
2 that she cannot find information when they actually
3 had a public hearing.

4 Ms. Walter explained that it should have been an
5 act of the legislature, and the Board cannot change
6 the statute. She further explained that the statute
7 at that time required a practical exam to be issued a
8 license as a cosmetologist. She noted the General
9 Assembly would have gone through their process to
10 pass a law.

11 Ms. Walter stated the General Assembly are state
12 senators and state legislatures and individually vote
13 in public session on whether or not a bill should be
14 passed and then it is signed or otherwise goes
15 through the legislative process to be signed by the
16 governor or otherwise approved. She suggested Ms.
17 Eckstine-Weidner speak with her local representative
18 or senator.

19 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner asked where she could find
20 information for one of her past graduates who wants
21 to know what a shampoo tech is permitted to do in a
22 salon.

23 Ms. Walter directed Ms. Eckstine-Weidner to
24 Board laws and regulations on the Board website.

25 Ms. Eckstine-Weidner stated there is not anything

1 in the laws and regulations, noting they used to be
2 required to have a certificate saying they were free
3 from contagious and communicable diseases.

4 Ms. Walter again encouraged Ms. Eckstine-Weidner
5 and her counsel to review the laws and regulations on
6 the Board website to determine what requires a
7 license and what does not.

8 Stephanie Roach commented that cosmetologists can
9 do apprenticeships with other people and asked why
10 nail technicians cannot do apprenticeships.

11 Ms. Walter explained that apprenticeship is part
12 of the cosmetology law, so the ability of one to
13 engage in an apprenticeship is the function of the
14 General Assembly. She encouraged her to contact her
15 local senator or representative if she wanted to get
16 something started for apprenticeships for the limited
17 license classes.

18 Morgan Adams noted being an esthetician student
19 and asked how she could confirm whether a client has
20 a communicable disease if she is prohibited from
21 asking that question.

22 Ms. Walter suggested she speak with her school in
23 that situation because the Board cannot give legal
24 advice or tell someone what they can and cannot do.

25 Madeline Steinhardt asked where she could find

1 information as to whether it is legal for a natural
2 hair braider to shampoo, blow dry, and flat iron.

3 Ms. Walter encouraged Ms. Steinhardt to look at
4 the definitions in the Cosmetology Law on the Board
5 website related to the practice of cosmetology. She
6 again stated the Board cannot provide legal advice or
7 condone or disapprove of specific conduct and
8 referred her to their act and regulations. She again
9 noted the governor signed Act 100 into law on October
10 16, which eliminates a licensure class of natural
11 hair braiders effective in about two months.

12 Cheyenne Walton asked whether an assistant in a
13 cosmetology salon perform complementary services.

14 Ms. Walter again stated she cannot provide legal
15 advice and suggested she look at the definition of
16 cosmetology in the act under the section related to
17 unlicensed and unlawful practice.]

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19 Adjournment

20 CHAIR O'NEILL:

21 We could adjourn our meeting for today,
22 October 21, 2024. The next meeting
23 will be January 6, 2025.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER EATON:

25 Can someone make a motion to adjourn?

1 MS. IEZZI:

2 So moved.

3 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER EATON:

4 Second.

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6 [There being no further business, the State Board of
7 Cosmetology Meeting adjourned at 11:34 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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Rachel Wilbur-Adams,

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Minute Clerk

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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
10:00	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:32	Roll Call
10:32	Introduction of Attendees
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