

STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF BARBERS MINUTES

DATE: March 9, 2015

TIME: 9:58 AM

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street

2nd Floor Conference Room

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

PRESENT: Lawrence Avara, Chair

Derick L. Ausby Sr., Secretary

Marvin T. Lee, Treasurer

Phillip S. Mazza, Industry Member

ABSENT: Alberta Fisher, Industry Member

Guy Flynn, Industry Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Shirley Leach, Executive Director

Eric London, Assistant Attorney General

Erica Lewis, Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Lawrence Avara called the meeting to order at 9:58am and second by Marvin Lee.

Approval of Minutes

The approval of the December 8, 2014 Board meeting was tabled until next board meeting.

New Business

American Beauty School

Ms. Leach advised that the American Beauty School was interested in having a new location in Annapolis. American Beauty School submitted its curriculum, which had previously been approved in 2008 for a location in Baltimore. Chairman Avara advised the Board that he will

review the curriculum and contact the American Beauty School. Mr. Avara advised the Board that after conducting his call with the American Beauty School, he will have a telephone poll with the Board by March 13th, 2014, to vote on the approval or denial of the curriculum. The Board indicated that it would advise the Executive Director of the Barber Board concerning the results of the telephone poll.

House Bill 587

Ms. Leach advised the Board that on February 27, 2015, a Bill was presented to the House of Delegates that will provide a Barber Stylist limited license. Chairman Avara advised the Board regarding his concerns about the limited license and reminded the Board that the Barber Stylist limited license had previously been before the Board and was not supported. Mr. Mazza acknowledged that he had contacted Delegate Davis about the Bill and he believed it would be a positive step for the industry. Mr. Mazza also advised that he testified at the hearing and Mr. Avara presented the concern that a Board member testifying could be a conflict of interest. Mr. Mazza indicated that he did not testify as a Board Member, but in his individual capacity. Mr. Marvin Lee stated that the Bill was a good idea, but the priority of the Board should be addressing the issue of unlicensed barbers. As the Board has limited funds, Mr. Lee did not see the new licensing category as a priority for the Board. Mr. Ausby advised that the Board should focus on preparing all students for success in passing the test and excelling in the field.

Attendance Requirements

Assistant Attorney Eric London advised the Board of the new requirement that all members must be present for a minimum of 66% of meetings. Mr. Avara advised that he will send a reminder to all board members via email stressing the importance of their presence.

OLD BUSINESS

PSI NEW TESTING UPDATE

Ms. Leach reminded the Board that the Prometric will be ending on May 31, 2015. She advised the Board that the new vendor, PSI, will begin registering applicants on May 15, 2015, with testing scheduled to start on June 1, 2015. Ms. Leach advised that PSI is currently working on entering into lease agreements for testing locations in Lanham and Baltimore. Ms. Leach advised that PSI answered all questions and concerns that were presented by Mr. Avara to effectively create testing questions. Board Counsel Eric London suggested that the Board create a development committee and meet prior to May to discuss testing questions, in addition encouraging participation throughout this transition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Chair Avara, seconded by Marvin Lee and unanimously carried that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Lawrence Avara, Chairperson

Date