**Board of Barbers Meeting**

DATE: March 8, 2021

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street

Third Floor Conference Room/ Teleconference

 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

PRESENT:

* Mr. Larry Franklin
* Mr. Derek Ausby, Secretary/Industry Member
* Mr. Andrew Campbell, Industry Member
* Dr. Brenda Gould, Consumer Member
* Ms. Lisa Ennis, Consumer Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

* Erica Lewis, Executive Director
* Eric London, Assistant Attorney General
* Corey Kennedy, Board Administrator
* Breona Scott, Board Administrator
* Nicole Fletcher, Licensing Supervisor
* Shannon Rice- Public
* ABSENT: Mr. James Dickerson, Industry member

**Call to Order**

Larry Franklin, Chairman, made a motion to bring the meeting to order.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Franklin made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments; Dr, Gould made the motion and Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Franklin made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2020 meeting; Mr. Ausby made a motion and Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**New Business- Mr., Franklin introduced New Business**

A. Staffing Update

* Ms. Lewis announced that Mr. Christopher Hawkins is no longer with our Board. Next, she discussed the hiring of eight new Inspectors. Following this, Ms. Lewis **announced the new** Deputy Commissioner starting March 8, 2021. Lastly, Ms. Lewis announced the new member of the Board, Ms. Lisa Ennis, and Ms. Ennis introduced herself to the Board. The Board had no questions or objections.

B. HB 1317

* Ms. Lewis did a recap of the proposed bill. Afterward, the Board was given a chance to ask questions or give comments, Mr. Campbell asked for clarification regarding the sponsor/apprentice ratio. Ms. Lewis responded with clarity to the bill.

 C. Outreach Initiative

* Ms. Lewis discussed a new initiative the Board of Barbers and Cosmetology is doing which is helping unlicensed shops become licensed. The Board had no objections. The Board unanimously agreed that this was a great idea.

**Old Business- Mr. Franklin introduced Old Business**

A. Covid-19 Protocol

* Ms. Lewis stated that the Governor's mandate is still the same regarding shop capacity and appointments only. Ms. Lewis mentioned that the Board does not have the ability to administer or control the vaccine and will send the word out once we have an update.

B. MHEC School Update

* Ms. Lewis announced that the curriculum has not been approved due to it not being

Reviewed by the assigned Board member.

* Ms. Lewis confirmed that approval would be given in 24-48 hours following the

meeting

C. Inspection Report

* Ms. Nicole Fletcher announced Inspection updates via a document that was emailed. There were no objections. Ms. Lisa Ennis had questions regarding the inspection job qualifications. Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Lewis answered a few and asked Ms. Ennis to refer any other personal questions directly to Ms. Lewis.

**Public Comments**

Ms. Lewis gave Ms. Shannon Rice the opportunity to speak. Ms. Rice asked about her school curriculum, which Ms. Lewis confirmed was pending to be approved.

**Informal Hearing**

At this time, Mr. Franklin called for a motion to close the open session at 10:30 AM to go into a closed session for an Informal Hearing. Mr. Ausby made a motion for this and Dr. Gould seconded the motion to close the open session and enter into the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Franklin called a motion at 10:44 AM. Mr. Campbell made a motion and Dr. Gould seconded the motion. The Board unanimously carried that the meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM.

Approve by: Larry Franklin

on December 14, 2020.