

Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2024
239 North Lamar Street, 12th Floor, Jackson, MS 39201

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Warren Rossi, Chairman of the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on June 23, 2024. Jewel Stewart performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Members present:

Warren Rossi, Chairman
Debbie Coker, Vice-Chairman
Jewel Stewart, Secretary
Hilda Bills, Member

Catherine Bell, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board
Ruby Lowery, Deputy Director
Sharon Clark, Executive Director

There were members of the public present.

II. Agenda Approval

Jewel Stewart moved , with a second provided by Debbie Coker, to add the following item to the agenda:

VIII. F. Creative Cosmetology
VIII. G. Elvis Bui.

The motion carried by unanimous approval.

III. Board Minutes Approval

A. Jewel Stewart moved to approve the April 22, 2024, Board Minutes. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

B. Hilda Bills moved to approve the April 25, 2024, Board Minutes. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

C. Jewel Stewart moved to approve the May 6, 2024, Board Minutes. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

D. Debbie Coker moved to approve the May 24, 2024, Board Minutes. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

IV. Report of Officers

A. Warren Rossi, Chairman, had nothing to report.

B. Debbie Coker, Vice-Chairman, had nothing to report.

C. Jewel Stewart, Secretary, had nothing to report.

V. Executive Director Report

Sharon Clark provided the Executive Director report and financial report. Jewel Stewart moved to approve the Executive Director financial report pending audit. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

VI. Deputy Director Report

Ruby Lowery provided the Deputy Director's report of testing and inspections. A copy of the report is attached Jewel Stewart moved to accept for licensure and/or permit all individuals presented. A list of all individuals is attached hereto. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

VII. Agenda Requests

A. Joshua Mallory (Josh's Full Service Salon)

Mr. Mallory requested that the violations received during the April 22, 2024, salon inspection be waived and for a fair hearing. The Board took no action.

B. Donna Head

Ms. Finch, spokesperson for Ms. Head, discussed recent practical examination scores for students of Mississippi Institute Aesthetics, Nails & Cosmetology. The Board took no action.

C. Karoline Finch

Ms. Finch discussed the statutorily required surety bond required of schools. The Board took no action.

D. Melvin Calton

Mr. Calton discussed the addition of the manicure and facial for the Cosmetology practical examination. He also requested clarification on the pass/fail ratio and the Cosmetology Hall of Fame. The Board took no action.

E. Charlie Hilliard (Practitioner)

Hilda Bills moved to reinstate the cosmetology license, in senior status, of Ms. Hilliard. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

VIII. New Business

Traxler's School of Hair Reporting

A. Sharon Clark updated the Board as to the receipt of the monthly hour reports from Traxler's School of Hair.

B. Fresh Start Consideration: S. Crawley

After review, Debbie Coker moved that the felony and misdemeanor convictions known by the Board and committed by licensure applicant S. Crawley at the time of the Board's meeting have been considered by the Board under the Fresh Start

Act and do not prohibit the individual from obtaining a license issued by the Board once all testing has been successfully completed.
Jewel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

C. Fresh Start Consideration: C. Langston

After review, Debbie Coker moved that the misdemeanor convictions known by the Board and committed by C. Landston at the time of the Board's meeting have been considered by the Board under the Fresh Start Act and do not prohibit the individual from obtaining a license issued by the Board once all testing has been successfully completed.

Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

D. Career Development Center

Ms. Clark updated the Board as to the receipt of May 13, 2024, correspondence from Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent with Jackson Public School District notifying of the closure of the Career Development Center. The Board took no action.

E. Creative Cosmetology

Debbie Coker moved to re-notice Creative Cosmetology for hearing same on July 29, 2024. The Board notes that the Notice of Hearing and Complaint mailed to Creative Cosmetology was not returned but, when confirming delivery through the tracking number, was found to be undelivered. Therefore, the notice requirements of MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-7-27 (1) and the Board's Rule 8.3 have not been satisfied such that the hearing originally set for June 24, 2024 must be continued. Hilda Bills provided the second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

F. Elvis Bui

Debbie Coker moved to re-notice Elvis Bui for hearing and set on July 29, 2024. The Board notes that the Notice of Hearing and Complaint mailed to Elvis Bui was not returned but, when confirming deliver through the tracking number, was found to be undelivered. Therefore, the notice requirements of Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-7-27(1) and the Board's Rule 8.3 have not been satisfied. Any decision of the Board reached in this matter on May 13, 2024, is vacated. Hilda Bills provided the second. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

Hilda Bills moved to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing formal complaints. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

Debbie Coker moved, seconded by Hilda Bills, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-7 (d) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law. The vote was unanimous.. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

The Board entered executive session at 1:51 p.m.

IX. Formal Complaints

A. FC-20240202-001

The Board took no action.

B. FC-20240524-001

After Board review and investigation found that the complaint is outside of the jurisdiction of the Board. Jewel Stewart made a motion to dismiss and close the complaint. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

C. FC-20240610-001

After Board review, Hilda Bills made a motion to dismiss and close the complaint. Debbie Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

D. FC-20240611-001

After Board review and investigation found that the complaint is outside of the jurisdiction of the Board. Hilda Bills made a motion to dismiss and close the complaint. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Warren Rossi - aye

Debbie Coker – abstention

Jewel Stewart - aye

Hilda Bills - aye

E. FC-20240612-001

After Board review and investigation, Jewel Stewart made a motion to discuss and close the complaint. Hilda Bills seconded the motion.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Warren Rossi - aye

Debbie Coker – abstention

Jewel Stewart - aye

Hilda Bills - aye

F. FC-20240613-001

After Board review and investigation, Jewel Stewart made a motion to discuss and close the complaint. Hilda Bills seconded the motion.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Warren Rossi - aye

Debbie Coker – abstention

Jewel Stewart - aye

Hilda Bills - aye

G. FC-20240617-001

After Board review and investigation, Hilda Bills made a motion to discuss and close the complaint. Jewel Stewart seconded the motion.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Warren Rossi - aye

Debbie Coker – abstention

Jewel Stewart - aye

Hilda Bills - aye

H. FC-20240618-001

After Board review and investigation found that the complaint is outside of the jurisdiction of the Board. Debbie Coker made a motion to dismiss and close the complaint. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

Debbie Coker moved to exit executive session. Hilda Bills seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

The Board returned to open session at 2:16 p.m.

Catherine Bell announced the actions taken by the Board.

X. Hearings

A. Creative Cosmetology

The hearing for Creative Cosmetology has been rescheduled to July 29, 2024.

XI. Adjournment

Hilda Bills moved to adjourn at 2:18 p.m. A second was provided by Jewel Stewart. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

APPROVED:



Warren Rossi, Chairman

Jewel Stewart, Secretary