

**Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2024**

Location for Public Access:

Robert E. Lee Building, 239 N Lamar Street, Suite 301, 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 9:27 a.m. on January 29, 2024. Debbie Coker performed the roll call. May the record reflect that there was a quorum present for voting purposes.

Present at Board office:

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

Drew Hudson, Compliance Inspector II

Alicia Tyner, Compliance Inspector II

Dana Gordon, Court Reporter

Kristen Love, Hearing Officer

Members of the public were present.

II. Agenda Approval

Debbie Coker moved to approve the revised agenda. Hilda Bills provided a second. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

III. Electronic Nail File Certificates

The Board requested appearance by individuals who possessed Electronic Nail File Certificates that were dated after the death of the instructor and suspected of being fraudulent. The Board asked questions of the license holders, and the license holders were permitted opportunity to ask questions of the Board and/or discuss the reason for the request of appearance. License holders were provided with an option of a formal hearing or a consent order.

Hilda Bills moved to offer a consent order to Thi Trinh Tran with Diamond Nails. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The Motion passed unanimously.

Hilda Bills moved to permit Binh Thanh Chau with Beverly Hills Salon twenty-four (24) hours to provide additional information to the Board and if so provided to then

be offered the consent order. Jewel Stewart Provided a second. The Motion passed unanimously.

Hilda Bills moved to call Huong Truong of Diamond Nails in for a formal hearing on the matter of her possession of Electronic Nail File Certificates that were dated after the death of the instructor and suspected of being fraudulent. Jewel Stewart provided a second. The Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Show Cause Hearings

The following individuals appeared before the board for a show cause hearing:

- Chelsa Allison
- Amanda Hobson
- Ambra Zinn
- Ashley McKinnon
- Baillie Lester
- Heather Blansett
- Jessica Aldriedge
- Kelly Crowe
- Kristen White
- Lavondraea Buckhalter
- Sanovia Sutton
- Whitney Russell

Debbie Coker moved to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The Motion passed unanimously.

Warren Rossi moved, seconded by Hilda Bills, that the Board has reason under Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-41-7 (k), as amended, to go into Executive Session, namely to discuss the issuance of an appealable order after the conclusion of the show cause hearings for the previously named individuals.

During Executive Session, the Board made the following findings:

For the following individuals:

- Amanda Hobson
- Ambra Zinn
- Ashley McKinnon
- Baillie Lester
- Heather Blansett
- Jessica Aldriedge
- Kelly Crowe
- Kristen White
- Lavondraea Buckhalter
- Sanovia Sutton

Whitney Russell,
the felony convictions known by the Board and committed by the aforementioned individuals at the time of the hearing 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 education and testing have been completed.

Warren Rossi - aye
Debbie Coker - aye
Jewel Stewart - aye
Hilda Bills – aye

Chelsa Allison failed to appear for the hearing. Ms. Allison's felony conviction known by the Board at the time of the hearing has been considered by the Board under the Fresh Start Act, and Ms. Allison's felony conviction shall prohibit her from obtaining a license issued by the Board once all education and testing have been completed. Ms. Allison's felony conviction may be reconsidered by the Board according to the Fresh Start Act within the next six (6) months and upon the submission of additional proof of rehabilitation.

Warren Rossi - aye
Debbie Coker - aye
Jewel Stewart - aye
Hilda Bills – aye

Hilda Bills moved, seconded by Debbie Coker, to exit Executive Session.

V. Unlicensed Workers

The Board requested an appearance by salon owners and/or managers charged with a second offense of employment of unlicensed workers to discuss the charge and continue investigations into same. The Board asked questions of the license holders, and the license holders were permitted opportunity to ask questions of the Board and/or discuss the reason for the second offense of employment of unlicensed workers. License holders were provided with an option of a formal hearing or a consent order.

The following license holders signed consent orders and their licenses will be suspended effective January 29, 2024, through July 29, 2024:

Jewel Stewart moved to offer Consent Order to the following licensees:

1. Ky Huhn with Luminous Spa & Nail
2. Hau (Tammy) Tran with Queen's Nail Salon & Spa
3. Van Thi Lam with Pearl Nails & Spa
4. Chau Tran with Star Nails and
5. Ha Bao Hoang with Best Nails

Hilda Bills provided a second. The Motion passed unanimously.

Jewel Stewart moved to call the following individuals in for a formal hearing:

1. Tommy Tran with Nailology
2. My Vo with Design Nails II and
3. Thoai H. Le with Best Nails.

Hilda Bills provided a second. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board broke for a one hour break for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

The Board returned back in session at 1:20 p.m.

VI. Other Business

Debbie Coker moved to require two forms of identification, one of which must be a photograph and one that must contain the last four digits of the licensee's social security number, to be presented by all individuals prior to their appearance before the Board. Hilda Bills provided a second. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board announced its meeting dates for 2024 as follows:

February 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

March 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. (Location – EL Bolton Building, Biloxi)

April 1, 2024 – hearing beginning at 8:00 a.m.

April 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

May 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

June 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

July 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

August 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

September 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

October 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

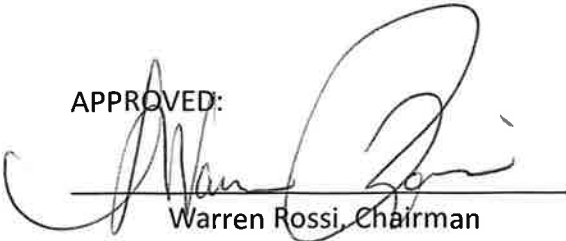
November 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

December 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Hilda Bills moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. A second was provided by Debbie Coker. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:


Warren Rossi, Chairman


Jewel Stewart, Secretary